

► **February 2019**

# January Jumble

You are all invited for an informal afternoon visit with the Susek, Cowen and Bickel families in their homes on Sunday, Jan. 27. Each home will be open from 4-9pm. They will each have food and places to relax and socialize. You can come and go as you please. No reservations needed, just show up and enjoy.

**Sunday, January 27**  
**4:00 - 9:00 pm**

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## Men's Breakfast

**Saturday Feb. 2**

**8:30 - 10:00 am**

Time of fellowship around the table followed by worship and a time in the Word led by Pastor Tim Nessler from New Beginnings BFC in NJ.

## Grace Café

**Sunday Feb. 3**

**10:45 am - Noon**

Catch up with others at Grace, hear about some upcoming things in the life of the church, and get time to talk and pray with the Elders. In place of all adult and teen classes.



**GRACE CAFE**

REFRESHING FOOD  
AND FRIENDSHIP

# DO JUSTICE, LOVE MERCY, WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD



- MICAH

SUNDAYS @ 9AM

Pastor Aaron concludes  
the **Book of Micah** in  
February

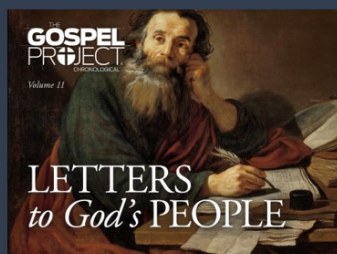
Worship at 9am

Coffee and Conversation  
after Worship

**Invitations** in Hall  
Information Center

## Bible Classes – Sundays 11 am - Noon

Join us in the gym for coffee, refreshments and fellowship between Worship and Bible Classes



Special  
January  
Class  
In The  
Gym

**Bible Classes  
For All Ages**

Sundays at 11am

## Special Events

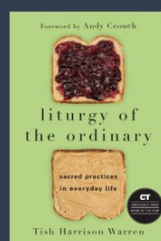
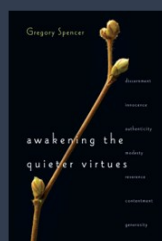
Feb. 3 - Grace Café

Feb. 10&17 - Testimonies

Mar. 10 - Congregational  
Meal (10am Worship)

## Family Night – Wednesdays 7:00 – 8:15 PM

January 9 – May 15, 2019



**Family Night  
For All Ages**

Wednesdays  
7:00 - 8:15 pm

January 9 -  
May 15



## Congregational Meeting - Sunday Feb. 3 After Worship

- **Review 2018 Financial Report** (Report available in church lobby beginning Jan. 27)
- **Elect Delegates to BFC Conference** (Nominees: Scott Simmons, primary delegate; Mike Norquist, Alternate Delegate ... also note that primary delegate becomes President of Cafe BFC)
- **Special Election:** Mark Kessler as Elder for 3 years (*Mark Kessler should have been up for reelection in December 2018, instead we will hold election for him Feb. 3.*)

## Testimony Time - Sunday Feb. 10 & 17 @ 11am

On **February 10 and 17** we will be providing a time to hear testimony to how God is working in people's lives - both stories of God's current work and testimony to God's faithfulness over the years. This will be in place of Adult classes on those two Sundays.

If you know of someone we should hear from, please talk to Pastor Aaron.

## Spring Fellowship Meal

Mark Your Calendar NOW— plan to Join us **Sunday March 10** after worship for our Spring Fellowship Meal. Lots of good food and time together as a church family!

## GRACE FAMILY NEWS

### Welcome :

Isabella Jane Carney

Born to Beckie Carney

January 14th, 2019.

6 lbs 13 oz & 20 1/2 inches

Sophia Jennie Brennan

Born to Jason & Danielle Brennan

January 18, 2019

Her Grandmom would love to tell you more, just ask :)

### New Addresses:

Jenn Lindemuth

2024 Parkview Dr.

Red Lion, PA 17356

Ashley Cowen

979 Putnam blvd

Wallingford Pa 19086

# Liberia Trip / Martha's Orphanage

**Mark Kessler** and **PJ Hartzell** will be going on the **Compassion Corps trip to Liberia from February 15-24**. There are a total of 10 people going on the trip, 4 of which are nurses/nurse practitioners. PJ and the other nurses will be holding clinic days at the Healthline Clinic for the community to attend. They will also be visiting Martha's Orphanage, and possibly schools run by CC partners, to provide physicals for the children. The nurses will also be doing teaching sessions at Lifeline Institute to the nursing aides and lab technician students. Mark will be meeting with CC partners to discuss their needs and to check on progress of projects they are doing. A particular focus will be validating and helping to implement sustainable agriculture and livestock projects as well as researching other ways to provide sustainable income. Mark hopes to bring back proposals for how we can best partner with Martha and others in Liberia. The team also includes teachers and children's workers.

Please PRAY for safety, good health, wisdom, opportunities to pray with and speak to the people about the Lord, and discernment as to the best next steps both in Liberia and here at home.

