



# The Fellowship Journal

*Rooted in Grace, Growing in Love*

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## **It's a Good Day in Your Walk with God When . . .**

*By Chuck Lawless*

- your spiritual disciplines are a delight rather than a discipline
- you don't even have a moment's consideration of that sin that's haunted you in the past
- the person you've prayed for many years turns to Christ
- as a teacher or pastor, you just *know* that the Spirit of God is working through you
- your spouse compliments you on the way you love him or her – loving like Jesus does
- one of your mentees makes the right choice to turn from sin
- you're not worried about anything, even though you could be
- prayer just happens in your life
- the missionary for whom you've been praying reports a movement of God in his or her region
- you read your Bible *beyond* your required reading for the day
- your child quotes his first memory verse
- evangelism is easy because you're so fascinated with Jesus
- others want you to mentor them because they trust your spiritual commitment
- a non-believing neighbor or co-worker calls you for prayer
- you don't worry about how many dollars you give to God's work
- you can't help but sing about Jesus
- your boss watches his language because he respects your faith
- you sleep well because you're at peace with Him, regardless of what you're facing
- forgiveness finally captures you, and you release that friend who wounded you
- the sermon or devotion so deeply hits you that you know God is speaking directly to you
- you walk away from a temptation that usually captures you
- you're privileged to train believers overseas, and their commitment and gratitude overwhelm you
- you have the entire Bible in your language and in your hands
- you love your church more than ever, even with all its defects
- you can face life, trial, death, and judgment without fear

Even if life is hard for you today, it might be a better day than you thought. Rejoice!

### **Church Council Meeting in July**

**You are invited to attend the Church Council Meeting on  
Tuesday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

## Summer Singers coming to Brethren Fellowship

The Summer Singers will start their eighth year this July. They are under the direction of Gary and Gloria Crum. The group is composed of 55 senior from 17 different churches. They rehearse the month of June and will start performances in July. Their music is a combination of sacred and secular songs. They are excited to join Brethren Fellowship in their worship service on July 31, in the 10:00 service. The concert schedule is as follows:

Wed	July 20	Menno Haven Chapel	1:30 PM
Wed	July 20	Menno Haven Chapel	6:30 PM
Fri	July 22	Quincy Village	7:00 PM
Sun	July 24	St. John's UCC Worship	10:00 AM
Sun	July 24	St Paul's UM	3:00 PM
Tue	July 26	Luther Ridge	2:00 PM
Sun	July 31	Brethren Fellowship	10:00 PM

## Committee Updates

### Outreach Team

The Outreach meeting was held on June 14. Items for discussion were: July through October collect L.O.T. items; Pill bottle collection for the month of July; Items for the newsletter. There will not be an Outreach Team meeting in July the next meeting will be August 16, at 6:30 p.m.

## Remodeling Project for the Church



The remodeling of the front entrance, hallway, 3 offices, nursery, foyer, and the 4 restrooms on the main floor are underway.

The improvements to these areas will include new carpet, painting, removing paneling and replacing with drywall, new LED lighting and ceiling tiles, new furniture for the lobby, and new mailboxes.

Some of the costs have been estimated for this project.

1. Plumbing: \$2,000.00
2. New LED lighting in ceiling: \$10,000.00
3. New ceiling tiles: \$6,500.00
4. Paint, drywall, carpet: \$12,000.00

Our next "Fifth Sunday Remodeling Offering" will be held on Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Special remodeling envelopes will be available in your mailbox or in the back of the church pews.

The project team is asking for volunteer help with various aspects of this project. Usually there are workers at the church every day so come and join the construction crew!



## Swimming and Fun Activities at the Municipal Park



Swimming Fun Night at Municipal Park: **FRIDAY**, July 8 from 8-10:00 p.m. We are having our Swimming Fun Night will be held at the Municipal Park. You will be able to swim, play mini-golf, basketball and volleyball. There will also be pizza for everyone. Everything is free for those attending. Come and enjoy the evening. It should be great fun. Signup sheets are in the church lobby.



