



"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The Higher Ground

The Parkesburg Baptist Church Newsletter

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*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.*

-Psalm 90:1, NIV -

Dear friends,

At some point, you've probably heard one of those, "There's two kinds of people" jokes. "There are two kinds of people in the world: Givers and Takers. Takers eat well, but Givers sleep well." Or, "There are two kinds of people in the world – those who walk into a room and say, 'There you are!' – and those who say, 'Here I am!' " (Abigail Van Buren). "Two kinds of people" jokes are usually intended to be somewhat silly – since, of course, it's crazy to think that all people would fit into one of two general categories – of ANYTHING! It may sound equally crazy, but I there may really be only two kinds of churches: attractional and missional.


An attractional church is one that has a "Field of Dreams" strategy to reach others: "If you build it, they will come." If you build a nice building, and you have excellent programs for all ages, and (of course) if you build a very attractive Sunday morning worship service, you're bound to grow. For a long time in our country, that was an effective strategy. Most people went to church. When moving to a new community they would either begin attending the church of the same denomination as the church they just left, or they would visit some of the churches and decide which one had the programs and worship style they were comfortable with. So if a church did a good job of "building it", they would grow, or at least stay steady. If they had a really "standout" service – with great music, powerful preaching and so on, they'd be sure to grow.

But the church-going population of the United States has been dropping over the course of several decades, and even the rate of decline has gone up dramatically in the last decade. When asked for their religious preference, nearly 1 in 4 Americans answered, "None." That number is greatest among the youngest adults. Data from the Pew Research Center claims "a consistent and noteworthy increase among Americans who are disconnected from faith."¹

Some churches (usually new church plants) use an attractional model with success. However, established churches have a tougher time making it work well. The other model is called "missional," and has more of an emphasis on church folks connecting with their communities. This can be done in a myriad of ways, depending on the church and the community. But it also requires understanding how to connect the life-changing truth of the Gospel with people who live in a very different world from the one our church was designed to reach.

Our world is changing with blinding speed – and shows no signs of slowing. How do we learn not only to adapt to it, but "do church" effectively in this changing culture? This summer, I am inviting folks to join me in reading a book titled *Canoeing the Mountains*. (See announcement elsewhere in newsletter). I believe it will help all of us to get a better handle becoming a "Corps of Discovery," a fellowship of God's people able to reach our neighbors for Christ.

Grace & peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary".

¹ <https://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2016/september/state-of-american-church-when-numbers-point-to-new-reality.html>

Notes From the Combined Board Meeting on May 10, 2018:

Joint Meeting Notes:

Mission Board: Leslie Turley, International Ministries' Area Director for Southeast Asia and Japan, is requesting that our church host missionary speaker, Marlene Po. Marlene is a newly appointed missionary who is serving immigrants from Myanmar (formerly Burma) who are residing in the United States.

The International Ministries Spring Matching Fund Challenge continues through June 15th. All "new" monies (above the current pledges) donated to any IM missionary (including Sue Hegarty, David & Joyce Reed) will be matched dollar for dollar during this time. What a great time to give!

Christian Education Board: Special Needs children require one on one supervision for off campus outings. This concern was addressed last year. However, no written policy is available. Request was made for a written policy. Pastor Mary is requesting that the multiple teachers serving on the boards develop a church policy and present it to the combined boards. Charlie Palmer will contact the insurance company for our church to obtain information about policy coverage for this situation.

Vacation Bible School will be hosted by the Methodist Church from July 8-12. Volunteers are needed.

Christian Ed board is planning a summer kick-off picnic June 10; details forthcoming.

Trustee Board: The floors in Crane Hall were re-coated this past month and look very nice. The women's bathroom door will be replaced. Jim Rice was commended on the excellent care of the inside and outside areas of our church.

Prayer Requests: Suzanne Graybeal, Norman Robinson and Betty Smith (Wayne Mellinger's sister)

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Robinson
Diaconate Secretary

SUNDAY NURSERY

**9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Cathy Pisch**

JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

June 3	Deanna Blevins	June 10	No Junior Church
June 17	Deanna Blevins	June 24	No Junior Church

PARABLE QUEST

Hey Kids ages 3 to 12, it is time for Parable Quest. Singing, dinner, Bible stories and games can be enjoyed by all. Hope to see you there. Don't forget friends are always welcome! From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars!

6/13/18

6/20/18

Any questions? Please call Diane Palmer 610-593-2846 or Tamara Oswald 610-857-3314.

