

- Prayer Meeting is the first Wednesday of every month and Bible Study is all other Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.
- The third Thursday of every month is ABWM at 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies' Bible Study is the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:45 p.m.
- Men's Ministry is the last Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
- God's Tots is every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- Jr. Choir (up to 6th grade) meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Youth Choir (6th through 12th grade) meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Sr. Choir meets Wednesday nights at 8:15 p.m.
- Home group meets at the Dull residence the first and third Monday of every month

- November 5th – Prayer for the Persecuted Church Sunday
- November 5th – Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- November 19th– Bob & Lina Duncan Speaking at ICBC
- November 19th – ICBC Thanksgiving Supper
- November 22nd – Thanksgiving Eve Service at MR UMC
- December 3rd – Lord's Supper & First Sunday of Advent
- December 10th – Sunday School Rally at MR UMC
- December 10th - Children's Christmas Musical
- December 17th – Christmas Caroling
- December 20th – Beacon Articles Due
- December 24th – Christmas Eve Service *and* Sr. Choir Cantata
- December 31st – New Year's Eve Service and Fellowship

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What a Mighty God we serve!

In the absolute middle of nowhere, in between two hayfields on the border of North and South Dakota stands a marker that reads, “O Lord my God, Thou art very great.” (Psalm 104:1b) It would seem, at first glance, that this marker would serve as the least appropriate way to express the glory of God. Most markers stand on the edge of something great, reminding those who pass by to take note of a great view, building, or former residence of a historical figure. But not this one. This marker is out of sight for most of the world: I trust that nobody who reads this will ever see it. It stands on the edge of a cemetery in which only a handful of saints-rural farmers from the beginning/middle of the last century are buried. It rests upon the location of a church that is no longer there. The building was moved to Aberdeen, SD (90 miles away) in 1959. There isn't a sign that honors the legacy of the church or the members who are buried near where it once stood. The cemetery doesn't even have a name.

The marker would serve as a perfect contrast to the 21st Century Church, whose primary concern too often is the ability to market itself. Too often, churches stretch to be the trendiest, newest, hottest ministries in their communities... drawing as much attention to their *brand* as possible. When churches aren't focused on their *brand*, too often they are focused on their preferences. Many churches have built entire identities around their preferences (I am not speaking of doctrinal differences, but of cultural preferences) and tragically, many more have split because of an overemphasis on self (Or a rejection of those who are not similar in one way or another).

But when we gather together, our emphasis should never be on ourselves. We aren't calling people to trust in our names, or to be ambassadors for our kingdoms... we should be calling people to respond in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to glorify His great name. Ministries (And individual believers alike) must encourage people to live in awe of the glory of God.

A few Sundays ago, Tiza Dunaway asked me, during the meet and greet, to share a few words with our congregation. She stood up and shared, “You are looking at a miracle!” urging people to see the powerful work of God in her life. Just a few weeks before, Ed Warner shared about how the prayers of God's people had worked wonders in his life; giving him hope through his battle with cancer, and sharing how God answered those prayers through his physical healing. Those moments weren't about the significance of either individual (Although both are wonderful, godly people). Their testimonies were invitations for our congregation to see how wonderful, how powerful, and how loving our God is.

I trust that some of those who read this article have never met Ed or Tiza, just as you have never seen that marker on the border of the Dakotas. But the greatness of God is not displayed through people, or through places according to fame or earthly significance... but through the work God does through them. That little country church, where the marker now stands, sent out numerous pastors and at least one missionary: a man who served as a Bible translator in East Asia. People heard the Bible in their own language because of what God did through that little country church. If you drove past the field, you might completely miss it, but it is precious to God. I trust God's work through the testimonies of Ed and Tiza will likewise bear lasting fruit, perhaps in ways they will never see. Can I ask you, do you strive to point others to the God who is great or to yourself?

“O Lord my God, Thou art very great!”

-Pastor Chris

Compiled by Mike Bigam
 (* Service at Mill Run UMC; + Sunday School Rally; -- No service)

ATTENDANCE	7/2	7/9	7/16	7/23	7/30	8/6	8/13	8/20	8/27	9/3	9/10	9/17	9/24
<i>Sunday School</i>	95	87	72	98	76	59	81	91	93	62	86	85	79
<i>Morning Church</i>	147	138	135	140	126	105	139	136	142	118	146	157	148
<i>Evening Church</i>	*	49	*	*	48	*	51	*	42	--	+43	*	43

College Addresses

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How we can pray for you this year:

“Class success; balancing home, school, and activities; spiritual growth / stability”

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How we can pray for you this year:

“Pray specifically for guidance and direction as the season starts and that God may use me as a light to all those around me.”

