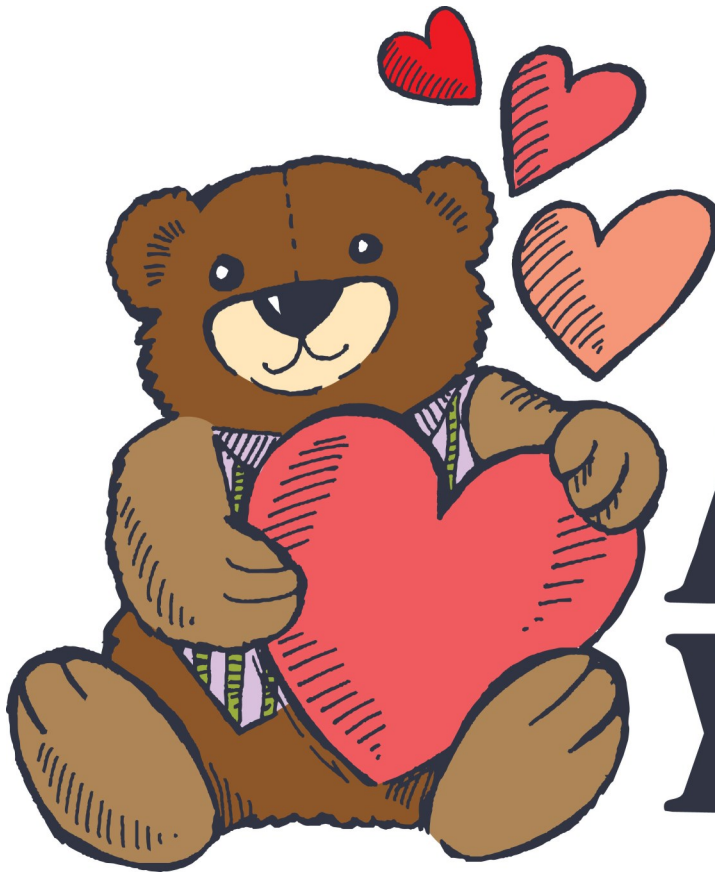


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The Greenville Alliance Church Newsletter



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# Experiencing God's Love by Billy Graham

As I read the Bible, I find love to be the supreme and dominant attribute of God. Because of His holiness, God cannot condone or countenance sin, but He loves the sinner.

Because He is just, He cannot excuse sin. But since His love goes hand in hand with His justice, He has made provision to forgive sin through the atonement of His Son. "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

The promises of God's love and forgiveness are as real, as sure, as positive as human words can make them.

But just as the total beauty of the ocean cannot be understood until it is seen, God's love cannot be understood until you experience it, until you actually possess it. No one can fully describe the wonders of God's love.

Some of our modern "experts" in theology have made attempts to rob God of His warmth, His personal affection for mankind and His sympathy for His creatures.

Never question God's great love, for it is as unchangeable as His holiness. Were it not for the love of God, none of us would ever have a chance in the future life. But God is love! And His love for us is everlasting!

Ours is the God of law who, loving the earth's people, and realizing that we had offended in every point, sent His only Son to redeem us to Himself and to instill the law of the Spirit of life within us. His eyes of compassion have been following men and women as we have stumbled through history under the burden of our own wretchedness.

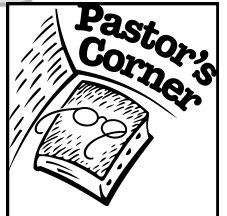
Jeremiah the prophet wrote, "The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: 'Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you'" (Jeremiah 31:3). Calvary should prove even to the most skeptical person that God is not blind to our plight, but that He was willing to suffer with us.

Compassion comes from two Latin words meaning "to suffer with." God's all-consuming love for mankind was best demonstrated at the cross, where His compassion was embodied in Jesus Christ. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19).

Paul speaks of God as one "who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us" (Ephesians 2:4). It was the love of God that sent Jesus Christ to the cross.

But God's love did not begin at Calvary. Before the morning stars of the pre-Edenic world sang together, before the world was baptized with the first light, before the first blades of tender grass peeped out, God was love.

