



"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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*"Restrain your voice from weeping
and your eyes from tears,
for your work will be rewarded,"
- Jeremiah 31:16, NIV -*

“Why should I take this class? Isn't it just for church leaders?”

Dear friends,

I've been encouraging folks to enroll in an online class (see below) that I believe will be a great help in understanding some of the challenges the church is facing. One person who had signed up and started the book it's based on texted me with this question: “Reading in chapter 1, I get the sense that this book is written for leaders. I am a follower, not a leader. Will this series apply to me as well?” Others have asked similar questions, so I wanted to share this slightly embellished version of the answer I gave her.

“Yes. And here's why. In Baptist churches, everybody's opinion counts. Everybody votes. As a leader, it's very frustrating to have some people invest a lot of time and energy and prayer to seek God's leading and then when a plan is presented to the congregation for a vote, those who have not gone through that process, and so don't have the same understanding, oppose it. They may vote against it or withhold giving, or stir up division with negative talk, or just refuse to cooperate (It hasn't happened to me here, but it does happen!) If we are going to move forward, we must move forward *together*. So I want as many people as possible to understand the kinds of challenges facing us, and the ways we need to act, so they can understand should the leadership propose changes that may be hard. I want us to have a common language and a common knowledge, so that the church can approach our challenges with one heart and spirit.” I'm happy to report that the person texted back, “So on to chapter 2!”

What about you? Will you join us? No matter what role you play in the church, I believe you will benefit and I know your church will benefit from your participation.

Once again, here are the details:

Life Lessons from the Lewis & Clark Expedition: Living Life in Uncharted Territory

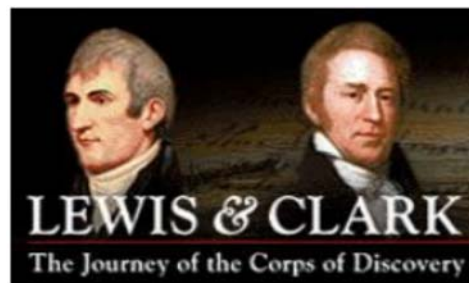
What: An online class being offered through the lay studies program of our American Baptist Region, ABC of PA & DE (ABCOPAD).

When: September 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2018; 7 – 8:30 pm

Where: Online! You can take the class at home (on your computer, tablet or smartphone!), or join others who will be watching at church. The site is called Go to Meeting, and you will be sent a code to sign in (not necessary if you are coming to the church)

Cost: \$10.00 (Includes Canoeing the Mountains book. What a deal!)

How to sign up: Go to abcopad.org and look down the left side of the page under the “Coming Up” section. (It may scroll through some other events first) You will be redirected to a registration page. (Or ask Pastor Mary and she would be HAPPY to sign you up!)



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mary'. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Notes From the Combined Board Meeting on August 9, 2018:

Attendance: Ellen Brehm, Ryan Clarke, Suzanne Graybeal, Amanda King, Chris Markward, Rick Woodhouse, Rusty Young, and Pastor Mary

Joint Meeting Notes:

Trustees – need to look into the outside door coming into Crane Hall not shutting correctly.

Christian Ed – church picnic this Sunday at Black Rock Retreat

Mission Board – mission trip to Alabama went well. The team worked on four homes and put on a day camp for children. On Sept. 30 a missionary couple, Brian & Lynnette Smith, will be presenting during the worship service. Bob & Judy Reynolds will host them Saturday night. What type of reception should we have following the church service?

Deacon Board – baptism this Sunday at the lake at Black Rocket Retreat

Pastor Mary – ABCOPAD is putting on an online class on Tuesday evenings in September based on “Canoeing the Mountains”. It is from 7-8:30pm and the cost is \$10. Pastor Mary would love for the church leadership to really consider taking this. This course is open to all church members.

Deacon’s Meeting Notes:

Committee Reports –

Fellowship Fund – the balance is around \$2,900.00.

Sunshine – Suzanne asked Diane to take over due to health issues and Diane has been sending cards.

Pastor’s Report –

Member Updates –

Anna Skiles was in the hospital, but she’s now home. Please continue to pray for continued healing.
Catherine Rice is doing better.

