



# The Fellowship Journal

*Rooted in Grace, Growing in Love*

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## TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO PRAY

Because of pressing needs and full schedules, parents sometimes neglect teaching important spiritual lessons. It can be tempting to assume that children will learn in Sunday School to pray and read the Bible. But the truth is, God has given parents the job of training their sons and daughters in spiritual matters.

After listening to Jesus pray, His disciples recognized that they had much to learn and asked Him to teach them how to pray. In the same way, we can motivate our children and help them develop a prayer life that will endure. It's not enough to tell them to pray; they need an example. We must be willing to let them see and hear us talk to our heavenly Father.

When we bring our concerns to the Lord as a family, our children learn that God answers prayer. He's our provider, protector, and guide. Seeing how the Lord responds to our request will motivate our children to take all their concerns to Him as well.

Children also need to understand that prayer is not just a list of requests, but a conversation that builds a relationship with the Lord. When they hear us praise and exalt Him, they'll realize praying should be God-focused rather than self-centered. And as they observe us reading the Bible and letting it guide our requests, they'll learn to pray according to God's will.

Whether you have children or not, realizing that others learn about the Lord, through your prayers may, tempt you to feel inadequate. However, instead of dwelling on your shortcomings, let them motivate you to go to the Scriptures and learn from your heavenly Father how to pray.

Bible Reference: *Luke 11:1-4*

*This article was taken from a devotion, by Charles Stanley, In Touch Ministries.*

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**At the Church Council Meeting, June 11, 2017,  
our church members voted to affiliate with  
Converge World Wide. There were, 111 yes  
votes, and 6 no votes.**

## MINISTRY INFORMATION

### IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT

**Pastor Gary Rebok at 717-816-3624 or  
Jesse Crusey 717-263-9323 or 717-377-5177**

### CONNECT WITH ANY DEACON OR PASTOR GARY REBOK AS NOTED:

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Membership ( <i>Deacons</i> )                                | Individual and Family Worship Guidance ( <i>Deacons</i> )   |
| Baptism and Baby Dedications ( <i>Deacons</i> )              | Benevolence Fund ( <i>Deacons</i> )                         |
| Anointing Service and Prayer Group ( <i>Deacons</i> )        | Marriage ( <i>Deacons and Pastor Gary Rebok</i> )           |
| Personal Counseling ( <i>Deacons and Pastor Gary Rebok</i> ) | Funerals ( <i>Deacons and Pastor Gary Rebok</i> )           |
| Visitation ( <i>Deacons and Pastor Gary Rebok</i> )          | Pastoral Search and Licensure/Ordination ( <i>Deacons</i> ) |

### CURRENT DEACONS AND STAFF TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

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Wendy Lee (717) 372-9414

Chad and Tricia Murray (717) 597-5096

Cindy Pryor (717) 349-0087

Karen Statler (717) 369-3831

Pastor Gary Rebok (717) 816-3624

### CURRENT MINISTRIES WE HAVE:

Head Start

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Last Wednesday All Church Prayer Time

Prayer Ministries

Season To Serve (Older Adults)

Sunday School

Youth Ministry (6th-12th grades)

WWJD (K-5th grades) **Worship With Junior Disciples**

Fifth Sunday Fellowship Breakfast

UPWARD Basketball

Women's Bible Studies

Men Bibles Studies

Family Fun Nights

**Church Office Hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Church Office Telephone number 717-504-8789**

**Church Office Email: [brethrenfel@hotmail.com](mailto:brethrenfel@hotmail.com)**

## FROM OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### Deacons Report for June 2017

The deacons met on June 20 2017, at the Brethren Fellowship, the following items discussed or acted upon were:

Communion is set for July 23 in the church during worship, communion will be served at the front of the church.

A brief discussion on the modification to the Constitution at the next Church Council meeting.

Began plans for setting up the Search Committee and the number of persons on the team, possible number is 7 on the team at this time. Some of the requirements for the individuals on the team were discussed along with prayer topics for the month. *More to follow on this topic.*

There are a number of persons seeking membership with the Brethren Fellowship, At least 2 Deacons have committed to interview each of the persons who have applied.

