

# Kings Kids Club



Kids grades K – 6 are invited to Kings Kids Club  
January 15<sup>th</sup> – February 26<sup>th</sup> / 3:45 – 5:30 pm  
(If school is canceled, there is no Kings Kids Club.)

**Thank you to the ICBC Couples Class for  
sponsoring the Baptist Beacon!**

**And thank you to the ladies who so faithfully help  
to put the Beacon together each issue!**

The next Baptist Beacon will come out at the beginning of April and will include activities from January, February, and March, as well as upcoming dates. Any submissions for the Beacon should be sent as Word Documents or in the body of an email to Hope Dull by Wednesday, March 30, 2016.

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## The Baptist Beacon

October, November, and December 2015

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Sunday:  
Sunday School Opening – 9:30 am  
Sunday School – 9:45 am  
Morning Worship – 10:40 am  
Jr BYF & Sr BYF – 6:30 pm  
Evening Worship – 7:30 pm



## Thanksgiving Leads to Anticipation

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time in the life of a believer. As far as holidays go, it has everything: great food, family, and a day off work. Above all, it is a day that causes us to reflect upon the many ways the Lord has blessed our lives. Here are a few people/things I am grateful for this fall:

I am grateful for Pastor Don Walls, who went home to be with the Lord this fall. His interim ministry between the solid work of Pastor John Davis and the direction I believe the Lord is calling us towards was essential. Pastor Walls was a hero, having served his country faithfully. He brought many of his military stories with him in his preaching ministry, and invested in those the Lord called him to serve. I am grateful for his dedication to his calling, as his ministry has directly blessed what the Lord has been able to do through ICBC during my tenure.

I am grateful for good health. In October, a nodule was discovered on one of my salivary glands. A date was set for a month later (November 24) to remove the nodule and biopsy it while I was under. Although the surgery ended up being a little more extensive than anticipated, the nodule was benign. Praise God! As I reflect upon my health, I must also give thanks to the Lord for blessing me with such a wonderful family. They came alongside me and supported me during a very difficult time.

I am grateful for my church family. While I awaited my surgery, our church family poured out their love and encouragement upon me. I received so many cards, calls, and visits it was overwhelming (in a good way). I am truly blessed to be able to serve such tremendous people.

I could go on listing the many ways the Lord has blessed my life, but I would like to point out that gratitude ought to lead to anticipation. When we are truly grateful for what the Lord has done, we ought to turn our focus to what He has promised to do in the days ahead. The Lord's blessings in our lives are but samples of the glorious hope we have in Christ.

As we reflect upon the way the Lord has blessed us with wonderful loved ones and friends, let us also consider the hope we have of being reunited with those who have gone ahead of us into the Lord's presence.

As we reflect upon the physical limitations and disease of this world, let us hold fast to the hope we have of standing before the Lord, clothed in the imperishable, immortal body He has promised us.

As we focus on the wonderful Christmas we just enjoyed, let us look forward to our faith becoming sight- that day when the Lord will return, just as He has promised. Only this time, the Lord is not coming as a baby- He is coming as the King. May we live with that anticipation, fulfilling the work the Lord has called us to do as wise servants who know not when the Master will return.

Psalm 106:1

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

## News Around the Church

by Donna Crider

Sr Choir Director: John Tressler / Pam Hughes  
Jr Choir Director: Janet Grimm / Shannon Bryner

Pianist: Vicki Tressler / Bonita Warrick  
Organist: Nanette Miller / Bonita Warrick

### Week of Sunday Oct 4, 2015:

- Responsive Reading: The Great Commission (Earl Pritts)
- Sr Choir: *Build My Mansion*
- Message: *Broken For Our Nation* / Scripture: Romans 9:1-5
- Communion Service

### Week of Sunday Oct 11:

- Responsive Reading: Worship of God (Jan Show)
- Sr Choir Anthem
- Message: *The Future Hope of Israel* / Scripture: Romans 11:1-6

### Week of Sunday Oct 18:

- Responsive Reading: Practical Christianity (Eugene May)
- Sr Choir: *Peace in the Valley*
- World Fellowship Offering
- Message: *Renewing Your Mind* / Scripture: Romans 12: 1-2