Pastor Concerns –

Concerns were brought up to Pastor Mary that some deacons were upset that she was not giving more detailed information during the deacons meeting and she asked that if a deacon does have a question or concern to bring it up during the meeting or directly to Pastor Mary.

She believes that reporting details is important but it is not what we should focus on and how we should measure success.

Comments/Suggestions from the Board –

Home Communion –

Rusty is going to work on getting a new home communion person for Lynn Vanderhoof because Amanda can’t do it.

Chair/Vice-Chair Remarks –

Prayer Concerns –

Rachael Young continues to have health issues.

Melissa Wagenmann went through cancer treatment but continues to have related health issues.

Rick Woodhouse finished up his cancer treatment but will continue to be monitored.

Suzanne Graybeal continues to have health issues, specifically with her eyes.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2018 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Robinson
Diaconate Secretary
(notes by Amanda King due to absence)

SUNDAY NURSERY

9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Cathy Pisch

JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Deanna Blevins	Sept. 9	No Junior Church
Sept. 16	Deanna Blevins	Sept. 23	No Junior Church
Sept. 30	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 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars!

9/19/18

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

In case of bad weather please call to make sure we are having Parable Quest.

BYF SCHEDULE

Sunday	Sept. 9th	5-7 pm	
Sunday	Sept. 16th	5-7 pm	
Sunday	Sept. 23rd	5-7 pm	
Sunday	Sept. 30th	5-7 pm	Service Scavenger Hunt

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: Tools

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 months newsletter)

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Blacksmith, Blade, Brass,
Brazier, Bronze, Carpenter,
Chisel, Clay, Copper, Cut,
Dagger, Fasten, File,
Furnace, Goad, Hammer,
Harrow, Implements, Iron,
Jewelry, Knife, Loom,
Mattock, Maul, Measure,
Metalsmith, Millstone,
Mirror, Mortar, Nail, Needle,
Oven, Pestle, Pick, Plane,
Plummet, Razor, Shovel,
Sickle, Sieve, Smelter,
Spindle, Surveyor,
Weapons, Yoke

Answer to the Jul/Aug. puzzle:

Commandments

UPDATE FROM EMMA MYLES

I've made it through three weeks of being in New Zealand so I thought I'd give everyone an update on how things are going :) To say that I love it here would definitely be an understatement... The community here is something I have never experienced, it's so unique and so special. Being surrounded by people who love Jesus so much is so inspiring and encourages me in so many different ways. I've made such special bonds with so many people and thinking to when I have to say bye to them is already making me sad. I've met people from all over the world, whether it's from Norway, The Netherlands, Australia, or California (there are many more places!!) I'm realizing that combining cultures is so important and forces us to live in a community where Jesus comes before culture (as He should come before everything). The cultural ties break in environments like this, as they should anywhere. Although I miss my family and friends, I know that God has called me to missions and this is just apart of that process. I've already seen so much growth in myself and am seeking God like I never have before. I've had several prophecies spoken over me that are making me have confidence in the calling God has placed in my life. New Zealand is a beautiful country and being immersed in their culture is such a precious thing to be apart of. God is so good and I am so grateful to all of the people that have been praying for this journey. This is definitely where God wants me to be and this season of life is filled with so much joy, new revelations, and wholeheartedly seeking God in everything I do.



Emma Myles, daughter of Ben & Michelle Myles
(in the center)



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Men's Fellowship meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Dutchway Restaurant. They had 9 in attendance at their May meeting.

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Ladies of the church we invite you all to come to one of our two Women's Circles starting this fall. We are doing a book study on "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp.

The question is "How do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, disappointments and daily duties." This is a five week session but each session is unique, so if you miss one you won't get behind.

So no excuses, come join us in spiritual fellowship as we learn more about giving thanks and gain a heart full of delight in all of life's situations. Every moment is a gift from God.

Circles meet the second Tuesday of each month at the church. Faith Circle meets at 12:30 pm and Hope Circle meets at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there.



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.

PARKESBURG BAPTIST PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Rob Vann & Jim Rogers
Ruthann Passarelli
John Rode, Fred Weller & Willy Lally

REQUESTERS

Barry & Doris Aberts
Jeanie Barnett
Bobbi Cross

**SPECIAL FRIENDS: Clint English, Verna Hanscom, Dorothy Major,
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**

**Erick Potter
1720 Longbow Court
Clarkesville, TN 37042**

Please Note: *I have received updates from the above people for the monthly prayer requests. If you wish to add 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.