There was much discussed concerning Converge and the next steps, the requests received from the Dan Peterson, Executive Minister via email are as follows:

### Next Step with Converge Worldwide

Email From: Dan Peterson, Executive Minister, Converge Mid-Atlantic: We are grateful to God that The Brethren Fellowship has decided to move forward to affiliate with Converge.

1. Is to email me some key governing documents. See the list below:
2. Once documents are received, we will then schedule an official Affiliation Gathering at your church location, with some of the key leaders of The Brethren Fellowship, and some of our key Converge Mid-Atlantic pastors/leaders from your area.
3. The purpose of the Affiliation Gathering is to insure that all expectations are clear for affiliation and working together, to celebrate our official partnership, doing God's work together through your church and through Converge.
4. The Converge leaders at this Gathering, are the people who make the official recommendation to our Overseer Board that The Brethren Fellowship be recognized as a full member church in Converge.
5. Once we receive the documents, we well schedule the Affiliation Gathering as soon as possible.

Documents needed include: *(these documents have been sent as requested)*

1. Copy of your church's Constitution and Bylaws, including the church's Affirmation of Faith.
2. Copy of the church's official Certificate of Incorporation from the State of PA.
3. Brief history of The Brethren Fellowship.
4. Brief description of the Vision, Mission, and Key Ministries of The Brethren Fellowship.
5. Brief summary financial report (from previous fiscal year, or recent quarter).

### What is the next step for everyone at Brethren Fellowship?

- PRAYER, PRAYER, and MORE PRAYER. Daily seeking God's direction and discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit:
- Praying for the: Congregation of this Church, the Leadership Teams, the Interim Pastor God sends us, and the Senior Pastor God has chosen for us.
- There will be much more to follow in the coming months that we will need to pray through, as help will be required, and as we work with Converge!

Submitted by Jesse Crusey, Deacon Chair

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

**July 9–15:** Camp Kum Ba Yah grades 3-5th at St. John's Camp

**July 17–21:** Camp Noah grades K-2; held at St Johns Camp

**July 23:** Shippensburg Fair after church service

**July 26:** Pool day and picnic at Caledonia State Park: Noon until dark

**Aug. 11–13:** Twin Bridges Ham n' Bean Soup Booth: Fund Raising

**Aug. 15 or 16:** Hershey Park or Knoebels Grove Amusement Park (TBD)

**Sept.** End of summer picnic (location TBD)

**Oct.** Gettysburg Ghost Walk and Corn mazes (dates TBD)

**Nov. 4:** 1000 Stairs

**Nov.** Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser (date TBD)

**Dec.** Christmas Party (date TBD)

**Jan.** Winter Weekend Snow Camp Youth Retreat in York (date TBD)



### OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

Regular Wednesday Night Youth, Operation Christmas Child, Gleaning Project, Outreach projects for members in need, Samaritans Feet, 30 Hour Famine, Movie night, and Swimming.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our Adult Wednesday night Bible Study meets 6:30-7:30 p.m. All are welcome. In July we will be studying the Prodigal Son. We know it's a parable that Jesus taught way back in his time but, come -- learn how Repentance, Forgiveness and Grace can be brought into our everyday lives now. Ron Adams will be teaching this Bible study. Rev Bill Harter will be visiting and leading a Bible study/discussion on July 12. Babysitting is available.

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Family Fun Nights have started up again. This is our monthly get together for the entire family to attend. Come with us as we follow Jesus on a life changing adventure each month in the Rain Forrest. This is for the Church Family and as an Outreach to the Community. Mark your Calendar – July 11, 2017; Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. We start off with our meal in the gym. We will have singing, puppet skit, light worship and crafts. Sign-up sheets will be located in the lobby. Come for Food, Fun and Fellowship! Schedule dates: All are Tuesday's and time is: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Additional upcoming events: August 15, September 12, and October 10.

Total offering to date: \$160,023.94

Total Special Offerings to date: \$ 4757.27

Remodeling Phase 2: \$902.00

“Steady plodding brings prosperity; hasty speculation brings poverty.”

