



In August, our church purchased a van to be used for transporting individuals to and from our morning worship services. In addition, it will be used by our groups and for outreaches

The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the Indian Creek Baptist Church. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of January and will include activities from October, November, and December. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to the Beacon editor by Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

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ATTENDANCE	7/1	7/8	7/15	7/22	7/29	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26	9/2	9/9	9/16	9/23
<i>Sunday School</i>	89	73	77	89	80	77	86	86	96	95	79	76	72
<i>Morning Church</i>	136	118	138	200	117	151	133	108	152	134	124	134	129
<i>Evening Church</i>	30	29	*	34	*	32	31	*	*	*	*	56	30

College Student Addresses

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How can we pray for you this year?

Pray for guidance and wisdom as I begin applying for RN positions and prepare to take my state boards after graduating in May.

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How can we pray for you this year?

For God to open up doors for me to bring as many people to the Lord as possible. For guidance and safety throughout the year, and to be an example to those around me.

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How can we pray for you this year?

Pray for me as I finish up my classes and look forward to my final semester of school with student teaching in the spring.

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How can we pray for you this year? Safe travels as I commute and my success this semester

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How can we pray for you this year?

Please pray for my safe travels this year to and from school. I also continue to ask for prayers as a Christian witness for my school and community. Thanks so much for all you do.

Other info I would like to share

I just recently declared a minor in special education (7-12) which has recently become a calling for me from the Lord. I ask for prayers in this case and area of my life.

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I am a third-year biology premedical major

How can we pray for you this year?

If you could pray for strength and motivation through my classes this semester. Also, guidance through my process of MCAT prep, Med school applications, and general life/career choices.

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Youth News

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

Jett Dunaway played on the Dunbar Little League All-Star 11U Team.

Rachel Grimm is playing on the Connellsville High School Varsity Soccer Team.

Kenzie Mowry participated in a Science & Ag Challenge at Penn State, State College, Pa in June. Her team worked since December to create a new product that would better the agriculture industry. She also participated in PCLA (PA Club Livestock Association). She placed 4th in Goat Showmanship & 5th in Skillathon in her age division. At the Fayette County Fair she showed a breeding sheep & received 3rd in Open & 2nd in 4h in her class. She showed a goat & was 4th in her showmanship age division and 4th in class. She showed a lamb was 5th in her showmanship age division & 6th in class. She showed a pig was Champion Purebred, Champion Intermediate Showman, & Reserve Champion Overall Pig Showman, & showed a Steer 3rd in class, 6th in her showmanship age division.

Alyssa Orndorff is a senior nursing student at Penn State, The Eberly Campus. She was inducted into the Pi Sigma Phi Honor Society and was on the Dean's List for the Spring '18 semester. Alyssa is a member of the Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania (SNAP) Council and is also a Peer Academic Leader/Tutor on campus throughout the school year. This summer, she had a nurse externship at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, WV. She completed rotations in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) and the Cardiac Step-down Unit.

Derek Orndorff is a sophomore, majoring in kinesiology, at Penn State, University Park. He is also a member of the Nittany Lion baseball team. Derek has been chosen to represent the baseball team on the Student-Athlete Advisory Board. This summer, Derek traveled to Oneonta, NY, where he lived with a host family while playing baseball for the Oneonta Outlaws, a team in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League.

Amaris Richter showed her first official year in 4H. She showed Ashley Pritts sheep, Marge, and won Grand Champion breeding Ewe. She also placed 1st in the carcass goat show. She showed her goat, Ellie, placed 3rd in class and made the initial cut for showmanship ages 8-12. She placed 5th in her class with her sheep. She also competed in the 4h Olympics.

Maura Richter showed her breeding goat, Roxie, and her breeding lamb, Zoey, at the fair and did a great job! She also competed in the 4h Olympics.

Sadie Richter showed at the Fayette County Fair and had a great year. She showed Ashley Pritt's sheep, Oprah, and won reserve grand champion breeding ewe. She won 1st place, reserve heavyweight, grand champion county bred, champion intermediate goat showman and champion overall Goat showman with her goat, Fred. She placed 2nd in class and was reserve intermediate lamb showman with her lamb, Jasper. She also showed her steer, Zeke. She earned the honor of competing in the Supreme Showmanship Competition where she and 6 other competitors had a contest showing all 7 species of animals (lamb, pig, goat, steer, dairy cow, dairy goat, and a horse). She ended up in 3rd place. She competed in the 4h Olympics.

