



**July 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**Please note...**all donated items need to be turned into the Welcome Counter by June 30th.



**Every  
Wednesday,  
7:00 pm Library**

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

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT  
May 2013**

Budgeted*	\$144,011.00
Income*	\$140,765.17
Expenses*	\$158,193.26

\*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

**VBS Needs Your Help!**

**DONATE:** The items below are needed for snack time and craft time. Turn them into the Welcome Counter by **June 30th**: 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!



**July Events**

**July 7th - Game Night** We will be playing kickball or softball. Please bring drinks and proper shoes and equipment.

**July 8-13th - VBS Week** Consider volunteering if you haven’t signed up already!

**July 13th to 20th - C.E. Lifebuilders Work Camp,** Brunswick, North Carolina



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

**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast  
July 13th @ 8 am**

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



Further information will be coming for an outing in July



**New Sunday School Opportunities  
July 7th - Sept 29th, 2013  
Gathering at 9:15 am  
Start time 9:30 am**

**# 1 Is It Possible To Be TOO Zealous For God?** led by Tasha Byerly in the library. Following Jesus is not a race to see who can be the most radical, sacrificial, knowledgeable, or burnt out for Jesus. It's simply doing whatever he calls us to do, whether it's radical and crazy or simple and mundane.

Nobody talks about it much, but our passion for God can have a dark and dangerous side. Bestselling author Larry Osborne shines a light on the six most common dangers of overzealous faith and then shows us how to avoid them.

If you're seeking to follow Jesus with everything you've got, or if you wonder what has happened to the Jesus who offers rest to the weary and an easier yoke to the overloaded, than this book is for you. You'll find that Jesus' offer still stands.

**June 2nd—Aug 25th**

**# 3 God's People Worship** - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on...  
Isaiah, Ezra and Nehemiah

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

- Jeremiah 29:11 New King James Version (NKJV)



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

- July 1** - When He Becomes She
- July 8** - Coping with Grief
- July 15** - UFO's
- July 22** - Toxic Faith
- July 29** - Mental Illness



**July 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.



**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, over-spending; anger; overeating; need to control; fear/anxiety and more! For more information, please call the church of-

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 August 1st through September 5th, should be submitted by the **10th of July** in order to be included in our **August issue**. Please do your best to get your information in on time.

**A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line at [www.bethesdaec.org](http://www.bethesdaec.org).**