

▶ **May 2019**

**Bible Fellowship Church
South Jersey/Philly Region**

**Pray for our BFC
Regional Churches**

Also pray for God to
raise up a Church
Planter for Woolwich
Township, NJ



New Beginnings BFC

Woodbury Heights, NJ

Pastor Tim Nessler

*(Tim Nessler will be speaking at
Grace on May 5 as part of our
Regional Pulpit Swap)*



Wissinoming BFC

Philadelphia, PA

Pastor Ralph Ritter

*(Tim Cowen will be speaking at Wissinoming
on May 5 as part of our Regional Pulpit Swap)*



Maple Glen BFC

Maple Glenn, PA

Pastor Lou Pronnicki



Philly BFC Church Plant

at Snyder Ave. Church

Church Planter:

Joshua Dupiche



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**Cape Community
Church** Cape May
Courthouse, NJ

Church Planter:

Brad Boyer



Worship
Sundays at
9 am

NEW:
Sermon Series on
Heaven
For the Month
of May



Bible Classes

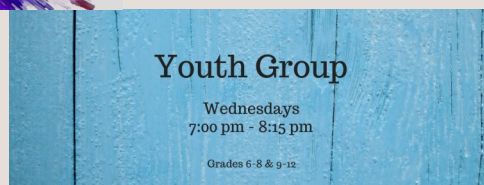
Sunday 11am

Bible Classes
Sundays at 11 am

NEW: Gospel Project is now on
Volume 12: Come, Lord Jesus

Grace Café - May 19

Last day of Classes - June 23



Family Night
Wednesdays at 7 pm

Wacky Wednesday Last Day

Wed. May 15

Youth Tailgate Party

Wed. May 22, 6:00-8:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE: Church Picnic - Sunday July 14, 11:30am - 5:00pm

We will be back at Garrett's Way this year. Hot dogs, water ice, fellowship, yard games, pool, and much more. Note new July date so our missions teams can join us! Details in June Grace News. Questions? See Dan Seal or Pastor Tim.



GRACE CHURCH'S DAY OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019 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, May 4, 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, but bring a rake because we have a lot of mulching to do (weather permitting).
- Free coffee and donuts all morning!

Thanks in advance for your help!!



Baby Bottle Campaign

Supports the Delaware County Pregnancy Center

Fill a bottle, impact a life! It's that simple!

Simply take a bottle and fill it with loose change, cash, or a check and **return it by June 2.** Your gift will help DCPC continue its ministry to women facing unplanned pregnancy.

Bottles will be available at church on Mother's Day.

Questions? Contact Ashlee Marino



Summer Missions

Breakfast & Auction of Desserts

Please join us on Mother's Day for a delicious free breakfast & stick around for a silent auction of everyone's favorite desserts to help raise support for our Short Term Missions Teams.

Date:

Mother's Day – May 12th

Schedule:

Breakfast: 7:45am – 8:45am

Silent Dessert Auction: 7:45am – 10:45am

Winners Announced: 11am

You can make a donation any time, just write "Short Term Missions" on the front of an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate.

Summer Missions Sunday - May 12

Meet our Russia, Camp Promise and Handi-Camp Canada missions teams. Learn how to support them both financially and in prayer. Give a special donation to help an individual or the teams as a whole.

- Join us for **BREAKFAST** anytime from **7:45 - 8:45 am**, followed by
- **WORSHIP** and **SUMMER TEAM COMMISSIONING** at **9 am**, followed by
- **MEET and GREET** after Worship in the Gym, including an opportunity to pick up prayer request cards, get info on donating supplies for Russia, and bid on a dessert:
- **DESSERT AUCTION** - There will be fun and fancy baked goods on display during Breakfast and at the Meet and Greet. You can silently bid on one to take home with you. Bids will end at 10:50 with winners announced at 11am. Proceeds from Breakfast & Auction go to Short Term Missions.

