

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COURIER

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Live a Life that Matters

Sunday services: 8:20 and 11 am; Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 am

CSFBC MISSION STATEMENT

“Infusing TRUTH to produce selfless followers of God.”

PASTOR ROD'S MESSAGE

We love Nature!

It can be the dead of Winter with the snow blowing and hanging heavy on the tree branches, or a beautiful calm Summer day with the sun tanning our skin, or the brisk wind of a Spring morning with crocuses popping out of the ground, or even a gorgeous Fall day with the red and gold leaves falling all around us, we love the world that the Lord has called us to care for during our brief stay on His Earth. (I feel a chorus of "This Is My Father's World" coming on.)

It is a joy and pleasure to be a resident of this planet, made just for us. (Read Psalm 8, Genesis, and others.) Like Adam we are still under the mandate to care for the Earth. (Genesis 1:26-) We are stewards of God's creation. It too is under the curse and suffers greatly the after effects of sin. (For the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (Romans 8:20-22) We are stewards in care of it, to have compassion on it, if you will.

We are not to trash it, as Apollyon, the Destroyer would. But treat it as God would expect us to treat any gift He gives. In fact, the ominous passage in Revelation 11 reminds us that we will pay an infernal price for defiling or corrupting this world. (...the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to Thy bond-servants the prophets and to the saints and to those who fear Thy name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth. (Revelation 11:18) I don't want to be numbered among those that in a cavalier way simply abused our stewardship of this small part of the God's Sphere.

Yet in balance, this world is part of God's creation and to worship it makes it an idol. That's what they were doing in the Temple in Ezekiel 8:14. "...were sitting there weeping for Tammuz." The Tammuz was the 'god' of vegetation, sun, rain -life. We find them throughout the OT making sacrifices and offerings to this 'god'. It's not at all unlike what we see the Liberals doing every day in our government, in the classrooms and boardrooms of our country. One seminary (Union Theological) even brought plants into their chapel and had their students bow down and ask for forgiveness of the plants for what we've done to them. Greta Thunberg even challenged and chastised the whole world for the evil we're doing to 'mother nature' (Don't miss the irony of the atheists believing there is a 'mother creator' but not a "Father God"). See she believes that humans are simply "an animal species, among others". (Too bad she never went to Sunday School.)

How are we to deal with this? 1) It'd be world changing, if we were even half as evangelistic about sharing Jesus as the climate control people are about their beliefs.

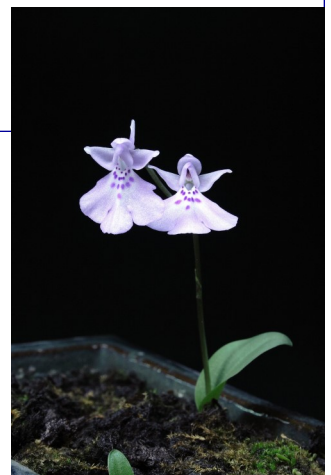
2) We should do what we can to care for the world God gave us. Recycle, try not to be wasteful, Jesus reminds us that "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much;... Luke 16:10

3) We should have no fear about what will happen to the world, we can read about how it will end in the Bible. God's NEVER wrong!

4) People get lost in fear, when they forget that we have a Sovereign God that controls the ultimate outcome of all things. Don't live in fear (Psalm 46).

Because we love God and His world, but we don't worship it,

Pastor Rod



PASTOR PHIL'S MESSAGE

The Bible, a better Guide for life today!

Psalm 119:25 *My soul clings to the dust; give me life according to your word!*

I remember driving around New England and getting lost. It is easy to get lost when the roads are patterned after old Indian trails. So you would think you are going one direction and with subtle angles, you may find yourself going in the opposite direction.

Once after finishing a project at the Boston Campus, I was heading over to another part of the city to meet Pam and have some dinner. I tried to get there and kept ending up further away. My phone GPS wasn't helping much either as it kept "recalculating route" at the precise wrong moment. We ended up stopping a policeman and asking for help. He showed us the route we needed and were there in no time at all. We needed an authoritative guide to help us.

God's Word created the world and everything we see. Today we find people questioning the Bible not because it is untrue but because they don't want it to be true. The World doesn't like anything that gets in the way of their freedom to sin. What they see as freedom is slavery to false-gods. Some things that may be good but misprioritized or twisted. The Authority of God's Word brings true freedom to our lives. This is why worship is centered around the Word!

