NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Greenville Alliance Church Newsletter



1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 says: "And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders, who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience. Overwhelm them with appreciation and love."

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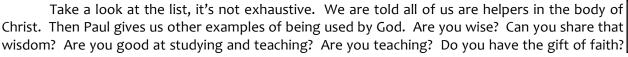
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Pastor's Corner

October 2017

"And now brothers, I want to write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to you." That is just part of a verse from I Corinthians chapter 12, how encouraging for all of us. Do you believe God has called and prepared you for service within the body of Christ? Do you believe you can play a vital role in fulfilling the Great Commission and moving the Kingdom of God forward in G.A.C., Mercer County and around the whole world?

Most people I run into don't really believe that, they assume they are simply not able. Apart from God and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that would be true of all of us. If you will take some time this month and read through I Corinthians 12 you might be surprised. Notice all followers of Christ have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. So there is no reason why we can't be used, there may be fear, busyness or misunderstanding, but everyone is called.







Pastor Nathan Seckinger

Do you believe and know God is able and willing? Do you encourage one another with that truth? Can you pray for the sick? Can you preach? Can you share your faith and have a burden to do so? Can you organize people and help them work together? Can you fix things and make the work? Can you make things look beautiful? Can you visit people and encourage them? Can you think of outreach events that display God's glory? Can you join in with others to accomplish and complete a project, task or mission? Can you make coffee and serve donuts? I believe what the scripture is reminding us that every single person has been gifted by God with special abilities and gifts to make G.A.C. and our world a better place.

So this fall, why don't you ask God to use you somewhere in the church? "Lord give me a role, a task, a mission, a burden to bless the body of Christ." Mind you, if God moves it will always be bigger than you think you are able to do. (That's the God part.) And remember it could be behind the scenes, so there may not be a lot of noticeable glory. Just remember you might have the most amazing paint job on your car, but if the engine doesn't work you have "driveway art."

I just want to encourage you to know you are gifted by God. Ask Him to show you what He wants you to do and then follow through and jump in, get involved, be a part of something greater—and see God's glory and power first hand.

Blessings My Friends, Pastor Nathan



Youth



OPEN GYM

Every Sunday 4 PM to 6 PM Dinner Included Grades 7—12





Fooseball * Basketball * Volleyball * Dodgeball * Kickball * Pingpong

Contact Josh Rowley with questions 814-573-6374



BACKPACK PACKING: OCTOBER 10 — Meet at the Backpack Shack (in Big Lots Shopping Center) 7 PM We will pack meals for local children to have meals over the weekend DQ sundae for everyone after packing is done.

BOWLING NIGHT: OCTOBER 14 — 7-10:30 pm meet at Greenville Alliance Church Cost is \$5 plus money for snacks at the alley.



Kitty Fenton
Rollie Fenton
Faith Noelle Gibson
Ray Hammond
Sandy Hammond
Elaine Hanson
Fran Lazzar
Colton Thomas Ligo

Carl Long Betty Marsh Alice Myers Scott Shaffer Phyllis Smith Twila White Gloria Bardella Norma Beckdol Jim Blair Shirley Brown Maxine Clark Donna Crawford Mable Heffer Alice King Jane King



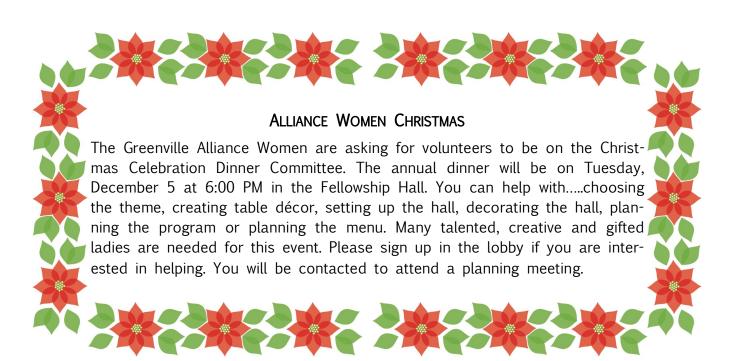
Greenville Alliance Women





There is NO Alliance Women meeting in October.