### Week of Sunday Oct 25: ABW Sunday

- Responsive Reading: Christian Ministry (Sharon Weible)
- Jr Choir Specials: *It's October / God is Bigger*
- Ladies Choir: *Amazing Grace*
- Message: *In Proportion to One's Faith* / Scripture: Romans 12: 3-8
- Solo: The Only Hope (Hope Dull)

### Week of Sunday Nov 1: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

- Candlelight Ceremony (7 candles lit-each candle representing 10 million Christian martyrs)
- Moment of Silence (for those martyred)
- Responsive Reading (Pastor Chris)
- Sr Choir: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*
- Persecuted Church Video
- Message: *Of Whom The World Was Not Worthy* / Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 12-17

### Week of Sunday Nov 8:

- Recognition of Veterans by Pastor Chris
- Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Veterans in attendance
- Responsive Reading – The Mind of Christ (Tom Kessler)
- Sr Choir: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*
- Mission Moment: Operation Christmas Child with Charlie Hall
- Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes
- Message: *For His Good, To Build Him Up* / Scripture: Romans 15: 1-6

### Week of Sunday Nov 15:

- Responsive Reading: The Mind of Christ (John Tressler)
- Special Music: *The Country Church* (Rick Broadwater, Tyler Broadwater, Brian Dull, Jeff Dull, and Marlyn Dull)
- Message: Guest Speaker Pastor Frank Dean

**ICBC Verse for October:**  
*Each of us should please  
our neighbor for his good,  
to build him up.*  
**Romans 15:2**

**ICBC Verse for November:**  
*Give thanks to the Lord for  
He is good, His love  
endures forever.*  
**Psalm 107: 1**

Week of Sunday Nov 22:

- Responsive Reading: Thanksgiving to God (Vic Strunk)
- Jr Choir: O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand; A Child's Thanksgiving; Enter Into His Gates
- Sr Choir: Count Your Blessings
- Message: *No Good Thing* / Scripture: Psalm 84: 1-4

Week of Sunday Nov 29:

- Salvation Army Moment: Sharon Weible
- Responsive Reading: Micah 7: 1-7 (Sam Sprowles)
- Lighting of the First Advent Candle: *Your Prayer Has Been Heard* (Derek Orndorff and Kenzie Mowry)
- Sr Choir: *Thank You For The Song*
- Message: *Christmas Invites Us to Bring Our Hurt to God*

Week of Sunday Dec 6:

- Responsive Reading: Adoration of the Magi (Ken Firestone)
- Lighting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Candle: *The Lord is with You* (Kendal McCutcheon and Rachael Grimm)
- Sr Choir: *Good News*
- Message: *Christmas Invites Us to Respond to God in Faith*
- Observance of the Lord's Supper

**ICBC Verse for December:**  
***His Son is the reflection of God's glory,***  
***and the exact likeness of God's being.***  
**Hebrews 1:3a**

Week of Sunday Dec 13:

- Responsive Reading: The Savior's Advent (Todd Fullem)
- Lighting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Advent Candle: *Give Him the Name Jesus* (Gabriel Kemp and Allie Richter)
- Jr Choir Musical: *Christmas Hang-Ups* by Dennis and Nan Allen

Week of Sunday Dec 20:

- Responsive Reading: The Incarnate Christ (Pastor Chris)
- Lighting of the 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle: *Good News of Great Joy!* (Faith Firestone and Cade Warrick)
- Sr Choir: *Mary Did You Know?*
- Message: *Christmas Invites Us to Rejoice*

Christmas Eve Service:

- Children's Christmas Recitations
- Lighting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle: *Glory to God in the Highest* (Lydia Woof and Luke Warrick)
- Offering taken to support the American Baptist Retired Ministers and Missionaries (RMMO)
- Sr Choir Christmas Cantata: *Silent Night, Holy Night* by Russell Mauldin/Sue C Smith
- Christmas Devotion: *More Blessed to Give Than to Receive*
- Candlelight Service with Special Music: O Holy Night (Faith Firestone)

Week of Sunday Dec 27: College Students Sunday

- The college students helped with various aspects of the service. Each of them also shared where they are going to school and what they are studying. Our college students are: Rebecca Grimm, Alyssa Orndorff, Ashley Pritts, and Kaitlyn Ross. An offering was collected for the college students.
- Sr Choir: *Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*
- Message: *Follow Me*