BYF SCHEDULE

Sunday	June 3rd	5-7 pm
Sunday	June 10th	5-7 pm
Friday	June 15th	7-10 pm Game Night
Friday	June 22nd	7-10 pm Game Night
Wed to	June 27th to	
Sun	July 1st	BYF Creation

PARKESBURG COMMUNITY OUTREACH NEWS

We (PBC) collect food each week for both the Octorara Area Food Cupboard and for our church's own pantry. Please place all donations on the table closest to the alley door or in the basket at the front entrance. If you have questions, see Deanna or Brianna Blevins. We thank you for your continued support for this mission.

Please add the following items to your food cupboard list: paper towels, napkins, feminine products (pads w/wings), toilet paper, tissues, bath soap, laundry soap, body lotion, toothpaste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, trash bags (all sizes), dish liquid. They are currently looking for non-perishable donations of the following: meaty soup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, applesauce, canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter & jelly.

Bible Word Search: Rich Man, Poor Man

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle each letter of the words you find. Put the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. (Answer will be in next month's newsletter)

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Aaron, Absalom, Barnabas,
Boaz, Brothers, Cain,
Criminals, Disciples,
Fleece, Gamaliel, Gideon,
Ham, Herod Antipas,
James, Japheth, Jawbone,
Job, Joseph, King Xerxes,
Lazarus, Luke, Malchus,
Marriage, Matthew,
Methuselah, Moses,
Nicodemus, Potiphar,
Priests, Ruth, Samaritan,
Seth, Simon of Cyrene,
Sodom, Sons of Thunder,
Timothy, Zacchaeus

Answer to the May's puzzle:

Testify

THRIVE CONFERENCE 2018

Sponsored by ABWMOPAD

July 13-15, 2018

Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA

Conference Cost: \$165.00 Ladies \$100.00 Girls

Some FIRST TIME SCHOLARSHIPS available

Kelley Latta
Keynote Speaker



Kelley Latta is a Bible teacher whose passion is teaching believers how to approach Christ through His Word so they can live transformed. Kelley was confronted in her mid-twenties by the reality that her beliefs about Christianity didn't match up with Jesus' teachings. Compelled into the Word to discover Truth for herself, she encountered Jesus through its pages and finally experienced the transforming power of grace. She now aims to help the body realize the saving reality of authentic intimacy with Jesus Christ.



Thriving

In God's Loving Instruction

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my loving eye on you. Psalm 32:8 NIV

For more information, contact:
Conference Coordinator, Jen Rice jlrice1018@yahoo.com
Registrar, Jodie Vasbinder abwmopadregionregistrar@gmail.com

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Men's Fellowship meeting will resume in September.
They had 9 in attendance at the May meeting.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have Sunday school classes for everyone in the entire family. Come check one out! Our Sunday school classes and teachers are

Nursery (birth - 3 years old) - Cathy Pisch
Pre-K (age 4) - 2nd Grade - Michelle Myles
3rd - 6th Grade - Megan Clarke
7th - 12th Grade - Dustin & Amanda King
Adult Class - Crazy Love - Dana Young

If you would like to suggest a topic for an adult class, please see Ginny Schempp or Debbie Desmond. We are always looking for new ideas or topics and anyone willing to teach or volunteer.

NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN ED BOARD

On Sunday, June 10th following church there will be a Summer Kick Off for Sunday School and Church. Everyone is invited and is asked to bring a salad or dessert. Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided.

PARKESBURG BAPTIST PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Rob Vann & Jim Rogers
Pam & Jose Munoz, Bob Whitus, Julie Geyer
Grace King
Gary Wetzel
Kiersten Imhoff
John Rode, Fred Weller,
Diane Parsons, & Willy Lally
Mark Dugger, Son-in-law
Elmer Arment, Diane & Josh Pearl, Patsy & Wayne Fuller
Christy Meneely, Linda Lucas, Bruce Marker
Joe Weise
Earl Taylor
Rick & Jen Turner
Andy Tascano & family, Lloyd Groff & Sandy Pepperday
Norman Robinson, Eddie Chapman, grandson Joshua
Lou Guardiani
Mark Smith, Kim MacLeod
Son Dusty, Daughter April Hankinson,
Brother Jerry Wheeler, Nephew Chad Wheeler,
Sister-in-law Pam Wheeler, Talia Aukers & Joanne Greir
Barbara Holcomb
Mable McCoy, Glen McCoy & Larry Swiegart
Damon Scott IV, Damon Scott Jr., Debbie Hess,
David Young, Devon Malloy, Rachael Young
Mandy Wagner