Turn back, if you will, to the unwritten pages of countless aeons and centuries before God spoke this present earth into existence, when the earth was "without form and void," and the deep, silent darkness of outer space formed a vast gulf between the brilliance of God's throne and the dark vacuum where our present solar system now is. *Continued on page 11*



Pastor Nathan Seckinger

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# Winter

## Snowflakes

*And did you know  
 That every flake of snow  
 That forms so high  
 In the gray winter sky  
 And falls so far  
 Is a bright six-pointed star?  
 Each crystal grows  
 A flower as perfect as a rose.  
 Lace could never make  
 The patterns of a flake.  
 No brooch  
 Of figured silver could approach  
 Its delicate craftsmanship. And think;*

*Each pattern is distinct.  
 Of all the snowflakes floating there —  
 The million million in the air —  
 None is the same. Each star  
 Is newly forged, as faces are,  
 Shaped to its own design  
 Like yours and mine.  
 And yet . . . Each one  
 Melts when its flight is done;  
 Holds frozen loveliness  
 A moment, even less;  
 Suspends itself in time —  
 And passes like a rhyme.*

*Clive Sansom*

## Winter Night

*Pile high the hickory and the light  
 Log of chestnut struck by the blight.  
 Welcome in the winter night.*

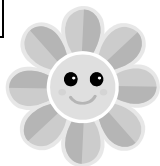
*The day has gone in hewing and felling,  
 Sawing and drawing wood to the dwelling  
 For the night of talk and story-telling.*

*These are the hours that give the edge  
 To the blunted axe and the bent wedge,  
 Straighten the saw and lighten the sledge.*

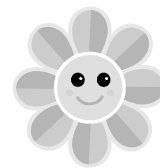
*Here are the question and reply,  
 And the fire reflected in the thinking eye.  
 So peace, and let the bob-cat cry.*

*Edna St. Vincent Millay*

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## *Greenville Alliance Women*



There is no monthly evening meeting during January or February.  
There is no Tuesday morning prayer time during January or February.

### AW Mother-Daughter Banquet Committee

The Alliance Women are looking forward to spring as the 2018 Mother/Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM. The GAW are asking for several ladies to volunteer to be on the Banquet planning committee. This is always a great time for everyone. You can help with...choosing the theme (someone has already presented an idea), creating table décor, setting up the ALC, decorating, planning the program or the menu. (The speaker is already lined up.) Many talented, creative and gifted ladies are needed for this event. **Please sign-up in the lobby if you are interested in helping.** You will be contacted to attend a planning meeting.

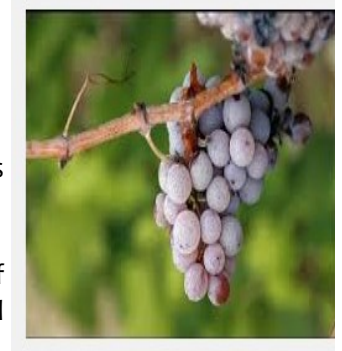


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# Missions Corner



## Sour Grapes



"That won't work." "That's not the way we do it." "We'll never win." "This really stinks!" "Why are things so difficult?"

There are naysayers in every group. They are people who see the glass as half empty. They are negative. They complain. No matter what you do, they will see something wrong with the plan.

The Israelites were like this as well. When they arrived at the edge of the land God had promised them, twelve scouts were sent in to explore. They returned with fruit from the land and gave this negative report: In order to settle in the land that God was giving them they would have to defeat some very strong people and capture well-fortified cities. Ten of the scouts became so negative they stirred the people up to the point that they were ready to stone the leaders. God had to step in and intervene.

One scout, Caleb, stood alone in his ability to see what God could do and spoke up about it. (Numbers 13:30) What was different about Caleb? What made him able to look at the same circumstances and assert, "We must go up and take possession of the land because we can **certainly** conquer it?" Why did he have faith when the others did not? Perhaps he remembered what God had done for them in the past. Maybe he was able to look beyond the obstacle and see the end result of stepping out in faith.

Caleb's positive example emboldened Joshua to also speak in favor of entering the land God had promised them. (Number 14:6-9) Don't underestimate the power of a positive expression of faith!

On the other hand, don't underestimate the consequences of unbelief. God struck down the ten scouts responsible for spreading the bad report about the land. Of the men who went to explore the land, only Caleb and Joshua were left alive. (Numbers 14:36-38)

God doesn't generally strike us dead for being negative nowadays, but I can attest that your life will be better and you will go much further if you remain positive and joyful in the face of trials. It's important to trust God even if it means standing alone in a crowd of negativity. As you walk forward in faith, knowing that you can certainly conquer whatever the obstacle with God's help, your life will be a witness to those around you. Instead of looking at the circumstances, wringing your hands and whining, look to God and move forward with faith.