Ladies, please plan to join us on November 7 for the monthly meeting. Kitty Fenton and Liz Bolster will be the hostesses.



31ST ANNUAL KNOX LADIES SEMINAR

Trinity Point Church of God in Clarion, PA November 11, 2017

Keynote Speaker: Liz Curtis Higgs, topic: Embracing Grace

Doors open at 7:30 AM. Opening session begins at 9:00 AM. Registration includes morning coffee and snacks, catered lunch, small group devotional and a prayer room as well as a book room. Registration forms are in the lobby. Regular registration (9/14/2017—11/01/2017) Adult \$35; Student \$20. Late registration (after 11/01/2017) is +\$5. For more information contact: www.KnoxLadiesSeminar.us or 814-229-8992.

Leatherwood Band of New Bethlehem will lead Praise and Worship

Missions Corner















Missions Corner....Schools in Burkina Faso

By Andrew Schaeffer in Burkina Faso, September 19, 2017



In 2005, I remember our new field director asking, "What is your passion for Burkina Faso . . . something you feel so strongly about that it makes you want to pound the table?"







Someone responded, "Reaching the unreached!" Another added, "Holistic ministry and providing clean drinking water." Still another suggested, "Disciple the up-and-coming generation. "That last one was my passion. "Can there be any better way," I reasoned, "to reach Burkina's unreached and improve the quality of life in this impoverished country than through discipling the next generation? And can there be any better way to disciple young Burkinabe than through a solid Christian education?" I knew Christian schools in Burkina were already providing students with a quality education and a solid foundation in the Christian faith.

"But there were too few schools!" I bemoaned. "We need to establish more Christian schools!" At the time, the Burkina Alliance Church had just three Christian secondary schools. Our leadership team set a faith goal of helping the Church establish 20 Christian schools by the year 2020. :)

As I calculated how much it would cost to build just one school, it seemed like an impossible task. How could we help the Church establish 17 more schools in less than 17 years?

Thankfully our God specializes in the impossible, doesn't He? And He has resources that we cannot begin to fathom. In 2008 the Burkina Alliance Church established her first primary school on the other side of Bobo, the city where we live. Some of you helped finance that project. This past June every one of the 25 fifth grade students passed the middle school entrance exam, which is highly unusual for Burkina schools!

In 2010 the Colsama Church founded a primary school and in 2012 the Sarafalao Church founded yet another primary school. Around the same time we began to receive reports that several churches in Ouaga, the capital, were also founding schools. In 2014 the Bobo District founded a secondary school in the capital of the Kenedougou Province. Last year the Banfora and Hounde Districts both founded new secondary schools. The Banfora school opened with 126 students and the Hounde school with 210.

Last month I was invited to attend the Alliance Christian School board meeting. What a surprise to learn that the Burkina Alliance Church has already established 19 Christian schools! Since it is only 2017, we are now shooting for 25 schools by 2020. During this past school year more than 4,800 students received a quality Christian education in these 19 Alliance schools. Since the vast majority of our students come from non-Christian homes, many encounter Christ for the very first time at a Christian school.

Thank you for partnering with us in Burkina's Christian school movement. The new school year begins on Monday, October 2. Pray with us that God will bless each Christian school and that many students will come to Christ this year through the ministry of these schools.

Gratefully, Andrew & Esther Schaeffer

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BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER

- 1. Jamie Ball
- 3. Georgia McClimans
- 4. Aleen Danner
- 5. Dale Shearer
- Lexi Banic BeckyPearce Nathan Seckinger
- 12. Joe Aversa
- 13. Ava Park
- 14. Ian Rickert
- 15. Bobby Barr
- 16. Melinda Hawkins Keith Mody Jamie Park
- 17. Philip Hoobler Lacy Jones Linda Swogger
- Levi Miller Tom Uber
- Bob Callahan Cindy Miller
- 21. Jason Liszka Chloe McLaughlin
- 22. Bob Brooks Theresa Williams
- 23. Alice King
 Dave Myers
 Dale Seger
- 25. Annie Ball
- 27. Chuck Bolster