REQUESTERS

Barry & Doris Aberts
Debby Allen
Jeanie Barnett
Tim Clarke
Megan Clarke

Bobbi Cross
Terry & Susan Daily
Thelma Gillespie
Rev. Dan & Sue MacDonald
Nan Needham
Ozzy & Tamara Oswald
Charlie & Diane Palmer
Joy Pepperday
Loretta Robinson
Tim & Laurie Robinson
LaVelle Smith

Michelle Snyder
Judy Swisher
Fred & Nancy Tyson

Dana & Rusty Young
George Young

SHUT INS: Clint English, Verna Hanscom, Dorothy Major, Florence Ratcliff, LaVelle Smith, Lynn Vanderhoof

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Cpt. Matthew Fesak, Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage, Troy McBride, Joe Moore, Maj. Todd Moulder, SRA Andrew O'Hop, Lt. Col., Bryan O'Neill, Erick Potter, Nathan Singer, GySgt. Matthew Wertz

MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE MONTH

**GySgt. Matthew Wertz
414 Old Meadow Road
Bluffton, SC 29901**





OUR GRADUATES

High School

Joe Meyer - Octorara High School - Top 5!
Future Plans - Majoring in Pre-Med at Liberty University

Elise Robinson - Octorara High School - Valedictorian!
Future Plans - Majoring in Politics and International Relations at Messiah College

College

Roy Engel - Millersville University - Bachelor of Science Degree in Graphic Design and Entrepreneurship

Parkesburg Baptist Church would like to congratulate all of our graduates!

HELP NEEDED

Dana Young is in need of someone to take charge of the meal for our PBC Night at the Point on July 17th. The meal will be for anywhere from 60 to 80 children. If you can help, please give Dana a call at 484-401-4355.

Thank you.

Please Note: As of the July Newsletter I will be clearing our Prayer List in the Newsletter and we will be starting from scratch. If you wish to keep the people on your list, please make sure you either email, call or drop a note in the basket of the secretary's door.

Email is: info@parkesburgbaptist.org Phone: 610-857-9135 leave a message for Church Secretary. Thank you for your help with this matter. - Denise, Church Secretary.



*June's
Birthday
Corner*

Jun. 2nd	Gary Myers Charlie Palmer Judy Swisher
Jun. 3rd Jun. 6th	Terry Daily Sherry Finegan Ben Myles John Rich
Jun. 7th	Barry Wingert
Jun. 10th	Melissa Mercado Rick Peterson, Sr. Brenda Pisch
Jun. 12th	Jeremy Mercado Joan Miller Jackson Myles
Jun. 14th	Michael Coover Kolbie Janssen Elise Robinson
Jun. 15th	Megan Cook
Jun. 19th Jun. 22nd Jun. 23rd	Alyssa Bickert Joseph Newnam Emma Myles
Jun. 28th	Cale Benard Carol Handy
Jun. 29th Jun. 30th	Lee Fulmer Jamie Schempp

Important Dates & Times

Jun. 3	10:30am	Communion Service with Graduate Recognition
Jun. 10	10:30am	Worship Service with Summer Kick-off Cookout after.
Jun. 27 to Jul 1		BYF Creation

Happy Anniversary

To the following couples :

- Jun. 18th - Rick & Tracey Peterson
- Jun. 20th - Bob & Judy Reynolds
- Jun. 30th - John & Terri Rich

The Parkesburg Baptist Church would like to wish everyone a very Happy Birthday!

Directory Updates:

Please make the following changes to your directory:

James (Jim) Rice has a new address:
519 Hibernia Road

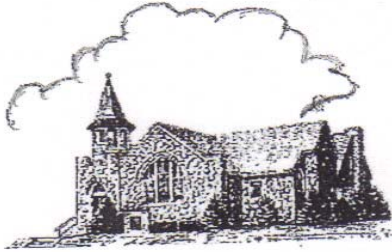
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Church Events

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DATED MATERIAL - DO NOT HOLD!

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

June



The Mission of the Parkesburg Baptist Church is to accept and treat everyone as Jesus would; bring people to a personal relationship with Him; and disciple all believers to be Christ's witnesses to the world.

Let your dreams be bigger than your fears
and your actions louder than your words.

-Author Unknown-