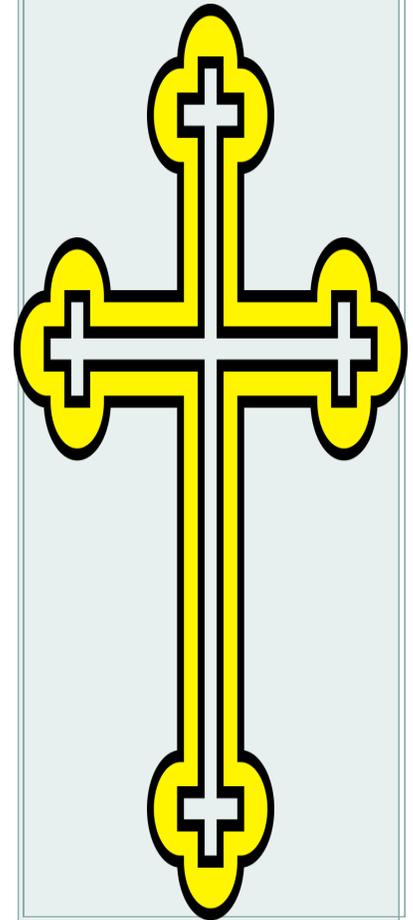


### Pastor Notes

Growing up near Philadelphia was a very enlightening experience to say the least. For years one of the things Philadelphia was famous for was losing athletic teams. The Phillies, Eagles, and 76ers set all kinds of records for most losses overall, most losses in a season and just plain losing. For instance the Phillies not long ago became the first professional baseball team to lose 10,000 games in its history. Now in all fairness they are one of the oldest teams in professional baseball but just the very thought of losing that many games is daunting. And the picture of the Philadelphia Eagles football fans pummeling Santa Claus with snow balls at half time at Vet Stadium will live in infamy. Losing can become a way of life if we are not careful.

Having just celebrated Easter we get a picture of what very well could have taken on the appearance of a great loss. Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem to the words "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" But not long after many of the same people were hollering "Crucify Him! Crucify Him! And they did. It appeared to be one of the biggest failures in history. But as you have heard me say so many times, the message of the New Testament is, in order to live we must die. Spiritual death leads to Spiritual life. Surrender in this case is ultimate victory. Jesus rose from the dead and conquered death in the process.

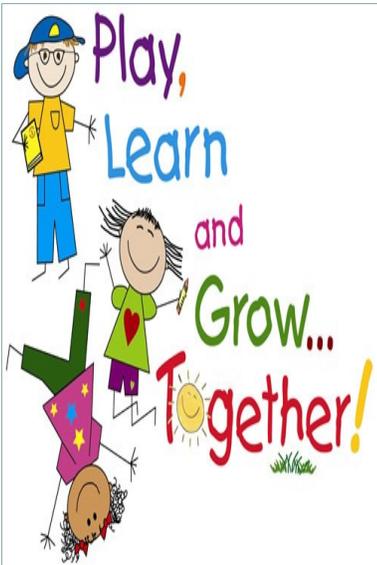
You may be feeling like a failure today or you may be deep in depression but God has an answer for you. Will you be crucified with Christ, dying to your old man, so Christ can be your life? That is where your victory lies. That is where you will overcome the world and become a conqueror in Christ. Give your life to Him today. If you are ready to come to Him give me a call. I'd love to talk with you. 540-223-1565.



### OUR STAFF

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**Blessings, Charlene and Pastor Ted**



## YOUTH & CHILDREN WORSHIP

Children & Youth Activities

Monday Evenings 6:00pm

Mission Friends — 3 thru 5 years old

Children In Action — 1st thru 5th Grade

Youth — 6th Grade thru 12th Grade

### SERVICES OFFERED

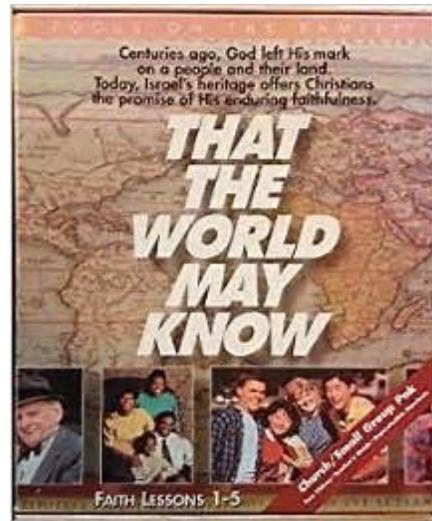
**SUNDAY  
CONTEMPORARY  
SERVICE  
8:30A.M.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:50A.M.**

**TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
10:55A.M.**

**MONDAY  
MISSION FRIENDS  
CHILDREN IN ACTION  
YOUTH  
6:00PM**

**WEDNESDAY  
BIBLE STUDY  
7:00PM**



**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER AND  
BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM**

**THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW  
VIDEO SERIES**

# GEAR UP 2 PETER 1:3 GET READY GAME ON



JOIN US FOR VBS. AND BRING A FRIEND!

JUNE 3-7, 2018

6:30—8:30PM

SEE JANICE FRANKLIN FOR SIGN UP SHEETS

**IMPACT VA 2018**

**July 15-21**

In partnership with the City of Danville, Impact will focus on a community where campers will work within walking distance of one another. We are engaging local businesses and other ministry partners to support a week of intense construction ministry that will build on the relationship between Averett University and the local community. Averett students may also engage in that week as leaders who can facilitate relationships with the people in the community. Housing will be at Averett University.

Our Newsletter's purpose is to Inform everyone of what will happen in our church for that particular month. On occasion there will be news from Goshen or other happenings in our community. All committee chairpersons are asked to submit their information by the 15th of the month. Thank you for helping me to "Get the Word Out".

Blessings,

Cat Harlan

## Sunday School

### March Totals

March 4 ~ 74

March 11 ~ 52

March 18 ~ 65

March 25 ~ 79

## Budget

### March Totals

Weekly: \$3703.27

March 4 ~ 4648.50

March 11 ~ 1951.00

March 18 ~ 3082.00

March 25 ~ 3690.00

## Building Fund

### March Totals

March 4 ~ 200.00

March 11 ~ 150.00

March 18 ~ 40.00

March 25 ~ 0

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 years olds.

“What does love mean?”

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore...So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

Rebecca—age 8

When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.

Billy—age 4

***Did you know....***

***Did you know the saying “God willing and the Creek don't rise” was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U. S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, “God willing and the Creek don't rise.” Because he capitalized the word “Creek” it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.***



## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner

May 9 6pm

“Grill Night”

Hamburgers—Hot Dogs—Sides dishes—  
Dessert

Sign up in the vestibule.

Adults- \$5 Kids under 10 \$3

Families- \$20

## Men’s Breakfast

2nd Saturday of the  
month.

May 12 7am

Come hungry and ready for  
fellowship!



Whoo-Hoo!



YOU'RE ONLY  
AS OLD AS  
YOU REMEMBER  
YOU ARE

## Ladies Night Out

May 25

6:00pm

Place TBA

**MECHANICSVILLE  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Our Mission: to equip every member of our church to lovingly and effectively reach our community and world for Christ.

Our Vision: To love one another in times of joy, grief, and temptation; sharing everywhere the Christian faith expressed in the Holy Spirit, and making this faith evident in our individual lives through the discipline of the Holy Spirit.



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