Going back to my analogy that getting lost is very easy especially in an old city with tunnels and roundabouts. Without a guide we end up someplace we don't want to be or is unsafe. What if you put your trust in the wrong things? When GPS's were initially created they were glitchy. I remember reading of one young lady driving her car right into a lake. The world's way is very much like that we drive our lives following the world's leading and end up in the wrong place, and without Christ, it will be a Lake of fire. Don't listen to the world's GPS! Put your faith and trust in Christ's life, death, & resurrection for salvation.

So how do you keep from ending up at the wrong destination? Sincerity and freedom won't save you, you need to have your relationship with God in place. We need to understand His voice and listen to His Word. We apply His Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. I know that we are all busy but here are a few suggestions to get more Bible into your everyday.

Load a Bible app on your phone. (Many are free and have an audio feature)

Wake up 15 minutes earlier every morning and read.

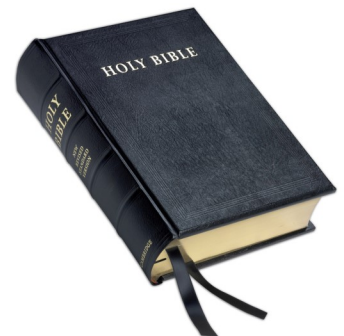
Ask God for help to understand before you read.

Look for ways to read during lunch or at other times.

Read the Bible with your Family after dinner for a few minutes.

Read while waiting for someone, like a doctor.

Ask God regularly to help you apply His Word!



Ezekiel 36:25-27 *"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules."*

"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense his own already ... It is like a small child going to its father and saying, 'Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.'" -CS Lewis

Pastor Phil

Deacons Devotional



Pruning Season

I have to travel around North East area doing my job and this time of year the grape growers are very busy. Starting in January and into March they are in the vineyards pruning the vines. They want to get only the best quality and quantity of the fruit. The wild shoots that produce only leave and no fruit need to be pruned.

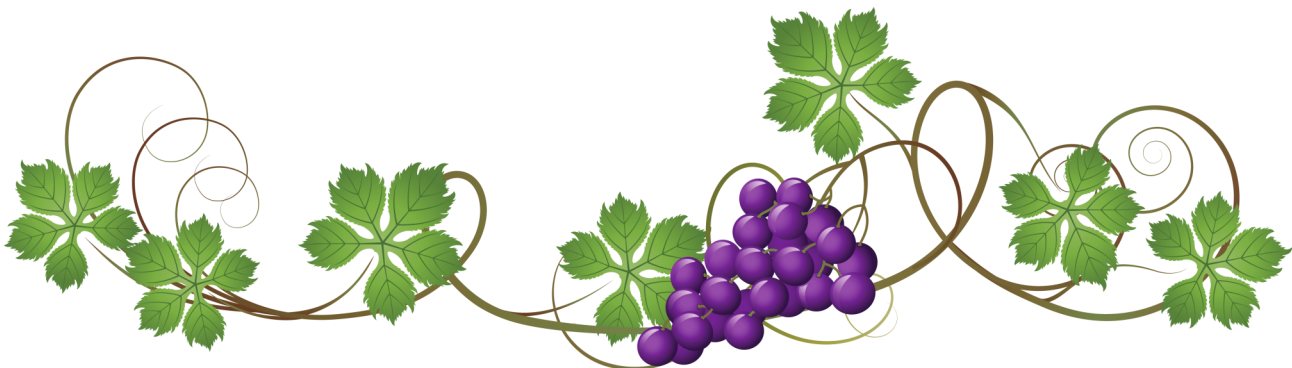
God is our gardener. He trims away the bad shoots in our lives so that we can be productive and fruitful for Him. This can be a painful process. But with God, only the useless and harmful shoots are cut.

When sin enters into our lives, God reaches down to prune us through His Holy Word. The spiritual food we get from His word gives us hope and helps us cope. He desire is for us to become more like Him in holiness and righteousness.

We are called to abide in Him. How can we do that consistently? By studying, learning and understanding His Word. The more we do that, our mind, our heart and soul will be focused on Him and His desires, not our own.

It is not possible for us to produce good fruit without the pain of pruning. "I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." John 15:1-2

At the end of life are you going to be a good and faithful servant that produced good fruit? Pray for God's pruning so you will!



Kids Club/Nursery



Kids Club begins again on Wednesday March 4th after school.

Please keep the kids, leaders and helpers in prayer.



"Apparently, my spiritual gift is being silly with the toddlers."

Do you have a spiritual gift of playing with toddlers or holding babies?

The Nursery is in need of helpers either on a regular basis or as an emergency fill in.