ANNIVERSARY - OCTOBER

- 1. Ron and Jamie Park
- 4. Michael and Wendy Mallek
- 6. Tom and Kathi Parker
- 7. Jeff and Brenda Raney
- 8. Rick & Linda Stewart
- 9. Joe and Elaine Aversa Eric and Sue Rinella
- Rod & Kathy Harnett
 Earl (Ted) & Marilyn Palmiter
 Gary and Carol Williams
- 12. Mark and Terri Hoffacker

Steve and Melanie McCartney

Denny & Sandi Mowry

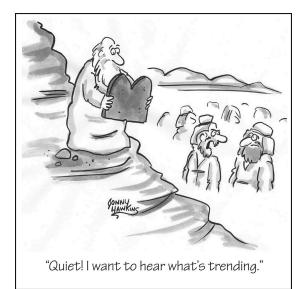
Dave and Lori Reeves

- 13. Rollie and Kitty Fenton
- Brian and Mary Krall Bill and Becky Pearce
- Mark and Debbie Madden Matt and Becky Williams
- 18. Dick & Hazel Shollenberger

Birthdays and Anniversaries











BIRTHDAY - NOVEMBER

- Josh DouglasBill Stainbrook
- 4. Julia Morian
- 5. Michelle Toy
- Eileen HansonGabby Iliev
- 7. Rebekah Shearer
- Michael Mallek Bobbie Rochow
- Amber Downing Twila White
- 10. Keith Snyder
- 11. Dick Stanley
- Rodney Lewandowski Charles Livingston
- Joanne Gruber
 Maisen Villard
- Janet Harpst Richard Saxion
- 16. Debbie Madden
- 20. Jesse Jones
- 21. Debra Godinich Tyler Rose
- 24. Pegge Clark Madeline Scheib
- 25. Gerald Johnson
- 26. Abel Shoaf
- 28. Marilyn Palmiter
- Erin Hoffacker
 Dick Shollenberger
 Melissa Villard
- 30. Toby Williams

ANNIVERSARY - NOVEMBER

- 2. Bob and Teri Barr
- 5. Pat and Brenda Liszka
- 8. Chris and Kim Banic
- 10. Dale and Dawn Boyles
- 12. Ken and Penny Shepard
- 13. Andrew & Nicole Reckhart
- Chet and Sharin ModyToby and Linda Rhoades
- 19. Tyler and Anna Shoaf
- Dale and Linda Shearer Tom and Erin Uber



We give our deepest sympathy to Matt Mincer and his family as his Mother, **DIANE MINCER**, passed away September 6.

We express our deepest sympathy to Pastor Nathan and Joyce Seckinger on the passing of Pastor's Mother, **JOYCE SECKINGER**, on September 25, 2017.





ANNUAL MEETING CHANGE

By decision of the Governance Authority at the September 12 meeting, the Annual Meeting for 2017 has been changed to Saturday, November 4 at 6:30 PM.

COLLEGE, CAREER, MILITARY

Please make sure to give your address for college or for where you are stationed to the church office as soon as possible so that the church family can stay connected when you are away.

You may complete a family update form with this information or e-mail it to the church office to "Attention Secretary"...please do not use a name. Also, please let us know if you commute.

I WANT TO EXTEND MY APPRECIATION to everyone that helped put together the Good Shepherd Dinner, August 28th at the Good Shepherd Center. We were



able to serve 135 people, 66 of them were take out meals to shut ins. Thank you to all the drivers and their helpers that delivered meals. Also, to all of those that made cookies. All of your hard work makes it possible for us to do this ministry. Thank you. — Esther Loucks, Deaconess Ministry

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you so very much for the cards, phone calls, meals and most of all for remembering me in your prayers as I was recently in the hospital again! God heard and answered your prayers quickly. I praise Him together with you! You are a blessing straight from the hand of God. Thanks again! — Love, JoAnn Dietrich

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE FAMILY, Thank you all so much for supporting me financially (to send me) to the Dominican and in prayer! It was such an honor to serve the Lord and experience His creation down there! Blessed to have you all in my life. God loves you and so do I. — Autumn Babcock

THANKS — Thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers during Greg's illness and for the beautiful flowers you sent. It has all been greatly appreciated. — Carol Shank and Family

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday October 8 after the second service in the Alliance Life Center.