Don't be a sour grape. Be the grape that brings sweetness to those around you.

**Article Submitted by:** Adapted from an article written by Terri Groh, Northeastern District GCW Director

# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## **BIRTHDAY - FEBRUARY**

1. Alaina Gregory  
Lynn Gruber  
Grace Snyder
4. Bill Crawford  
Rebecca Iverson  
Trish McCandless
5. Patricia Johnston
7. Bryan Mohr  
Dan Richardson  
Darrin Rickert
8. Marilyn Clark  
Sandi Mowry  
Emily Rowley
10. Alexis Barr
11. Brenda Raney
14. Elise Rickert
16. Abbigail Miller
17. Mark Stewart  
Denny Sulick
18. Erma Clark  
Daryl Gregory  
Penny Shepard
20. Joe Andrusky
22. Denny Lumley
25. Tyson Hawkins
26. Cole Hatton  
Ethan Iverson
27. Emma Park
28. Morgan Krall  
Donn Townsend



## **ANNIVERSARY - FEBRUARY**

2. Dave and Alice Myers
5. Dick and Nancy Stanley
14. Fred and Janice Williams



IN LOVING MEMORY

*Our newsletter this month is dedicated in loving memory of Marilyn Melvin who so tirelessly gave of herself to keep NEWS FROM THE PEWS coming into your home monthly. She was loved and is missed dearly. We shared her with the Lord on February 25, 2014. She is now one of God's special angels.*

## **BIRTHDAY - MARCH**

2. Alex Winklevoss
3. Sue Rinella
6. Patti Lewandowski
8. Rob Douglas  
Renee Stuyvesant
10. Laina Banic  
Jerry Harpst  
Keith Iverson  
Sheryl Miller  
Jessica Phillips
11. Carl Long  
Brooke Williams
12. Tricia Gregory
13. Maxine Clark
14. Chris Banic  
Dawn Boyles  
Amber Pearce
15. Elaine Aversa  
Dillon Babcock
17. Liz Bolster  
Noah Reckhart  
Seth Toy
19. Jim Blair  
Marian Johns  
Teresa Krankota
24. Louise Anthony
25. Pete Spaulding  
Rod Harnett
28. Danielle Babcock  
Jake Scheib
29. Madison Mallek  
Darcie Williams
30. Wanda Slater
31. Matt Williams

## **ANNIVERSARY - MARCH**

20. Pete and Debbie Spaulding
28. Bob and Sherrill Callahan



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We share with the church family that **ELIZABETH "BETTY" MARSH** passed away January 11. We give our sympathy to her family and friends.

**THANKS**—Thank you so much for your prayers. Thank you also for the flower arrangement and for remembering me! God Bless You All, Susan Bee



**THANK YOU** to everyone who prepared food for the 4Twelve Thanksgiving dinner. The students had a blast and enjoyed eating everything as we thanked God for all He has given us! Your kindness and support made this evening a night the students will remember for years to come.

Striving for what lies ahead, Dean Gregory

**SHOEBOX THANKS**—A big **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped in any way to make OCC a big success. **GAC donated 304 shoeboxes.** That is fantastic. Praise the Lord! Boys and girls will be touched by God's love this coming year. There was **\$718.00** donated to cover **postage.** What a tremendous help that will be to get the boxes where they need to go. God has surely blessed our church. Linda, Jean and their crew were able to box up **1586 boxes** from the **collection site** (Please note there were a couple of collection sites that closed down this year which may reflect the increase.) with GAC contributing 304 of them. A thought to remember about boxes, "What goes in a box is fun, but what comes out is eternal." Thank you

Linda Rhoades, Jean Sernik & Kitty Fenton

**THANK YOU** so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. Your thoughts and prayers and your service to the Lord are so very much appreciated. — Teri Rose

**THANKS**—Thank you so much for the calls, cards, flowers, meals and encouragement. I am blessed to be a part of such an amazing church family!