*Romans 12:12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

ATTENDANCE	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29	12/6	12/13	12/20	12/27
<i>Sunday School</i>	107	75	96	119	108	103	105	116	103	109	107	107	106
<i>Morning Church</i>	121	127	144	141	132	158	141	196	171	168	268	159	173
<i>Evening Church</i>	&	*	60	*	61	46	*	#	56	=	+	*	--

(& Revival at Normalville UMC; \* Service at Mill Run UMC; + Sunday School Rally;  
# Thanksgiving Dinner; -- No service; = Community Light Up Night)

## YEARS GONE BY

by Pam Hughes

Former church clerks were WS Colborn, George Skinner, Fern Work, Donna Miner, Meriel Bowser. We have had many go to various Mission Fields – here in the United States and in many countries- Haiti, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, South Africa, and more I probably missed. We support many missionaries throughout the world.

Campground Ministry was 23 years old in 2015 and was started by Rev Don Bowser and Gorman Dull. It continues on today. This year we had an average of 20 each Sunday and a different speaker every week. Thanks to the Yogi Bear Campground for allowing this ministry.

ABWM members from the past: Bess Friend, Eloise Miller Shearer, Fern Work, Grace Herwick, Edyth Bigam, Meriel Bowser, Leola Miner, Mary Julia Skinner and many more.

Men’s quartet over the years: Ward Shearer, Bob Shearer, Lester Dull, Gorman Dull, Marlyn Dull, Rick Broadwater, Jeff Dull, Brian Dull and others. Edyth Bigam was their pianist and also Vicki Tressler.

Past choir members: Florence Shearer, Maree Fullem, and many others still living and others gone.

Pastors: Rev Hulihan, Rev Seefried, Rev Horne, Rev Marsteller, Rev Malesky, Rev Davis (ones I remember)

**\*\*For the next *Years Gone By*, share a story or memory you have about ICBC. You can give it to Pam or Hope.\*\***

## The Over 54 Club by Bonita Warrick

The Over 54 Club recently sponsored movie night. We invited all ages to come and watch the movie “Do You Believe?” In the movie a pastor is moved by the visible faith of a street-corner preacher, and his response ignites a journey that impacts lots of lives. Approximately 55-60 attended, both young and old. We were glad for the good response. Popcorn and ice-cream sundaes were served to all those attending.



### Words of Wisdom

“The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.”  
----- Mark Twain

“The longer I live the more convinced I become that life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it.”  
---- Charles R. Swindoll

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.” –  
---- Theodore Roosevelt

**As we begin 2016, Pastor Chris will be presenting a series of sermons on what it means to be a Baptist. In considering that, here is a reminder of what our purpose and beliefs are at ICBC.**

### **OUR PURPOSE**

Indian Creek Baptist's purpose is to be God's light to the community by preaching the gospel, winning souls to Christ, making disciples and ministering to the whole person through missionary outreach.

### **OUR BELIEFS**

At Indian Creek Baptist Church, we believe:

- \* The Bible to be the inspired word of God.
- \* The birth of Jesus Christ as evidence of His deity, in that He was virgin born.
- \* The blood of Christ shed on the cross to be the only atonement for sin.
- \* The bodily resurrection of Christ from the tomb and His ascension into Heaven.
- \* The body of Christ, called also the Church, to be composed of all believers.
- \* The blessed hope and His personal return to earth.
- \* The believer's call to a life of consecration.

Taken from ICBC's website - [www.icbcmillrunpa.com/purpose-and-church-doctrine.html](http://www.icbcmillrunpa.com/purpose-and-church-doctrine.html)

*As we head into 2016, may you be encouraged by Isaiah 41:10: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

### **I Know Who Holds Tomorrow**

Written by Ira Stanphill, 1950

I don't know about tomorrow;  
I just live from day to day.  
I don't borrow from it's sunshine  
For it's skies may turn to grey.  
I don't worry o'er the future,  
For I know what Jesus said.  
And today I'll walk beside Him,  
For He knows what is ahead.

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.

Every step is getting brighter  
As the golden stairs I climb;  
Every burden's getting lighter,  
Every cloud is silver-lined.  
There the sun is always shining,  
There no tear will dim the eye;  
At the ending of the rainbow  
Where the mountains touch the sky.

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand.

I don't know about tomorrow;  
It may bring me poverty.  
But the one who feeds the sparrow,  
Is the one who stands by me.  
And the path that is my portion  
May be through the flame or flood;  
But His presence goes before me  
And I'm covered with His blood.

Many things about tomorrow  
I don't seem to understand  
But I know who holds tomorrow  
And I know who holds my hand...

On Sunday evening December 12, 2015 the District 11 Sunday School Association Rally was held at the Mill Run United Methodist Church. A total of 95 people attended. Mill Run United Methodist Church won the red banner for having the most in attendance, as well as the blue banner for having the highest percentage of their total Sunday School roll in attendance. District President Barney Shipley opened the service with a devotional. John Tressler led the singing and accompaniment was by Vicki Tressler on piano and Elaine Firestone on organ.

Special music for the evening included Christmas songs presented by both the ICBC senior choir and by the Mill Run United Methodist Choir. A solo was sung by young Kinley Laymen. And all children were invited to participate in playing a selection of Christmas music in the bell choir. Virginia Work recited from memory the Christmas story as taken from Luke 2: 8 – 20.

A special offering was taken to be divided equally between two ministries: ICV Food Bank and Connellsville Community Ministries.

The next rally will be held March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Normalville United Methodist Church. Hope to see you there!

\*\*\*120<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Fayette Sunday School Association will be April 29 & 30 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Acme PA. There will be a poster and T-shirt contest for ages 6 – 19.\*\*\*

*Mission Reflections by Pam Hughes*

**Operation Christmas Child Shoe boxes for 2015 – 98 boxes were collected from ICBC and delivered to Clinton Church of God collection site. What fun it is to create a shoe box full of treasures: toys, balls, crayons, t-shirts, hygiene items, and more. Find a storage place to keep your items throughout the year and then in November fill your shoe box or fill more than one. It is amazing what a small box holds.....an opportunity to share Jesus with a child.**

In December, in addition to our regular support of SIM (DeLaCours), Camino (Duncans), Rumi Rancho (Cunninghams), World Venture (Whites), Tentmaker’s Bible Mission (Dulls), and South America Mission (Browns), we also sent money to each of these ministries: Open Doors, Prison Fellowship, CRU, Missionary Flights Int., Mission Aviation Fellowship, Racers for Christ, Transport for Christ, Slavic Gospel Association, Jesus Film Project, ACLJ, Way of Truth Ministries, Bible League, The Voice of the Martyrs, Teen Quest, Living Water, and Live Outreach International.

**The Cunninghams – Rumi Rancho, Cochabamba, Bolivia**  
**Chuck and Peggy once again shared Christmas with the children in mountains - sandals, hygiene, gifts and JESUS! New laptops will be used with new students. They ask for prayers for their ministry and their health needs.**

**THE BROWNS – Pucallpa, Peru**  
**Mike & Marcy Brown are teaching children of other Missionaries in the region. This is the first Christmas away from family. Pray for them as they serve the servants.**

Did you know...  
 Local mountain area churches of all denominations delivered 1,785 shoeboxes to the Clinton Church of God, an Operation Christmas Child Relay Center for years. A team from the Clinton church processed the shoeboxes and prepared them to be transported by tractor trailers as part of the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/>

**ABWM CONFERENCE**  
**July 15 – 17, 2016, \$156**  
**(meals, lodging, etc)**  
**More information to come.**  
**Our speaker will be:**  
**Joanna Weaver, author of**  
**Having a Mary Heart in a**  
**Martha World.**

Please consider going. There are “scholarships” available for first timers. Check with Pam Hughes for more information.

**Watch for projects you can participate in. They will be in the church bulletin.**

The ABW have been keeping busy with mission needs.

- \* We thank those who save *used postage stamps, Box Tops for Education, and Campbell's Soup Labels* and materials that we often ask for. (Please continue to do so!) Recently we gave Springfield Elementary some box top's and soup labels.
- \* We received our White Cross Quota with things needed by our missionaries.
- \* We sent a gift card to Rankin Christian center in Rankin, PA to purchase the supplies they need.
- \* We roll bandages from old sheets and they are sent to the Congo.
- \* We send money to different areas of ministry with the American Baptist.
- \* We recently knotted a quilt at one of our meetings for a very special friend.
- \* Christmas cards and money was sent to each of our missionaries that we support.
- \* We bought Christmas gifts for a family in need that had two small girls. How special it was for us to meet the family the night of our ABW Christmas Party. They seemed so appreciative.
- \* Don't forget our ABW Calendar Party is scheduled for April 9, 2016. The funds we raise will go to "WATER OF BLESSING" to help buy portable water filters for people in Nicaragua who have unclean water sources. ([www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ABWM/Our-2014-15-Region-Mission-Project.aspx](http://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ABWM/Our-2014-15-Region-Mission-Project.aspx)) If you would like to help in any way please see Pam, Dee, Hope, Joy or Bonita.