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Join us for Sunday School, worship and covered dish lunch. The mission board is excited to welcome missionaries-to-be, Brian & Lynette Smith, members of First Baptist Church of Cambridge Springs, PA in the French Creek Association. This makes them family as they and Parkesburg Baptist are both members of ABCOPAD.

Brian & Lynette are preparing to serve in Haiti in partnership with the Haitian Baptist Convention. Brian will work with local & visiting mission teams in construction and ongoing maintenance projects at the Eye Center, the Christian University of Northern Haiti and the Convention Hospital. Lynette will be teaching God's love to women, providing instruction in basic hygiene and self-care skills and leading creative art workshops to empower women and children in their gifts of creativity.

Brian & Lynette will share during the Christian Ed hour, worship with us and then fellowship and share as they can during the covered dish lunch. Please come and welcome and encourage Brian & Lynette.

BIBLE STUDY

The Parkesburg Baptist Bible Study will begin at Tel Hai on Thursday, October 4th, at 7p.m. This year we will be studying the book of Acts. Church members and friends are invited to join several Tel Hai residents for this weekly experience. We will meet in the auditorium at Stone Croft, on top of the hill.

For many years now this study has been sponsored by our church and held at Tel Hai since we have many members living there. Some staff have joined us as well. You are encouraged to join with us in a challenging look at the beginnings of the church. We urge you to read through the book in anticipation of our sharing together. Time is always allowed for discussion and questions, but never required of anyone. Beginners as well as knowledgeable students are welcome. We have participants from many denominations present.

We are appreciative of the Tel Hai community for making space available for us in this endeavor. In October we will meet on the 4th, 11th and 25th. Look forward to having you join us.



September's Birthday Corner

Sept. 4th	Norman Robinson
Sept. 5th	Christopher Oas
Sept. 6th	Rick Turner, Sr.
Sept. 8th	Madalyn Myles
Sept. 9th	Hannah Bless
Sept. 10th	Tom Cook Miriam Curry Valerie Woodhouse
Sept. 13th	Ryan Wilson
Sept. 15th	Susan Connolly
Sept. 19th	Teresa Hooper
Sept. 23rd	Matt Oas
Sept. 24th	Tracy Finegan
Sept. 27th	Gayle McCloskey
Sept. 28th	Roy Engel, Jr Joe Kapes
Sept. 29th	Brandon Hugill

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

Important Dates & Times

Sept. 2	10:30am	Communion Service
Sept. 13	7:00pm	Deacon, Mission & Trustee meetings
Sept. 18	5:00 pm	PBC Night at The Point
Sept. 30		Guest Speakers Brian & Lynette Smith, missionaries-to-be

Happy Anniversary

To the following couples :

Sept. 6th - Todd & Debby Allen
Sept. 8th - Roy & Mary Engel

Sept. 14th - Ron & Lori Kaluzny

Sept. 19th - Bert & Suzanne Graybeal
Sept. 21st - Ben & Joan Miller
Sept. 22nd - Ken & Mindy Altizer

Sept. 25th - Ken & Anna Skiles
Sept. 28th - Walt & Gayle McCloskey
Sept. 29th - Scott & Charlynn Weaver

Directory Updates:

Please make the following changes to your directory:

Norman & Loretta Robinson have moved - new address is:
1361 E. Boot Road #266, West Chester, PA 19380

Florence Ratcliff has moved to Mexico with no new address.

Steve & Karen Mullin have moved - new address is:
3083 W. Tenuta Street, Meridian, ID 83646

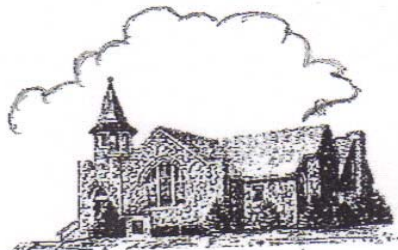
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Church Events

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

September



WE WILL NEVER FORGET

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.

Act with kindness,
but do not expect Gratitude.

-Confucius-