



July 2014

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

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

Explore the NATURE of GOD!

Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 14 –

Friday, July 18

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Age 4 – completed 5th grade



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

May 2014

Budgeted	\$139,085.00
Income	\$151,070.00
Expenses	\$151,588.00

*Excludes building fund transfers

“Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart...” Psalm 86:11

Bethesda’s Vacation Bible School 2014 takes kids on a Jungle Safari that’s full of learning and fun. This life-changing adventure will lead kids in search of priceless treasure! During Jungle Safari, kids will encounter clever clues, mysterious symbols, and cunning creatures that will help them understand that GOD is CREATOR, PROVIDER, PROTECTOR, SAVIOR & KING! Through Jungle Safari, they will walk away with solid truth—knowing they can always count on God... the greatest treasure of all!

Nightly bible stories, songs, dancing, puppets, crafts, bounce house, games, and snacks will bring Jungle Safari to life! Once again, children will earn tickets by coming to Bible School, bringing friends, and learning bible verses. Tickets will be redeemed at week’s end for awesome prizes!

Your kids won’t want to miss this adventure! Secure their place on the safari!

Register your children for VBS 2014 TODAY!

Three convenient ways to register:

1. ONLINE: Visit www.bethesdaec.org and click on the Jungle Safari logo.
2. Fill out a registration form at the Welcome Counter.
3. Call the church office at 570-739-2241.

VBS Needs Your Help!

DONATE: Please visit the VBS Vine at the Welcome Counter to pick a leaf! Each leaf contains a craft item or snack item that you can donate. Your monetary support is also appreciated! Just drop your donation in the offering plate (be sure to mark it for VBS!)

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 or visit the Welcome Counter to sign up.

PRAY: Ask God to use our volunteers to bring the gospel message to willing hearts. Pray that children are saved into Christ’s Kingdom.

Adult Sunday School Opportunities Starting Sunday, July 6th



1 Total Forgiveness: “Once-In-A-While or Lifestyle?” led by Deb Perkins in the Library. You have forgiven an offense, but still feel in conflict with the offender. Can it be possible to receive a “peace that passes all understanding”? This class will probe the scriptures on forgiveness and lead you to what could be a miracle as “blockbuster” as God parting the Red Sea! This class will be based on the book “Total Forgiveness” by R.T.Kendall. Using the story of Joseph’s forgiveness, Dr. Kendall presents a 7-step plan to insure the freedom found in forgiveness.

2 Accidental Pharisees led by Tasha Byerly in the Cafe. 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.

3 The People Of God Set Priorities - led by a rotation of leaders in the sanctuary. Emphasis will be on... Haggai, Zechariah, I & II Corinthians.



Baptism at Lake Wynonah Sunday, July 13th @ 3 pm at the Miller Residence

If you are interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Jeff at jgbyerly@bethesdaec.org or call the church office at 570-739-2241.

There are spots available on our **Green Thumb Team** to help water potted outdoor plants at the church through the summer! Interested individuals can contact the church office to be put on the Monday-Wednesday-Friday watering schedule.

Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast
July 12th @ 8 am

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



Kaufman's Chicken BBQ Dinner and Miniature Golf
Saturday, July 12th
Meet at Kaufman's at 5:00 pm.

July Events



July 6th thru 11th - Local Workcamp: We will be staying at the church and working within the Blue Mountain School District Elementary buildings. If have not already signed up and are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Mark ASAP!

July 14th thru 18th - VBS Week: Consider volunteering if you haven't signed up already!

July 27th - Miniature Golfing: We will be leaving immediately following 2nd service. Please sign-up in the Youth Rooms or at the Welcome Counter by July 20th.



A **Mission-Minded Kids** program will be held During Junior church on **July 20th**.

Bethesda's Mommy and Me time is a weekly playdate time where Mommy's (Daddys, Grandparents or other Caretakers) can come socialize while the little ones have fun playing together and burning energy. **Mommy and Me meets every Monday during the spring & summer at Summit View Playground from 10:00-11:00am.** If the weather is bad, meetings will be held in the Nursery.