Questions: Contact Debbie Wilt or Pastor Bickel

- **RUSSIA Team:** John Roach (leader), Debbie Wilt, Richard Taylor, Leo and Elena Ivanenko, Lilly Ivanenko, Joshua Ivanenko, Kelsey Yori, Karleigh Yori, Teresa Quinn
- **CAMP PROMISE Team:** Jim and Maggie Henry (leaders), Lilly Henry, Mark and Sue Bickel, Haley Kulp, Elizabeth, Tim and Hannah Piasecki, Tom Kopp and Sue Young, Lisa Seal, Paige Lawton
- **HANDI-CAMP CANADA Team:** Mike and Angela Kramer (leaders), Joey and Lia Kraemer

Summer of Visibility

We plan to host targeted outreach events this summer that will increase our visibility in the community, that will serve our neighbors in tangible ways, and that will provide individuals and families an opportunity to experience the joy and power of being on mission together, including:

- **International Festival** - at Grace on Saturday, June 8
- **Kids Clubs** - In local parks and in homes, as well as on select Wednesdays at Grace
- **Carnival** - Expanded Carnival at Grace in late summer or early fall
- **Neighborhood Block Parties** - Special events in key communities throughout the summer
- **Resourcing YOUR Outreach** - Helping you to reach out to your neighborhood this summer
- **Wissinoming Summer Festival** - Taking some of the above to North East Philly in late summer

More Details will be provided at the **Summer Outreach Grace Café on May 19** or contact Pastor Aaron

Summer Outreach Sunday - May 19

Find out more about our Summer of Visibility outreach opportunities and how you and your family can be involved in reaching people in our neighborhoods!

- **WORSHIP and SUMMER OUTREACH COMMISSIONING** at 9 am, followed by
- **GRACE CAFÉ in the Gym** including time to get to know others in the church over refreshments, presentations on Summer of Visibility, opportunity to sign up to help, and time for prayer. (this will take the place of the 11am Bible Classes for all Adults and Teens).

Questions: For Grace Café contact Pastor Mark, for Summer Outreach contact Pastor Aaron or Fuzzy



**INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL**
Coming June 8



GRACE YOUTH

Upcoming Events for Youth

Year End Tailgate Party: Wednesday, May 22nd from 6-8:30.

All teens, their families, and prayer partners are invited!

Track & Field Event in Lebanon: Saturday June 1st

Hershey Park Trip: Wednesday July 17th for all teens currently in middle school or high school.

High School Beach Trip: Saturday August 10th for all teens currently in grades 8-12.

Middle School Beach Trip: Saturday August 24th for all students currently in grades 5-8.

GRACE kids

Summer Children's Outreach

While we have been richly blessed to partner with CEF for the past two summers in hosting Backyard Bible Clubs, we are planning to shift gears slightly this summer. We are looking for a few families who can commit to visiting at a park/public location in close proximity to the church on a weekly basis over the summer. The intention would be to meet other children/families who could be ministered to. At some point between mid-July to early-August the church will host a 3-day Bible club at those parks, geared towards the children who frequent the park. Our goal would be to share the hope of the Gospel while building lasting relationships with families who are not already connected to a church. **If you are interested in engaging a local park, please reach out to Fuzzy** (dphillips@gracebfc.org). Grace will also host special Wacky Wednesdays scattered throughout the summer as well as our annual kid's carnival. Lastly, if you are interested in hosting a Backyard Bible Club through CEF, we would love to get you connected with them.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Schedule

- February & March - Hygiene Items
- April & May - Toys for 2 to 4 yr. olds
- June & July - Fun items for 5 to 14 yr. olds
- August & September - School Supplies
- October & November - Misc. items

For the months of April and May we will be focusing on collecting toys for the youngest age group, the 2 to 4 yr. olds. (Coloring Books, balls, cars, dolls, play dough, plastic animals, etc.). Don't forget to check Spring Sales in your favorite stores. You can find a lot of good bargains for our shoeboxes. We are still collecting hygiene items as well. Your donations can be put in the orange bin in the coat room by the sanctuary.