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District 11 Sunday School Association Rally

Submitted by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening September 10, 2017 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at ICBC. A total of 43 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and Mill Run United Methodist won the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School in attendance. John Tressler moderated the meeting and led the singing, and pianist was Vicki Tressler.

Special music for the evening was presented by the ICBC Senior Choir singing a southern gospel classic, “I’m Feeling Fine”.

The speaker for the Rally was Reverend Frank Lewis III, a retired pastor who currently serves as chaplain with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections at SCI Fayette. Reverend Lewis was named Pennsylvania’s “Correctional Chaplain of the Year” in 2016. The message was interesting and inspirational as we learned about the duties and challenges of prison chaplains, and also of the rich spiritual rewards of seeing lives changed when people come to know Christ as Savior. Several people asked Reverend Lewis interesting questions about his various experiences over the years. We had a good evening of Christian fellowship.

The next rally will be held December 10th at the Mill Run United Methodist Church.

Hope to see you there!

Indian Creek Baptist Church Campground Ministry
Thirty Fifth Anniversary at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park - 2017

Submitted by Kerwin Miner and John Tressler

For thirty-five summers, Indian Creek Baptist Church has been holding Sunday "Campground Services" at the local "Mill Run Campground." It began in 1983 with Don Bowser and Gorman Dull taking turns as speaker from Memorial Day through Labor Day. In 1984, the pastor and some of the deacons were also recruited as speakers. The service consisted of singing a song, an opening prayer, several more songs chosen by the attendees, followed by a 15-20 minute devotional by the speaker, a closing song and closing prayer. This was all taking place at the end of the water slide with rushing water and a pool gurgling at the bottom. There was a little shelter there where shoes, towels and clothing could be stored and this provided some protection from the weather if it was raining. It wasn't the best location, but we all enjoyed being able to have a worship service at the campground. Eight years later in 1991, the campground built us a "chapel." Actually it is a picnic pavilion with a concrete floor and folding picnic tables, lights and is more centrally located in the campground. Compared to the water slide location, it represented a huge step up and we had our "chapel."

As the campground has grown (now Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park) so has our ministry. We have had people from all over the world including England, Central America, South America, Europe, and Japan. We have had visitors from a large number of states including Alaska and Hawaii. Our ministry now includes giving out Bibles, various literature, "The Ultimate Questions" booklet and "Our Daily Bread" booklet. For the children, we give out small toy gifts such as stuffed animals, Bible bookmarks, scripture pens, and more. The campground provides coffee and hot water for tea or hot chocolate.

Each week for the past four years, we have also been blessed to have a different volunteer speaker from Indian Creek Baptist Church. We are blessed to have so many who are willing to tell others of the Good News of Jesus. We have both men and women speakers. The age range for our speakers has been from 11 years old to 95 years of age, which is truly a tribute to our church and community. With God's help and blessing, Indian Creek Baptist will continue this unique service for many more years or until Jesus returns.

Our speakers for 2017 were John Tressler, Kerwin Miner, Junior Show, Ken Firestone, Rick Broadwater, Wendy Pritts, Jeff Crider, Cody Adanitsch, Rob Orndorff, Pam Hughes, Brian Dull, Dara Pritts, Pastor Chris McLaughlin, Bonita Warrick, and Pastor Don Bowser. It was very fitting that Don Bowser should return to close out this anniversary year. Our attendance total for this year was 451--301 campers and 150 locals.

Thank you all for your support and prayers. We are looking forward to 2018, our 36th year.

ABCOPAD's New President

We would like to congratulate our mom, Pamela Hughes, on her being voted president of ABCOPAD! The 2017 conference was held July 14th-16th at Shippensburg University. She previously held the position of Love Gift Coordinator. We're very blessed to have you as our mom! May God bless you in this endeavor and recognition of your years of service for the Lord.

Love,

Laurie & Rob, Emma, Brody, Luke, Leah & Marty, Elijah, Lainey, Jimmy & Amanda, Zoey, and Hunter

Short-Term Mission Trip: July 16-22, 2017
Gatlinburg, TN: Roaring Fork Baptist Church

Submitted by Sharon Weible

We were blessed to have the opportunity to partner with Builders for Christ on this mission trip. Builders for Christ is an organization “serving our Lord Jesus Christ in the mission field of church construction” by providing and coordinating volunteer labor to help churches build/rebuild their buildings.

The Builders for Christ Leadership Team organize and plan the mission trip for the construction project at the host church. Each week a new group of volunteers show up at the work site ready to provide their “free labor”. Some volunteers take vacation time to be able to help, some are high school or college students and are already off in the summer, but many of the volunteers are retired.