Joyce Seckinger

**AT THE TIME** of Denny's sickness and passing—a special thank you to everyone for prayers, phone calls and personal visits. We both felt God's presence and surrendered all to Him. God answers prayers and has a plan for all of us. Thank you and Merry Christmas.

Sandi Mowry



**THANK YOU** so much for my thoughtful care package! My roommate and I have been enjoying the delicious goodies! It came at the perfect time—right as it was beginning to get stressful with finals! Thank you so much for always thinking of me.  
Best, Kristen Lumley

**DEAR GREENVILLE CMA,** Thank you so much for the care packages you have been sending and thank you for thinking of me! The packages always come at the right time. It is so thoughtful and I appreciate it more than you'll know! Thank you! Love, Lexi Banic

**THANK YOU** to all who donated cookies for the Fellowship gathering we had after the Children's Christmas program. Your kindness was greatly appreciated.

**GREENVILLE CMA FAMILY,** Thank you all so much for the wonderful care packages. They really made a difference in my day to day mood and made sure I had something to snack on when it was blizzarding outside and walking to the dining hall was a bad idea. One package even arrived right before finals so the cookies helped grind the midnight oil! Thanks again for all you do! Alyssa Gregory

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY,** We are so grateful for your gifts and touched by your kindness! Love and blessings to you! Rich and Teresa Krankota "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:35

**THE MINISTRY STAFF OF GAC** gives you our sincerest thanks for the many cards, gifts and expressions of Christ's love that you gave during the Christmas season. We wish you a Happy New Year filled with God's blessings and the light of Jesus. Thank you so much!



## *Just Older Youth Fellowship*

### J.O.Y. Fellowship's 2017 Christmas Party

This year's J.O.Y. Fellowship Christmas party was held at the downtown Carinis Restaurant with 38 seniors in attendance. It was good to have Betty Marsh being able to join us.

A great dinner was enjoyed by all which included:

- \* Several appetizers
- \* Assorted beverages
- \* Tossed salad and homemade bread
- \* Roasted red potatoes
- \* Fresh green beans
- \* Italian roasted chicken
- \* Assorted fruit pies with whipped cream

After celebrating the December birthdays and anniversaries and singing several Christmas carols, Pastor Jerry shared a Christmas devotion written by Kay Arthur.

Something that has never happened before is that all the guesses for the pieces of candy in the jar were over the actual amount. After a long dry spell, Bob Callahan walked off with the prize for being

### Spring 2018 Activities for J.O.Y. Fellowship

**\*\* February 8 will Feature — the G.A.C. Senior Olympics \*\***

11:30 AM in the Alliance Life Center Building

Menu: Ham and Potato Bar (provided)

Salad or Dessert (you sign up to bring)

March 8 will feature **Donn and Daisy Townsend**

They will share about the ministry they had while in Japan.

April 12 will feature a **Spring Bus Trip**

We'll depart the church parking lot at 8:00 AM and head to Pittsburgh to tour the Phipps Conservatory in Oakland for the flower show. We'll lunch at the Cheesecake Factory at Ross Park Mall (pay for your own meal) and we should arrive back at the church parking lot between 5:00 and 5:30 PM.

The cost is \$50.00 per person for the bus ride & the flower show at Phipps Conservatory.



### ALLIANCE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

March 2-4, 2018

Park Inn by Radisson

Indiana, PA

Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is only space available for 25 couples, so register early.

Although the weekend costs considerably more than what we ask, we request a \$200 registration fee be paid at the time of registering for the weekend.

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As you know, God has brought Dan and Shawneen Scharmer to us as our worship leaders. We sat down for a chat about how God is moving in their lives.

**LZ:** Could each of you talk about your childhood and upbringing and what made you the person you are today?

**Dan:** I had a “vanilla” upbringing. My family was a traditional New England family. We got up Sunday morning, got dressed, and went to church. (Congregational) But we were definitely the minority because Catholicism is really big up there. My friends went to CCD while I went on spiritual retreats. My mother instilled in me a strong sense of faith at a very early age. She and I shared Scriptures and prayed together.

What put it in higher spiritual gear was when I learned music. What first got me interested was my older sister playing guitar. I learned how to read music before I learned to read books. I played guitar for a while, but when I started playing trumpet was when my gifting took root. My first application with guitar was bringing it to church and playing along when I was a child. One of my first skills was transposing music to accompany the organ. I wrote the hymns out by hand so I could play them. Church music resonated with me. That was when I understood that God had gifted me.

