

PLATA BAPTIST CHURCH OF RST

ENCOURAGEMENT AND ENCOURAGER DR. GORDON HANSON

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Summer recap
- September facts
- Deacon Highlight

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What do we believers need constantly that we should also give or share continually? Psalm 23:4 gives a reason for this need and David's well known provisions; "I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me." We mortals are subject to fear and discouragement, a need for comfort. Alright, we find in Scripture about 365 "fear nots", yet, only a liar will deny being a victim of fear and discouragement. Not always career threatening but troubling to one's Christian growth.

God has chosen not to explain every problem that causes these threats, and Satan is ever busy employing one of his most effective tools. The Devil knows

that if he can cause us to lose heart, we are well on our way to missing God's purpose for our lives, as well as not "living above the circumstances." The Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor. 2:3,4 of "the God of comfort [encouragement] who encourages us in all our tribulation [serious troubles], that we may be able to encourage them which are in any trouble..." The word comfort [in Greek] is "parablesis" or a calling to one's side (also called exhortation or consolation).

A renowned Biblical comforter was Barnabas (Acts 11: 21-26). His name means "son of encouragement."

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SMALL GROUPS SMALL GROUPS FOR SEPTEMBER:

MEN: Brotherhood-1st Saturday of the month @ 9 AM

Men on Tuesday (formerly ROMEO's)-Tuesdays @ 10 AM

WOMEN: Women on Mission-1st Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM

Ladies of the Light Bible Study--Tuesdays @ 10 AM

Connect Bible Study-2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6 PM (starting 10/12)

Visitation Ministry--3rd Thursday of the month @ 9:45 AM

Merry Widows--3rd Friday of the month @ 12 PM

ALL GROUPS MEET AT FBCLP UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY (INFANT & TODDLER):

Sept 3: Norma Stump & Donna Fleming

Grant & Sara Walker

Sept. 10: Norma Stump, Abby Pankhurst

Amy Jewell, Fran Wright, Eli Hancock

Sept 17: Norma Stump, Stephanie Walton

Katie Lusk, Erin Hancock, Kayla Hepner

Sept 24: Norma Stump, Cecelia Stauffer

Whitney Lumpp, Adrielle Law

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:

Sept 3: Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon,

Sept. 10: Jennifer Cooke, Ashley Miller,

Camden Cooke

Sept 17: Sharon Hile, Alison Bode

Sept 24: Kim Burgess, Katie Lusk, Abby

Pankhurst

SUNDAY MORNING SECURITY TEAM:

8:30 AM SS & 11 AM

Sept 3: Courtney Harbin, Marion Simpson Patrick Hancock, Robert Hicks

Sept. 10: Dillon Edelen, Norma Stump Terry Mathews, Al Law

Sept 17: Kevin Guiffre, Courtney Harbin Betty Lou Moore, Bob Mathews

Sept 24: Marion Simpson, Dillon Edelen Jennifer Miller, Jerry Pruitt

As each one has
received a gift,
minister it to one
another, as good
stewards of the
manifold grace of
God.
--1 Peter 4:10

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS:

Sept 3: AM TBD

PM TBD

Sept. 10: AM TBD

PM TBD

Sept 17: AM Be Ready Mth 24:36

PM One Gal. 1:3-10

Sept 24: AM Well Done Mth 25:21

PM Paul's Testimony Gal 1:13-16

SEPTEMBER TELLERS: Sharon Bruce Donna Fleming



GREETER SCHEDULE:

Sept 3: Glenn Miller

Chuck Bonn

Sept. 10: Nick Papanicolas

Paul Dillon

Sept 17: Kevin Guiffre

Ken Doyle

Sept 24: Darrell Linville

Andy Gibson

GOOD TIMES HAD AT CAMP CARMEL

Back in June, 5 of FBCLP's youth, along with Pastor Gary & Andy Gibson, took their yearly van ride to Camp Carmel located in Dunbar, PA. Forty-three youth experienced a device free week while tubing, bicycling, playing sports and a host of other group activities and games. Their Bible study focused on the prodigal son.