Proverbs 21:5

## POOL PARTY AUGUST 4



The all Church Pool Party will be held August 4, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at the Guilford Swim Club. The pool is located on Ragged Edge Road, just off of US 30. A sign-up sheet will be available in the lobby. The pool party is being held at this location due to Memorial Park Pool construction and is closed for the summer. Join us for our fun summer pool party at Raged Edge Swim Club. Please sign-up as soon as available, so we have a count for pizza.



## CHURCH PICNIC AT NORLO PARK



The Church Picnic will be held on September 17 at 12:30 p.m. at Norlo Park in Fayetteville. Amber's Country Catering will provide pulled pork sandwiches. The Fellowship team will provide hotdogs, rolls, condiments, lemonade, water, ice and paper goods. Attendees are asked to bring their lawn chairs, a dish to share and possibly a cake for the cake walk. A total of 28 cakes are



needed. There will be a peanut/candy scramble for the kids. A corn-hole tournament will be part of the activities. Signup sheets will be available in the church lobby.

## “SEASONED TO SERVE” SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 20    Mercersburg Theater: “*God and Country*”

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Bus trip to Mercersburg Star Theatre to see the Pennsylvania Opry God and Country music/gospel show. Faith and patriotism have always walked hand in hand. Join us as we rally round the flag with a selection of some of our favorite Gospel and Patriotic songs. Music to feed the soul!**

**Cost: \$40.00 per person (Cost of ticket and bus, only)**

**Bus will leave church parking lot at 12:45 p.m. Music begins at 2:00 p.m.**

**We will eat after the music program at the Hickory Ridge Diner in Saint Thomas (Not included in ticket price)**

**SIGN-UP FOR TICKETS ON CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD AND PAY THE OFFICE OR REID/LINDA PLETCHER**



Aug. 24    Cumberland Valley Relief Center, Assemble School and Hygiene Kits; from 9-11 a. m.

Sept. 24    Picnic at the Pletchers', Sunday evening, 4: 00 p. m. \***Note date change.**

Contact Reid and Linda Pletcher for more information at 423-5288 or reidlnda@hotmail.com. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board by the church office.



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Marimar Alvarado  
 Roy Angle  
 Chris Appleby  
 Chuck Armstrong  
 Kathy Diller  
 Melvin Fox  
 Ryan Hall  
 Darin Horst  
 Courtney Kramer  
 Kristen Lee

Betty Long  
 Damion Martin  
 John Martin  
 Laura Myers  
 Cindy Myers  
 Susan Pylar  
 Rich Pryor  
 Cindy Pryor  
 Mr. Lynn Rotz  
 Kristi Ruggiano



Bobby Sease  
 Beverly Sease  
 Julie Secrest  
 Jen Shover  
 Garrett Shover  
 Harold Smith  
 Barbara Vanpelt  
 Cathy Wall

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

David and Julie Dague  
 Robbie and Pattie Gable  
 Chris and Mary Jo Hall  
 Nelson and Cindy Myers  
 Keith and Laura Myers



Mike and Sharon Schaeffer  
 Bobby and Beverly Sease  
 Troy and Jen Shover  
 Victor and Amanda Rhone

### CHANGES TO YOUR INFORMATION

If your address, telephone number, cell phone number or email has changed please let the church office know so we can keep in touch with you. You can email Mona at [brethrenfel@hotmail.com](mailto:brethrenfel@hotmail.com) or place a note in the church mailbox. If you haven't received a birthday card or anniversary card, please let us know the correct dates for our records, so you too can receive cards.