The sewing group meets the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday at 12:30 in the fireplace room. We are still in need of people to help in this area. For more info contact Kathy Mills, Sue Yavor or Janet Letsche

GRACE FAMILY NEWS

Easter Baptism

Tom Kopp

Welcome New Members

Ryan and Caroline Jones

Matthew and Trina Kessler

Thiago and Anna Lee Lima

Tom Kopp



Gift Card Shower for Caroline Jones

We want to celebrate the birth of Lena to Ryan and Caroline Jones, our local campus missionaries. The missions committee is organizing a "gift card" shower for **Sunday May 19**. All you need to do to participate is bring a gift card that Sunday and drop it in the box in the Gym. There will also be a meet and greet time with the Jones family. *Questions? Contact Debbie Wilt*

Ministry Partner Events

Compassion Corps Student Sponsorship Program - Short Stacks for a Tall Cause

Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 8 AM - 10 AM. Applebee's on Pennell Rd., Aston, PA. \$10 per person. See PJ Hartzell to purchase your tickets

Delco CEF - Walk-a-thon

Child Evangelism Fellowship walk-a-thon **Saturday, May 4, 2019**, 9am-1pm at Ridley Creek State park (Pavilion 17). For more information on walking or supporting CEF see Justin Gambrell (Justin will be one of those walking).

Grace and Guilt at War

by Pastor Emeritus Richard Taylor

You could ask, "Are grace and guilt at war?" The correct answer would be no. That is the correct answer since Jesus died on the cross and left an empty tomb. What He did brought justification. When you trust in what Jesus did, you are justified. It is as though you were standing before God who is about to pronounce judgment against you because of your guilt. And you know you are guilty so you can make no objection. But, suddenly to your astonishment, God declares you to be not guilty. You learn He does this because the death of Jesus was for your sin and guilt. Your guilt is gone when you accept what He did. The grace of God has triumphed. So, you can say the war is over.

But, a struggle goes on. Maybe it is not a war but it is a continuing battle. The apostle Paul talks about it in Romans 7:13-25 as he talks about his struggle with sin in his life. He ends it with these words, "Wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin." Paul has said he knows what he ought to do but does not do it. I am confident that anyone reading this understands. Grace brings a battle with guilt but on different ground.

The battle now is to accept the grace of God. Justified sinners who know they have sinned now battle the guilt of failure. This guilt does not bring God's judgment but the shame of knowing you are not what God wants you to be. And the enemy of your soul is there to whisper that you are a failure and ask why God would keep you around. You should notice that Paul agonizes as he identifies himself as a wretched man. And he talks about serving God in his mind while serving sin in his body. But in the middle he says, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Grace wins again. Trusting Jesus means His grace conquers our repeated failures. When you feel what Paul felt when he uttered, "Wretched man that I am," you need to remember that grace wins. God keeps you and the battle goes on.

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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

May 4	Grace Day of Service
May 12	Summer Missions Sunday <i>(including Breakfast as well as Dessert Auction)</i>
May 14	Young at Heart Trip to Lancaster
May 19	Summer Outreach Sunday <i>(including Grace Café)</i> ; Communion during Worship
	Prayer and Song Night
June 8	International Festival
July 14	Church Picnic

Full Calendar at Gracebfc.org

Financial Update

March Year to Date giving: \$158,163

Budget need: \$162,538

Easter Offering * (as of 4/23) \$ 5,259

** You can still give toward the Easter Offering*

May Birthdays

1	Linda Werner	8	Sarah Bromley	24	Zarah Bach
2	Barbara Brennan	9	Angela Kraemer	25	Laura Linn
2	Liliya Ivanenko	9	Beth Wiegand	26	Lynn Schaaf
3	Leonid Ivanenko	11	Jenn Lindemuth	27	Bobbi Petrillo
3	Ryan Schmidt	12	Wesley Fiorentino	30	Megan Susek
3	Steven Seal	12	Marilyn Colvin		
4	Rich Hoback	13	Jon Parsons		
5	Joshua Fisher	13	Callie Susek	5	Isaac & Casi Hoyle
5	P.J. Hartzell	13	Samuel Gambrill	6	Mark & Jacqui Campbell
6	Doris Sidlow	14	Tom Gambrill	9	Steve & Sue Yavor
7	Robert Hinchliff	17	Sue Parsons	16	Chip & Nicole Harper
7	Vera Woitas	21	Brenda Hastie	20	Dan & Lisa Seal
7	JoAnn Ruark	21	Mark Jordan	21	Jim & Maggie Henry
8	Emily Bromley	23	Jack Bromley	24	Dan & Gloria Seal
		23	August fisher	25	Jon & Jen Schmidt
				27	Chris & Kelli Yacono
				31	Erik & Justine Bellandi

May Anniversaries