One of the first spiritual lessons I learned was encouragement. I played so many wrong notes during worship. I was terrible. But people from the church would encourage me. “Keep trying Danny.” The organist told me to just “play along.” I would. I made mistakes and became better. Week after week church members instilled that sense of purpose in me. I played French horn in junior high and received awards and things for my music. At the same I was getting spiritual encouragement in church.

One of the other spiritual things that happened was when things went bad at our church my mother and I attended a Franciscan church. They were musical and encouraged me to bring my guitar to worship and play along with them. My parents still visit a Franciscan monastery every year for a musical festival.

That was my spiritual formation. My mother was my stronghold.

My calling to ministry didn’t happen until later in life. During my college years I didn’t do anything with church. I worked at a music store and another worker, Crystal, was always happy. I asked, “What is your problem?” She wore her faith on her sleeve. One day she said, “Sunday is friendship Sunday, why don’t you and your wife and kids come.” We did and got caught up in what God was doing. I wanted to be a pastor, so that year I applied to become a licensed pastor with the Church of the Brethren. Each experience that I’ve had has strengthened the pastoral part.

I like to look back and see how God took pockets of my life and used them and merged them. God put my management and music skills together in the cauldron. Crystal put in the faith part of it. Later I found myself managing a music store and witnessing to people as I sold instruments.

**Shawneen:** I grew up in a devout Catholic family and began cantering when I was in sixth grade. I led the old school call and response in Latin. My nana was my source of strength growing up. She knelt, folded her hands, and prayed every night. She was the only person in my life that loved me unconditionally.

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## *Getting to Know You-Dan & Shawneen Scharmer* continued

I always wanted to be an entertainer. I liked to make people happy and smile and sing at weddings and funerals. I liked to dance, too, but found out that singing touched more people. God blessed me with a voice that can change people's minds. Everyone around me knew I could sing. When I was in sixth grade my music teacher wanted me to try out for the musical Annie. I got the part.

I had a horrible upbringing--just about anything you could think of happened. Because of those experiences I've gotten to minister to other women who are going through those same things, letting them know about a God who loves you no matter what.

Dan and I met in our second year at the University of Massachusetts as music majors. I was a music performance/opera major and Dan was a music education and English literature major. I remember when we first went to Lancaster Church of the Brethren to a contemporary service. Dan was Congregational and by that point I had changed from Roman Catholicism. The congregation was clapping in church. I was having anxiety attacks. The next week we went to a traditional service but the Spirit wasn't moving. There was something special about the atmosphere in the other service. We decided we would put up with the clapping because we felt the presence of the Lord. We didn't know enough about the Holy Spirit to know it was Him. We just felt the overwhelming presence of God. We knew that was where God wanted us to be.

**Dan:** I met with group of men from church every week for Bible Study at a local pub. We had our Bibles on the table and witnessed to the waitress. That group of men went through the Bible together with a childlike wonder. We'd read a story from the Old Testament on our own and then come to group with amazement. Bible stories came to life, especially when we talked to each other about them. That was a great church. It was very encouraging. We supported each other through good and bad times. A deepening of faith happened at church.

**Shawneen:** We devoted a good chunk on our lives to that church. They were there for us when Dan had a seizure and went to the hospital. A cat scan showed the aneurism was gone and this gave us another opportunity to praise the Lord. Dan wrote a song for the church to let them know how they were part of the miracle.

**LZ:** Thanks to Dan and Shawneen for their time and willingness to share their God Stories with us. We'll talk more about their ministry, kids, and vision for GAC next time.



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## Experiencing God's Love by Billy Graham

See God's dazzling, scintillating glory as cherubim and seraphim cover their faces with their wings in awe and reverence toward Him who is high and holy!

Yet, as lofty as the vaults of Heaven may be, and as pure as God's holiness glistens, there comes to our ears the word that the majesty of His love was moved for us, and the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.

It was love that enabled Jesus Christ to become poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich. It was love, divine love, that made Him endure the cross, despising its shame. It was love that made Him endure the contradicting accusations of sinners against Himself, that restrained Him when He was falsely accused of blasphemy and was led to Golgotha to die with common thieves.