## Supplies for Liberia

### GIFTS (for partners):

- flashlights
- razors
- pocket knives
- small sewing kits
- deodorants

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS :

- toothbrushes
- reading glasses (all strengths)
- sunglasses
- snack-sized baggies
- gallon-sized storage bags
- black sharpies
- vinyl exam gloves
- BP cuffs
- Stethoscopes
- Thermometers

### OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS:

- ibuprofen
- acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- vitamins (adults and children)
- eyedrops
- antifungal creams/ointments
- anti-itch creams/ointments (cortisone, Benadryl)
- antibiotic creams/ointments (Neosporin)
- muscle rubs (Ben-gay, Icy-Hot)
- Omeprazole (Prilosec)
- Ranitidine (Zantac)
- Tums
- Pepto Bismol tablets
- cough drops
- allergy medicine (Loratidine, Benadryl)

### PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS:

Compassion Corps is looking to raise \$3-4,000 to purchase specific medications in the US and Liberia

### To Donate Supplies:

Drop them off in the **Liberia Hamper** in the Gym on Sunday Mornings or in The Lobby during the week

**To make a financial donation, or if you have questions:**

see PJ Hartzell or Mark Kessler

### DEADLINE:

**Sunday  
February 10**

# Summer Missions Teams

## Russia: June 14 to 25, 2019 **DEADLINE to APPLY: January 31**

We work with children and teens from underprivileged homes doing crafts, playing with them, and having meetings with them to encourage them and love them. If you feel you can do this, please see John Roach.



## Camp Promise in Montana: June 23 to July 6, 2019 **DEADLINE to APPLY: February 28**

Bible Camp for Special Needs Children and Adults. They need counselors to work one on one with those who are physically and/or mentally challenged as well as cooks, maintenance and other camp helpers. See Jim & Maggie Henry for details.



## Handi-Camp Canada: July 27 to August 4, 2019 **DEADLINE to APPLY: May 31**

Bible Camp for Special Needs Children/Young Adults. They need counselors to work one on one with those who are physically and/or mentally challenged (note that you may need to lift camper). See Mike & Angela Kraemer for details.



## Other Summer Opportunities

**Victory Valley Camp** and **Pinebrook Bible Conference** are always looking for counselors, kitchen help, groundkeepers, and other positions for youth and adults, as a missionary for the entire summer or as a volunteer for a few days. CEF offers a summer training program for teens.

Grace typically sends a **work team** to a local ministry in August. More information on that in June.

**Contact:** for more information on summer missions trips, or to apply, see **Debbie Wilt**

# Ministry Partner Events

## CEF Spirit Night at Chic-fil-A

Bring the whole family for dinner at the Chic-fil-A in Springfield (805 Baltimore Pike) on **Wednesday February 27 from 5-8pm**. When you order just let them know you are with CEF and a portion of your bill will be donated to Delaware County CEF. You can also double the donation by ordering online through the Chic-fil-A mobile app (for dine-in, take-out or drive-thru). More information and flyers to share at [cefdelco.com/events](http://cefdelco.com/events)

## Silent & Live Auction For Africa

Compassion Corps is having its annual Silent & Live Auction For Africa once again this year. The theme is "Rich in Blessings". **March 16, 2019. 6-9pm** The Ballroom at the Westside. See PJ Hartzell for complimentary tickets or register at [www.CelebrateWithCompassion.com](http://www.CelebrateWithCompassion.com).

## Local Ministry Partners



### CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship)

Ministry to kids through Good News  
Clubs and Backyard Bible Clubs



### CityTeam

Ministry to Homeless, Hungry and  
Recovering Addicts in Chester



### Del. County Pregnancy Center

Ministry to women and families in  
crisis pregnancies



### Delco Young Life

Ministry on MS and HS campuses



### InterVarsity at Widener

Ministry to College Students

## Grace Support Groups



To find out about GriefShare,  
DivorceCare, personal or  
family counseling or profes-  
sional counseling through  
Christ-Centered Counseling  
Ministries see Pastor Tim.



## Opportunities to Serve

We encourage everyone in the church to plug into a small group for your own growth in the Lord as well as finding a place to serve others and share the Gospel. The January Grace News listed some of our small groups. Below you will find some of our service, support and sharing teams.

### NA ChildCare

Every Friday night we provide childcare for those attending NA, NarAnon and NaraTeen. Contact: Maggie Henry

### Mom Matters

First and Third Thursdays, 9:15-11:15 am. Great place for moms. Preschool childcare provided. Contact: Audra Bach

### International Friends

Befriending students at Widener University and Widener School of Law. Friendship Families, Special Events, Trips, etc. Contact: Pastor Mark

### Operation Christmas Child

This winter we are collecting hygiene items to go in shoeboxes for children around the world this fall. Contact: Sue Yavor

### Neighborhood Outreach

We encourage everyone to find ways to reach out to their neighbors. Funding is available to help with block parties and other larger events. For ideas, help planning or additional resources contact Pastor Mark.

### Evangelistic Small Groups / Christianity Explored

We would love to start / help you start an evangelistic small group using one of the Gospels or using Christianity Explored or Life Explored. You could meet in your home, or even one on one at the local coffee shop. To start or join a group, or for outreach resources, see Pastor Mark.