"The 10 C's of Camp Carmel: CHRIST shows off His CREATION at CAMP CARMEL through CAMPFIRES, CREEKING, CLIMBING, CAMARADERIE and some CONTROLLED CHAOS."



The morning had dawned clear and cold, with a crispness that hinted at the end of summer.

--George R.R.

Martin

GLORY WAY ROCKED THE HOUSE



On Sunday, August 13th, FBCLP had the pleasure of worshipping with Glory Way during the 11 AM service. They sang some modern favorites like Way Maker and Goodness of God, an original song entitled, He Said I Can Come and old hymns like I'll Fly Away. This is the 4th time GW has come to visit us.



10 KEY VERSES ON EVANGELISM

4. Romans 10:14-15

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

How then . . . ? With a series of rhetorical questions, Paul considers the chain of events necessary for a person to be saved. Rom. 10:14 is linked to Rom. 10:13 with the word *call*. The logic of these verses is clear. (1) People will call on Jesus to save them only if they believe he can do so; (2) belief in Christ cannot exist without knowledge about him; (3) one hears about Christ only when someone proclaims the saving message; and (4) the message about Christ will not be proclaimed unless someone is sent by God to do so. That is why Paul was so urgent about spreading the gospel to the ends of the earth, for he believed that the only way to be saved was to hear and believe in the gospel. (Paul is not talking here about OT believers who looked forward to Christ, such as Abraham and David in Romans 4, nor is he talking about infants who die in infancy; see note on 2 Sam. 12:23). Since salvation comes only from hearing the gospel, the **feet** of those who bring the message about Christ are **beautiful** (Isa. 52:7), probably because the feet carry the messengers to their destinations.

Article taken from: crossway.org. (2023, May 21). https://www.crossway.org/articles/10-key-bible-verses-on-evangelism/

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ENCOURAGEMENT AND ENCOURAGER

CONTINUED...

He knew how to lift people up with his traits of "a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (24). In 1 Thessalonians 3:2, Paul sends Timothy to "establish you and to comfort [encourage] you in your faith and love."

When did you last share in encouragement with another believer? Normally, encouragement is for the believer and the Gospel is for the unbeliever. For those who say, "Nobody cares, nobody loves me", remind them that such thinking is not true, and denies the One who is love. The Lord God promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5,6).

God's promises are the answer, the cure and the comfort for any disparity we may have. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus." We are reminded in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmen, created in Christ

Jesus unto good works, which God has ordained that we should walk in them." Therefore, may we be busy sharing encouragement with as many as possible. The needs are constant and time is limited. Isaiah commanded in (40:1), "Comfort you, comfort you,



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my people says the Lord." This declared before God's judgment fell when comfort was especially required. David encouraged himself in the Lord (1 Sam. 3:6). Joshua was encouraged as he entered the promised land (Deut 1:38; 3:28).

Perhaps you have a need today.



- only month not named after a Roman deity
- only month with same # of letters as the # of the month (9)
- birthstone is sapphire
- birth flowers are aster & morning glory
- in September 1960, McDonald's "Golden Arches" were introduced
- it's National Chicken Month (some of you will really appreciate this!)
- September 28th is Ask a Stupid Question Day. Church office will be closed... just kidding.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 2nd: Moses trip
- Sept 14-17: Ch. Co. Fair Outreach
- Sept 15-16: Possible weekend missions trip to PA
- **RESCHEDULED:** Mission Aviation Fellow ship fundraiser event **New date TBD**

KIDS CORNER



A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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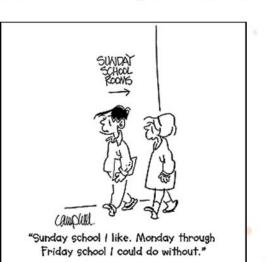
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K I Z B D R G S Q L B

Answer: I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy. Philippians 1:3-4, MIV