We provide nursery for newborns to toddlers so that the parents may be able to attend worship service and Sunday School without having to worry about their children being disruptive.

We need YOU to prayerfully consider joining this very important ministry in our church.

You can pick when you would like to serve. 1st Service, Sunday School or 2nd Service. The really great thing is that you can serve in one service and worship in the other!

Thank you for considering this ministry.

God Bless, Debbie Dine ~ Nursery Co-ordinator



Welcome to Jonathan Paul Held

Born: February 18, 2020

Weighed: 3# 4oz.

Length: 14.5 inches

Please keep in prayer as he is in the NICU at Hamot.

Health Ministry

The Power of Compliments!

How do you feel when someone pays you a sincere compliment? Feels good, right? There is such positive power in giving sincere compliments.

When you give a nice compliment to someone, it provides a positive feeling for the recipient and you! You can feel grateful and experience a happy boost! We all need to feel appreciated. Giving compliments to coworkers, significant others, children, neighbors, and sometimes even strangers (when appropriate) spreads positivity both to the receiver and the giver. And, compliments boost brain power, too! It's scientifically proven that giving compliments and praise increases dopamine, a neurotransmitter produced by the brain. When dopamine is increased, it sends positive, uplifting messages to the brain that in turn helps us feel better, be more productive and can help us achieve our goals and dreams. Amazing, huh?

You never know how even a small compliment can make someone's day. The important thing is to be sincere, not fake. Research shows that giving compliments can help increase happiness, work performance and positivity in relationships. For example, instead of saying, "You're smart," to your child, you could say, "You're very good at your times tables." Or instead of, "You're nice," try something like, "I noticed you sitting with Grandma when she was alone. That was very kind of you."

The same holds true for giving compliments to adults. You could say to a cashier, "You are so upbeat and pleasant even though it's very busy in the store" or to a friend, "I love your sense of humor" or to a coworker, "It means so much that you took the time to help me with this project."

You get the idea! Be specific. Be sincere. And look for ways to compliment others every day. Simple compliments, kind words and showing appreciation for others can help inspire people to be the best they can be!

Spread kindness and compliments today!

"I can live for two months on a good compliment." - Mark Twain

"Let others see the good that you see in them." - Margaret Manning

"Never underestimate the power of good morning texts, apologies and random compliments." - Unknown

"A kind gesture can reach a wound that only compassion can heal." -Steve Maraboli

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with heart." - Helen Keller



Lenten Lunch Devotions

2020 Cambridge Springs Ministerium Lenten Devotions Wednesday's at Noon during Lent

2/26/20	Church of God
3/4/20	St. Anthony's
3/11/20	First Baptist
3/18/20	Presbyterian
3/25/20	Methodist
4/1/20	C M A
4/8/20	St. Paul's



Why Do Christians Give Up Something for Lent?

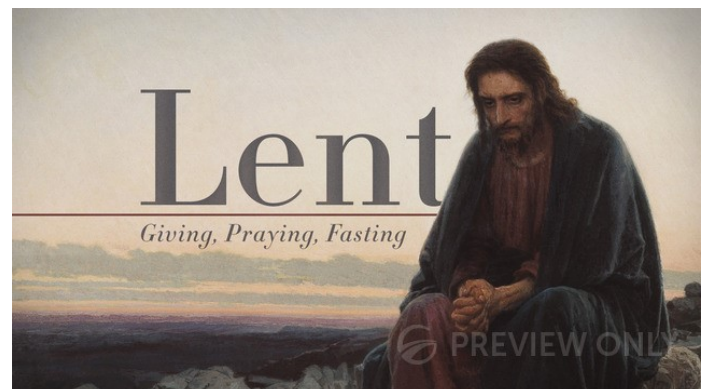
Typically Lent has been a time of fasting and self-denial, especially in Catholic traditions. It is important to note that fasting or other traditions do not earn you extra blessings from God. Romans 5:17 says, "For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ." **Grace is a free gift through Jesus. You do not earn God's good favor.** The Bible also says that fasting should be done privately. Matthew 6:16-18 says, "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." Fasting is a spiritual discipline that is between you and God.

Here are just a few things you could consider giving up this Lenten season:

Fast food, TV viewing, Sugar, Social Media, Shopping, Snooze Button, Texting, Coffee, Caffeine, Debt, French Fries, Cell phone, Gossip, Complaining, Snacking, Clutter, Starbucks, Cookies, Candy, Road rage, Procrastination, Soda

Have you given up something for Lent in the past?

Will you give up something for Lent this year?



