



GRACE

HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

I'm grateful to David Bubb (art teacher at Grace Academy and owner of ReGenesis Painting) for his permission and the opportunity to share his thoughts in this month's newsletter. I pray his words speak to your heart as they have to mine.

On a sloping, little hill sits a house not far from ours. There's nothing remarkable about it. It's a cute little home with a picket fence and a well maintained lawn. I pass this house several times almost every day on my way to, well, almost anywhere. What is remarkable is what sits in front of it.

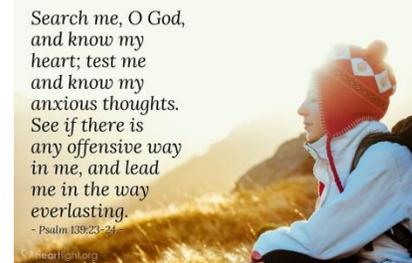
Several years ago, at least two, maybe three, I noticed a large pile of stone and several pallets of pavers had been delivered. It seemed a large project of some sort was about to begin. Curious as to what was going on, I took a glance each time I drove past. There was a sense of excitement about what unknown project might develop!

Days, weeks, months, and now years have gone by and nothing has been done with that pile of stone and those pallets of pavers. I'm not sure why, but it frustrates me. There, in someone's front yard sits the materials for a potentially beautiful patio or other outdoor living area. As someone who loves working outside and making improvements to our yard part of me thinks, "Well if you're not going to use them, give them to me!"

The thought occurred to me recently, upon driving by that unused pile of stuff once again, that I might very well be just like this poor fellow who has no idea that I'm referring to him in a Facebook post. In his defense, I have no idea what the original plan was. It may be he just couldn't pass up a great deal. Maybe his plan has since developed into something more elaborate and must redraw the plans. Or, maybe he's just a procrastinator.

Yesterday, our pastor spoke on Psalm 139. It ends with the lines, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me..." I'm reasonably certain that we all, if we're honest, have

those "anxious thoughts" and an "offensive way" in our lives. We live off the Mt. Rose exit of Rt. 83 so, in full disclosure, one or both makes an appearance now and then for that fact alone.



I've been visited by some old "friends" recently. They showed up at my front door, and even though our time together is never pleasant, I welcomed them in. It's been a

little awkward ever since. Who are they? Worry, fear, and distrust.

When "anxious thoughts" and an "offensive way" linger in my life, I'm like that pile of stuff; such potential, but absolutely useless without the motivation to do anything with it. In my mind I picture God ready to do something great, but patiently waiting, looking at His watch, feeling that same frustration I feel about the guy up the road.

Well guess what "friends", it's cleaning day and I don't need Marie Kondo to tell me that you don't bring me joy! Go! Get out, now!!

I've got some building to do!

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Pray for our shut-ins, send a card, make a phone call, pay a visit (call first), pick up groceries / medicines. Addresses and phone numbers are in the church directory

Wilma Davidson
Julie Lindsey
Rita Brewer

Carol Sarver
Russ Hearton
John Klock

Building Together

SEPTEMBER 2019

"....then they said, 'Let us arise and build.' So they put their hands to the good work." Nehemiah 2:18



WE BELIEVE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT

for all Ages (Nursery to Whatever Age You Happen To Be) and there is a Class just for **YOU** Starting on September 1!!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
NO EVENING
SERVICE/ACTIVITIES**



RED CROSS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, September 3
2:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the GBC Gym

Walk-ins welcome or schedule your appointment to donate today at www.redcrossblood.org/accoun-longin and enter "Grace Baptist Church York".

Delicious snacks, give-aways and door prizes for all! First time donors are invited to a FREE pizza party at a later date.

**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, September 8
6:30 p.m.
Not Just For Members**

**BUILDING TOGETHER: SEPTEMBER 15
LUNCHEON AND LAUNCH**

In the morning services on August 25, Pastor Steve encouraged us all to be thinking about the spiritual needs of our community. On that same day, we gathered together during the Sunday School hour to participate in a ground-breaking ceremony to celebrate the new building project. While exciting to provide both a spiritual and building need for our community, it can also carry a lot of weight. That is why we are tackling this project together, trusting God to build our faith, finances, and future to fulfill the mission of GBC—to make disciples.

With that in mind, we are thrilled to finally be launching an official capital campaign to raise the funds to complete this building project. You should have received a letter in your church mailbox outlining the goals for this campaign. These are most definitely some lofty goals, especially goal #1, to

raise \$200,000 by the end of 2019, but it is no bigger than when Jesus and the disciples fed over 5,000 people. In John's account of this event, Jesus asks Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people?" The answer is found in the very next verse: "He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind the answer."

On September 15, we will once again gather for food and fellowship after the 10:45 service, and you will have the opportunity to learn more about the history of GBC's building projects as well as the reasons, updates, and goals for the new project. We are asking that you prepare for our time together by prayerfully considering your pledge commitment in support of the *Building Together* campaign for the remainder of 2019. As you consider your contribution, remember the feeding of the 5,000. Initially, it didn't seem like much, but was the boy's gift insignificant? Certainly not. And yours isn't either. Did the disciples know for sure that they had enough food to feed the crowd? They did not. But they started anyway ... together.

As stated in the letter, we would love to be able to complete construction and officially open the new building in recognition of the 60th anniversary of Grace Baptist Church in 2021. There is no doubt that GBC has touched many in our community over its first 50+ years of existence, and we are so excited to see what God will do in the coming years as we *build together!*

~Submitted by Travis and Jenn Gaidos



Pastor Steve and Deacon Paul Buser taking the first shovel full while the Building Committee looks on!!



**SUB AND PRETZEL SANDWICH
SALES HAVE RETURNED**

Orders Due: Sunday, September 8
Pick Up Sandwiches: Wednesday, September 18
Support Future Mission Trips/Projects
Order Forms are in your mailboxes with extra on the table in sanctuary and downstairs usher stand

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Grace Baptist Church students attend High Point Camp in Geigertown, PA, each summer and return with very positive comments about their experiences, the speakers, the activities, the friends they meet and even the food.

Summer camp is available to students entering grade 3 through grade 12. JUNIOR CAMP is for grades 3-7 and TEEN CAMP is for grades 7-12. Camp week is typically in July.

Each camper's dream includes activities such as swimming, waterslide, tubing, land trolley, laser tag for Junior High and Teen campers at the cost of \$10, and much more.

Registration lines open Monday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for each camp week. Junior Camp weeks dismiss on Friday at 5:30 p.m. Teen and Junior High Camp weeks dismiss on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Campers are assigned to cabins by age group. Each camper may use his or her registration form to request one name as a possible roommate. The person whose name you write down must also write your name down for your request to be honored. If a group of three friends attend together, we are able to accommodate them together in one cabin (provided they are close in age), however groups of four or more cannot be accommodated and will be broken into smaller pairings.

Girls may wear modest walking shorts, loose fitting slacks or skirts; modest, loose-fitting tops, no spaghetti straps. Boys may wear walking shorts or loose fitting pants.

Campers may want to bring \$20-\$30 for their account to spend on offering, snack shop, handcrafts, souvenirs and t-shirts. Additional costs are: \$9 for weekly DVD, \$4 for 5x7 cabin picture, \$12 for 4x6 cabin picture in frame, \$10 to make a Tie Dye t-shirt or bag, and \$10 for Laser Tag (JH and TN weeks only). At the end of the week balances higher than \$5 will be refunded, otherwise they will go into the camp's scholarship fund.

Scholarships toward the costs of summer camp are available for any student wishing to participate. **PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES** for their child to earn part or all of their way to camp. These guidelines have been set by the GBC education department and must be followed to receive any scholarship money.