Our church has had groups of volunteers partner with Builders for Christ in the past: 2003 in Aurora, CO; 2004 in Manchester, CT; 2005 in Sterling, MA; 2006 in Eau Claire, WI; 2007 in Chalmette, LA; 2008 in Logan, OH.

This year we went to Gatlinburg, TN to help rebuild Roaring Fork Baptist Church, a church that burned down in the November 2016 wildfires that devastated the Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg area, including parts of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The construction project also included building a huge Family Life Center across the street from the church. Our group spent most of our time in the Center doing insulation (including in the peaks of some pretty high ceilings) and dry wall. Some of us also did insulation in rooms in the church basement, helped in the work in the sanctuary, and manned the “Tool Trailer” (distributing various tools to the volunteers). Our work day began at 7a.m. and ended at 5 p.m.

We worked with other volunteer groups from OH, TN, and AL. The group from Tuscaloosa, AL was the largest and they were in charge of the kitchen. Their cooks were responsible for preparing lunch and supper for all of us (around 150 people) each day, as well as morning and afternoon snacks. We were well-fed, for sure!

The group from our church included the following: Pastor Chris, Amy, Isaiah & Elijah, Hope & Brian Dull, Vicki & John Tressler, Carol Hull, Wendy, Earl, Bailey & Dara Pritts, Mike Bigam, Shawn Depaoli, and Sharon & Julie Weible.

Our group started each day with prayer together before leaving for the worksite and then prayer at the worksite with the whole group of volunteers. There was time for sight-seeing in the evenings (for anyone who had the energy left to do so) and for fellowship. Our last workday (Friday) ended at lunchtime. That afternoon we went as a group to the Christ in the Smokies Museum & Gardens and then to the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant for a great meal.

It was sad, but interesting to see the areas that had burned in the wildfires: a house/building would be burned, but one across the street or even beside it would be okay! It was also interesting to see black bears several times, including in the pavilion where we ate our meals (ask Julie about the Mama Bear & her twin cubs)!

Acts 13:47

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “ ‘I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

Youth News

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

We are very proud of our many youth here at ICBC. We pray God's blessings of success & enjoyment for each of you as you participate in these many activities.

Jett Dunaway is playing Fall Ball for the Dunbar Bullskin Baseball Team.

Rachel Grimm is on the Connellsville Senior High Girls Soccer Team. She is a starter defender & a Captatin this year.

Gabriel Kemp plays on the Connellsville Jr. Legion Baseball Team & made it to the State Championship in Homer City. He is Connellsville High School Boys Soccer Goalkeeper & scored his 1st varsity goal. He is a freshman mentor @ the high school & recently attended a Mentor Retreat at Jumonville. He enjoys being in the gifted program at school & playing saxaphone in the symphonic band.

Logan Kemp finished his season with the Connellsville Thunder Baseball Team & is currently playing Fall Baseball with Connellsville. He helped the NJAS with the middle school's Back to School Dance. He will be starting practices with the Connellsville Trap Shooting Team in October.

Teran Kemp finished his season with Connellsville Thunder & is now playing Fall Baseball in Dunbar. He is also playing Fall Soccer with Connellsville Soccer Club U14 travel team.

Madison Kinneer was a captain on the Middle School Soccer Team. She will now be playing on the Middle School Basketball Team.

Meredith Kinneer will be a level 6 gymnist this competition season.

Miles Kinneer recently started preschool.

Kenzie Mowry participated in 4-H, at the Fayette County Fair. She showed a pig, goat, and lamb. She placed with her Goat - Reserve Champion Middleweight

Grand Champion County Bred
Champion Intermediate Showman
Reserve Champion Showman Overall

She placed with her Lamb - Champion Lightweight

Champion Intermediate Showman
Reserve Champion Showman Overall.

Sadie Richter won championship Jr. Lamb showman at the Fayette County Fair. She also placed 1st with her lamb class. She was reserve Jr. goat showman as well. She was 3rd in showmanship with her steer. Her 4th Olympic Team placed 2nd. Sadie was also champion lamb showman & 4th place goat showman for 12-14 year old division for this PCLA jackpot season.

Amaris Richter showed her goat Rosie & placed 3rd. She also showed her goat Peanut Butter. She participated in the 4th Olympics & was a reserve champion pee wee lamb & reserve champion peewee goat showman for this season. Amaris recently started 3rd grade.

Maura Richter had champion sr doe with her goat & also showed her lamb Dora & placed 3rd. She also participated in the 4th Olympics. She just started kindergarten & is very excited.