## Contact Info for Local Ministries:

**Child Evangelism Fellowship of Delaware County:** [cefdelco.com](http://cefdelco.com)

Church Contact: PJ Hartzell

Good News Club at NPE: Joyce Taylor / Kathy Mills

**City Team:** [Cityteam.org](http://Cityteam.org)

Church Contact: Mike Norquist

**Delaware County Pregnancy Center:** [Dcpcchester.org](http://Dcpcchester.org)

Church Contact: Ashlee Martino

**Delco Young Life:** [Delco.younglife.org](http://Delco.younglife.org)

Church Contact: Debbie Worrell

**InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at Widener**

Church Contact / Campus Staff: Ryan and Caroline Jones

**Local Prison Ministry**

Church Contacts: Mike Norquist / Vince Urbano

## Important message to all adults who are currently working or would like to work with children/youth at Grace BFC in any capacity:

Thank you for your willingness to serve the children and youth at Grace BFC. This church has a long legacy of excellence in our children and youth ministries and we want to continue to walk out that calling from God. In order to protect both our children and our workers, we have revised several documents outlining procedures and policies regarding the care of minors. If you would like to continue working with children and youth in any capacity (*not only consistent volunteers/teachers*), you must complete the following 3 tasks before **March 1, 2019**.

1. **Read the updated children's protection policy/ other related documents and watch a short video highlighting changes made and other important reminders.**
2. **Complete the mandated reporter training program online.**
3. **Sign a form stating that you have completed steps 1 & 2.**

You will receive an email with more detailed instructions and pdfs of all files needed. There will also be paper copies available if that will be helpful. Lastly, if you are unable to access the videos/mandated reporter training on your own, there **will be a training event at church after Sunday school on February 10th from 12:00 - 2:00.**

Again, thank you for caring for our children so well. It is my desire to do everything in my power to safeguard you and our children from situations/incidents that would hinder or distract from the great work that God is doing within our church walls.

Blessings,  
Fuzzy (Dan Phillips)  
Director of Children's Ministries

Updated Child Protection Policy and related documents  
are now on our website at **GraceBFC.org**  
(select Resources / Documents)

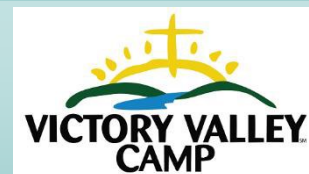


### Upcoming Events for Children/Youth

Victory Valley Winter Blast: February 8-10 (Ages 7-12)  
MS Lock-In: February 15-16

Children's Contact: Fuzzy (Dan Phillips) at [dphillips@gracebfc.org](mailto:dphillips@gracebfc.org)

Youth Contact: Leadership Team at [gbfcyouth1@gracebfc.org](mailto:gbfcyouth1@gracebfc.org)



### Help at Victory Valley

- Kitchen help - Serving food, washing dishes and cleanup after meals
- Landscape - Mowing grass and ongoing projects
- Housekeeping - Cleaning cabins
- Firewood - Cutting & splitting wood

Please contact Doug at 610-966-5880 or [info@victoryvalleycamp.org](mailto:info@victoryvalleycamp.org) to volunteer or for additional information.

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**Grace News** is normally published the last Sunday of each month. Submit upcoming events and articles to Barb by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send to [office@gracebfc.org](mailto:office@gracebfc.org)

Questions and suggestions can be sent to Pastor Mark at [mbickel@gracebfc.org](mailto:mbickel@gracebfc.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 2 Men's Breakfast
- February 3 Congregational Meeting  
Grace Café
- February 8 Victory Valley Winter Blast Weekend
- February 10 Testimony Time
- February 12 Young at Heart
- February 17 Communion  
Testimony Time  
Prayer and Song Night
- February 22 Couples
- March 10 Fellowship Meal

*Full Calendar at [Gracebfc.org](http://Gracebfc.org)*

## February Birthdays

1	Greg Lindemuth	16	David Bronkema
2	Thiago Lima	16	James Wiseley
3	Zach Merillat	18	Cathe Kender
4	Anabella Hoback	19	Adalyn Lentz
4	Maggie Henry	20	Richard Kutzman
5	Mary Ann Pennington	23	Joe Calvert
6	Rachel Kessler	24	Lois Dragon
8	Josiah Kessler	24	Joshua Dupiche
8	David Werner	26	Chris Jordan
10	June Ware	26	Kathy Wood
11	Pat Romano	28	Sawyer Harper
12	Bill Martino		
13	Josiah Bronkema		
13	Kathi Caldwell		
14	Charlsie Scott		

## February Anniversaries

14 Carl & Lynn Schaaf

## Grace Connections

### Online Church Directory and Group Communications

Beginning in February, you will be able to access our church directory online through the **REALM** website as well as through the **REALM CONNECT** app available for free in the Apple and Android App Stores.

If you do not receive an email invitation to Realm by Feb. 15, or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mark, [mbickel@gracebfc.org](mailto:mbickel@gracebfc.org)