



April 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:00 am Traditional Service
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Contemporary Service (child care provided)

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT February 2013

Budgeted*	\$54,704.00
Income*	\$57,005.00
Expenses*	\$64,094.00

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

40 Days in the Word Kick-Off Breakfast



Who: Every Bethesda family member who loves the Bible...kids, too!
What: A delicious breakfast!
Where: Common Ground
When: Sunday, April 7, between 9:15 – 10:15 am (instead of Sunday School)

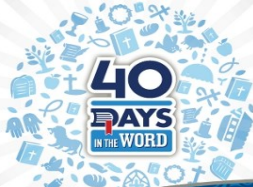
40 Days in the Word Small Groups

Each group will meet once a week for 6 weeks. The meetings will last 1.5 hours and run from the week of April 14 through the week of May 19. Sign up today!!



Day	Facilitator	Time	Location
Sun	(TBD)	9:15 am	Parsonage
	Svenson, Steve/Michelle	2:00 pm	Lake Wynonah
	Brooks, Mark/Cindy	6:00 pm	Chestnut Hill
	Minnich, Shane/Vanessa	6:00 pm	Surfer Room
	Stine, Jody/Craig	6:00 pm	Wayne Twp.
Mon	Killian, Charlie/Sue	6:30 pm	Church Library
Tue	Holubec, Joel/Sally	6:30 pm	Shartlesville
	Hoover, Mark/Becky	6:30 pm	Church Café
Wed	Jaskierski, Tony/Pam	6:30 pm	Wayne Twp.
Thu	Byerly, Jeff/Tasha	6:30 pm	Wayne Twp.
Fri	Reiter, Steve/Dawn	6:30 pm	Pine Grove
Sat	Schlosser, Marcia	10:00 am	Lake Wynonah

LOVE THE WORD.
 LEARN THE WORD.
 LIVE THE WORD.



"When God speaks, your life will be transformed, but that can only happen by making the Bible the authoritative standard for your life: the compass you rely on for direction, the counsel you listen to for making wise decisions, and the benchmark you use for evaluating everything. The Bible must always have the first and last word in your life." --Pastor Rick Warren, Creator of 40 Days in the Word.

The goal of **40 Days in the Word** is to create in each of us the passion and skills necessary to have a devotional or quiet time with God. We will learn more about the Bible, how to read it for meaningful dialogue with God, and how to apply it to our lives.

40 Days in the Word will get started in April. How will you be involved?

1. Have you signed up yet for a 40 Days in the Word Small Group? Join a small group of other believers to study and discuss God's Word together. Each group will meet once a week for 6 weeks. The meetings will last 1.5 hours and run from the week of April 14 through the week of May 19. Each meeting will include a video, discussion, and prayer. Check-out the sign-up table across from the Welcome Counter or the church website, www.bethesdaec.org, for small group meeting dates and times and to sign-up.
2. Everyone is encouraged to invest in a **40 Days in the Word** Workbook. Small group members will use this to follow along during the weekly meetings and to journal the daily devotions. Small group members can purchase workbooks through their group host. Even if you are not part of a small group, the workbook is a valuable resource that will teach you how to read the Bible and have a daily devotional time. The workbook costs \$10 and is available at the Welcome Counter.
3. Visit www.40daysintheword.com to register for free daily video or audio devotionals. This is a tremendous supplement to the workbook or as a stand-alone learning tool.
4. Come hear Pastor Jeff or Pastor Mark give all seven weekly **40 Days in the Word** messages during our regular worship time together, April 7 – May 19.



"Light it Up Blue" for Autism
 Please wear blue for autism awareness on April 2nd.

Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
April 13th @ 8 am at the Friedensburg
 Country Restaurant (Rte 443) in
 Friedensburg. All men are welcome, no
 need to sign up.



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



Men's Breakfast with Nick Lakatos
Saturday, April 27th at 8 am

We will meet in the Library. Please sign-up at the
 welcome counter or on-line by April 25th.

- April 7** - Regular Meeting
- April 14** - Regular Meeting
- April 20** - Challenge Course @ Hawk Mtn BSA
- April 21** - No Meeting
- April 28** - Regular Meeting



Nick and Lisa Lakatos, who have been teaching and training
 church planters at Biblical Seminary of Mexico in Mexico City, will
 be joining us the weekend of April 27th & 28th. In 2013 we have
 assumed a portion of the financial and prayer support of the
 Lakatos family, including their two children, Hannah and Samuel.
 Please join us for some of the activities planned for this special
 weekend so that you can get to know the Lakatos better.



Challenge Course
Saturday, April 20th

Students in 6th thru 12th grades are invited to
 Hawk Mountain BSA to experience several levels of a challenge
 course (low, high, climbing wall and zipline). Please sign-up at
 the Welcome Counter or on-line by Mar 31st.



