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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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 4 Start MOM Matters
- Oct. 7 Congregational Discussion
- Oct. 9 Start Young at Heart
- Oct. 14 Worship & Communion (10am)
Fall Luncheon (Noon)
- Oct. 15, 16 Directory Photos
- Oct. 21 Family Prayer and Song Night
- Nov. 2-4 Missions Conference:
Partnering in the Gospel
- Nov. 11 Day of Prayer / Teen Prayer Partners

Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org

October Birthdays

- 3 Marilyn Hoback
- 4 Jon Schmidt
- 4 Karen Cowen
- 5 Chip Harper
- 5 Erik Bellandi
- 7 Joyce Arrell
- 7 Jake Lawton
- 10 Bill Harron
- 11 Carl Schaaf
- 13 Andy Caldwell
- 17 Sue Ardary
- 18 Mark Kessler
- 19 Walt Reichel
- 21 Carole Watkin
- 22 Ashley Cowen
- 23 Suzanne Urbano
- 24 Richard McIntyre
- 25 Pastor Timothy Cowen

- 26 Sue Yavor
- 27 Renee Yavor
- 28 Evan Yavor
- 29 Diamond Jackson
- 29 Joan Linn
- 29 Connor Rydel
- 31 Shirley Gambrell
- 31 Jaye Norquist

October Anniversaries

- 6 Nate and Katie Biermaas
- 10 Mark & Beth Kessler
- 13 Rich & PJ Hartzell
- 16 Bill & Wendy Harron
- 19 Gerhard & Vera Woitas
- 20 Paul & Kim Waxman
- 26 Steve & Renee Yavor
- 28 Chuck & Linda Biermaas
- 28 Pastor Mark & Sue Bickel

Print and Online Directory

There is a new printed directory and online church directory on its way! Be sure your information is included, fill out an Adult Information Form Today! See Pastor Mark.

October 2018



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Discussion of Strategic Plan



Congregational Discussion October 7 at 11am

Sunday October 7

Congregational Discussion — 11am in the Gym

In place of our normal Adult Bible Classes we will meet together in the gym at 11am. We will share results from our recent discipleship survey, and then have an open discussion on where God might be leading us as a church over the next few years.

Soups, Sandwiches, Salads, Sweets



Fall Luncheon

Sunday October 14

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Worship Service — 10am

Join us for worship at a special time. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as part of worship. Stick around for our

Fall Luncheon — Noon

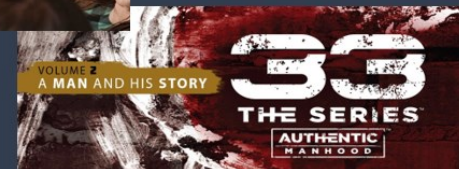
Soup, Salads, Sandwiches and, of course, sweets will be on the menu. Sign-up in lobby or see Jaye Norquist.

Bible Classes – Sundays 11 am - Noon

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



Consider the Sermon



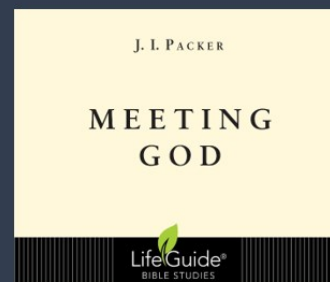
Grace Life 101

Baptism & Membership



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

September 12 – December 12, 2018



On The Coming of Fall

Pastor Richard Taylor

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." (Jeremiah 8:20)

When I read this verse, it always stops me. Something about what it says is sad and melancholic. Jeremiah was called the weeping prophet because he brought God's message of judgment but it broke his heart. He saw the wickedness around him and wanted things to be different. In this verse he shows he was expecting and hoping for something. But, it had not come. So, his comment was not simply that fall had arrived. He was struggling with unrealized expectations and unfulfilled hopes. What he wanted to see had not happened.

We all live with expectations and hopes. They drive us. They shape us. They are at the core of how we live. They are the reason we pray. They are what we pray for. I would go so far as to say that you can't live without having expectations and hopes. People who consider or commit suicide will often say they have stopped expecting and hoping. Their reason for living is gone. So, death has become better than life.

I can't imagine anyone who reads this has never struggled with unrealized expectations and unfulfilled hopes. Unfortunately, somewhere and somehow you have been let down. It came in the form of a promise not kept, a relationship broken, or a dream denied. In some form or other, it has come.

Jeremiah brought the bad news but with his bad news came the reality of the grace of God who said that His blessing was still out there. God would not abandon His people. They could expect and hope to see His goodness. Jeremiah was looking for it but had not seen it yet.

His words are strangely reassuring. We would all say there are things we expected and hoped but have not seen. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." God does not promise that each day will bring our expectations and hopes into reality. But God does encourage us to expect and hope.

One of the struggles of the Christian life is to form expectations and hopes which mirror God's desire for us. Unreal expectations and hopes lead us to want pain free living, conflict free relationships, and daily triumphs. God has given no reason to think these are realistic expectations and hopes. But He has said we can expect, because of Jesus, He will welcome us into His presence. He has promised that we can endure the daily disappointments that come uninvited into our lives. He has said He will never leave us alone.