### The Salvation Army

by Brian Dull

The Salvation Army is most often thought about at Christmas time with money donations being collected by volunteers outside various stores and businesses. This Christmas ICBC participated in three different projects in collaboration with the Salvation Army. 191 hats, gloves and scarves were collected for children on a Christmas tree in the foyer. Individuals bought gifts for 51 children and the ABW bought gifts for a local family. These projects helped many children and families in the local area thanks to generous gifts that were given and to the efforts of many volunteers here at ICBC.

Obviously the Salvation Army is a valuable and generous organization that helps hundreds of thousands of people every year. But few people know the story of how the Salvation Army was founded. The following story was taken from an article entitled "City Grit" that was in a book entitled "The Christian History Devotional":

*"William Booth, born in 1829, was sent as a young man to work as an apprentice for a pawnbroker, a profession that gave him a look at the life of the poor. Booth later became a Methodist preacher. But the ministry he had in mind for his native England required him to start his own unique organization. He wanted to spread the gospel in England's industrial cities. So naturally he was drawn to London.*

*In 1865 William Booth and his wife, Catherine, opened the "Christian Mission". They began their ministry working from a tent set up in one of the worst slums in London. By 1878 the mission became known as "The Salvation Army". At first, many people mocked it, thinking the brass bands that the Army used in its open-air preaching services looked ridiculous. Some Army workers were arrested for disturbing the peace, and others were assaulted. Buildings owned by the Army were vandalized and destroyed. Brewers and saloon owners harassed the Army – a backhanded compliment to the Army's success in reforming drunkards. Many clergymen thought the Army was "undignified" – and indeed it was, because Booth realized the "dignified" churches were not reaching the masses of people crowded into the unsanitary cities.*

*However, over time the critics grew quieter. There was no doubt that Booth was a man with a heart for God – and for England's outcasts. Booth saw that the core problem was the core of man: convert the soul, and a persons' life would change for the better. But physical needs were met as well. The Army provided cheap meals for the hungry, cheap coal for heating, shelters for the homeless, rescue homes for reformed prostitutes, and halfway houses for released prisoners.*

*William Booth, known as "General", ruled the "Army" as a benevolent autocrat. By the time he died in 1912, he was one of England's – and the world's – honored citizens."*



## God's Tots by Patty Show

God's Tots started our fall session in September and we currently have 38 preschoolers registered. We moved from our classroom to a larger area to accommodate the children and all the adults. This fall our lessons focused on nature, including finding pumpkins in the grove, a series of lessons on Moses, and Thanksgiving. Our December lessons were on the birth of Jesus and we closed out the year with a "Happy Birthday, Baby Jesus" celebration.

We also like to have the children participate in sharing projects. This fall we once again filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We had a total of 25 boxes that we added to our church collection. We also filled a gift basket for Sophia and her mom. Sophia had spent an extended time in Children's Hospital recovering from surgery. The children were very generous with items that they donated and the monetary love gift. We were so pleased to have Sophia attend our Christmas celebration and spend time with the other children. She was an example to the children of the power of prayer and God's healing.

## Youth



Let us know what your kids and youth of the church have been involved in!

- ♥ Kace Shearer and Bryn Shearer were on the Clifford N Pritts (CNP) Elementary Honor Roll. Kace performed in the CNP Elementary Talent Show.
- ♥ Andrew and Christian Firestone, 4th graders at CNP Elementary, performed a comedy skit at their Talent Show.
- ♥ Rohwen Firestone was on the honor roll for the 1st nine weeks at Connellsville Twp Elementary.
- ♥ Logan Kemp received 3rd place winner in the Connellsville Historical Society poster contest at Springfield Elementary for grades 4-6. Logan is a 6th grade student there.
- ♥ Allie Richter and Alec Richter both received highest honors at Connellsville Area Senior High. Allie was just in her first piano concert December 21<sup>st</sup>. She was also in the Senior Class Play, Alice in Wonderland, as a flower. She is in the indoor color guard. Allie and Alec Richter will both be in the orchestra for the upcoming high school musical.
- ♥ Julie Weible received a gold medal at the Special Olympics Bowling.
- ♥ Chris Weible received a bronze medal in the Special Olympics Bowling.
- ♥ Graydon Miller, formerly of Mill Run, has received the Brandon Chaney CLC Scholarship. This scholarship recognizes apprentices striving to start a career in the heavy and highway construction industry. Graydon is a member of Cement Masons Local 526 and employed by Joseph B. Fay Company, 219 Project.