It was nothing but love that kept Him from calling 12 legions of angels to come to His defense. It was love that caused Him, after every known torture devised by degenerate man had been heaped upon Him, to lift His voice and pray: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34).

From Genesis to Revelation, from Earth's greatest tragedy to Earth's greatest triumph, the dramatic story of men and women's lowest depths and God's highest heights can be couched in 25 beautiful words: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Many people misunderstand God's love. "God is love" does not mean that everything is sweet, beautiful and happy, and that God's love could not possibly allow punishment for sin.

God's holiness demands that all sin be punished, but God's love provided a plan of redemption and salvation for sinful men and women. God's love provided the cross of Jesus Christ by which we can have forgiveness and cleansing.

Who can describe or measure the love of God? The Bible is a revelation of the fact that God is love. When we preach justice, it is justice tempered with love. When we preach righteousness, it is righteousness founded on love.

When we preach atonement, it is atonement planned by love, provided by love, given by love, finished by love, necessitated because of love. When we preach the resurrection of Christ, we are preaching the miracle of love. When we preach the return of Christ, we are preaching the fulfillment of love.

No matter what sin you have committed, or how dirty, shameful or terrible it may be, God loves you. You may be at the very gate of hell itself. But God loves you with eternal love.

Because He is a holy God, our sins have separated us from Him. But thanks be to God; because of His love there is a way of salvation, a way back to Him through Jesus Christ, His Son.

This love of God is immeasurable, unmistakable and unending. It reaches to wherever a person is. But it can be rejected. God will not force Himself upon any person against his or her will.

You can hear a message about the love of God and say: "No, I will not have it," and God will let you go on without His love. But if you really want it, you must believe—you must receive the love of God, you must take it. You must be forgiven of your sins.

There must be a definite, positive act of commitment and surrender to the love of God. Nobody else can do it for you. You can sit all the days of your life under the preaching of the love of God and still die without Christ.

Or you can open your heart today and say: "Yes, I receive Christ."

Now, as in the first dawn of creation, God beckons you to fellowship with Him, and His heart yearns for companionship with those for whom His Son died. You, too, can join in this glad song of the redeemed. You, too, can sing:

*"The dying thief rejoiced to see  
That fountain in his day,  
And there may I, though vile as he,  
Wash all my sins away."*

Respond to the love of God, and receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, Master and Lord. And become transformed by surrendering your life to Him.

*Billy Graham on Experiencing God's Love*

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# Various Ministries

## "THE BELIEF SERIES"

Continues each Sunday at 9:30 in the ALC building. This is a combined Adult Sunday School Class. Please join us.

## GAC POTLUCK MEAL SCHEDULE

**2018**

Sunday, February 4 the Deaconess Ministry will provide pulled pork sandwiches, drinks, table service and peanut butter and jelly for the kids.

### UPCOMING DATES

Sunday, April 15

Sunday, July 15

Sunday, October 14

The Potluck Meals are held after the second service in the Alliance Life Center building.

Please bring a large dish to share.

Join us—you know there will be great food!

??? Contact Head Deaconess Esther Loucks

## DOWNTOWN MINISTRIES IS OFFERING 3 NEW WINTER/SPRING CLASSES!

**PAINTED STAINED GLASS** with our own Lora Zill  
February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 6 pm-7:15

or

March 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 6pm– 7:15

**WEB DEVELOPMENT & DESIGN** with Ben Beck  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm-8 pm  
or

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm-8 pm

**GALLERY MANAGEMENT** with Lindsey Werger  
Wednesdays: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

There is a fee for each class.

**BIBLE QUIZ** will be at Greenville on Saturday, February 3 at 9:30 am. You are invited to stop out and see our Greenville quizzers anytime during the day. To make a food donation (we expect 100+ quizzers) for lunch, please contact Brenda Liszka.



## CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

### WORKERS, TEACHERS & PARENTS

## IMPACT

Saturday, February 17— 10:00AM — 3:00 PM

Gospel Alliance Church

Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Melissa MacDonald will present two informative and interactive seminars on making an IMPACT on the generations!

"Discipling World Changers" from 10 to noon is the suggested session, if you can attend only one. The second session is "How a Student Listens, Learns, and Loves" from 1-3 PM.

