

**4th of July Homecoming Picnic
Tuesday, July 4, 2017
ICBC Grove**

12:30 pm Parade
1:00 pm Flag raising ceremony with
VFW Post 12019
2:00 pm Games for all ages
6:30 pm Musical entertainment with Scott Ohler
7:30 pm "The Ritchers" gospel group
10:00 pm Fireworks display

Old fashion cake walk in the evening and refreshments available all day.

April 29- ABWM Calendar Party @ 11:00
May 4 – National Day of Prayer – Service TBA
May 7 – Mother and Daughter luncheon @ 1:00
May 7 – ICBC Softball Team's first game
May 10 – Last Monthly Board Meeting for the summer
May 16 – God's Tots field trip (More on page 5)
June 4 – The Lord's Supper
June 19-24 - Vacation Bible School
July 4 – Independence Day

The Baptist Beacon is sponsored by the ICBC Couples Class. The next Beacon will come out at the beginning of July and will include activities from April, May, and June. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to the Beacon editor by Sunday, June 25, 2017.

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As I read through my favorite Pauline Epistle, Second Timothy, I am always struck by these verses from chapter two: “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

Paul’s writing to Timothy has an urgent feel to it. Paul, writing from prison, likely knew his end was near. And so, this Epistle is not just a warm letter to a colleague, but instead an urgent challenge from a mentor. Paul urged Timothy to recognize the grace of Jesus that was at work within him. Grace does not *just* save the believer, but it also empowers him to live a holy life (1:9). The holy life always results in the glorification of the Father through the exercising of one’s spiritual gifts (1:6-8). Paul had invested his life into Timothy and so he knew that this man had a genuine relationship with the Lord. He was aware of the spiritual gifts the Lord had bestowed upon him, and he was sure that Timothy would be able to stand within that grace and see God do marvelous things through him. What marvelous things did he expect to see?

He expected to see a multiplication in ministry. This is not to say that Paul was certain Timothy would build glass cathedrals or lead a mega church. No, the implication was much more personal than that. Timothy was encouraged to recognize those who were qualified to teach others, and to invest his life into theirs. This would involve a personal investment- a commitment to “fan into flame the gift of God” that was present in those he served alongside.

It is important, as we consider the encouragement/call to mission Paul shared, to step back and consider his relationship with Timothy. Paul was not writing to just any one of the various ministers who had served alongside him- he was reaching out to one he knew the Lord was using in a powerful way. Timothy had always been devout; he was celebrated for his faith before Paul had met him (Acts 16:2). Paul had been able to influence Timothy and to invest in his ministry, just as he was encouraging Timothy to do for other ministers.

While the two verses I have written about shed a lot of information about Paul’s relationship with Timothy, his philosophy of ministry, etc., I want to ask you to consider what it says about your ministry. As you look back upon your life, can you say that there are individuals you have invested in? Have you recognized the spiritual gifting of others and invested your life into theirs? If you stepped into the presence of the Lord today, would your work for the Lord die with you? Paul passed the baton- will you?

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

ATTENDANCE	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
<i>Sunday School</i>	91	92	100	101	95	104	100	95	94	98	87	99	102
<i>Morning Church</i>	142	140	167	153	140	157	155	154	152	145	163	148	140
<i>Evening Church</i>	--	42	*	45	*	42	*	48	*	43	+	*	32

Please join us...

Sunday:

Sunday School Canteen in the Social Room – 9:15 – 9:40 am / Sunday School Opening– 9:30 am – 9:45 am
 Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 am – 10:30 am
 Morning Worship (with nursery care and junior church) – 10:45 am
 Jr and Sr BYF – 6:00 pm
 Evening Worship – 7:00 pm (Note – every other Sunday services are generally at Mill Run UM Church)

Wednesday:

Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor Chris – 7:00 pm
 Adult Choir Practice – 8:15 – 9:00 pm

God’s Tots Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:00 am

ABW (American Baptist Women) meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm.

The following special offerings were received this Quarter:

- Kids Kings Club offering was \$282.74. KKC is just one of our many kid’s programs here at ICBC. It is an after-school program that runs for 8 weeks every Friday after school from January through March. We average 120 kids each week. The offering goes to Chuck and Peggy Cunningham who minister with Rumi Rancho in Bolivia. This year, 29 kids accepted Christ and we handed out 47 Bibles. Please continue to pray for this program.
- America for Christ Offering-\$971.85

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Romans 1: 16-17

ABWM CALENDAR PARTY

CAMPING FOR CHRIST

by Pam Hughes

Our calendar party this year is scheduled for April 29th at 11:00 a.m. The theme for this year's calendar party is "Camping For Christ". There are 6 Camps in PA/DEL: Camp Carmel is our local camp. It is located in the Dunbar Mountains along the Youghiogheny River. The others are: Camp Blue Diamond, Camp Ichthus, Camp Judson, Camp Swatara and North Country Baptist student Ministries.

Women of the church have volunteered to decorate the tables with a variety of themes: Flip Flops, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Camping, Thanksgiving, St Patricks Day, Horses, Spring and more. We have all our food donated for the Soup and Salad Bar. Money from the tickets and donations go to the project. The camps were asked to create a wish list of items they need to assist in the camping experience.

Along with collecting money for the camps, we are collecting the following items: napkins, toilet paper, paper towels, Kool-Aid, peanut butter, and grape jelly (Peanut butter and grape jelly in plastic containers).

We will have a presentation of the theme, speakers (all ages that have attended Camp Carmel), door prizes, and great fellowship. Church Camps have made an impact on many lives. Hope to see you there.

