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Questions and suggestions can be sent to Pastor Mark at mbickel@gracebfc.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 2-4	Missions Conference: Partnering in the Gospel
Nov. 10,11	CityTeam Food Drop-off at Grace
Nov. 11	Day of Prayer / Teen Prayer Partners
Nov. 13	Young at Heart
Nov. 14	Surviving the Holiday
Nov 15, 17	OCC Shoebox Packing Parties
Nov. 18	Family Prayer and Song Night International Thanksgiving @ Widener
Nov. 21	Night of Thanks
Nov. 30	Couples
Dec. 1	Stewardship Saturday
Dec. 16	Family Carol Sing

Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org

November Birthdays

4	Rich Hartzell
4	Faye Holmes
6	Mike Plourde
6	Samuel Achey
11	Scott Simmons
12	Laurie McLean
13	Aja Chao
14	Jacob Hoback
16	Mikayla Wiseley
16	Emily Doerr
16	Marie Paolucci
18	Tai Kessler
20	Jess Piasecki

21 Linda Biermaas

21 Courtney Gambrill

27 Debbie Worrell

27 Tsan-Yueh Hsuao (Zeno)

November Anniversaries

25 Ted & Barb Brennan

25 Zeno & Aja Hsuao

28 Bob & Corrie Evans

Stay in Touch!

Get our weekly eNews email and regular prayer requests. Send an email to mbickel@gracebfc.org to sign-up. Updated print and online church directory coming soon. If you are new or did not update your contact information recently see Pastor Mark to fill out our Adult Information Form.



Grace News

November 2018

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PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

MISSIONS CONFERENCE • NOVEMBER 2-4 2018



KIDS CONFERENCE

Partnering in the Gospel

GRADES K-5

Children's Missions Conference led by Ruth and Greg Lindemuth

NURSERY and PRESCHOOL

Available during all sessions

Note: For Saturday Breakfast and Dinner kids are with family for the meals, kids programs begin after the meals. Sunday kids are with family for worship and will be dismissed prior to the sermon.

CONFERENCE GOALS

Partnering in the Gospel

FINANCIAL GOAL

\$15,000 to be split between:

- Camp Promise "A Promise Kept" building fund
- Grace BFC 2019 Short Term Missions Trips

INVOLVEMENT GOAL

Each person finds ways to partner with others in our communities to spread the Gospel in word and deed

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Saturday November 3

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Missions Pot-Luck Dinner

A wonderful evening of fellowship and hearing from our missionary family, including Jeff Ort from Camp Promise. If you are able **we would ask you to bring a dish to share.** Bring a main dish, or a side, or salad, or a dessert to add to the table. Plan to feed about 15 people. Sign-up in the gym, the lobby or at GraceBFC.org.

PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

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PARTNERS IN EXTENDING THE CHURCH

Friday Night: 7:00-8:30

Main Speaker: Richard Taylor

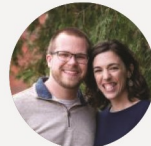
20 Minute Seminars:

InterVarsity Widener – Ryan & Caroline Jones,
BFC Church Extension – Richard Taylor,
International Friends – Mark Bickel

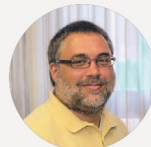
Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth



Richard Taylor:
BFC Church Extension Ministry



Ryan & Caroline Jones:
InterVarsity Widener



Mark Bickel:
International Friends

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available



PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Saturday Morning: 9:00-11:30

Breakfast: 9:00-10:00

Main Speaker: Brad Boyer

20 Minute Seminars: CityTeam – Cindy Klein,
Camp Promise – Jeff Ort,
Cape Community Church – Brad & Vicki Boyer
Philadelphia Mission Church – Josh & Juli Dupiche

Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth



Brad & Vicki Boyer:
Cape Community Church



Cindy Klein: CityTeam



Jeff Ort: Camp Promise

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available

Voting Booth Contemplation

Pastor Richard Taylor

The American political system was designed to be a two party system to avoid minority rule and splintering. So, when we have an election, you will choose between two candidates. Yes, sometimes there are other candidates but third party candidates rarely get serious attention. When you step in the voting booth, you will choose between the two candidates. You can only vote for one.