### UPCOMING CALENDAR SPECIAL EVENTS

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| July 4     | Church Office will be closed for the Holiday       |
| July 9-25  | Camp Kum Ba Yah                                    |
| July 17-21 | Camp Noah  |
| July 30    | Breakfast with a Message                           |
| Aug. 4     | <b>Pool Party at Guilford Swim Club, 8-10 p.m.</b> |
| Sept. 17   | <b>Church Picnic at Norlo Park</b>                 |

### PASTORS OR LAY PERSONS PREACHING

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| July 2  | Pastor John Cook                    |
| July 9  | Aaron Ziebarth (from Camp Joy El)   |
| July 16 | Pastor Randy Rhodes (from Converge) |
| July 23 | Pastor Gary Rebok                   |
| July 30 | Special Music Program               |
| Aug. 6  | Rev. William Harter                 |



## JULY 2017 CALENDAR

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY                            |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|
|  |  |   |   |   |  | <b>1</b>                            |
| <b>2</b> 9:00a-Sunday School<br>10:00a-Worship   | <b>3 6:30p-Property Team</b>                                 | <b>4</b> The Church Office will be closed for the holiday   | <b>5</b> 6:15p-Prayer Time<br>6:30p-Youth<br>6:30p-Bible Study  | <b>6</b> 6:30p-Discipleship   | <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b>                            |
| <b>9</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah begins<br>9:00a-Sunday School<br>10:00a-Worship Service   | <b>10</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah<br>Setup for Family Fun Night –Gym | <b>11</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah<br><b>12:30p-HOG Yoga</b><br>5:30p-Family Fun Night<br>6:00p-Outreach<br>6:15p-Worship and Music Team | <b>12</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah<br>5:30p-Prayer Time<br>6:30p-Youth<br>6:30p-Bible Study                            | <b>13</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah   | <b>14</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah  | <b>15</b> Camp Kum Ba Yah           |
| <b>16</b><br>9:00a-Sunday School<br>10:00a-Worship Service   | <b>17</b> Camp Noah<br><b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>        | <b>18</b> Camp Noah<br><b>12:30p-HOG Yoga</b><br>6:30p-Deacons  | <b>19</b> Camp Noah<br>5:30p-Prayer Time<br>6:30p-Youth<br>6:30p-Bible Study                                  | <b>20</b> Camp Noah<br>STS- Mercersburg Theater<br>Gym & Kitchen reserved | <b>21</b> Camp Noah<br>Gym & Kitchen reserved                                      | <b>22</b><br>Gym & Kitchen reserved |
| <b>23</b><br>9:00a-Sunday School<br>10:00a-Worship Service; Communion<br>Gym & Kitchen reserved after church<br>Youth at Shippensburg Fair | <b>24</b>  | <b>25 12:30p-HOG Yoga</b><br>6:30 Leadership Chairs   | <b>26</b><br>Noon-to late evening Youth Picnic and Pool day at Caledonia Park<br>6:30p-All Church Prayer Time | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>                           |
| <b>30</b> 8:30a-Breakfast with a Message<br>10:00a-Worship Service –Special Music Program  | <b>31</b>  |   |   |   | <b>Aug. 4</b><br><b>8-10p-Pool Party at Guilford Swim Club on Ragged Edge Road</b> |                                     |

a=a. m. p=p. m.

Weekly Pray Time is held downstairs

STS-Seasoned to Serve

All Church Prayer Time is held in the Chapel

HOG Yoga is held in the Chapel





# WELCOME SUMMER

C X A G N B H R C I Y J D L M K R A P E M E H T  
 A A T E P A R T I E S V F R U G A D H B T I J N  
 M L R H J W K K E Y S E I L F E R I F B L E U K  
 P B M N T K E O Y F P O U Q I W X R I H F S M O  
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AUGUST  
 BEACH  
 BIKES  
 CAMPING  
 CARNIVAL  
 COOKOUTS  
 FIREFLIES  
 FIREWORKS  
 FISHING  
 FLIPFLOPS

FUN  
 HULA HOOPS  
 ICE CREAM  
 JULY  
 JUMPROPE  
 JUNE  
 MOVIES  
 PARADES  
 PARTIES  
 PICNICS  
 POOL

POPSICLES  
 ROLLERCOASTER  
 SANDALS  
 SPLASH  
 SPRINKLER  
 SNOWCONES  
 SUNGLASSES  
 SUNSCREEN  
 SWIMMING  
 THEME PARK  
 VACATION