The Deaconess Ministry will provide sloppy joes, drinks, table service and peanut butter and jelly for the kids. Please bring a large dish to share. Join us — you know there will be great food!

Contact: Esther Loucks



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for being
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Homecoming
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Greenville High
School.

CONGRATULATIONS

J.O.Y. Fellowship

J.O.Y. Fellowship has a full slate of activities for the remainder of 2017.

OCTOBER 26 will feature a Costume Party. We'll have the candy count game and a prize for the best apple dessert. Also a gift will be awarded for the funniest costume and for the most original costume. Details will be announced on the sign-up sheet.

NOVEMBER 9 will be "Thanks-Living Time" with special speakers JOEL AND SALLY. We'll have the favorite candy count game and a prize for the best pumpkin dessert. Details will be announced on the sign-up sheet.

DECEMBER 14 will be our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. This year it will be catered by Carini's. We'll have a Christmas carol sing; the candy count game and a \$7.00 (maximum) gift exchange. Cost per person will be \$8.00 and the balance will be paid from our budget. Once again, all details will be announced on the sign-up sheet.

Please note: If you are at least 50 years old, we invite you to join us. We have fun, fellowship and Al-WAYS abundant, great food. Why not come and check us out. You won't be disappointed. For questions on J.O.Y. activities, contact Pastor Jerry or Lois Hunter @ 724-588-8274.

ALLIANCE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

November 17-19, 2017

Park Inn by Radisson — Beaver Falls, PA

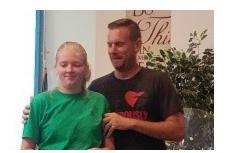
Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is only space available for 25 couples, so register early. Although the weekend costs considerably more than what we ask, we request a \$200 registration fee be paid at the time of registering for the weekend.

The purpose for this ministry opportunity is to help you ...

- * Rekindle the romance in your marriage
- * Discover how to share more intimately
- * Renew the love, hope and joy in your marriage What to expect...
- * Renew the love, hope and joy in your marriage
 * Learn to better understand your marriage

48 hours together as a couple, focusing exclusively on your relationship with each other Presentations by couples who share, openly, their stories of how God has brought healing to their marriage

And much more! You will not be expected to share in front of others.



Baptism

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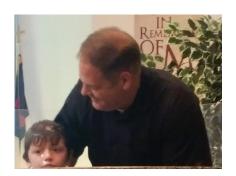


Amber





Jonah



Bobby





Ríley





Good News Club & Bible Quizzing

Good News Club is sponsored by the Churches of Greenville Who can attend?

All boys and girls ages 5-12 regardless of religious background.

Parents are welcome to attend with child.

Good News Club is an exciting, fun-filled hour once a week. It includes:

- ♦ Dynamic Bible Lessons
- Creative Learning Activities
- Inspiring Missionary Stories
 - Meaningful Songs
- ◆ Life-changing Scripture Memory Your child will learn:

*Respect for Authority

* Character Qualities

*Moral Values

*Biblical Principles

Who teaches the club?

Specially trained Christians concerned for the spiritual well-being of your child teach the club. All club workers are screened as required by CEF's child protection policy to ensure your child's safety.

The club will meet every Tuesday starting October 3 — only on full days of school.

The club will meet at the Hempfield Elementary Library room.

Pending Principal permission, students from East may ride the bus over to Hempfield.

Registration forms are on the table in the lobby.

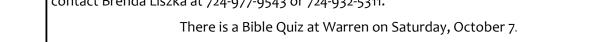






Sundays at 5:00 PM

Anyone in the 4th through 12th 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.



