



September 2013

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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



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Bethesda Discipleship Commission

2013 Fall Small Groups

Beginning the week of September 22

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

July 2013

Budgeted*	\$216,649.00
Income*	\$197,816.00
Expenses*	\$208,823.21

*Figures exclude building fund transfers for renovation expenses.

SUNDAYS

9:15 to 10 am Surfer Room at church (childcare) Led by Jody Stine

FOR WOMEN ONLY – Material to be determined - [8 to 10 weeks] –

Possibilities include but are not limited to “Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus” by Kyle Idleman. Cost for material determined by final selection. Homework is requested but not required.

2 to 4 pm At the Svenson’s, 1814 Crazy Horse, Lake Wynonah

With All Your Heart, Faith Lessons by Ray Vander Laan – [6 weeks] -

Do you remember where your blessing comes from? In Exodus, God warned Israel to remember him when they left the dry desert and reached the fertile fields of the Promised Land. But in this tenth volume of Faith Lessons, you'll discover how quickly they forgot God and began to rely on themselves. Find out what it means to remember the Lord in your own life on this one-of-a-kind spiritual pilgrimage. No homework.

6 to 7:30 pm At the Brook’s, 411 Stoney Run Road Led by Pastor Mark

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.

TUESDAYS

6:30 to 8 pm At the Hain’s, 681 New Schaefferstown Road, Bernville

Life Lessons by Max Lucado - Ephesians – [8 weeks] –

In the book of Ephesians, Paul reminds us that Jesus longs for the day he will be united with the church-his bride in all her beauty. Paul shows us how to walk worthy of Christ as we live our life for God. Paul's focus on the beauty of the church reminds us that through salvation we become a part of God's family: a place where we can experience true belonging. 12 lessons. \$4 workbook and homework optional.

WEDNESDAYS

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

FOR WOMEN ONLY – Life’s Healing Choices by John Baker and Rick Warren – [8 weeks] –

Following the Beatitudes, this Bible study series teaches the fundamental steps in recognizing and releasing our hurts that keep us from finding real answers, real hope, and enjoying God's promises. \$7 Workbook completed together during study. Diving Deeper homework using \$9 book optional.

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Fall Small Group Options, continued.....

6:30 to 8 pm Youth Room at church (childcare) Led by Pastor Jeff

FOR MEN ONLY – Men’s Fraternity – A Man at Work and

Home – [8 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 fourth year at Bethesda. No homework or previous attendance required.

THURSDAYS

7 to 8:30 pm At the Lampone’s, 1834 Palomino Cove Lake Wynonah

Begins 9/12 **James—Faith in Action - [10 weeks] -** The letter of James is a bridge from first-century believers to our lives today. James says, “Yes, Christianity can work—in a world that includes both haves and have nots, in a world of instability, Christian in-fighting, materialism, and words without actions.” James goal for us is an active allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ—faith expressed in action.

SATURDAYS

9 to 10:30 am At Marcia Schlosser’s, 14 Papoose Drive, Lake Wynonah

30 Amazing People of the Bible – [8 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. Have you ever considered some of the truly amazing characters in the Bible from whom we have been able to study and learn? In this series, we will be learning how God used them with all their flaws. No homework. **Call Janet (739-1109 or 573-9997), Norma (739-2122 or 617-0931) or the Church Office (739-2241) with questions. Sign-up for a fall small group online at www.bethesdaec.org or at the Welcome Counter.**



**Promotion Sunday
September 1st at 9:15 am**

The following children will be moving up.....

- Gabe Bodenberg
- Austin Bolton
- Jasmyn Guldin
- Joel Miller

Ladies Fellowship Breakfast featuring testimonies from some Women of Bethesda will be from **8 to 10 am on Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant** in Shartlesville. Sign-up on-line or at the Welcome Counter.

Save the Date!

The Lord has led **Donna Best** to share with us our **Women's Winter Retreat on Friday, February 14th through Sunday, February 16th, 2014.** Visit www.donnabest.org to meet her and click on the Weatherproof Seminar to get a feel for her message. **Please spread the word and mark your calendars now!** Savings banks for this retreat will be available at and after our Ladies' Breakfast.

- Sept 2** - Children With No Place to Call Home
- Sept 9** - The Art of Loss: How Tragedy Can Transform Your Prospective
- Sept 16** - Religious Freedom: Standing Up for What You Believe
- Sept 23** - Secrets of Finding Contentment: Live a Satisfying Life
- Sept 30** - On the Brink: Islam and the Middle East

Prayer Meeting

Join other church members to pray for the needs of our community and congregation. **Every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm in the Library**



**Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
September 14th @ 8 am**

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



GRIEF SHARE®

**September 8th & 22nd
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.



**Manbeck's Pig Roast
Open to Adults 18+
Saturday, September 7th**



We will be leaving the church at 5:00 pm. Cost is approximately \$10 per person. For more information contact Linda Bollinger at 570-739-4580.



**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 office at 570-739-2241.

**September
Upcoming Events**



- September 8th** - BYM Kickoff Night (more details to follow)
- September 15th** - First BYM Gathering
- September 18th** - Kaufman's Chicken BBQ
- September 22nd** - Regular Meeting
- September 29th** - Regular Meeting

BYM is open to all students in 6th - 12th grades. Jr. High meets in the Youth Room, Sr. High in the Library.

Crochet Circle ...

begins **Monday, Sept 9th @ 6:30 pm** at the home of Cheryl Bender. It is on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.



KIDZ KLUB

Mark your calendars for **Kids Klub** that will be starting up on **Wednesday, Sept 25, 2013 at 6:30-8:00 pm.**



**Nondenominational Prayer Ministry
Sunday, September 22nd
@ the Corner 6:15 to 7:30 pm**

Contact Norma Minnich (570-739-2122) or Shelley Hikes (570-739-4049) with questions or for more information.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace

Keep your eyes open for a winter starting date!

*All articles for events held during September 1st through October 5th, should be submitted by the 10th of September in order to be included in our **October 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.