### Family Fun Night in July

Something new this year we added, instead of a week-long VBS, is a once a month Family Fun Night, which consists of a meal, puppets, singing, Bible lesson and a family craft. On Tuesday, June 14, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.—75+ family members, ate together, sang together, laughed at the puppet show, listened to Manny speak and came back into Gym to do a family craft.

Our next Family Fun night will be July 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please plan to attend and make your family time together mean something. We will follow the same schedule of events with a different puppet and message. There is no cost involved to come! Any questions, please contact Lynn Rotz @ 816-1510.

### Movie Night August 5

**Friday, August 5, will be Movie Night!** Starts at 7:00 and will end when movie ends. Food will be available; hot dogs, BBQ, drinks, and popcorn for the movie. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs—as it will be outside! If it rains—we bring it inside! Games will be played before the movie, there will be music and singing during this time also.

We will be passing out flyers to the community to try and enlarge the attendance. This is an outreach—so invite your neighbors, grandparents bring your grandchildren and if you have a little time—help to pass out flyers to the community. Let's pass God's love out to everyone! Any questions please contact Lynn Rotz @ 816-1510.

### L.O.T. Restock Calendar

July Bubbly days	Bath soap and baby shampoo
August Squeaky Clean Days	Dish soap, paper towels, and all-purpose cleaners
Look-in' Good September	Dryer sheets and laundry detergent
October Dry Bottom Days	Baby wipes and diapers (sizes 4 and 5)

### Baptisms for July 31

**Baptisms will be held on Sunday, July 31st.** If you are interested in being baptized or have someone in your family who wants baptized please contact Pastor Manny.

Total Offering to date: \$ 191,442.92

Total Special Offerings to date: \$ 17,185.10

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

Proverbs 21:5



## “Seasoned to Serve”

**For the July 14 and August 12 events please make your reservations ASAP. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board by the office.**

**JULY 14:** Bus trip to Bird In Hand Theater in Lancaster for a lunch smorgasbord and a play: “*Confession*”. Cost: \$50.00 per person (Includes meal, tip, play, and bus). Bus will leave church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Play at 1:00 p.m. Return to church parking lot around 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the play need to be purchased by Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Only 25 tickets are available! Please sign-up on the Bulletin Board near the Church Office.

**AUGUST 12:** Bus trip to Bird In Hand Theater in Lancaster for a Lunch Smorgasbord and a “*Magic and Wonder Show*” by Brett Myers. Cost: \$40.00 per person (Includes meal, tip, play, bus). Bus will leave church parking lot at 9:15 a.m. Lunch at 11:30 a.m. Play at 1:00 p.m. Return to church parking lot around 6:00 p.m. Tickets for the play need to be purchased by Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Only 25 tickets are available!

**See Mona or Reid for your tickets for both shows before Sunday, July 10.**

**SEPTEMBER 11:** Picnic at the Pletchers, Sunday evening at 4:00 p.m. The Pletchers will provide the meal. Bring hot and cold dish to share.

**OCTOBER 5:** Bus trip to Leesport’s Farmers Market/Flea Market. The bus will leave the church at 7:00 AM.

Contact Reid and Linda Pletcher for information or sign-up for events: Phone 423-5288 or email: [reidlnda@hotmail.com](mailto:reidlnda@hotmail.com)

## Outreach is Supporting a New Mission

*“Save Those Clean Pill Bottles,  
To cure a spot.  
Now I’ll ask a question,  
How many you got?  
There are bottles, and there are lids,  
To keep our adults and some kids.  
Wash off the labels, a lot or few.  
Use Goo Gone to remove the glue.  
Any pill bottles and liquid too.  
We’ll take them off your hands for you.”*

Save all of your pill bottles! Please save plastic pill bottles with lids, take the labels and any glue and bring them to our collection site in the Church lobby. Outreach has selected to support the “Matthew 25: Ministries.” for the month of July. You can check out their website at: [m25m.org](http://m25m.org). This is a great way to reuse bottles that are normally discarded. Let’s recycle to reduce landfill and generate cash to improve medical care in developing countries. From Brenda Hockenberry.

## Children and Youth Retreat for 2016

What a wonderful time we had in God's Creation! 24 kids and 11 adults journeyed up to St John's Camp, close to Cowan's Gap, on June 3rd and 4th, for Brethren Fellowship's First Annual Youth Retreat. The weekend was chock full of fun with playing basketball, running in the rain (it did rain off and on - But nobody seemed to care), crafts, games, meals were awesome, tie- dying a tee shirt and scavenger hunt. Friendships were made and lessons learned about respect, responsibility and helpfulness. We praised God for many things!

I think the highlight for the older children (4th grade and older) was that they got to spend the night in cabins. Once they got to their cabins they had devotion, and then prepared to go to bed. I didn't say prepared to go to sleep because a few didn't fall asleep until the wee hours of the morning.

For some it was the first time ever spent in a cabin with no air conditioning or without their parents.

3rd graders and younger came up on Saturday morning by 10:30 a.m. to jump right in and start their journey. They started with crafts and getting to know the older kids. We had games, lunch. Some parents of this age group stayed to help out and have fun too.

I would like to thank the Planning committee (Chris Hall, Bev Sease, Bev and Roger Henneberger, Mary Sue and Frank Keath, Mrs. Lynn Rotz, Dorsey Collins, Amanda Rhone, Linda Eiker, Pat & Gary Rebok and Jen Shover ) for all the time that went into pulling this together. Pastor Gary was awesome—he knows the camp very well and started the time off with the rules of the camp and was in complete control. (He Thought!) The kids listened! Pat Rebook for being the cook of all the delicious food we ate, Dr. Mary Jo Hall—we even had a camp doctor—no one got hurt-praise the Lord!) Lynn Rotz for the crafts, the parents who came to spend the night in the cabins with the kids (Debbie and Marty, Chris and Mary Jo, Jen Shover, Gary and Pat. Giving of their time and love to the kids was truly amazing. I also thank the kids for coming and giving up their weekend to be outside. Pastor Manny and Jan visited 3 different times (due to pastoral duties) but they kept coming back!

We would like to make this a yearly event for the kids of our church at St John's Camp!

### 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.





## Our Church Family

I would like to **thank our church family** for their, prayers, cards and phone calls during my recent stay in the hospital and the present recovery. I am so thankful to God for His healing power and answered prayers. Jesse Crusey.

**Thank you to Pastor Manny and Pastor Gary**, for their prayers and support, Ruby Pentz and her team of workers in the kitchen for their great luncheon and the congregation for your love and concern upon the death of Harold Witter. From Geraldine Witter and her family.

**In Loving Memory of my Dad, Donald E. Roof.** I recently lost my dad. Growing up he was always there to guide, love, care, teach and support me. Losing him was sudden, but even if I had been prepared I would never have been ready to lose someone so precious, dear to me. I made sure I talked to him daily and no matter how many times we spoke, I always told him I loved him every time. I have so many childhood, adulthood memories with him. I was always proud of him being a firefighter, but most of all for being my Dad. Not many men would take on a woman with 2 children in 1969. He always told me, he fell in love with me and my mom came along as part of the package. He was my dad from day one and he made it official when he adopted me. I remember what was supposed to be my husband and I's first Christmas wasn't gonna happen do to a snow storm. My Dad picked me up when I got off work, brought me home. I spent a great day on our first Christmas with my husband. My dad drove home, but came back in the evening to take me back for work that night. That's the kind of loving, unselfish person my Dad was, always putting others first, whatever it took to make people happy. I know he's in heaven now keeping my daughter safe and loving her the way he did me throughout my entire life. I love you now and always Dad, thanks for being the kind of a Dad a daughter was always proud of. You never let me down, I always knew I could count on you, you made my life more blessed than I could have ever imagined. Love Always your Daughter, Bobbi Jo (Roof) Hart.

**Dear Church family friends**, I would like to thank all those that sent cards and prayers for me. Thank the ladies from the Deacons of the church for the fruit tray they gave me for the meal after Glen's memorial service. God Bless you all, Peggy Leedy.

### July Birthdays



Marimar Alvarado  
Chris Appleby  
Chuck Armstrong  
Betty Baer  
Kathy Diller  
Melvin Fox  
Cory Gindlesperger

Ryan Hall  
Kaitlin Hockenberry  
Darin Horst  
Courtney Kramer  
Damion Martin  
John Martin  
Laurie Mason

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  
Ralph Sr. and Deborah Yeager

## July 2016 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Youth at Creation	2 Youth at Creation
3 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service Youth return from Creation	4 The Church Office is closed for the holiday Gym reserved all day	5 Gym reserved all day 12p-CTC 12:30p-HOG Yoga 6:30p-Property (date change for holiday)	6 Gym reserved all day 6:15p-Prayer Time 6:30p-Youth 6:30p-Bible Study	7 Gym reserved all day 6:30p-Discipleship	8 Gym reserved all day <b>8-10p-Pool Party at Municipal Park</b>	9 Youth Mission Trip to Virginia Beach area 7/9-7/16
10 Youth Mission Trip 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service	11 Youth Mission Trip 6:30p-Beth Moore Study	12 Youth Mission Trip 12:30p-HOG Yoga 6:30p-Worship and Music Team	13 Youth Mission Trip 6:15p-Prayer Time <b>No Youth Group</b> 6:30p-Bible Study	14 Youth Mission Trip STS- <i>"The Confession"</i> Bird In Hand Dinner Theatre and Lunch	15 Youth Mission Trip Newsletter articles due	16 Youth Mission Trip
17 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service	18 6:30p-Beth Moore Study	19 12:30p-HOG Yoga <b>5:30p-Family Fun Night</b> 6:00p-Finance Team 6:30p-Deacons 6:30p-Outreach	20 6:15p-Prayer Time 6:30p-Youth 6:30p-Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service	25 6:30p-Beth Moore Study	26 12:30p-HOG Yoga <b>6:30p-Church Council meeting</b>	27 6:30p-Youth No Bible Study 6:30p-All Church Prayer Time	28	29	30
31 Baptisms in Chapel 9:00a-Sunday School 10:00a-Worship Service						

a=A.M.

p=P.M.

Pray Time is held in the Prayer Room

All Church prayer time held in the Chapel

STS-Seasoned to Serve

HOG-House of Grace Yoga-in the Chapel

# Patriotic Word Search

M W A S H I D E M O C R A C Y E I K  
M A R T I N L U T H E R K I N G N E  
E S I I T D A L I W K E N N T K D N  
L H T M L D N L O C J R A G L I E N  
A I A E A E P H O C G A N R E Y P O  
I N O M K E N N E D Y R C T V A E S  
R G S O D E E R F G T O A K E D N R  
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|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Adams        | Franklin     | Jefferson          | memorial          |
| Constitution | freedom      | Kennedy            | Roosevelt         |
| democracy    | Grant        | Labor Day          | stars and stripes |
| Eisenhower   | independence | Lincoln            | Truman            |
| flag         | Jackson      | Martin Luther King | Washington        |

**Decode this patriotic message!**

Each letter below stands for a different letter in the alphabet. For example, in this puzzle, every time you see the letter **G**, you should write the letter **A** above it.

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H R B C B R G P B X B B V Z G V Q G Z B C L O G V  
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M G H C L K H A E R K R G P B D K N I R H D K C  
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Y L P B T D K C, G V T T L B T D K C K N C  
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D C B B T K Z