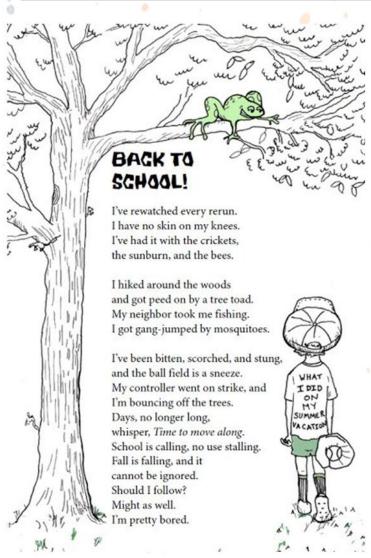


1:3-4. NIV

September's memory verse:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

-Joshua 1:9 NASB



Poem is from <u>Zombies! Evacuate the School!</u> by Sara Holbrook, illustrated by Karen Sandstrom.

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DEACON HIGHLIGHT: PAUL DILLON



Paul and his wife, Ruth, have been attending FBCLP for about 6 years. They have been married for 29 years and have one daughter, Laura, who is 18 years old. Paul works as an IT computer administrator for the Facilities Department at Children's National Hospital in DC. In his spare time he enjoys collecting coins, stamps and pocket knives. He likes cars (new & old) and also enjoys woodworking. He has served as an usher, and now deacon, but is willing to help in any area. He says, "Being a deacon really opens your eyes to the good and bad things that surround the church. It reminds me that I really don't have it that bad and that there are people out there who are really hurting. It's nice to be able to make a difference in people's lives."



SEPTEMBERAnniversaries

Anniversaries

9 – Jakob & Courtney Boisvert

10 - Orbie & Ashleigh Grigsby

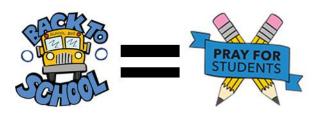
11 - Buddy & Susan Sanders

18 - Kenny & Esther Fletcher

22 – Nick & Maria Papanicolas

23 - Jim & Jennifer Miller

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or missing from the newsletter, please let the office know.

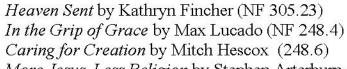


WHAT'S NEW AND ON THE SHELF BY BOB MATHEWS

Fiction

The Jam and Jelly Nook by Amy Clipston (F CLI)
The Bake Shop by Amy Clipston (F CLI)

Nonfiction



More Jesus, Less Religion by Stephen Arterburn (NF 231.7)

Juvenile Fiction

The Pumpkin Patch Parable by Liz Higgs (JF HIG)

Children's Fiction

A Little Book of Poems and Prayers by Jason Anglund

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OCC Newsletter

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD STORIES

God uses Operation Christmas Child to touch the lives of Philippine children living in dire conditions. It smells so strongly of trash and cow dung at the big garbage dump outside of Manila that most people hold handkerchiefs to their noses to block some of the smell. No one wants to visit this area. Muck swallows shoes, leaving people barefoot in the smelly mess. And yet there are people who live and work people here. These are lower-class Filipinos. They collect bottles and other pieces of trash to sell. Their houses sit right on the edge of the dump site and are made of trash. While most people crinkle their noses and want to leave, the dump people smile and laugh while the brown concoction on the ground squishes deeper in between their toes. The children in this area are quiet but happy. Boys run shirtless through small patches of grass with a

soccer ball. Girls watch and giggle in their crisp, white school blouses and plaid skirts. They've just finished a day of school and walked home under the hot and sticky June sun. Today, the smiles are a little wider. On the walk home, the children cradle Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes underneath their elbows. This was a special day at school, a day of surprises. Although the teachers had tried to keep it a secret, the children had found out that they would receive gifts, and they were excited. Before she received her shoe box, 8-year-old Joy listed the things she wanted. "School supplies ... slippers ... a pencil case ... a pencil ... anything that can be used for writing shoes." (Continued on back)



- Build a Shoebox Online <u>anytime</u>
 of the year by scanning this QR code:
 or use this link:
 http://tinyurl.com/5n8dfnkj
- Purchase items directly from the warehouse to donate to FBC or fill your own boxes:



 Order items from FBC's Amazon wishlist: https://tinyurl.com/5n99mvem

- notebooks
- pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers
- paper clips, binder clips, mini staplers, staples
- scissors, hole punchers, glue sticks (no liquid)
- · crayons, colored pencils, markers
- · stencils, stickers
- solar calculator, compass, protractor, ruler
- water color paints (no liquid), paint brushes
- coloring books, doodle pads, picture books / easy readers

She paused between each item as if she was afraid to say that she wanted more than one thing. Only after being prompted did she continue her list.

Nine-year-old Ralph slowly listed what he wanted, too. "School supplies, school bag, a T-shirt, shoes and socks." All of these are simple things that most American children take for granted. But in impoverished areas like this one, school supplies and basic clothing make a huge difference. "Education is the only way out," said Marlin, pastor of the church that arranged the shoe box distribution at the school. "OCC will make a difference for them." With new school supplies, the children will have more opportunities in class. But the shoe boxes don't just offer physical items to make life better for children. The gifts also present an opportunity to learn about the Gospel.

That's exactly what Ralph did. When he accepted his gift, he also accepted Christ. As he kicks a soccer ball to a friend, his smile isn't just because of his new toys. Now he has found God's love. Ralph and his friends were offered "The Greatest Gift of All" booklet with their gifts, which explains the story of Christ and salvation through Him. Ralph said he is excited to learn more about Jesus. He is blessed because his mother is also a Christian, and she taught him about Christ even before he believed. Joy also received the booklet, but she didn't look at it as soon as she received it. She said she wanted to look at it later. When she reads "The Greatest Gift of All," there is hope that she too will find Christ's love. At the end of the day, the smiling faces at the dump pick up their last bottles and throw them into bags. Then they walk the short distance to their houses. Children have finished playing soccer and are helping to prepare the evening meal. Over dinner, they will talk about their day at school. Parents will see every gift in the shoe boxes, and they, too, will hear about how Jesus loves them.

Kids, find and circle or highlight each word from this list:

Teacher
Jericho
Mercy
Lord
Love
Neighbor
Donkey
Jesus
God
Service
Jerusalem
Samaritan

Good Samaritan

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Birthdays

- 01 Robert Hicks
- 05 Chris Haynie
- 05 Myrtle Skinner
- 06 Dawn Adamo
- 06-- Adrielle Law
- 08 Laura Harris
- 08 Ronald McConkey
- 09 Callie Hancock
- 09 Camille Hicks
- 11 Gerald Hancock
- 11 Logan Irwin
- 12 Bonnie Hanks
- 13 Tabby Krauel
- 13 Norma Stump
- 14 Julie Burgess
- 14 Heather Guiffre
- 15 Caitlyn Hancock
- 15—Brian "Keith" Linville
- 18 Doreen Corrado
- 18 Joy Hamilton
- 20 Bob Gill
- 20 Carol Hancock
- 24-- Carl Widmayer
- 27 Sharon Hile
- 29 Gary Boston



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Brotherhood Fellowship 9AM
3 Benevolence Sunday	4 LABOR DAY	5 Ladies of the Light and Men on Tuesday 10AM Deacon's Meeting 7PM	Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	7 Women on Mission 9:45 AM	8	9 Miller event
AWANA 5:30PM	11 PACE 8:30AM	12 Ladies of the Light and Men on Tuesday 10AM	Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	14	15	16
17 AWANA 5:30PM	18 PACE 8:30AM	19 Ladies of the Light and Men on Tuesday 10AM Church Council Meeting 7PM	Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	21 Visitation Ministry 9:45AM	22 Merry Widows 12 PM	First Day of Autumn
24 Gibson baby shower AWANA 5:30PM	25 PACE 8:30AM	26 Ladies of the Light and Men on Tuesday 10AM	Food Distribution 5:00-6:30 PM	28	**Please see bul Sunday & Wedn	30 Iletin for regular resday services**