Announcements



Turn clocks ahead 1 hour before bed on March 7th. Daylight Savings Time begins March 8th. You don't want to be late and have to sit in the front of the church!!!!



Saturday March 14th at 9 am all ladies are invited to brunch at the church.

After the brunch there will be ladies sharing their hobbies with

us. It will be a good chance to learn more about our sisters in Christ, possibly find a new friend and a new hobby to learn. Sign up sheets will be provided.



Check out First Baptist Church of Cambridge Springs on Facebook! See all upcoming events and pictures of events that took place. Don't forget the website: www.csfbc.org It also has all the calendar events, meetings and current newsletters. Let our Digital

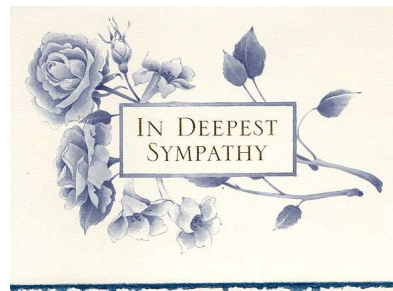
Media Coordinator Madison Klemm know if there is something you'd like to have added!



Family Fun Night

Friday March 27th 5-8 pm.

Bring a crock-pot casserole to share for dinner and enjoy games and fellowship following.



Our deepest sympathies to the Karen Held and Jim Christie families on their passing.



APRIL NEWSLETTER

ARTICLES ARE DUE

TO THE OFFICE BY

MARCH 25TH.

PRAYERS and Monthly EVENTS

The Grieving: Charlotte Kirk, Kay and Dwight Dunton, the Karen Held family

Cancer: Karen Held, Meghan Cunningham, Chris Peterman

Health Issues: Rose Cummings, Brian Smith, Bob Wilmoth

Rehabilitating: Janet Wise, Judy Wrye, Randy Gorske, John Belfiore, Ed Kovschak, Bill Weaver

Nursing Home: Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, Bill Hodge, Jim Christie, Pete Teed

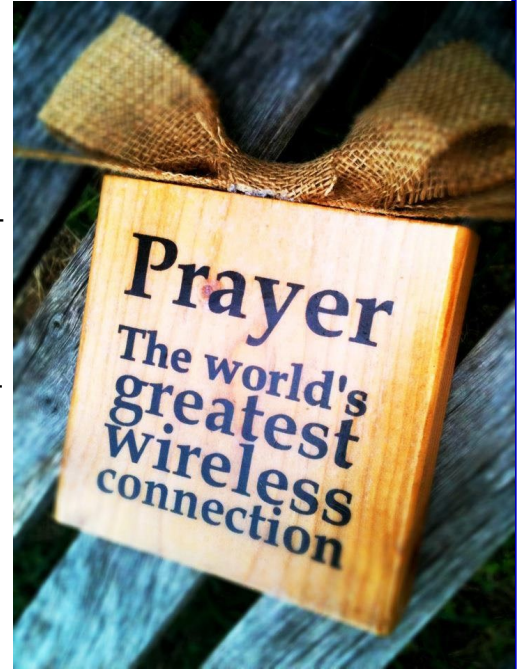
Military: Dillon Lang, Keith Bentley, Howard VanMatre, Adam Alm, Jimmy Humes, Gregg Merritt, Wesley Fleischer, Christian Ross, Austin Shearer, Wyatt Fleischer, Tyler Hauf, Bryce Kirk, Wyatt Doubet

Guidance: Brian & Lynette Smith, Eugene and Fawn Pabon, Lucas and Estela Crowe

College Students: Madison Klemm, Mark VanMatre, Stephen VanMatre, Katie Duda, Jordan Anderson, Neely Colvin, Clayton Dingle, Zachary Dingle, Austin Jones, Jillian Risjan, Cami Schmidt, Cori Schmidt, Ryan Shaffer, Alex Wheeler, Brenna Rindfuss

Newborns: Jonathan Held

Expectant Moms: Bettina Baer



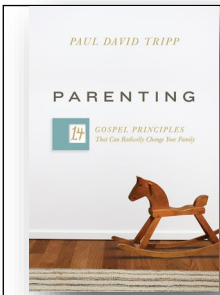
Tuesday
March 3rd
Prayer Meeting
7 pm



Vows Everyday.

L.O.V.E. Marriage Small group will meet every 3rd Friday at the Hovis'. The next meeting is Friday March 20th at 6 pm.

L.O.V.E. stands for Living Our




Parenting Small Group
Friday
March 13th
7 pm
@ Lowther's

Men's Breakfast Fellowship

Saturday March 21st 8 am.