ICBC CAMPGROUND MINISTRY AT YOGI BEAR PARK

Submitted by John Tressler

This was our 36th year of church services at Mill Run's Yogi Bear Jellystone Park. Each Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day (15 Sundays this year), we meet at the campground pavilion. It all started in 1982 when Don Bowser, with the help of Gorman Dull, lead services at the bottom of the water slid.

It is such a fun ministry to be involved in. Each week we get to meet people from all across country and sometimes from other countries. We never know who will show up or where they are from, but we have made some great friends over the years.

This year was the fourth year in which we have had a different speaker each week. We had one new first-time speaker: Scott Provance. We have had speakers as young as 11 and as old as 93 in the past. This year we narrowed that down a little bit as the youngest was Dara Pritts at age 14 and Don Bowser our oldest at 81.

We would like to thank Randy Work and Yogi Bear Park for allowing us to have the services. We would also like to thank them for providing coffee and tea each week.

A very **big thank** you to Kerwin Miner for all his hard work again this year in lining up speakers. We couldn't do it without you. Great job! If you would be willing to help next year please talk to me or Kerwin.

The speakers this year were: Kerwin Miner, John Tressler, Cody Adanitsch, Ken Firestone, Scott Provance, Wendy Pritts, Rick Broadwater, Dara Pritts, Jeff Crider, Pam Hughes, Brian Dull, Rob Orndorff, Don Bowser, Bonita Warrick, and Pastor Chris.

We had 198 campers and 146 locals for a total of 344 attend our services this summer.

Thank you all very much. May the Lord bless you as you serve.

District 11 Sunday School Association Rally

Submitted by Brian Dull

On Sunday evening September 16, 2018 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at ICBC. A total of 55 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and Normalville United Methodist won the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School in attendance. Barney Shipley, District 11 President, moderated the meeting. John Tressler led the singing and pianist was Vicki Tressler.

Special music for the evening was presented by the ICBC Senior Choir singing a Southern Gospel medley "I'm Saved and I Know that I am", along with "Amazing Grace".

Virginia Work read an article published by the Pennsylvania State Sunday School Association entitled "I Love Sunday School". Barney Shipley also read an article entitled "God's Plan" followed by scripture reading taken from Proverbs 16: 1 – 9. Pastor Chris McLaughlin then offered a prayer for all school students as the new school year has begun.

The next rally will be held December 9th at the Mill Run United Methodist Church. This will be a good time of fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior with the beautiful hymns of the Christmas season! Hope to see you there!

From the Desk of Pastor Chris

"Resurrection is a fiction and a distraction to anyone who refuses to face the reality of death."
-Christian Wiman, Poet, Critic, and Seminary Professor

When Wiman wrote those words, he didn't write from the perspective of an unbeliever. He wasn't suggesting that resurrection is, in fact, a fiction. Nor did he write those words as though facing the reality of death is a trivial exercise. Christian Wiman is dying and has been for more than ten years. He has been diagnosed with a rare cancer that has gone into remission, likely to return. He simply doesn't know when.

When he began his battle with cancer, his faith had been dormant for many years. Upon his diagnosis, he began to wrestle with a question everyone ought to seriously consider: *do I believe in resurrection?* Sure, the believer can easily reply with a resounding "Yes!" But I'd ask, do you live as though you do? Have you seriously wrestled with the reality of death?

I think we understand, but often try not to think of, the reality that our flesh will grow frail and then fail. But understanding the limitations of this body should encourage the believer: this body is only a seed. What will be planted will be transformed into that which is imperishable, incorruptible, and eternal. When we begin to consider this hope, we understand just how little power death holds over us. It does not have victory over us: those who die are not overcome by death- they are released from

its touch. This should give us confidence in the midst of life's greatest trials and hope in the midst of suffering. Job, expressing this hope, said:

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes- I and not another. How my heart years within me! (Job 19:25-27)

Christians do not face the second death (eternal damnation in the lake of fire), even if they submit to the first (natural death). Christians do die twice though. When we are regenerated by the Holy Spirit at conversion, we are made dead to sin. In other words, we are no longer slaves to sin- we are free to choose to live for Christ. Further, the eternal consequences of sin have been removed; washed by the blood of the Lamb. Romans 6 puts it this way:

For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like His. For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin- because anyone who has died has been set free from sin... In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus

We can say we believe in resurrection, but if we don't live as though we have been raised to walk in newness of life; that we are dead to sin, then we treat resurrection like a distraction. It becomes another cute topic likes sports, the weather, or crafts. But this cannot be so for the believer. We are commanded to count ourselves dead to sin. We will wrestle with temptation and sin, but we are called to crucify those with our flesh. We will find ourselves pursuing temporary, carnal things- but we are called walk in freedom; for which Christ has set us free (Gal. 5:1). This isn't a suggestion, and it isn't self-help advice: it is the acknowledgement of what the Lord has promised to do through you. As you walk this earth, I would urge you to live as though the resurrection power is in work within you (Eph. 1:19-20). And when He calls you home, to leave behind a legacy that points others away from a full coffin and towards an empty tomb.