## JR BYF by Bonita Warrick

The Jr. BYF has a large group of enthusiastic youth (K-6th). We have had lessons on Sunday evenings on some Old Testament people such as Joshua and Caleb, Rahab, Ehud and Eglon. In October we went to Dollar General. The boys purchased gifts to fill a box for Samaritan's Purse and the girls filled a box for a girl. What a joy to share with others. The kids did a good job of shopping. We had a Thanksgiving lesson and also the kids listed things they were thankful for. Along with the Sr. BYF, we made a booklet of our thankful things and gave a booklet to everyone who attended our ICBC Thanksgiving Dinner. It also included some recipes on how to use leftover turkey. In December, a Christmas Party was held at the church with 19 attending. Games were played and a little devotion was shared on giving is better than receiving. We also made a "Merry Christmas" craft. Joy and Bonita served the kids sloppy Joes and mozzarella cheese sticks. Thanks to the Kinneer girls who made and brought chocolate covered pretzels and strawberries. Yummy! Jr. BYF will start on Sunday January 3 and we welcome all kids K-6th grade.

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Greyson Lee Engel was born on October 30, 2015 at 11:37am. He weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long. He is the son of Zachary and Annie (Broadwater) Engel of McKees Rocks, PA. His Grandparents are Rick and Becky Broadwater of Mill Run and Terry and Laura Engel of Crescent, PA. Great Grandparents are Richard and Patty Broadwater of Mill Run, Ed Hardy of Scottdale, PA, and James and Irene Loder of Crescent, PA.



Amber Nicole Miner of Mill Run and Steven Michael Anderson of Connellsville were married on July 25, 2015 at the Indian Creek Baptist Church by Rev. Chris McLaughlin. Parents of the bride are Ronnie and Tammy Miner and Gary and Michelle Anderson. Maid of Honor was Justine Burkholder, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Katelyn Ritenour, Olivia Foreman, and Lindsay Hendricks. Best man was Beau Anderson, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Austin Miner, brother of the bride, Kenny Burkholder and Kyle Burkholder, both cousins of the bride. Flower girl was Skylar Ozoriski, cousin of the bride. A reception was held at the New Have Hose Fire Hall in Connellsville. The couple honeymooned at Myrtle Beach in South Carolina. They are currently living in Bullskin Township in Connellsville.

Justin Pritts and Lindsay Keefer were united in marriage on October 10, 2015 at Indian Creek Baptist Church with Pastor Chris McLaughlin officiating. Justin is the son of Ronald and Kerina Pritts of Normalville, and Lindsay is the daughter of Scott and Karla Keefer of Bullskin. Bridal Party included: Best Man - Joe Kooser, Brandon Pritts, Matt Keefer, Scotty Keefer, Daniel May, Matt May, and Hayden Keefer. Maid of Honor- Laura Hall, Kristen Sanner, Mary Keefer, Danielle Patterson, Ashley Pritts, and Halie Keefer. Flower girls - Mckenzie and Mia Keefer. Her Favorite man Ace, Lindsay's barrel racing horse, carried her thru the grove to the church. A fun reception was held at the Kosciuszko Club in Mt. Pleasant, Pa. The bride and groom went on a 7 night cruise to the Bahamas. They are residing at 1135 Mt. Pleasant Road, Mt. Pleasant, PA.



**MILLER**—Ruth M. Miller, 90, of Ligonier, PA, died Oct. 21, 2015. She was born Sept. 22, 1925, in Mill Run, a daughter of Lawrence & Delila E. Miller.