Come for breakfast.
Stay for Bible Study.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	2 Office Open 8-5 7 pm Trustees Pray for Pastor Phil	3 7 pm Prayer Meeting	4 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study Noon Lenten Lunch St. Anthony's 3 pm Kids Club 6 pm VBS Planning	5 6:30 pm Prison Ministry 6:30 Praise Group	6 Office Open 8:30-5	7 All Purpose Room in Use Pray for Pastor Rod
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins! 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	9 Office Open 8-5 6 pm C.E. Board Pray for Pastor Phil	10	11 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study Noon Lenten Lunch FBC 3 pm Kids Club	12 6:30 pm Praise Group	13 Office Open 8:30-5 7 pm Parenting Small Group	14 9 am Women's Brunch Pray for Pastor Rod
15 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	16 Office Open 8-5 6:30 pm Deacons Pray for Pastor Phil	17 	18 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study Noon Lenten Lunch Presbyterian 3 pm Kids Club	19 6:30 pm Praise Group	20 Office Open 8:30-5 	21 Pray for Pastor Rod
22 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	23 Office Open 8-5 6:30 pm Board Chairs 7 pm Advisory Pray for Pastor Phil	24	25 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study Noon Lenten Lunch Methodist 3 pm Kids Club NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	26 6:30 pm Praise Group	27 Office Open 8:30-5 5-8 pm Game Night	28 8 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast Pray for Pastor Rod
29 6 pm Youth 3:16 7 pm Small Group	30 Office Open 8-5 Pray for Pastor Phil	31				
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March Birthdays and Anniversaries



27th: Janet Beanland
 29th: Dani Schmidt
 30th: Heidi Novosel
 31st: Cliff Wise
 Madison Klemm

1st: Ellie Shearer
 5th: Ron Colvin
 7th: Sue Stoudt
 Ashley Dine
 8th: Quinton Burchill
 9th: Bob Boylan
 13th: Sandy Mumau
 Jackson Brace
 Cailian Maddox
 14th: Levi Gardner
 16th: Darlene Gorske
 Dylann Dupont
 18th: Lorraine Acklin
 20th: Mike Stone
 23rd: Kay Gage
 Cami Schmidt
 Colton Steudler
 26th: Brayden Barnett



10th: Doug and Debbie Shearer
 12th: Craig and Cindy Billingsley
 13th: Don and Esther Closky
 19th: Bob and Michelle Wilmoth

1st Service:

1st: Marilyn Dine & Debbie Dine
 8th: Gina Brace & Tenae Gage
 15th: Carol Thumm & Teresa Findlay
 22nd: Brenda Beers & Cindy Billingsley
 29th: Lu Ann Wheeler & Brenda VanMatre

Sunday School:

1st: Debbie Dine & Karen Joslin
 8th: Ken Dine & Paul Sellers
 15th: Josh & Emily Mumau
 22nd: Wendy Gardner & Stacie Klemm
 29th: Pam Lowther & Lydia Sellers

2nd Service:

1st: Andi Lundin & Brenda Morrow
 8th: Stacie & Aubrey Klemm
 15th: Andi & Jillian Risjan
 22nd: Ken & Debbie Dine
 29th: Kristin Held & Barb Beardsley

Nursery

Garden Room Schedule

Please be sure to call your partner prior to working to confirm. If you are unable to work, please call to switch with someone and notify your partner. If you cannot work or find anyone to switch please call Laura at 398-2507

7th: Toni Merritt & Karon Runyan
 14th: Bonnie Boylan & Debbie Shearer
 21st: Lynn Smith & Dana Encapera
 28th: Laura Stone & Kris Bancroft



Our Honor Roll Students

Calvary Baptist Christian Academy

Andrew Held
Levi Gardner
Anna Held
Natalie Held
Laurel Steudler



Cambridge Springs Jr. Sr. High School

Katlynn Ann Baer
Haley Jardina
Brett Kania
Riley Zimmerman
Dylann Dupont
Parker Schmidt
Brady Jardina
Bryce Kania
Gabrielle Klaphor
Jordyn Wheeler
Cassandra Baer
Nathan Held
Aubrey Klemm
Morgan Shaffer
Lyndsey Stover
Jacob Jones
Jolisa Baer
Cyrus Gage

Crawford County Career & Tech Center

Cyrus Gage
Jacob Jones

Saegertown Jr. Sr. High School

Lillian Oakes
Cassidy Boylan



How to listen to God everyday.

Radio Stations: WCTL 106.3; Moody Radio 91.9; Family Life Network 89.9

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