On your marks; get set, GO....to Moyer's to
 redeem your ticket from the **BYM Sub Sale**.
 Beginning the week of March 17th and
 continuing through the end of May, BYM
 students will be making tickets available for \$5 - redeemable for
 a delicious sub from Moyer's Dutch Market. Support the youth
 ministry of Bethesda: obtain your tickets and eat a sub - the
 more you eat, the better for us!!!



Ladies Spring Fellowship - Come join us for a
Fiesta Style lunch with guest speaker Lisa
Lakatos on Saturday, April 27th, 11:30 am to
1:30 pm. Please sign-up at the welcome center or
 on-line by April 14th.



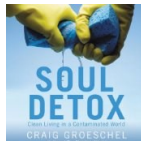
Awana will **resume in the fall**.
 Stay tuned for details!



On **Sunday, April 28th** Nick and Lisa
 Lakatos will speak during the **Sunday**
school hour. Everyone is welcome to
 join us in the Sanctuary
 starting at 9:15 am.

New adult Sunday School classes start on
Sunday, April 14th.

In the Café Pastor Mark and Cindy Brooks will be
 teaching on **"The Christian Atheist - Believing**
in God but Living as If He Doesn't Exist" and **"Soul Detox -**
Clean Living in a Contaminated World" by Craig Groeschel.



In the Library Steve Minnich will be teaching on **"King and**
Kingdom" Is there something missing there between being
 born of a virgin and being crucified? What about the "hands-on"
 Jesus who spent his short lifetime walking through his kingdom?
 What did he really say and do, and how does it relate to today's
 life in his kingdom? Join us for a study of both King and
 kingdom as we confront the great truths recorded by the Apostle
 John, and together seek to learn (as a great man once said) "the
 rest of the story."



Ham & Dandelion Dinner
Saturday, April 6th

Departing Bethesda at 1:30 pm
 AYCE Dinner begins at 3 pm
 Approximate Cost \$10 per person

Please join us as we travel to Lynnville, PA for a night of food,
 fun, and fellowship. Please sign up at the welcome
 counter or on-line at www.bethesdaec.org by March 21st. For
 more information, contact Bob or Ellen Degler @
 570-366-0730 or Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580



This spring the elective rooms downstairs will
 have air conditioning!!

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



Yard Sale @ The Social Hall

Fri, April 12th & Sat, April 13th
8 am to Noon

Tables are available for \$7 per table.
For more information, contact Mary Ellen Hering
366-2152 or LaVerne Houtz 345-4998.

Spring Clean-up
Saturday, April 6th
8 am



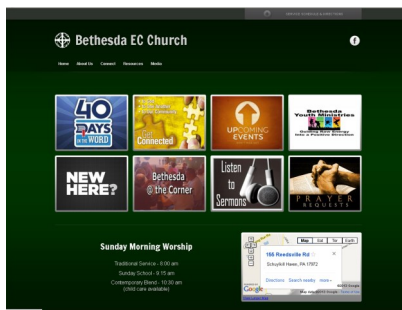
Meet at the church at 8 am. We will "spring clean" the outside of the church and up at the social hall. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, and anything you feel would be helpful. Please plan to help if you can, many hands make light work!



Please ask at the Welcome Counter for direction on how to get a free **prayer shawl** that is individually packaged including a gift card and bookmark for you to personally give to someone you know that is going through difficult or challenging circumstances. Each shawl is handcrafted by a woman of Bethesda who begins its creation with prayers and blessings that continue throughout the time the crafter is working with the unique and meaningful color yarn and pattern.

You may now get details about and sign-up for upcoming events, send us a prayer request, see what is happening at Bethesda @ the Corner and much more on-line!!

Visit the new website at
www.bethesdaec.org



VBS 2013: Colossal Coaster World *Facing Fear, Trusting God*

Planning for Vacation Bible School 2013 is underway! This year, children will be visiting Colossal Coaster World to learn how to trust

God while facing their fears. It is sure to be a thrill-ride for both kids and adult volunteers! Anyone who has an interest in helping with VBS 2013 is invited to the **next planning meeting on Monday, April 8, 7:00 pm, in the Library**. VBS will be held Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12. Please call Michelle Canfield at 570-754-7253 or Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647 for more information or to RSVP for the meeting.

A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at bethesdaec.org.



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

- April 1** - An encounter with God
- April 8** - What People Really Think of Christians...and Why.
- April 15** - Triumph Over Trauma
- April 22** - How to Spot a Liar
- April 29** - Amazing Grace

Crochet Circle ... April 8th & 22nd
@ 6:30 pm at the home of Cheryl Bender.



April 14th & 28th
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.



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 Day Apart" Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m.

At the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Wyomissing, PA.. Special guest is speaker Brenda Robinson. Cost of \$35 includes lunch. More information is available at the welcome counter.

2012-2013
Graduates



Please **submit to the office the names of any persons who have graduated last fall or will be graduating this Spring** from high school or higher levels of education so that we can recognize them.