Legend of the Manger Kitty

Submitted by Patty Ann Dull

We know from Luke 2:7 that "She brought forth m her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger..." since this is recorded in Scripture in God's Word, we know it is fact.

Now, the following is just legend, handed down for hundreds of years; it might have been part of that miraculous night:

Mary and Joseph did not have many things to comfort their little son, Jesus. They prayed for help and did the best they could. There were various animals around the stable where the family was sheltered. A soft furry cat was nearby and he walked over toward the manger-bed. Due to his curious nature, he stood on his hind legs, curved his front paws over the edge, and peeked in. It looked like a comfy place, so he jumped in. Laying at the baby's feet, the cat settled in, purring contentedly. Mary noticed the little creature and smiled. She knew that her Son would be warmer with the snuggly kitty, and being grateful, she pet the forehead with a few gentle strokes.

Then Baby Jesus squirmed about, kicking His tiny feet. Not liking the little nudges, the kitty moved to Jesus' side but soon was touched with a small hand, which reached out to him, tapping just above the eyes. Though the cat liked the softness and warmth, he did not like being jabbed, even gently, so he jumped out. He retreated to his usual spot near the back corner of the drafty stable.

Curling up again, the kitty began to fall into a nice peaceful slumber, not even knowing that this was a night of miracles for all of the Earth. He also did not know that a new mark had appeared on his forehead - letter 'M'. This would be passed on to his descendants for centuries.

Now - some have thought that the appearance of letter 'M' stood for Mary, who had pet the kitty. Others have surmised that it represents the manger where the cat nestled against Jesus. But actually - 'M' is for the Son of God, who reached out to touch him on that first Christmas night. The cat's mark is for the Savior, who came to provide eternal life for anyone who will receive Him.

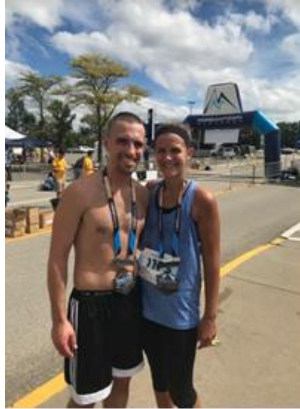
On that bright starry night of many miracles, this one is the most awesome of all: God sent out -

Messiah !

'adapted by Patty Dull,
From Christmas legends
I have heard from family

Big Achievement

On Sunday September 16, 2018 at 7:00am Sam & Kelsey (May) Sprowls set out to complete a goal that they had set five months prior, to run a marathon, a feat that only 1% of the population have completed. Over their months of training they logged 451 miles of sweat and tears. All their hard work became worth it as they locked hands and crossed the finish line together. They finished the long 26.2 mile race, across hilly Morgantown West Virginia, in 5 hours and 40 minute and were welcomed across the finish line by some very proud family and friends.



Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You

Submitted by Patty Ann Dull

We are still rejoicing in God's faithfulness to us, as we celebrated in June, the 175 years of Baptist worship here. The first record of Baptist worship in the 'Indian Creek Settlement' (the former name for Mill Run) is that in 1798 the Turkeyfoot Baptist Church sent its pastors here to institute worship. We have no records that it continued permanently, so we count 1843 as our official beginning. We were happy to hear that the historic church building where the congregation of Turkeyfoot Baptist Church ('Old Jersey Church') met, is unlocked once a year for a worship service. The congregation now worship in the town of Confluence. Marlyn and I attended the service Aug. 12th. A musical was presented by Danny Conner and the Men of Grace Quartet. They were wonderful. Three pastors in attendance led prayers.

We knew from records that the original founders of the church in 1775 were very patriotic. When the Revolution of the colonies began, several of the men left their families and farms and returned to New Jersey to enlist. Among them was my ancestor, Robert Colborn. When we explored the interior of the old building, we discovered that the congregation continued in patriotism. There is a plaque from the Dept. of the Army, dated 1942, thanking the congregation for relinquishing their pastor to serve as Army chaplain. He was Rev. Moore-head.

The old building, constructed in 1877, was the 3rd on the site. There is a plaque on the exterior designating it as the first Baptist church congregation west of the Alleghenies. It was very well built and is maintained well. It is located at 2516 Jersey Hollow Road, Confluence, PA. 15424. Next summer the service will be Aug 11th, 7:00P.M.

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Until next time keep in touch and in prayer.