



"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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*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.*

-Hebrews 11:1, NIV -

Dear friends,

Last month, I wrote an article encouraging you to experiment with incorporating Biblical prayers as well as the prayers of others in your devotional life. This month, I'm going to invite you to try something in your Bible reading that you may not have done before. I actually have started using the questions below in my sermon preparation, to help give me another perspective on a passage. I found this information in a Bible-reading plan created by a missions organization called "Every Home for Christ." They call it "The Discovery Method," and I think it is very helpful for moving deeper into understanding Scripture. You'll be asked to go through the passage several times, so it may be best to start with a shorter passage or story. Some of the questions are simple, but often we miss the details that lead to understanding and depth of connection to God's Word. The deeper questions at the end are easier to answer after you've taken notice of the details. Give it a shot and let me know what you think!

Know the Story: Start by reading through the passage one time. Next, scan through the story from start to finish answering question 1 below. Then go through again answering question 2, and again for question 3.

1. Who are the characters?
2. What actions do the characters take?
3. What details in the story seem significant?

Understand the Story: Go through the story again answering question 4 and then 5. If these are not described clearly in the story, imagine what they might have been based on their situation and the character's choices.

4. What are the emotions of each character?
5. What are the motives of each character?

Discover the Truths: Now that we have a better understanding of the story, various truths and lessons will emerge.

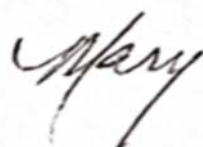
6. What does this story teach us about how we ought to think and act?
7. What does this story teach us about loving God and about loving other people?

Apply the Truth: Now that you have discovered meaningful truths from the story, pray for guidance as you answer questions 8 and 9 below.

8. Pick one truth that seems the most relevant or needed for your life currently.
9. Consider practical ways that you can apply this truth to your life. (Are there changes you need to make to your thoughts, behaviors, or relationships?)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. -- Romans 15:13 (NIV)

Grace & peace,



Notes From Deacon Board Meeting on June 13, 2019:

The notes from this meeting were unavailable at the time of printing. They will be included in our September Newsletter.

Respectfully,
Denise Tomey
Church Secretary



You May Be A Genius.....

*If you think that you cannot do much and that the little you can do is of no value,
think on these things:*

A shirt waving on a clothesline gave the idea for a great balloon,
the forerunner of the Zeppelin.

A spider web strung across a garden path was the inspiration for the suspension bridge.

A teakettle singing on the stove suggested the steam engine.

A lantern swinging in a tower gave rise to the pendulum.

An apple falling from a tree caused the law of gravity to be discovered.

Your faithfulness in the Kingdom will inspire others to serve the Lord.

SUNDAY NURSERY

9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Cathy Pisch

JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

July 7	Deanna Blevins	July 14	No Junior Church
July 21	No Junior Church	July 28	No Junior Church
Aug. 4	Deanna Blevins	Aug. 11	Church Picnic
Aug. 18	Deanna Blevins	Aug. 25	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!

7/10/19 7/17/19 8/7/19

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

BYF SCHEDULE

Sun.	July 7th	7pm	BYF - Game Night
Sun.	July 14th	7pm	BYF - Game Night
Sun.	July 21st to		
Sat.	July 27th		BYF - Mission Trip to NC
Sun.	Aug. 4th	7am	BYF - Church on the Beach
Sun.	Aug 11th		Church Picnic
Sun.	Aug. 18th	7pm	BYF - Game Night

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: Baptism of Jesus

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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Abraham, Camel's hair,
Confessing, Dove, Fire,
Galilee, Generation,
Heavens, He suffered him,
Holy Ghost, Jesus,
John the Baptist, Jordan,
Locusts, Loins,
Paths straight,
Repentance, Repent ye,
Spirit of God, Straightway,
Thoroughly purge,
Unquenchable, Water,
Well pleased, Wilderness,
Wrath to come

Answer to the **June's** puzzle:

Psalms



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 - "Letters to the Church" by Francis Chan - Ben Myles

We are always looking for new ideas or topics and anyone willing to teach or volunteer.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Men's Fellowship meeting will resume in September.

CHURCH PICNIC INFORMATION

Our annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 11th at the Black Rock Retreat in Quarryville, PA. From 9-10am –Fellowship Time with coffee and goodies; 10-11am –Church Service; 11-Noon-Lunch—please bring a salad or dessert** (meat and drinks are provided); 12:30pm-Baptism at the Lake; 1-3pm –Lake Time; 12-5pm-Pool is open. The pavilion is shady, close to bathrooms, easy parking and a nice playground is close. Women and girls bathing suits may not show any midriff/ stomach area. That is a Black Rock rule. Bring games if you want and the Mission Board will be having a Basket Raffle too. We look forward to you joining us for a fantastic day of fun and fellowship.

** There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter.

PARKESBURG BAPTIST PRAYER REQUESTS

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Curtis Aberts, Jim Rogers & Rob Vann
Nate Lawfer
Willy Lally, John Rode, Fred Weller & Louise Williams
Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage & Family and
Heidi Wipf & Family

REQUESTERS

Barry & Doris Aberts
Tim Clarke
Bobbi Cross

Lynn Vanderhoof

SHUT INS: Clint English, Peggy Haldeman, Verna Hanscom, Dorothy Major, Catherine Rice, Norman & Loretta Robinson, Vivian Spotts, Lynn Vanderhoof

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Sgt. 1stC Christopher Gage, Troy McBride, Lt. Col. Bryan O'Neill, Erick Potter, GySgt. Matthew Wertz

MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE MONTH

**Erick Potter
1720 Longbow Ct.
Clarksville, TN 37042**



We are looking for anyone who would be interested in providing special music this summer for our worship service. Please contact Debby Allen

On Sept. 21st from 6-8pm we will have **Game Night** - Bring your favorite game or learn how to play a new one. You can also just come and relax, converse and enjoy snacks. There will be something for all ages. Hope to see you there!



July's Birthday Corner

Jul. 2nd	Jordan Elise Clarke
Jul. 4th	Loretta Robinson Michael Swisher
Jul. 7th	Debby Allen
Jul. 9th	Marina Kapes
Jul. 13th	Barbara Mellinger
Jul. 16th	Tamara Oswald
Jul. 18th	Kim Snyder Rev. Dr. Lynn Vanderhoof
Jul. 21st	Jeanie Barnett
Jul. 25th	Tom English Karen Mullins

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

Important Dates & Times

Jul. 7	10:30am	Communion Service
Jul. 21 to Jul. 27		Mission Trip to North Carolina

Happy
Anniversary

To the following couples :

Jul. 15th - Charlie & Diane Palmer

Jul. 17th - J. Doug & Avis Benard

Jul. 23rd - Gary & Tina Myers
- Jamie & Ginny Schempp

Jul. 31st - Steve & Karen Mullins

Directory Updates:

Please make the following changes to your directory:

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Aug. 26th	Shirley Altizer

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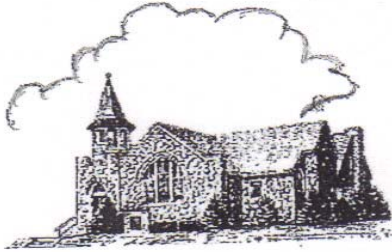
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

July & August



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.

“Believe in yourself. Have faith in your abilities. Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.”

-Norman Vincent Peale-