Nicholas Santore was selected as a member of the 9 & 10 year old Dunbar Little League All-Star Team. The team advanced to the District 9 Little League Tournament Final & finished 2nd place.

Amelia Santore participated in C Glee's Summer Camp production of Mulan Jr. at The Carnegie Library in Connellsville. She was the youngest member of the ensemble at age 6 & played the part of a Chinese Villager.

Cade Warrick is playing fall baseball for Connellsville High School.

Luke Warrick is on the Freshman Football team. Luke was on the Connellsville Jr. American Legion Baseball Team. They placed 2nd in the regional tournament & went to the state championship tournament.

Matthew 21:15-16

But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, " 'From the lips of children and infants you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

Proverbs 22:6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Expect trials, be prepared, and rejoice

Submitted by Tom Hawkins, through Betty Hawkins

"Stand firm against the schemes of the devil." (Eph. 6:11)

The believer's conflict with the forces of darkness is rightly called spiritual warfare since Satan and His evil world system are hostile toward everything God does. By nature, they are anti-God and anti-Christ.

Satan is the antithesis of every godly attribute. God is holy; Satan is evil. God is love; Satan is the embodiment of hatred. God redeems His children; Satan damns his. Jesus reveals grace and truth (John 1:17), but Satan "...does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies" (Jn. 8:44)

God gives life, whereas Satan breeds death (Heb. 2:14). God produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23). Satan produces immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and the like (vv. 19-21).

God uses trials to prove the genuineness of your faith and increase your joy and spiritual endurance (James 1:3). Satan uses temptation in an attempt to destroy your faith and silence your testimony. God grants freedom from the bondage of sin, while Satan wants to enslave you to sin for all eternity (2 Tim. 2:26).

Jesus is your advocate, pleading your cause before the Father (1 John 2:1). Satan is your accuser, blaming you incessantly for the things God has already forgiven (Rev. 12:10).

As Satan opposes everything God does, he'll also oppose God's children. When he does, don't be overly concerned or think of it as odd or unfair. Expect trials, be prepared, and rejoice because they show you're a threat to Satan's system and an asset to Christ's kingdom.

Engagement

Rick and Becky Broadwater of Mill Run, are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Tyler Mark Broadwater to Kaitlyn Darielle Ross of Amity. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Bobby and Cindy Ross of Amity, PA. Tyler is a Systems Administrator for LHTC Broadband in Stahlstown, PA and Kaitlyn is a Medical Assistant for Centerville Clinics in Washington, PA. A fall 2018 wedding is being planned.

In Sympathy

Van R. Kooser, 83, of Mill Run, died Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017, at his home. He was born July 8, 1934, in Mill Run, a son of the late Henry and Bertha Dull Kooser. Mr. Kooser was a 1952 graduate of Connellsville High School. He was employed as a machinist at Anchor Hocking for 43 1/2 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving from 1957-59. He was a member of the Indian Creek Baptist Church. Van loved baseball and was a big Pittsburgh Pirates fan, and along with his wife Mollie, he enjoyed restoring antique farm tractors.

He is survived by his wife, Mollie Allshouse Kooser; two daughters, Candi Strunk and her husband Vic of Confluence and Kelly Work and her husband Tim of Mill Run; five granddogs; one brother, Robert Kooser and his wife Donna of Mill Run; and a sister-in-law, Nancy Varley and her husband Ron of St. Louis, Mo. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, John French "Frenchie" Kooser.

Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You

Submitted by **Patty Ann Dull**

Hi everyone. On August 21st, many of us enjoyed the total eclipse of our sun. Those who'd bought special glasses watched outdoors, but Marlyn and I watched the photos on tv. I remarked that it's amazing that our moon is the perfect size to cast the shadow that exactly covers our sun, leaving just the narrow ring of sparkly gold, the corona. We turned to TBN for their comments. They pointed out that coverage is perfect since our sun is 400 times larger than the moon, but also is 400 times farther from us, so it works. They also reminded us that God can interrupt his perfect design of pattern at any time. Recorded in Scripture: when the sun and moon stood still (Joshua 10:13); when darkness occurred from noon until 3:00, as Christ breathed His last (Matthew 27:45). So, August 21st, 2017 was a memorable and inspiring day.

We are grateful for donations toward our printing and mailing: Sarah Etta Work, Mill Run; Leroy and Cora (Shearer) Ferri, Greensburg; Ron and Glenda (Work) King, Elderton; Michelle Dahl (wife of the late Barry), New Windsor, MD.

Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.

1 John 1:3

What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.



"I've heard him preach. How is he able to hold himself to only 140 characters on Twitter?"

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