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No Excuse Sunday

When it comes to reasons or excuses why people don't go to church, there are many. And most of us have heard most of those reasons. Maybe even some of us have used some of them in our lifetime. One unknown pastor shared this humorous idea for a special "No Excuse Sunday"



Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."

There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who say, "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those that feel the church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton wool for those who think he's too loud!

Let me first say that there are many who legitimately cannot come to worship on Sunday mornings. Some of you in that category are reading this and I want you to know I appreciate those legitimate reasons. I must also say that there are certain things that maybe we should try to do that will enable people to be able to worship with us on Sunday. But let's keep it real. The real reason that many people don't come to church week in and week out, year in and year out, **when they could**, is that they don't understand what the church is as the body of Christ and/or they do not have a commitment to Jesus the Christ as the Lord of their life. The Lord Jesus the Christ desires us to worship him and to be in fellowship with other Christ followers. We need to get together for many reasons. Here are 5 reasons with scriptures.

Knowledge of God's Word – "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation"— 1 Peter 2:2

Rekindled Worship - "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."—Colossians 3:16

Spiritual Refreshment - "He is like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither and whatever he does shall prosper."—Psalm 1:3

Comfort and Encouragement – "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."— 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Powerful Prayer - "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."— Matthew 18:20

Let's stop making excuses and gather together for fellowship and worship.

IN CHRIST ALONE



Prayer & Praises

- Jeff & Sue Mayle requested prayer for Jeff's Aunt Denise Gaster. Denise has cancer and started chemo, but is not doing well with that. She will have surgery, then chemo and possibly radiation.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost shared a praise for her father, Brian doing well with the surgery and the cancer has not spread. They find out in 2 weeks if he needs radiation.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost requested prayer for her Aunt Cindy, who is in the ICU at Hershey Medical for abnormal throat swelling and difficulty breathing.
- Brenda Eisenhower shared a praise for a new great grandchild.
- Deb Yost shared a praise for Kala Yost that her MRI showed no growth. Thank you for the prayers.
- Keep Bobby Allen's family & friends in your prayers after his passing. Also, keep Joe Martin in your prayers as well.
- Keep Linda Firster's family in your prayers after the passing of her brother, David.

CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

As the Fall-of-the-Year marches on, the flower vanishes, and the green grass is now a dull brown. Such imagery puts a very bright light on how quickly things change. Need we be reminded that God's Word is eternal? Let us read it daily; don't just quote Scripture, live it. A Bible that gathers dust is worthless; a Bible that is read, PRICELESS!!

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV).

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Danville Congregation in Rawlings, MD and Pastor David Ziler
- Dry Run Congregation in Dry Run, PA and Pastor Devin Fink



REBUILD PROJECT

October 26, 2025, through November 1, 2025

With Brethren Disaster Ministry

Location: Johnson County, TN

Number of Volunteers: 7

Will be leaving the church at 7:00 am, Sunday, October 26th

Please be in prayer for all who are traveling!



Sunday, November 2nd, 2025
After worship.



Young Adult Gathering

Fun, Fellowship, and Study

At the church Oct. 25th

@5:30 PM

See Pastor Matt for details



LASER TAG YOUTH EVENT

**NOVEMBER 16TH
AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**REGISTER ONLINE OR IN PERSON
SEE PASTOR MATT
FOR IN-PERSON REGISTRATION**



**How to Be Happy In Jesus
Small Group**

**October 23rd, 30th
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary**

**See Dave Titzell if
you need info**



**Annual Ladies
Christmas
Party at Perkins
Restaurant
in Hanover, PA**

December 2nd, 2025

**Save the Date –
more info to follow.**



Save the Date:

**MOVIE
NIGHT**

December 6th, 2025

Movie Night – "The Star"

WHILE PASTOR GARY IS AWAY

While Pastor Gary is in Tennessee on the mission trip, there are two things you need to know. If you have a prayer request, call the office first, Pastor Matt second, and then Mark third.

Also, if you have any Pastoral care needs, please call Pastor Matt. (717-253-4786)



**Our Annual Harvest Gathering of
food goods to fill the red
wheelbarrow, which benefits the
local food bank, begins
Sunday, November 9th
and ends Sunday November 23rd!**

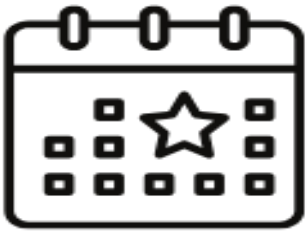
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YOU!**

THANK YOU

Linda and Pastor Gary would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, and wishes due the passing of Linda's brother, David. The comfort and encouragement was very much appreciated.

CHURCH PICNIC IS CANCELLED

This year's church picnic, which was scheduled for November 9th, has been cancelled. This was based upon a recommendation by the Witness Commission and affirmed by the Church Board. As of that meeting, the government was still shut down, which has impacted many programs. One of them is SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). "Kids who live in households participating in SNAP are directly certified for free school meals." Therefore, the recommendation was to donate the money that would have been used for the picnic to three local school districts, Dover, Bermudian, and Spring Grove, to assist with this program. This donation will be made as soon as possible.



Reminders

Wednesday 10/22



Betty Engle's Birthday



Larry & Deb Dentler's Anniversary

6:30 pm - Life Group 

7:45 pm – Women's Choir Practice

7:45 pm – Men's Choir Practice

Thursday 10/23



Ginny Stiffler's Birthday



Tom & Debbie Zipfel's Anniversary

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Saturday 10/25



5:30 pm – Young Adults Group

Sunday 10/26

*Men going to TN Build – Pastor Matt will preach
Please keep them in your prayers this week, for
traveling mercies, fellowship, health.*

09:00 am – Come Worship – Morning Revival

10:00 am – Intersections Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

Thursday 10/30

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

November

Sunday 11/02

09:00 am – Come Worship

Congregational Business Meeting after
Worship

No Sunday School or Café

Monday 11/03



Boyd Michael's Birthday

Tuesday 11/04



Courtney Grim's Birthday

6:30 pm = Women's Fellowship

Wednesday 11/05

6:30 pm - Life Group 

Thursday 11/06



Foy (Gumby) Stambaugh's Birthday

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Saturday 11/08



Ronald See's Birthday

Sunday 11/09

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 11/10



Tom Zipfel's Birthday

Tuesday 11/11



Ray Hunt's Birthday

6:00 pm – Commission Meeting

7:00 pm – Board Meeting

Wednesday 11/12



Linda Hollinger's Birthday

6:30 pm - Life Group 

Thursday 11/13



Gloria Gerber's Birthday



Janet Laughman's Birthday

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

Saturday 11/15



Barb Becker's Birthday

Sunday 11/16



Bill O'Bryan's Birthday

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School