



June 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

Fasten your seatbelts!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 8 –
Friday, July 12
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Age 4 – completed 5th grade



“For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love and sound judgment.” 2 Timothy 1:7

Not many things are more exciting for kids than a day at a favorite theme park. The excitement accelerates as kids approach the main gate and the adventure begins. Hearts pound as they wait to ride the park’s premier roller coaster!

Bethesda’s Vacation Bible School 2013 takes kids to Colossal Coaster World, a divine amusement park full of learning and fun. During the week long adventure, kids will be challenged to tap in to God’s promise to give them the courage to face their fears by trusting Him. Whether the sense of fearfulness comes from changing the familiar for the unknown, speaking up when it’s right to do so, or making the ultimate decision to believe in Jesus and trust Him as Savior, they can trust God for the spirit of power, love, and sound judgment. Through the events of the Apostle Paul’s life, the children will discover how to “dare to believe, trust, change, speak up, and stand strong!”

Nightly bible stories, songs, puppets, crafts, bounce house, games, and snacks will bring Colossal Coaster World to life! This year, children will be earning tickets by coming to Bible School, bringing friends, and learning bible verses. Tickets will be redeemed at week’s end for awesome prizes!

Register your children for VBS 2013 TODAY! Three convenient ways to register: Visit www.bethesdaec.org starting May 29th and click on the Colossal Coaster World logo; Fill out a registration form at the Welcome Counter.; or Call the church office at 570-739-2241.

CARE NET Through the end of June, we are doing a **diaper collection** for Care Net Pregnancy Center. They are in need of large size diapers (**sizes 4, 5, 6, and 7**) to give to those in need. Please place diaper donations in Pastor Mark’s office. Thank you for your support!

Pastoral Vacation Schedule

- June 1st - 15th - Pastor Mark and family.
- June 16th - 30th - Pastor Jeff and family.



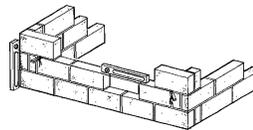
**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT
April 2013**

Budgeted*	\$116,580.00
Income*	\$117,039.00
Expenses*	\$131,995.00

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

Bricks for India

You can help to send Ron Emerich and Pastor Jeff to India this summer to work with a team building a wall and establishing good relations with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Northeast India. For \$50 you can purchase a brick that goes toward the overall expenses of the trip. You are certainly welcome to



purchase several bricks or donate any amount less than a brick. The bricks are simply used to provide a visual for our wall of support.

VBS Needs Your Help!



- DONATE:** The items below are needed for snack time and craft time. Turn them into the Welcome Counter as soon as possible: Pretzels; Nacho chips; 8 oz Styrofoam cups; 10 oz drinking cups; 4 inch ceramic tiles; Rolls of raffle tickets; Monetary gifts
- VOLUNTEER:** Your time and talents are in demand! We will find an opportunity for you to use your special skills. Please call Tammy Munster at 570-739-1647.
- PRAY:** Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are saved into Christ’s Kingdom.
- RECRUIT:** Invite the kids in your life to come to Bible School. Children of friends, family, co-workers and neighbors all need to hear about Jesus!



Every
Wednesday,
7:30 pm Library

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



Enjoy your summer!! There will be **no Women of Bethesda events until September.**

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
June 8th @ 8 am**

Friedensburg Country Restaurant (Rte 443) in Friedensburg. All men are welcome no need to sign up.



**Cross Roads Restaurant & Reading Fighting Phils Game
Saturday, June 8th**
Departing Bethesda at 3:00 pm
Approximate Cost \$10 per person

We will be having dinner at the Cross Roads Restaurant and then attending a Reading Phillies game. Sign-up at the Welcome Counter or on-line. For more information, contact Linda Bollinger @ 739-4580 or Ellen Degler @ 366-0730.



BYM June Schedule

- May 26 -** End of year **pool party** at the Koch's 6-8 pm
- June 2 -** **Graduate Sunday** Come support the graduates in both services as they enter a new season of life!
- June 20-21-** Appalachian Overnight **Hike to Camp Swatara** - more details to follow.
- June 27-29-** **Creation 2013** We will leave late afternoon/ early evening on the 27th and return home of Sat, June 29th. Stay tuned for more details!



**Yard Sale @ The Social Hall
Fri, June 14th & Sat, June 15th
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.

For students interested in attending **Twin Pines Summer Camp**, information and registration forms are now available by **contacting Becky Hoover** at 739-1187.



**Twin Pines Summer Celebration
June 1st 10 am to 4 pm**

Lots of fun free activities, soup & sandwich bar, dunk tank, cookie decorating, silent auction, and more! Rooms available for the weekend. Visit twinpines.org for more information.

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



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

- June 3 -** Kids Without A Country
- June 10 -** Prayer
- June 17 -** How to Stop Doing What You Hate
- June 24 -** Imperfect Parents

Graduates

Congratulations to all our graduates and their families as they reach this important milestone! Please **join us** in recognizing our graduates during both services on **Sunday, June 2nd.**



**June 9th & 23rd
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.



**CELEBRATE
RECOVERY**

**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.

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.



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