Jeremiah was struggling and he admitted it. But Jeremiah knew. "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in Him'" (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Meeting of the Historical Society Of The Bible Fellowship Church

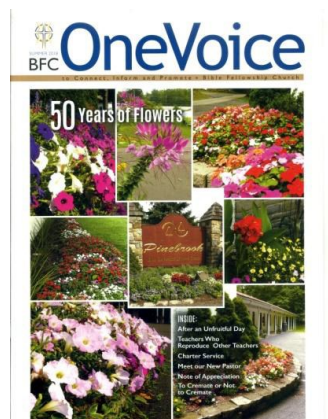
At Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Harleysville, Pennsylvania, 10:00am Saturday October 27, 2018

Morning Presentation: **Content and Controversy**

From the Gospel Banner of 1878 to OneVoice of 2018, Content in our denomination periodical has changed and remained the same. Presenter: Richard Taylor.

Afternoon Presentation: **Look at That**

Stories from the Archives – items in the Archives and the stories connected to them. Presenters: Members of the BFC Historical Committee





For the month of October we will be **collecting toys and fun items for the shoeboxes**. Some suggestions would be dolls, balls, small musical instruments, cars, trucks, planes, craft sets, stickers etc. **We still need a couple school supplies**, please check the chart on the Missions Board for what is still needed. Also, **we need letters for the shoeboxes**. We like to include a note or letter with each Shoebox. If you can help in this area it would be greatly appreciated. As always, we appreciate your prayers for this ministry. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:16

Questions? see Sue Yavor, Kathy Mills or Janet Letsche.

Items for shoeboxes can be placed in the Orange bin in the left coat room outside the sanctuary.

Mark Your Calendar - Shoebox Packing Parties on Thursday November 15 & Saturday November 17

GRACE FAMILY NEWS

New Address:

Dick Hartzell
444 Gateswood Drive
West Chester PA 19380
Phone: 610-344-0520

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

Have you recently moved, gotten married, had a baby? Is someone in your family serving in the military or located out the area for work or school? Is there some other exciting news? We would love to let the congregation about it. Send Grace Family News to office@gracebfc.org

**MOTHERHOOD IS HARD.
BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LONELY.
JOIN US AT MOM MATTERS!**



WHERE & WHEN:

9:15 -11:15 am
October 4 & 18
November 1 & 15
December 6 & 20

Grace Bible Fellowship Church,
923 S Providence Rd. (Rte. 252)
Wallingford, PA

MOM MATTERS IS:

A tribe of moms, with kids ages 0 to 18, living life together. It's a place for friendship, community, support, and growth. This year we will tend the fire in our hearts and Live Expectantly, Surrender Daringly, and Breathe Freely. Come along with us, and may this be the year you...

FIND YOUR FIRE

WHAT TO EXPECT:

BRUNCH: a rotating table potluck (and snacks for the kids)

MESSAGES OF HOPE: to inspire and encourage moms

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES: a chance to try something new

CHILDCARE: qualified care for our children ages newborn to Kindergarten

WE WANT TO MEET YOU! CONTACT US:

EMAIL: gbfmops@yahoo.com

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/gbfmops/>

WEBSITE: www.mops.org/groups/gbf



This Month: God Meets Us in the Midst of Ongoing Trials



Young at Heart - 2nd Tuesdays

First Meeting October 9 at Noon

Join us for a meal together, good conversation around the table, and a guest speaker each month. Our October speaker is Vijay Adaikkappan who will be sharing how God has met him and grown him in the midst of ongoing health and other physical trials over the past several years.

GRACE kids

Children's ministry is in full swing here at Grace! The kids have been memorizing Proverbs 3:1-6 in Children's Church, diving deep into the book of Acts during Sunday School, and looking through different Proverbs during Wacky Wednesday. As always, our youngest members are being well cared for in the nursery and preschool rooms. The leaders continuously show an outpouring of love and care for each little one and consistently point them towards the greater love of Jesus. We are blessed with an incredible children's staff. Make sure that your children and their friends get plugged in as we reinforce what you are teaching from home.

Contact Children's Director at
dphillips@gracebfc.org

GRACE YOUTH

God is doing exciting things in the life of our youth! The teens in high school and middle school have been having rich discussions in the Gospel Project on Sundays and creating/strengthening relationships during youth group on Wednesdays. We find immense value in both of these programs and pray that they help support you and your teen as we collectively point each teen towards Christ.

Upcoming Youth Events:

HS Progressive Dinner: Sat. October 13th @ 6pm
MS Hang Out Night: Sat. October 27th @ 6pm

Contact Youth Leadership Team at
gbfcyouth1@gracebfc.org

PARTNERING IN THE GOSPEL

MISSIONS CONFERENCE • NOVEMBER 2 - 4 2018



PARTNERS IN

EXTENDING THE CHURCH

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available

Friday Night: 7:00-8:30

Main Speaker: Richard Taylor

20 Minute Seminars: InterVarsity Widener – Ryan and Caroline Jones, BFC Church Extension – Richard Taylor, International Friends – Mark Bickel

Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth



PARTNERS IN

PRAYER

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available

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

Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth



PARTNERS IN

SERVING SPECIAL NEEDS

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available after meal

Saturday Night: 5:30-8:00

Potluck: 5:30 - 6:30 • **Ministry Updates:** 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



PARTNERS IN

THE BODY

Nursery & Pre-school childcare available

Sunday Morning: 9:00-12:00

Sermon: Josh Dupiche • **Updates from Conference Participants**

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: CityTeam Staff

Kid's Conference: Ruth Lindemuth