**WALLS**—Rev. Donald E. Walls, 83, of Lake Lynn, PA, died Nov. 1, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Joanne M. Walls; his son, David & wife Erika; his daughter, Donna & husband Peter Waldron; 1 grandson and 2 brothers. He retired from full-time ministry in 1995 from Mount Moriah Baptist Church. He was the interim pastor at IC BC from 2013-2015.

**NICHOLSON**—Milton Nicholson, 55, of Mill Run, died Dec. 14, 2015. He was born Sept. 8, 1960. He was the son of Jennie & the late Wilmer D. Nicholson. He is survived by his siblings: Malcom (Karen) Nicholson, Lewis (Brenda) Nicholson, Scott (Mia) Nicholson, Adrian Nicholson, Henry (Maureen) Nicholson, Ervin Nicholson, Cheryl Shultz and Becky Shultz.

*“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”*

Revelation 21:4

*Greetings from Mill Run and Thank You by Patty Ann Dull*

*Greetings in new year 2016 from Mill Run to all our readers. We hope you had many blessings at Christmas and good memories to store in your treasury. I will share some of mine. I thank God for:*

*... a dad who created much fun for us by having our uncle thump on the roof so dad could tell us that Santa was near and then we'd scoot off to bed really fast. Dad and mom would then stay up until dawn putting up the tree and assembling our toys. - Glenn Glotfelty*

*... a mom who made the best Christmas cookies and let us have the broken ones, warm from the oven – Loretta (Colborn) Glotfelty*

*... a pastor who loved us and wanted to take pictures of all the kids in their pageant outfits – Rev. Harry Kline*

*... a junior choir director who had the patience to take us Christmas caroling every year, no matter the weather; she let us track mud or snow into her car and then took us to her home for hot cocoa and goodies and presents. – Helen (Hochstetler) Snyder*

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*We, at I.C.B.C., pray that you may draw near to Christ this year as you experience His love and serve Him.*

*Until next time, keep in touch and in prayer.*

## 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) – 10:40 am  
Jr BYF and Sr BYF – 6:30  
Evening Worship – 7:30 pm (Note – every other week services are generally at Mill Run UMC Church)

### Wednesday:

Mid-week Prayer & Bible Study with Pastor Chris – 7:00 pm  
Children's Choir Practice – 7:30 – 8:00 pm  
Adult Choir Practice – 8:15 – 9:00 pm

God's Tots is every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. (unless there is a school delay or cancelation.)

Ladies' Bible Study meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month from 6:45- 8:15 p.m.

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

Church Board Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 8:15 pm – All are welcome.

## Important Dates for 2016:

### January

Jan 13 – ICBC Annual Business Meeting at 7:30 pm  
Jan 15 – Feb 26 – King's Kids Club on Fridays from 3:45–  
5:30 pm (no school, no King's Kids Club)

### February

Feb 7 – Communion Sunday

### March

Mar 13 – Daylight Savings Time begins  
Mar 13 – Sunday School Rally at Normalville UMC 7 pm  
Mar 27 – Easter Sunday (Sunrise service / Adult cantata  
at 7:00 am)  
Mar 30 – Baptist Beacon articles due

### April

Apr 3 – Communion Sunday  
Apr 9 – ABW Calendar Party

### May

May 8 – Mother's Day  
May 17 – God's Tots finishes for the school year  
May 29 – Yogi Bear Campground Ministry begins

### June

June 5 – Communion Sunday  
June 12 – Sunday School Rally at Pleasant Hill UMC 7pm  
June 19 – Father's Day

### July

July 4 – Homecoming Celebration in the Grove  
Vacation Bible School

### August

Aug 7 – Communion Sunday

### September

Sept 4 – Yogi Bear Campground Ministry ends  
God's Tots / Jr and Sr BYF resume  
Sept 11 – Sunday School Rally at ICBC at 7:00 pm

### October

Oct 2 – Communion Sunday

### November

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church  
Nov 6 – Daylight Savings Time ends  
Nov 20 – Church-wide Thanksgiving dinner at 6:00 pm  
Nov 23 – Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:30 pm  
Nov 27 – Advent begins

### December

Dec 4 – Communion Sunday  
Dec 11 – Sunday School Rally at Mill Run UMC at 7:00 pm  
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve service with adult choir cantata  
and candlelight service at 7:00 pm  
Dec 31 – New Year's Eve celebration with dinner at 6:00  
pm followed by a service at 7:00 pm

*If you have dates of ICBC events to include in future listings, please let us know!*