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due to the sensitive nature
of the material.

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Upcoming Events

July 15 Prayer and Song Night
July 29 Communion
Aug. 22 Kids Community Carnival
Sept. 2 Communion
Sept. 9 Fall Kick-off Grace Café

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July 15 Prayer and Song Night
Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Barb is normally in the church office Wed.
and Thurs. 9am—noon. Pastors available any
time via cell phone or email.

FALL MINISTRY GUIDE

We will once again list all of our Worshiping,
Strengthening and Sharing ministries in our
September Grace News.

If you are leading a group, please email any
information for the new year to both
office@gracebfc.org and to
mbickel@gracebfc.org by **AUGUST 15** at the
latest.

FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

September 9 we will have a special Grace
Café in place of Adult and Teen classes to
kick-off the new year. That is also when all
Kids programs will begin for the new year.



Grace News - July/August 2018

Monthly Newsletter of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Wallingford, PA



**Welcome
Our Newest
Member
Teresa Quinn**

Recent Baptisms

Hayley Harper, Kyley Harper, Ashley Harper, Anabella
Hoback, Nina Hoback, Tim Piasecki, Elizabeth Piasecki,
Ryan Schmidt, Savannah Schmidt and Teresa Quinn

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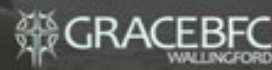


EXODUS 32-34

EXCHANGING THE GLORY OF GOD

MAY/JUNE 2018

SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:00 AM



In addition to completing Exodus we will have several men preaching throughout the summer on other topics of interest.

Month of July - Extended Fellowship Time

Once again for the month of July we are going to cancel all of our Children, Teen and Adult Bible Classes, and instead follow each worship service with an extended time for coffee and fellowship in the gym and fireplace room. This will give our regular Bible teachers a break as well as giving each of you a chance to spend some extended time with others in the church. Whether you take this time to talk in the church building, or use it as an opportunity to invite some others over for a meal, or to go on an outing with others, we encourage you to use this time for these five Sundays to catch up with, encourage and challenge others in the church and in your community.

August Adult Bible Classes - Teaching Videos

We will be offering several smaller classes during the month of August. Each will be a 4-5 week video series from a gifted national teacher looking Biblically at a practical issue in the Christian life like parenting, prayer, understanding and reaching our culture, and more. Most will be available for free on RightNow Media, so if you miss a week you could view it anytime on your home TV, Computer, Tablet or Phone. **If you have suggestions for topics** you would be interested in exploring, or if you have seen a 4-5 week video series you think might be of interest, **please pass that along to Pastor Mark by July 15**. A full list of videos being offered will be available in mid-July. We will not be offering any other Adult classes during the month of August to give everyone a chance to be a part of one of the small group discussions. Note that kids and teens will have regular Bible Classes in August.

Church Picnic



Summer Memories

by Pastor Richard Taylor

My summer memories are wonderful. Riding our John Deere, mowing and baling hay, being lazy on really hot days, reading in a shady spot, vegetables right from the garden, squash sandwiches. I had an idyllic childhood. It seems almost storybook. I often let my mind drift back there, sometimes when I am praying. Do I wish I could go back? No. Then what is the point? The memories are sweet but what I had then is today a fantasy. It doesn't exist now but it did. My history – the memories of how good I had it.

The book of Deuteronomy begins with a history. I am sure people have wondered about the point. For some, mention history and a yawn appears. For ten chapters, you can read about where Israel was and what they experienced. Serious remembering. Was it just nostalgia about the good old days?

The book of Deuteronomy is a covenant, an agreement between God and His people. The history lesson was Israel's summer memories, how it was. Were they looking to go back? No, but they wanted to remember. Their memories were reminders of God's faithfulness. They told the stories and repeated them to their children because in them were the evidence of God's faithfulness.

The memories from the past were but the prelude to the future. They were about to begin a new chapter, living in the land of promise - and uncertainty. "Take care lest you forget the Lord your God..." (Deuteronomy 8:11). "You shall remember the Lord your God..." (Deuteronomy 8:18) "He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven." (Deuteronomy 10:21-22)

The future is uncertain and unknown. Will God be faithful? The history lesson provided the evidence that God had been faithful even in the difficult moments. The history lesson reminded them that they could proceed to their new home with assurance that the God who brought them there would continue to be faithful.

Back to my sweet summer memories. I enjoy them because I see the grace of God in them even though I was totally unaware of it. Now I am aware and grateful. And my confidence grows. The Savior who came to me was there before I knew Him. He will be with me to the end just like He has been in the past. Did I mention that I remember being able to sleep late until 5:00am? The cows waited a bit longer in the summer.

Summer Missionaries

Camp Promise June 26-30 and July 3-7

Team Members(2 weeks): Maggie Henry and Haley Kulp
Big Sky Bible Camp (entire summer): Lily Henry, Paige Lawton and Jake Lawton

Handi-Camp Canada July 28- Aug. 4

Team Members: Mike and Angela Kraemer along with Lia and Joey and Debbie Wilt

Summer Camp Staff

Victory Valley: Joy El Kessler, Renee Yavor, Ryan Schmidt
Pinebrook Bible Conference: Abby Henry
CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship): Justin Gambrill



Festival in South Philly - July 21

Work Team at Cape May - July 23-27



July Service Teams

OPEN TO EVERYONE! We are planning to help with two separate projects during the last full week in July. Both can use people of any age and skill set.

- **Festival in South Philly** - Saturday Afternoon, July 21 - helping Josh Dupiche at a church community festival in a park close to SACC. Run carnival games, help with food, assist taking a survey, or lend a hand setting up and tearing down.
- **Work Projects in Cape May** - Daily, Monday July 23 through Friday July 27. Paint, build walls, fix things, weed gardens, trim trees, and much more. Carpools daily from Grace.

To get more details or sign up contact Pastor Mark at mbickel@gracebfc.org or 484-788-9026



Backyard Bible Clubs

Your kids are welcome to join us, and bring their friends, for one of our five Backyard Bible Clubs this summer! **Invite Flyers with details in the Lobby.** We will be partnering with CEF and local hosts to offer 5-days of singing, crafts, games, and teaching of the Bible for kids! There is no formal registration, but it would help the hosts to plan for snacks and materials if you would contact them in advance to let them know how many kids plan to attend. Parents are welcome to stay or to drop your kids off. All those leading the clubs have both training and proper background checks in place to work with children.

July 2-6, 10:00-11:30 AM

Folcroft – Batdorf - billbatdorf@gmail.com

July 2-6, 1:00-2:30 PM

Boothwyn - Harper - nharper98@gmail.com

July 16-20, 6:30-8:00 PM

Wallingford(NPE) - Kraemer - msk0301@gmail.com

July 16-20, 6:30-8:00 PM

Wallingford(WES) – Bach - audra10@yahoo.com

July 23-27, 6:30-8:00 PM

Wallingford(NPE) - Kambic-mckambic@yahoo.com

Young Adults, Including High School Grads

Nate and Katie Beirmaas will be hosting a summer bar-b-q and hang-out night for Young Adult on **Saturday July 28 from 5:00 –9:30 pm.** They would especially like to invite all recent High School Graduates as well as College Students to join them for this special night.



Operation Christmas Child

Children can not go to school without **school supplies** and many times parents can not afford even these basic items. In the past we have included 3 pencils, 3 pens, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a ruler, 2 glue sticks, a box of crayons and paper in each of our 300 plus boxes. Please help us reach our goal!

A chart is posted on the Missions Board so you can follow our progress. We appreciate your generosity and your prayers for this ministry!

During June and July also be looking for fun items for the 5 to 9 age group.

NEW - On Sunday, July 15, during the extended fellowship time after worship, we will have craft tables set up in the gym for all ages to help put together some fun things for the shoeboxes!

Questions? See Janet Letsche or Sue Yavor.



Youth Events

Dorney Park Trip - July 18th from 8:30am - 8:30pm. Cost: \$30

All teens who were in middle or high school this past school year are welcome to join us on our adventurous trip to Dorney Park and Wild-water Kingdom. Whether or not you are a thrill seeker, Dorney offers plenty of fun that you will not want to miss.

High School Beach Trip - August 11th from 9am - 10pm. Cost: \$5

The high school will enjoy this year's annual beach trip on a guarded beach in Ocean City NJ. The trip is open to all incoming freshman, current HS students, and graduating seniors.

Middle School Beach Trip - August 25th from 9am - 9pm. Cost: \$10

(Includes Dinner) This year the middle school will be spending the day at a guarded beach in Ocean City NJ. As the sun sets, we will enjoy a massive pizza party on the beach! What a way to end the summer and kick off the school year! The trip is open to all incoming 6th graders, current MS students, and students graduating from 8th grade.

See Youth Ministry page on church website,
Contact: gbfcyouth1@gmail.com

Wanted: OCNJ Beach Tags!

In order to keep the costs low for our beach trips (allowing the most students as possible to attend), we are asking to borrow any available beach tags on August 11th and August 25th. If your family has any spares that will not be used on either of those dates, it would be a great blessing to be able to borrow them for the day. All beach tags will be safely kept with the leaders for the duration of our trip and will be returned promptly. Please talk to Fuzzy if you are able to donate or have questions. Thank you!!



Summer 2018

Summer Classes: Children's church will continue to meet throughout the summer. We will be traveling *around the world* to discover how the Gospel has impacted people from many nations. Nursery and Pre-school will continue during Worship. No 10:45 Sunday school classes will meet in the month of July.

Victory Valley: Many children from Grace will be attending "Cabin Camp" during their last week, August 5-11. (See Fuzzy for brochures as well as info on scholarships: dphillips@gracebfc.org)

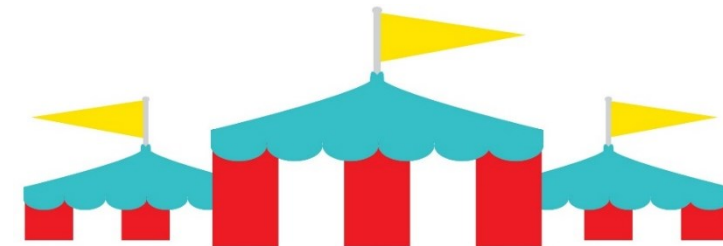
Reaching Our Neighbors!

Summer is a great time for our kids to interact with other kids in their neighborhood! Here are some resources available to help your kids in sharing Christ with their friends

- Invite them to a Backyard Bible Club—invitations in the lobby
- Invite them to Kids Community Carnival - Invitations in the lobby
- Read the booklet on leading Children to the Lord, or pick up some of our kids tracks, in the lobby in the month of July
- Invite kids families over to your home for a meal, or to a local attraction

You can contact Fuzzy at dphillips@gracebfc.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - sign-up in the Lobby!



KID'S COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

6 - 8 PM ★ GRADES 0 - 5

GAMES ★ PRIZES ★ FOOD ★ MUSIC

INFLATABLES ★ FACE PAINTING

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