District 11 Sunday School Association Rally

On Sunday evening March 12, 2017 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at the Normalville United Methodist Church. A total of 63 people attended. ICBC won the red banner for having the most in attendance, and Normalville won the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School roll in attendance. John Tressler led the singing and pianist was Louis Kemp. Barney Shipley moderated the Rally.

The main speaker for the evening was Jason Hayes who is a paramedic with Fayette EMS and a detective with the Fayette County Drug Task Force. Mr. Hayes is a canine handler and he brought with him his patrol dog named Mako, a Belgium Malinos. Mr. Hayes talked about the growing narcotics (heroin) epidemic in Fayette County. In his many years of service he has witnessed the devastating effects of these dangerous drugs and the increase in crime resulting from this addiction. Mr. Hayes also spoke of the Task Force's reliance on patrol dogs such as Mako in tracking down drug users.

The presentation was both interesting and informative, with several people asking various questions. We gained a greater understanding of the devastating effects of narcotics. There is a great need for spiritual transformation in people's lives to help overcome this addiction. Let's pray for this issue as well as for those like Mr. Hayes who are combating this problem on a daily basis.

The evening was closed out with the ICBC choir singing an arrangement of "Amazing Grace" with "My Chains are Gone".

Those attending the Rally voted to give a \$200.00 donation to the Fayette County Sunday School Association. The next Sunday School Rally will be held in June at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Hope to see you there!

Submitted by Brian Dull

Youth News

Submitted by Tiza Dunaway

Yay for our youth! We are proud of each of you for your unique accomplishments. Keep up the good work & remember God has placed you where you are for a reason- always shine for Him!

Gabriel Kemp is playing on the High School Baseball Team & received High Honors.

Logan Kemp is on the Sound Crew for the Middle School Musical. He is a member of the High School Trap Shooting Team & received High Honors.

Teran Kemp participated in the Math Bowl at Connellsville High School & received Highest Honors.

Amaris Richter made the Honor Roll.

Maura Richter will be playing T-ball this spring. She recently attended Kindergarten Registration & is very excited about starting school in the fall!

Sadie Richter made the Honor Roll & has been nominated for NJHS at the Middle School.

Nicholas Santore received The Principal's Certificate of Excellence for receiving straight A's on his report card for the first semester. He will also be participating in the On-Field Jump for the Heart Pre-Game Salute at the Pittsburgh Pirate Game on May 7th for being one of the top fundraisers at his school for the annual Jumpathon held at Springfield Elementary.

Cade Warrick is on the High School Baseball Team & recently went with the team on their spring trip to Myrtle Beach. He also received Highest Honors.

Luke Warrick is on the Middle School Baseball Team & received Highest Honors.

Faith Firestone is in Dance at Premier Dance Center and Competition Dance @ Premier Dance Center. She is also a Cheerleader at CASD and on the Track team. She made Honor Roll.

Christian Firestone played basketball in the Connellsville Youth Basketball league and made the Honor Roll at CNP.

Andrew Firestone also played basketball in the Connellsville Youth Basketball League and made the Honor Roll at CNP.

Grace Firestone is in Dance at Premier Dance Center and made the Honor Roll at CNP.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14*

God's Tots Field Trip Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Visit to the Springfield Twp. Volunteer Hose Company in Mill Run followed by a picnic lunch at Resh's Park in Indian Head.

SEWING AT I.C.B.C.

by Pam Hughes

The ABWM sponsored sewing classes in the fall and the winter. Nine women attended from time to time. The first classes were instructional on use of sewing machines, how to insert elastic in a casing, creating patches to be use in a quilt top, (which we gave to a family that had a fire), threading bobbins and the machines, laying out a pattern and more. The second group of classes we had the “girls” make table runners and tote bags. We also started another quilt, sewing together patches. We had two Easter runners, one patriotic, and one a combination of leather like, and soft upholstery material. I had a great time getting to know some of the younger women of the church. Look for upcoming fall sewing dates.

Rip Tearin Bandage Party

by Pam Hughes

We had a great time tearing sheets into strips, which were then sewn together and measured to make bandages.

Thanks to all who have given sheets. We tore 4 inch strips and we sewed them together and then measured out 10 yard pieces to be rolled into bandages.

We had 14 women and 2 girls attended. We tore, sewed, and measured bandages that will be rolled at our ABWM meetings.

We had volunteers bring soup, sandwich spreads, homemade bread, and desserts.

Thanks to all who came. We will let you know when the next “tearin” party will be held to continue our White Cross tradition.

Continue to bring used, clean sheets they are put to a great second use.

Birth Announcements

Pam and Jeremy Hyatt had a baby boy, Alexander Harrison Hyatt, on Saturday March 18th. He weighed 5 lbs

4 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Big sister Katherine is happy to have her brother home. Grandparents are Dave and Cindy Hyatt and John and Kathy Davis.

Bennett Keith May was born February 23, 2017. He weighed 8lbs. 1oz. and was 20.5in. long. He is the son of Daniel and Debbie May. The proud grandparents are Keith & Susie May and E.Scott & Barb McAllister. Bennett is the Great Grandson of Roger and Naomi Eicher and Norma May.

Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You

Patty Ann Dull

We could say that March has been dreary, damp and sloppy, but instead we'll say that winter is retreating. We look forward to budding trees and warm sunshine and maybe even rainbows. Whatever... God is good to us in all seasons.

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We hope you all have a wonderful celebration of Christ's resurrection and victory over death. Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer