

The Christian Messenger

May 17, 2015

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Sunday Services

Bible School
8:45 a.m.

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship
6:00 p.m.

***LIVING A LIFE OF
VICTORY***

Bible Study

Four-week study beginning
Wednesday, May 27th at
6:15 p.m.



THOUGHTS FROM BRAD ...

May 27-I will begin a **new 4 week Bible study** entitled: "**Living a Life of Victory**". Let's stop thinking about defeat. Let's think about winning. We will meet each Wednesday night in the fellowship hall at 6:15 P.M. I hope you will join us.

June 6-Hey Guys, if you like to fish, we are planning a trip to a local lake to bring in a big haul of whoppers. Or are we going to Burger King to get a whopper and a fish sandwich? This is all too confusing! No, we are definitely **going to Rushcreek Lake and going fishing**. Ryan Ratliff is making plans for this fun outing so please save the date. More details to come soon.

June 23-26-North American Christian Convention in Cincinnati. A great learning opportunity like this comes around very seldom in our area. Kim and I plan to attend this year's convention as it is always jam-packed with great music and speakers from around the country. You will be greatly blessed if you attend. Why not plan to go down for a day with your family? Or even better, why not plan to stay overnight so you can enjoy a couple days of family fun. If you would like more details, go to www.gotonacc.org.

Startling...I always like to see what is trending in our country. According to this study, we'd better get our heads out of the sand. Read on!

The Pew Research center surveyed 35,000 adults and here is what they discovered...

- 85% of those born between (1928-1945) call themselves Christian.
- Just 56% of today's younger generation (born between 1990-1996) do the same, even though a vast majority of this group were raised in religious homes.
- One conclusion according to the study, and I quote, "Is that the older generations of Americans are not passing along the Christian faith as effectively as their forebears."
- But we cannot lay the blame simply on one generation for why the younger generation is less likely to be found in a church.
- Another interesting note from this study showed that 70% of full-time youth ministers have no theological education. Is it any wonder, more young adults (such as former kids invested in through youth ministries) are not actively involved or serving in a church?
- Bottom line: We have a lot of work to do to reach this generation and future generations for Christ. All generations must help with this vital work. "The harvest is ready but the laborers are few." I think I've heard that somewhere before.

Please pray daily for our church and your role in helping more connect to Jesus Christ.

In His Service,

Brad

CRAFT CORNER **Saturday, May 30th – 9am-noon**

Come and join us with whatever project you are working on. We will also be finishing up the premie hats. Any questions, contact Delores Payne.



Book Nook **Monday, June 1st** **6:30 p.m.**

We will be discussing the book
Wrangler in Petticoats
By Mary Connealy

SPIRITUAL STATISTICS – May 10, 2015

Sunday School	76
Morning Worship	146
Evening Worship	26
Weekly Budget	\$ 4,686.00
Budget Received	\$ 4,037.00
Roof Fund	\$ 420.00
Roof Fund (received to date)	\$ 5,105.00
Reach Out on Campus	\$ 350.00
Van Fund	\$ 55.00
Building Fund	\$ 60.00

SERVING SCHEDULE May 17, 2015

At the Table		Dave Tingler and Ned Tomlinson
Serving		Dale Rose, Ray Ayers, Richard Boyer, Dan Brown
PM Deacon		Dale Rose
COMMUNION		Brenda Hines
GREETERS		
NURSERY		
Sunday School		Shirley Marsh
Worship		Thea Kallenberg
VISITOR CENTER		Sue Tingler
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER		Marg Shumaker
CHILDREN'S CHURCH		Natalie & Michaela Neff
SECURITY		
Sunday School and Worship		Tim Huffman
Evening Worship		Jim Puckett

SERVING SCHEDULE May 24, 2015

At the Table		Fred Griffith and Josh Czich
Serving		Tim Huffman, John Burgess, Mike Bussey, Ray Coats
PM Deacon		Tim Huffman
COMMUNION		Brenda Hines
GREETERS		Carmel and Shirley Marsh
NURSERY		
Sunday School		Laura Wersell
Worship		Olinda LeMaster
VISITOR CENTER		Janet Brown
SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPER		Tracy Eldridge
CHILDREN'S CHURCH		Natalie & Michaela Neff
SECURITY		
Sunday School and Worship		Bill Kelly
Evening Worship		Dick Shumaker

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

All classes are at 8:45 a.m.