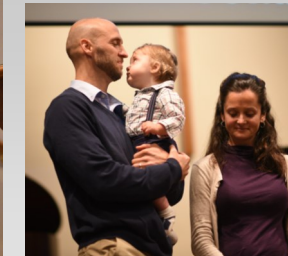
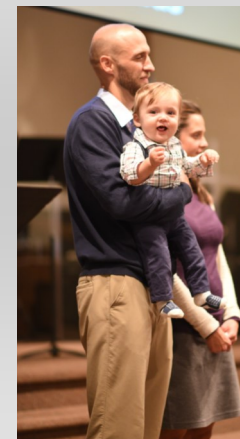
My experience has been that I have never been entirely happy with either of the two choices I have when I enter the voting booth. I don't believe I have ever seen a candidate for office with whom I entirely agree. The result that I am usually forced to vote for the candidate I believe to be least worst.

This may sound like a very pessimistic and negative outlook but we live in a world where almost nothing is as it ought to be. The world is broken and twisted because of sin and sinful choices. Making decisions can be a gut-wrenching experience. We are to make choices between good and bad and of course to choose the good. But in a world broken by sin, we must make decisions between what is bad and worse or between what is good and better. These choices about which is least worst are the choices that chew us up. We don't want to mess things up and make everything worse in this messed up world.

"Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established." (Proverbs 16:3) We make what we think is the right decision but we can't always be sure. God's wisdom says that we should commit what we intend to the Lord and trust that He will work it out. In a broken world, certainty about decisions is not always possible. That is why we need to trust the Lord and begin the decision making process with Him. God invited our trust when He gave Jesus who is the absolute demonstration of His love and concern for us. While we may be uncertain about our decisions, we are not uncertain about God's involvement or concern. Our decisions may create more mess in a messed up world but God is willing and able to clean up our messes. We need to call upon Him to guide us. "If any of you lacks wisdom (understanding), let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him." (James 1:5)

Decisions about who I vote for will still be based on the least worst calculation. And making decisions in complex circumstances will still chew me up. I will probably make mistakes even though I wish I did not. But, my confidence will be that God will guide and can even correct my mistakes.

Recent Child Dedication Lucas Biermaas



People in Our Church Family Unable to Attend Regularly

We are working to update our list of those who are a part of our church family but are not able to attend regularly at this time. That may be due to health reasons. It may also be students or military living outside the area. If that is you or someone you know please email Pastor Mark (mbickel@gracebfc.org) so we as a body can better care for you. Look for more details on ways to pray for and encourage people in the next Grace News.

GRACE FAMILY NEWS

New Address:

Greg & Ruth Lindemuth
2024 Parkview Dr.
Red Lion, PA 17356

In The Military

1 Lt. Daniel Parsons
C CO 4-9 Camp Marmal (Camp Stevenson)
APO AE 09354
Daniel is an infantry platoon leader supporting the Green Berets in Afghanistan - Care packages welcome, he could use dental floss, small games for guys (not deck of cards), hacky sack, gum, tic-tacs, hard candy



It has been an exciting fall here at Grace! The elementary school kids have been diving deep into the book of Acts, memorizing different passages of scripture, and learning essential spiritual lessons from the life of Jonah. At the same time, our volunteers in the nursery and preschool rooms have continued to provide a safe and fun place for your little ones to be well cared for and to begin learning the good news of who God is and who they are. Thank you for letting us partner with you as you instill in your children a hunger for God's word and a desire to love and follow Him.

We have also had a very successful start to our new number check for children in the nursery and preschool room. **Just a reminder that children in the nursery and preschool can only be picked up by a parent or adult relative that is at least 18 y/o and has the card they received at check-in.** Thank you for working with us as we ensure that your children stay safe from the time that they are dropped off until the time that you pick them up!

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

Contact Children's Director at
dphillips@gracebfc.org

Wacky Wednesday & Youth Group Notes

- NO Wed. Groups **October 31** (Halloween)
- NO Wed. Groups **November 21** (Thanksgiving Eve)
 - *Family Night of Thanks at 7pm in Gym*
- Wednesday Fall Programs **END on December 12**



Upcoming Youth Events:

Prayer Partner Sunday
Sunday November 11th from 10:30-12:00

HS Squamish
Sunday November 18th from 3:00-5:00
@ Indian Lane Field

Contact Youth Leadership Team at
gbfcyouth1@gracebfc.org

PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

MISSIONS CONFERENCE • NOVEMBER 2-4 2018



PARTNERS IN SERVING SPECIAL NEEDS

Saturday Night: 5:30-8:00
Potluck: 5:30 - 6:30
Speakers: Jeff Ort – "A Promise Kept" building project, Wiegand update, Camp Promise volunteers, HandiCamp Canada, Short Term Missions 2019 opportunities, Display tables from each organization
Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth



Jeff & Emmy Ort:
Camp Promise Director



HandiCamp Canada



Camp Promise volunteers

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available after meal



PARTNERS IN THE BODY

Sunday Morning: 9:00-12:00
Sermon: Josh Dupiche | Conference Participant updates
Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth
Adult Sunday School: BFC Practical Support – Chris Merrick, Operation Christmas Child – Beckie Merrick, Delaware County Pregnancy Center – Krystl Johnson, Display tables from each organization
Teen Sunday School: City Team - Sherry Stovall & Cindy Klein



Josh Dupiche:
Church planter in Philadelphia



Chris & Beckie Merrick:
BFC Practical Support & Operation Christmas Child



Krystl Johnson:
Delaware County Pregnancy Center

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available

DO JUSTICE,
LOVE MERCY,
WALK HUMBLY
WITH YOUR GOD

- MICAH

SUNDAYS @ 9AM



NEW
Sermon
Series on
Micah
Begins
November 11

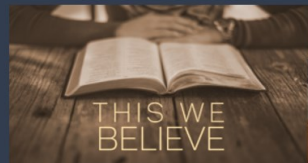
Bible Classes – Sundays 11 am - Noon

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



Grace Life 101

Baptism & Membership

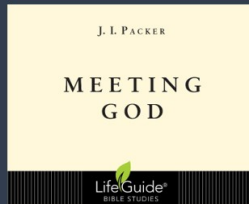


Consider the Sermon



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

September 12 – December 12, 2018



Regular Adult and
Teen Bible Classes will
not meet:

- Nov. 4 - Missions Conference
- Nov. 11 - Youth Prayer Partners and Adult Day of Prayer
- Dec. 14 - Congregational Meeting

Regular Wednesday
Night Groups will not
meet:

- Oct. 31 - so families can participate in neighborhood activities
- Nov. 21 - Night of Thanks

*Note: some groups
may choose to meet,
but there is no child-
care those nights.*



GRACE CHURCH'S DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018 FROM 8AM TO NOON

Are you grateful for the campus that God has given us to use for His glory? Then grab some elbow grease and join us on Saturday, December 1, for some projects inside and outside the church facility. Here's what you need to remember:

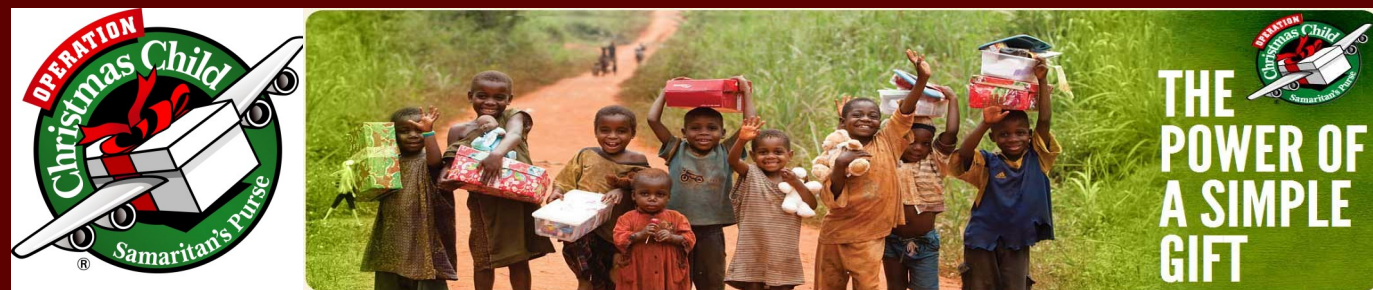
- Come whenever you want for however long you want. No need to sign up in advance.
- There will be projects for all ages, so bring the entire family. Expect to make new friends!
- No experience necessary. If you don't already know how to get a particular job done, we'll do it with you.
- Leave the toolbox at home. If tools are needed, we provide them (although if you want to work outside, bring your own rake).
- Free coffee and donuts all morning!

Thanks in advance for your help!!

Family Carol Sing
Sunday Dec. 16 at 4 PM

Mark your calendar now to join us for a traditional Christmas Carol Sing! It will be enjoyable for the entire family. In addition to singing and special music there will be Christmas cookies and beverages. Hosted by Bob Evans.