1. Locate the white "Summer Camp Scholarship" notebook located on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.
2. Write your child's name at the top of a page to begin tracking the following each week:
 - a. Attending Sunday School and Church
 - b. Having a Bible
 - c. Bringing an offering
 - d. Completing Sunday School take-home papers

3. Sign off on what your child has accomplished each week.
4. If your child is away and attends another church, give a bulletin from that church to the Sunday School teacher and fill in the book for that week as well.
5. Complete "SUMMER KICK-OFF" REGISTRATION
 - a. Must be completed prior to April 1, 2020.
 - b. May be done on line at HPCAMP.ORG or by mail to High Point Camp, PO Box 188, Geigertown, PA 19523—Brochures for 2020 will be available after the new year.
 - c. Pay the registration fee to High Point Camp.
 - d. Give a copy of the fee receipt to Meggan Moore for reimbursement based on the percentage of what your child earned.

The church scholarship fund will be calculated on the EARLY registration rate. If you register your child late you, the parent, will be responsible to pay the difference. Also all additional snack money, shirts, activities, DVDs, etc. are at the parent's expense.

Even if you are unsure that your child will be interested in going to camp next summer, begin filling out a page on September 1, the first Sunday of the new year.

Be prepared for next summer—it will be here before you know it! Any questions call or email Meggan Moore (410-733-2974 – muffygirl44@gmail.com).



"Diakon Adoption & Foster Care has one goal: to bring permanence to the lives of waiting children and youths. Through foster care, foster-to-adopt (legal-risk placements), and special needs and domestic adoption, we focus on uniting children and youths with their forever families.

As Mechanicsburg, Topton, York, and Holland's premier adoption agency and foster care program, Diakon is committed to creating perfect unions, both for child and parent. Adopting a child or providing foster care is a huge step, and Diakon is here to help you every step of the way."

Should anyone knock at your heart and say,
"Who lives here?"

Can you reply: "Not (put your name here),
but the Lord Jesus Christ.?"



COME JOIN THE FUN!
WEDNESDAY'S @ 7 P.M.

It's that time of year! As the younger set heads back to school to begin a new grade and new year, so *Pioneer Clubs* begin a new year at Grace Baptist Church. August 28 was promotion day for approximately 40 children enrolled in our Scooter Club for preschoolers and our Delta Clubs for elementary students grades 1 - 6. The year concluded with the presentation of our Wax Museum of the New Testament in which we recapped our "Walking With Jesus" course. Students who completed the requirements for ALL the awards were presented with the Highest Honor pin. They are Isaac Bitts, Peter Bitts, Tabitha Bitts, Adam Gaidos, Leah Gaidos, Eliza Noll, Victoria Noll, Elijah Wagaman, and Kaden Wagaman.

The course for the Delta program for the coming year is entitled "Exploring God's Word". In addition to the Bible Awards, featured Skill Awards will include "Making Music", "Handmade Art", "Food Fun", "Acting", "My Family", and "Nature". Various Game Awards will also be included.

The Leadership Team for the next year are
Scooters: Janeth Buser, Mark Buser, Beverly Greig, Ryan McCaffrey
Hikers: Brenda Apple, Laura Emig, Lori Isiminger;
Adventurers: Frank Alvey, Gina Alvey;
Navigators: Barbara Rumsey, Christine Sowers.

Skill Awards: Lisa Anderson, Brenda Apple, Jennifer Gaidos, Sue Mundis, Julie Riordan, Seth Noll, and others yet to be determined!

Games Awards: Daniel Bitts, Julie Riordan.

There is room on the Pioneer Clubs staff for more adults who love children and want to aid with their growth in all areas of their lives. The motto of Pioneer Clubs is "Christ in Every Aspect of Life". If you would like to be a part of this important and challenging ministry, contact Kathy Wagaman, Pioneers Coordinator.

~Submitted by Kathy Wagaman

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Sunday:	8:15	Contemporary Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:45	Traditional Worship
	6:30	Against the Flow Youth
	6:30	Evening Worship Service
Wednesday:	7:00	Bible Study & Prayer for Adults Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner
Senior Pastor

Rev. Jon Barrett
Assistant Pastor