Nursery
(Birth through 3 years old)

“Jesus Loves Me”

Room 102

Preschool

(Ages 3-6)

“Bible Friends”

Room 105

Marie Huffman, Teacher

Early Elementary

(K– 3rd Grade)

“Jesus, Our Example”

Room 101

Deborah Will, Teacher

Upper Elementary Class

(4th–6th Grade)

“Jesus, Our Example”

Room 106

Larry King, Teacher

Junior/Senior High

“I Timothy”

3rd Floor

Josh Czich, Teacher

Ladies' Class

“Eats With Sinners”

Room 209

Beverly Puckett, Teacher

Adult Class

“Ecclesiastes”

Room 214

Brad SeEVERS, Teacher

Harmony Adult Class

“Acts of Worship”

Room 204

Dave Tingler, Teacher

Philothean Adult Class

“Parables”

Room 208

Jim Love, Teacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 18th

Facility Management Meeting, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 19th

Deacons Meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 20th

Elders/Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 27th

Bible Study, 6:15pm

May 25th – 29th

Senior Saints in the Smokies

Saturday, May 30th

Craft Corner, 9-noon

Sunday, May 31st

Food Pantry Sunday

Prayer Requests

Millie Hoy	Betty Sparks	Naressa Allen
Kasen Newman	Our Troops	Jeane Goldfarb
Camille Stiverson	Alberta Ellis	Judy Fricker
Scott Brown	Connie Lane	Lois Wilson
Carolyn McKenzie	Jeanne Noble	Pat Schlosser
Kenneth Dusthimer	Bill Walker	Wib Sparks
Dorothy Hudson	Norma Bullock	Pam Schmeltzer
Paul Stiverson	George Ellis	Brett Bacon
Virginia Wentz		Lisa Hoyt

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE!

**At FACC, we focus on loving God, loving people,
and turning the world upside down.**

We are happy you chose to worship with us today. We hope you return next week and bring your friends with you. If you would please take a few minutes to fill out a "Silent Roll Call Card", located on the back of the pew, you can then place it in the offering plate as it is passed. Thank you. For more information about our great church, contact our minister, Brad SeEVERS at Brad@new-churches.org or call him at 740.550.9882. Have a great week and may God bless your life.

“Half-Hearted? Or Humble In Heart?”

II Chronicles 7

Brad SeEVERS preaching

How Can I Respond Today?

At FACC we look to the Bible for guidance on all issues. We believe that God's Word is clear concerning what a person must do to become a Christian.

- ◆ Trust that Jesus can bring you to salvation.
- ◆ Turn (repent) from the sin in your life.
- ◆ Confess your desire to make Jesus the Lord of your life.
- ◆ Be baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the Holy Spirit into your life.

To make this *life decision for Christ*, we ask that you *come forward during our commitment song* at the conclusion of the Sunday message. *Baptized believers are welcome to become members* at FACC by coming forward on Sunday morning or by seeing our Senior Minister to discuss this further. We ask that you *complete a series of Curious classes* to help you better understand what you are committing to as a member. If you would like to take a *Curious* class, please indicate this on your Silent Roll Call Card.

Core Values...

Values central to the life, mission and vision of Fifth Avenue Church of Christ are:

Christ-Centered Worship

We make it a priority every Sunday to celebrate Jesus through our music. (Romans 11:36-12:1-2). We focus on Jesus through grace-based preaching and teaching & understand the Bible is our authority (2 Timothy 3:16).

Church Health and Biblical Balance

Church health becomes reality when God's people seek harmony & live consistently. We expect every member to protect the unity of Christ's Church. (Romans 12:16; 1 Peter 3:8)

Global Evangelism

We are constant to our founding call to worldwide evangelism, proclaiming to all that Jesus Christ is the Savior, Healer, and Soon-Coming King (Acts 20:27).

Fellowship and Ministry

After people begin their journey with Jesus, we will equip them to find a ministry based upon their strengths. We want everyone to serve in some capacity. (1 Corinthians 12:12-27) We also want His church to be the living evidence of His love and power to the world.

Discipleship

We do not want you to "get religion" here at Fifth Avenue Church of Christ in Lancaster. We are all about teaching you that Jesus seeks a daily relationship with Him through a life of obedience. In other words, we want to see the things you are taught actually change your lifestyle & your daily decisions.

Social Conscience

We place high value on the sanctity of human life, of Biblical marriage and morality, and we welcome ethnic diversity (Isaiah 56:7; Philippians 2:15-16).

OUR PURPOSE

WE EXIST TO ...

- Exalt God's Greatness;
- Evangelize God's Work
- Equip God's People
- Express God's Love through Jesus Christ

OUR MISSION

"To Love God and Love People!"