Cost is \$10/session or \$15 full day with lunch included. Registration after February 9th will be \$20 for the



## Presidents Day

February 19, 2018

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# Church Community Ministries & Bible Quiz

## Good Shepherd Needs



The Good Shepherd request for **FEBRUARY IS CANNED FRUIT**. Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container marked **GOOD SHEPHERD** by **FEBRUARY 18**. We should all try to participate as this is a ministry of our church to those who need a helping hand.

Remember the local **SALVATION ARMY** donations. Suggested items rice, canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna, gravy, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce or boxed dinners. A variety of food items is always appreciated. Please put any donations for the Salvation Army in the appropriate bin in the coat closet at the top of the stairs off of the lobby. Contact Esther Loucks.



## Worship & Prayer Night

Sunday, February 18

7:00 P.M. in the Worship Center

Come join us for a time devoted to prayer.



**THE DEACONESS MINISTRY** is available to help our growing church family.

If you are in need or know of someone within the church family who is need of care in the month of **FEBRUARY**, please contact **Terri Iliev @ 724-456-3768**. These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.

## PRAYER FOR GREENVILLE

Downtown Ministries invites you to meet at Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse as they join together to pray for Greenville Tuesday, **February 20**, at 5:30 PM.



## BIBLE QUIZ PRACTICE

Sundays at 5:00 PM

Anyone in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade who is interested in Bible quizzing is invited. The material to be covered this year is I and II Corinthians. Parents are invited as well to see what quizzing is about and to get the schedule. If you have questions about quizzing or future practices, please contact Brenda Liszka at 724-977-9543 or 724-932-5311.


Bible Quiz Saturday, February 3, GAC, Greenville, PA



Memory Verse of the Month: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16



# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
our purpose statement... <i>At Greenville Alliance Church we...</i> <i>Love God, Love others, Reach and teach others to do the same.</i> 				<b>1</b> 10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch 6:30 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg. 7:30 pm -Trustee Mtg.	<b>2</b> *PM - All Buildings Reserved	<b>3</b> 9:30 am - Bible Quiz at Greenville Alliance
<b>4</b> <b>Potluck Lunch -ALC After Second Service</b> 4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 4:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups to Grace Chapel for Super Bowl Party NO Monthly Prayer Time	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 2:45 pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice	<b>8</b> 11:30 am - J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) <b>GAC Olympics</b> 6:30 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 am - Rescheduled Prayer Partner Breakfast
<b>11</b> 4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 4:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups 6:00 pm - Pinterest for the Soul	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 pm - Gov. Authority Mtg. 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice	<b>15</b> 10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch 6:30 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study
<b>18</b> 4:00 pm - Student Ministry Gym 4:00 pm - Bible Quiz Practice 6:00 pm - 4 Twelve Groups NO Elders Meeting 6:00 pm - <b>Worship &amp; Prayer Celebration</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:45 pm - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm - Worship Team Practice	<b>22</b> 10:30 am - Bible Study 11:30 am - Bible Lunch 6:30 pm - KidZone Prayer Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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John 3:16



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## A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

*Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.*

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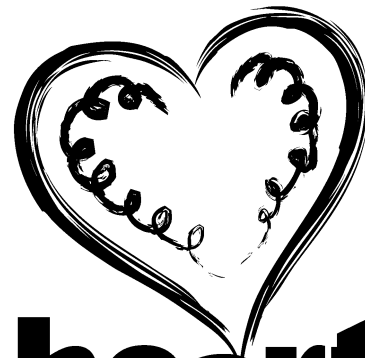
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JOHN 13:34, NIV

Answer: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34, NIV



## heart sandwich

Show your love by making someone this heartfelt snack on Valentine's Day.



### What you need:

- 2 slices of bread
- 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters (one large, one small)
- Lunchmeat and cheese (or peanut butter and jelly)

### What you do:

1. Cut a large heart out of each slice of bread.
2. Cut a small heart from the middle of one big heart.
3. With the small cookie cutter, make several heart shapes out of the meat and cheese. Place between the bread slices.
4. If you're using peanut butter and jelly, spread both onto the large, solid heart. Then place the slice with the small heart cutout on top.

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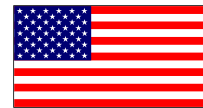
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## **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have information that you would like put in the March, 2018 newsletter it must be submitted by February 15. Please put the information in the blue folder by the computer in the library, or use the newsletter e-mail address (listed above) to submit information.