



January 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Contemporary Service (childcare provided)



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Bethesda Discipleship Commission

2013 Winter Small Groups Beginning the week of January 6

SUNDAYS

2 to 4 p.m. At the Svenson's, 1814 Crazy Horse, Lake Wynonah

The Path to the Cross, Faith Lessons by Ray Vander Laan – [6 weeks] - God's story culminates with the intense devotion of his people in this 11th volume of the Faith Lessons series. Discover how their passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did--by every word that comes from the mouth of God. No homework.

6 to 8:00 p.m. At the Brooks', 411 Stoney Run Rd, Chestnut Hill

The Early Church, Faith Lessons by Ray Vander Laan – [5 weeks] - Filmed on location in Israel, this unique DVD series brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers. No homework.

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 to 8 p.m. Café Room at church (childcare) Led by Norma Minnich

FOR WOMEN ONLY - When God's People Pray by Jim Cymbala – [10 weeks] - Prayer can change lives and circumstances like nothing else can. What are the keys that unlock its power, that turn prayer from a mere activity into a vital link with God and all his resources? In this DVD, Jim Cymbala, pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle, shows you and your small group truths about prayer that God has used to turn his own church from a tiny, struggling inner-city congregation into a vital, thriving community of believers who pray with passion, focus, and faith. No homework.

6:30 to 8 p.m. Youth room at church (childcare) Led by Pastor Jeff

FOR MEN ONLY – Men's Fraternity – A Man at Work and Home – [10 weeks] - Imagine the transforming power of men coming together within your church to honestly examine their lives and take the courageous steps necessary to embrace authentic biblical manhood. That is the goal of Men's Fraternity now in its second year at Bethesda. No homework or previous attendance required.

SATURDAYS

9 to 10:30 a.m. At Marcia Schlosser's, 14 Papoose Drive, Lake Wynonah

30 Amazing People of the Bible – [10 weeks] - A CD audio series of Turning Point radio talks by Dr. David Jeremiah. Too often, we use the word "amazing" to describe someone or something that is impressive to us, but have you ever considered some of the truly amazing characters in the Bible that we have been able to study and learn from? In this series, we will be learning how God used them with all their flaws. No homework.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT November 2012

Budgeted*	\$326,404.00
Income*	\$327,981.00
Expenses*	\$336,506.00

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

January 6th - March 31st, 2013

Gathering at 9:15 am—Start time 9:30 am

1 The New Problem of Evil, thoughts from N.T. Wright - led by Lisa Delay in the café. N.T. Wright confronts some of the major "evil" issues of our time--from tsunamis to AIDS--and puts them under the biblical spotlight. There IS a solution to the problem of evil, he says, if only we have the honesty and courage to name it and understand it for what it is.

2 Respectable Sins - led by Connie Wright in the library. Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? This study by Jerry Bridges addresses specific "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves--such as jealousy, anger, pride, ungratefulness, and judgmentalism. The message of hope to overcome our subtle sins lies in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God.

Dec 2nd—Feb 24th

3 Jesus is Lord - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on...

Victory in Jesus Exalting Christ
Imitating Jesus



What's for Dinner Wednesdays

January 16th, 2012

Dinner served: 5:30—6:30 pm

Come enjoy the fellowship.

(Adults \$3.00 Kids \$1.00 Family cost \$10.00 max)

After dinner there are small groups for ladies & men as well as Awana for the youth.



Want Abundant Joy?



Find out how at a JoyShop!

This simple but powerful workshop for women will address many of the issues you may struggle with in finding abundance in your spiritual life. You will leave energized and equipped with a practical plan for

Seeking God First Daily!

Joy is guaranteed!

When: Friday, February 15 to Sunday, February 17, 2013
Day and overnight options available.

Where: Kenbrook Bible Camp, 190 Pine Meadow Road, Lebanon, PA 17046

Visit www.joyshop.org for more details on the speaker!

Sign-up at the welcome counter.



Every Monday 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Bethesda @ The Corner
(Rts. 183 & 443)

- Jan 7 - Body Language
- Jan 14 - Overcoming Hardship
- Jan 21 - My Angel Saved Me
- Jan 27 - Schindler's Youngest Survivor



Every
Wednesday,
7:30 pm Library

Prayer Meeting

Join other church members to pray for the needs of our community and congregation.

Awana on Wed Nights
@ 6:30—8:00 pm for children
in Kindergarten thru 5th grade.
Meetings restart Jan 9th



Just Older Youth

Open to adults 18+

No meetings until April



Jan 13th & 27th
1:30 - 3:30 pm Library

GriefShare is a support group for those who have lost a spouse, child, family member or friend. Video vignettes, group discussion, personal study, and reflection are part of healing. Call Paul at 570-294-0778 or Marcia Schlosser at 570-739-2889 for more information.



BYM Meets on
Sunday's at 6 pm
Jr. High in the Youth Room
Sr. High in the Library

- Jan 6th - Regular Meeting
- Jan 13th - Regular Meeting
- Jan 20th - Encounter Weekend
- Jan 27th - Regular Meeting

Stay tuned for Sunday, February 10th BYM luncheon.

Encounter Retreat 2013
Jan 18th-20th @ Camp Hebron
Cost is \$95 pp by Dec 24th;
\$110 thereafter.
See Pastor Mark or Dawn Koch
for more information.



Every Tuesday
6:30 - 8:00 pm

We will be meeting @ the Corner of Rte 443 & Rte 183. Celebrate Recovery® is designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. The program is based on eight principles from the Beatitudes and the Twelve Steps (i.e. AA) and their biblical comparisons. A limitless number of issues can be dealt with through the program such as chemical addictions, overspending; anger; overeating; need to control; fear/anxiety and more! For more information, please call the church office at 739-2241.



A **youth membership class** will be starting on Sat Jan 26th at 10 am and will meet through Mar 9th. Any student in 8th grade or above. Please see Pastor Jeff.

Crochet Circle ... Jan 14th & 28th
@ 6:30 pm at the home of Cheryl Bender.



Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast - 2nd Saturday of each month, **8 am** at Red Lion Restaurant in Pine Grove. All men are welcome, no need to sign up.

All articles for events held during February 1 through March 5th, should be submitted by the **10th of January** in order to be included in our **February issue**. Please do your best to get your information in on time. Thank you.