In Malawi, 12 year old Angella squealed with delight as she opened her Shoebox gift. Her parents couldn't afford to buy her school supplies, but in her box she found pens, pencils, a notebook, and a ruler, so she could now go to school. The flashlight inside was a real treasure because there was no electricity in their home. But by far, Angella's favorite item was the Greatest Gift Gospel booklet that accompanied her Shoebox. "When I read the booklet, it proved to me that God is there," Angella said. "That encouraged me to start going to Church. As I learned about the Bible, I was being transformed." She soon accepted Christ as her Savior and began reading the booklet to her family. Now all 10 of them are attending church and have decided to follow Jesus too! This is just one of the many stories of why we fill shoeboxes.

Our Church will be filling shoeboxes in just a few weeks. We have been collecting items all year but we need your help to complete these boxes. A chart will be posted in the lobby with the items we still need. Please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal of 300 boxes. You can put your items in the orange collection box under the chart. You are also invited to help us fill the shoeboxes, you can fill a Shoebox on your own (boxes will be available for you on Sunday Mornings) or you can join us to fill the shoeboxes on the following dates.

Mom Matters/Young at Heart - Thursday, November 15, 10-11 am

Church-wide packing party - Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m.

If you have any questions please contact Sue Yavor, Kathy Mills or Janet Letsche.



Couples

Couples Fellowship meets the fourth Friday of the month from 7 – 9pm at a different home each month. Our next gathering is **Friday, November 30 at 7pm at the home of Chris and Kelli Yacono** (400 Bailey's Run Lane, Springfield, PA 19064). The group is designed for married couples who desire fellowship and

encouragement in their marital relationship. Enjoy a night out without the kids to share food, conversation, encouragement and discussion about God's design for marriage. Questions? See Pastor Tim



Young At Heart

Join us for a meal together, good conversation around the table, and a guest speaker each month. Our next gathering is **Tuesday November 13 at Noon**. Our speaker will be Bob Evans who will be sharing stories of God's work around the world from his recent travels as a missionary with BCM. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Questions? See Joyce Bromley or Pastor Mark .



Good News Club Snacks

Good News Club has begun again at Nether Providence Elementary School on Thursday afternoons. They are looking for some people to make homemade snacks for the kids (cookies, brownies, etc). If you would like to find out how you can help contact Joyce Taylor (jttaylor723@gmail.com)



CITYTEAM

DONATE CANNED FOOD TO HELP THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

In the United States, one in six people, of all ages, struggles with hunger. Together we can help individuals and families in our community by donating food to Cityteam. We daily prepare nutritious meals, emergency food boxes, and seasonal holiday food boxes for those in need. Cityteam is committed to helping more people in need than ever before, but we can't do it without your partnership!

WHAT WE NEED

Please collect only non-perishable food items.
No homemade or glass items. Thank you!

STUFFING
INSTANT POTATOES
MAC & CHEESE
CANNED VEGETABLES
GRAVY MIX
CANNED FRUIT
CAKE MIX
SOUPS
PASTA

CANNED TUNA
CANNED CHICKEN
RICE
CEREAL
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
CANNED MILK
BEANS

BRING DONATIONS TO: Grace Bible Fellowship Church

Saturday, November 10 between 9AM and 3PM

or Sunday, November 11 between 9am and Noon

CONTACT: Mike Norquist (610-368-8512 or mikequist1@icloud.com)

If you can't shop, you can give online so we can shop for you!
WWW.CITYTEAM.ORG/DONATE

FROZEN TURKEYS
Also Needed

Label for CityTeam
And put in Church Fridge
By Nov, 11

Surviving the Holidays

Wednesday November 14, 7pm

DivorceCare - Holidays can be tough times for those suffering the effects of separation and/or divorce. "Surviving the Holidays" offers help through the difficulties you face during this time of year.

GriefShare - Please join us for this special GriefShare event that we hope will provide you with some very needed comfort during this very painful time.



International Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov. 18

Our 9th Annual International Student Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday November 18 at 6pm in the Webb room at Widener University. We are looking for people willing to cook a dish for the students. We will provide aluminum containers to put the food in, and ask that you deliver it hot to the church or the campus at 5:30 on the 18th. We would also like for some people to help set-up and a few people to stay to eat and interact with the students. Sign-up at Missions Conference, in the lobby beginning Nov. 4 or contact Pastor Mark.



Night of Thanks

You are invited to come on **Wednesday, November 21 at 7pm** with your whole family and share the things for which you are thankful this year. Some light refreshments will be available. Meeting in the gym.

Questions: Contact Pastor Tim.

Children, Teen and most Adult Wednesday Groups will not meet on the 21st so everyone can participate.