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.



REEDSVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Cemetery trustees are encouraging families or individuals to consider purchase of burial lots to alleviate placing that responsibility to your descendants. Present lot prices are as follows:

Church members \$ 175.00 per lot
Non members \$ 350.00 per lot

The trustees' decision to remove the row of large arborvitae at the west border of the cemetery was created by multiple areas of storm damage. Future work will include the removal of the stumps, followed by placement this fall of a suitable row of trees or other shrubs. In the near future, a Gazebo will be placed at the northwest corner of the cemetery from the Memorial Fund in memory of Mr and Mrs Henry Lutz.

Cemetery trustees: Rod Betz, Wayne Blankenhorn, Bob Degler, Harold DeHappart, Glenn Heisler, Rich Luckenbill, Jr., and Steve Luckenbill

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



- July 7** - When Anxiety Strikes
- July 14** - If Only ... Living with Regret
- July 21** - To Frack or Not to Frack?
- July 28** - Miracles or Mere Coincidences?



July 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.

Every Tuesday @ the Corner 6:30 - 8:00 pm



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.



Prayer Meeting

Join other church members to pray for the needs of our community and congregation. **Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm in the Library**

All articles for events held during Aug. 1st through Sept. 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. Thank you! **A copy of this newsletter can also be found on-line.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

July 2014

Please Note – All prayer concerns will be listed for one month and then removed. If you would like your prayer concern to be continued longer than a month, you must contact the church office or Pastor Mark. Thank you!

Personal

Sueanne Argood (job)
Brenda Bauer (treatment)
Jeff Bohr (transplant)
Lori Brobst (recovery)
Verna Ebling (recovery)
Amanda Ewing (paralysis)
Christin Heim (recovery)
Amy Hoffman (recovery)
Joanie Hollenbach (recovery)
Eleanor Jamison (recovery)
Dan Luckenbill (bursitis)
Charlotte McDonald (cancer)
Matt McLaughlin (recovery)
Dolly Natale (comfort)
Bonnie Richards (cancer)
Joe Schies (cancer)
Marcia Schlosser (recovery)
Alan Veppert (recovery)
David Weaver (recovery)
Patsy Weaver (cancer)

Shut-ins

Margaret Bender
Dorothy Blankenhorn
Bert Heydt
Virginia Hoover
Edith Houtz
Martha Koenig

Family

Nicole & Matt Bailey family (loss)
Sandy Farr family (loss)
Hale family (fire & loss)
Kenneth Dimmer Laubentstine family (loss)
Margret Miller family (loss)
Errol Russel family (loss)
Kim Wolfe family (loss)
Jaymie Reily family (comfort)

Congregational

BYM Summer Workcamp
Celebrate Recovery
Griefshare Ministry
Lifetree Café
Prison Ministry
PSP Troop L - Frackville, Schuylkill
Haven & Jonestown

Ardith Luckenbill
M. Jean Luckenbill
Hazel Minnich
Flo Walton
Harry Young

Local, National and Global

Rev. Bruce Hill, Bishop
National Conference @ Messiah
Church Health, Church Planting,
Leadership, Evangelism, and
Discipleship
Connie Wright, CEF, Schuylkill County
President Barack Obama
US Military Forces



Community Prayer Ministry

Sunday, July 6th at 6:15 pm
@ the Corner

Military

Josh Behler (Air Force)
Keith Drummer (FBI)
Brandon Huntzinger (Army)
Benjamin Kilmer (National Guard)
Kevin Kolbe (Army)
Adam Lawler (Army)
Luke Long (National Guard)
Luke Long, Jr. (National Guard)

Jessica Nabholz (Army)
Nicole Perkins (Army)
Thomas Perkins (Army)
Joseph Renninger (Army Reserve)
Steven J Russell-Rhen (Army)
Zach Siple (Coast Guard)
Jake Stoudt (Air Force)
Joe Sweigart (Army)