Church Community Ministries

Good Shepherd Needs

The Good Shepherd request for **OCTOBER IS SOUPS OR STEWS.** Please bring donations to the church and put them in the Good Shepherd Center container in the coat room by **OCTOBER 29**. We should all try to participate as this is a ministry of our church to those who need a helping hand.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017

7:00 PM AT GREENVILLE ALLIANCE CHURCH

Elena Hagemeier was 8 years old when she and her sister were moved from an abusive poverty-stricken home into an orphanage in the former Soviet Union.



Come discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in her life.

For those who plan to fill a shoebox for **OPERATION CHRIST-**

MAS CHILD, please note the following changes starting in 2017. NO candy or toothpaste is allowed. Toothbrushes are still welcome. Also, the cost of shipping for each shoebox will now be \$9.00. If you have any questions, contact Kitty. Fenton.

Remember the local **SALVATION ARMY** donations. Suggested items to donate canned vegetables, canned fruit rice, gravy, tuna, mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce or boxed dinners. A variety of food items are 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.

VOLUNTEER AT THE SALVATION ARMY — You have the opportunity to help at the local S-A by serving meals once a month. The dates are the first Thursday of each month from September, 2017—May, 2018. The scheduled time is 4:15-6:00 pm and the task would include doing some basic prep, serving and clean up. The actual cooking of the meal will already be done. Men, women and those age 13 and up are welcome to help. Each month 4 volunteers are needed. Sign up in the lobby for the month you would like to serve. Contact: Kitty Fenton or Esther Loucks

Worship & Prayer Night Sunday, October 1 6:00 P.M. Come join us!



Tri-State Christian Productions from Meadville. COLLINGSWORTH FAMILY IN CONCERT

Monday, <u>December 4, 2017</u> 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:00pm

New Beginnings Church of God

13226 Leslie Road, Meadville, PA 16335

All seats are General Seating Adults \$17.00 Students \$8.00

To order tickets call 814-724-6380 or 814-720-9363

email us at tristatecp2015@gmail.com

Excitement, spiritual anointing, family emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you step across the threshold of the auditorium for an Evening of Family Worship and Praise with The Collinsgworth Family

PRAYER FOR GREENVILLE

Downtown Ministries invites you to meet at Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse as they join together to pray for Greenville Tuesday, **October 17** at 5:30 PM.

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 **OCTOBER**, please contact **JOYCE SECKINGER** (A) **724-373-8064.** These members of the body are ready to serve when needed.



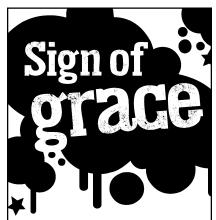
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Kids Page



Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

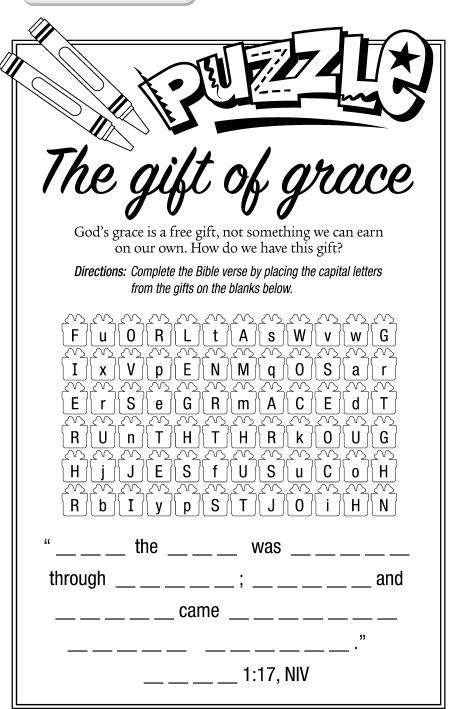


What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

What you do:

- 1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
- 2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
- 3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
- 4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, MIV

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information that you would like put in the November, 2017 newsletter it must be submitted by October 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.