



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I hope everyone is excited about Operation Christmas Child and that you have been packing your shoeboxes! Just a reminder that our goal this year is 620 shoeboxes – a.k.a. Gospel Opportunities to reach children with the message of Jesus Christ.

Thursday, November 11 - 9:00 A.M.

We will meet in the New Life Classroom to prepare items for the shoeboxes: wrapping soap, opening packages, putting together shoeboxes, etc.

Saturday, November 20 - 9:00 A.M.

Pack & Pray Party

We will finish packing up the items that have been donated by our church family, the Christian School, and others within the community. We will also pray that the hearts of the children who receive these shoeboxes will be open to receiving Christ as their Savior.

Sunday, November 21

We will dedicate and deliver the shoeboxes to Cherry Tree Alliance Church in Uniontown where they will begin their journey to a special child in another country. How exciting!!

ALL SHOEBOXES MUST BE IN BY NOVEMBER 21

Please start bringing in your shoeboxes now and place them in the baptistry. If you have any questions please call me.

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*Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.
-Psalm 100:4-5*

HAPPENINGS

- Nov. 21** Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication and Delivery
- Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Service at the church – 7:00 PM
- Nov. 28** Mission Moment (Christian School)
- Dec. 5** Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Communion Service at the church – 7:00 PM

GATHERINGS

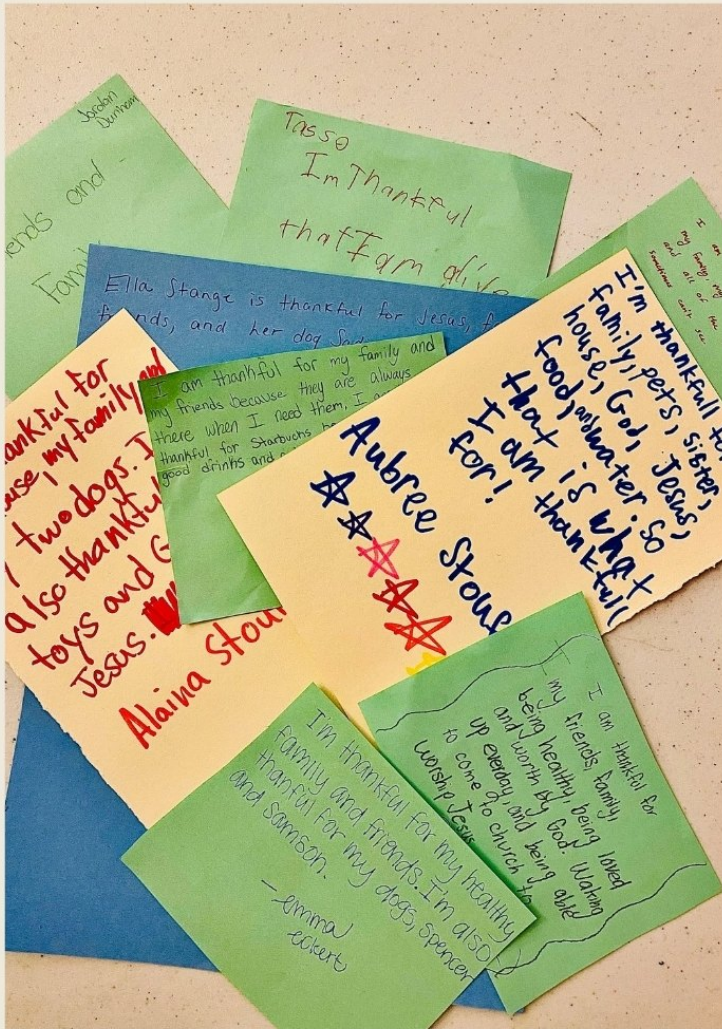
- 9:30 AM Sunday School In-person
- 10:45 AM Sunday Worship In-person & ONLINE via Facebook
- 7:00 PM Wednesday Night In-person Bible Study
- 7:00 PM MMYOL Wednesday Night Bible Study
- 8:00 PM Wednesday Night ONLINE Bible Study

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 17** Fast Food Feast
- Dec. 15** Christmas Caroling

Let's GIVE THANKS



"I am thankful for my house, my family, and my two dogs. I am also thankful for my toys and God and Jesus." - Alaina Stouffer

"I'm thankful that I am alive." - Tasso Edgar

"I'm thankful for my family, pets, sister, house, God, Jesus, food, and water. So that is what I am thankful for!" - Aubree Stouffer

"I am thankful for my family and my friends because they are always there when I need them. I am also thankful for Starbucks because they have good drinks and cake pops!" - Ava Bergman

"I am thankful for my healthy family and friends. I'm also thankful for my dogs, Spencer and Samson." - Emma Eckert

"I am thankful for my church, my family, my school, my true friends, and all of the blessings that I sometimes can't see." - Amber Perry

"I am thankful for Jesus, my family, my friends, and my dog, Sadie." - Ella Stange

"My friends and family." - Jordan Dunham

"I am thankful for my friends, family, being healthy, being loved and worth by God. Waking up every day and being able to come to church to worship Jesus." - Delaney Hines





"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" -- Matthew 7:7-11

The New Living Translation says it like this, "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

This passage more than anything reminds me that God answers my prayers, all my prayers. Sometimes I feel like he doesn't. Simply because I don't always get what I ask for, find what I am looking for, or have the door opened that I want to be opened. But I think the scripture clears this up when it gets to verse 11, "...how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him!" Think about it, God knows how to give *GOOD* gifts. And He certainly isn't going to give you a bad gift.

I was reading a commentary on this passage, and I found this, "We ask for what we wish; we seek for what we miss; and we knock for that from which we feel ourselves shut out." I think some of God's best gifts are when He gives us what we need rather than what we desire, helps us find what we are missing rather than what we think we have lost, and opens the door that He is standing behind rather than the door we are standing in front of. Church, let me encourage you to keep on praying!

God, help us to ask you for what you wish to give, look for what you know we are missing, and knock on the doors that will lead to You and Your will. And when we don't get these gifts right away, help us to keep on praying. We are a people of great need. But You are a God with whom nothing is impossible. And You love us. Thank you, God, for loving us. Amen.

Keep praying with me,

Pastor D



MMC Ministry Overview

IN-PERSON CAMPUS

IN-PERSON and PERSON-to-PERSON ministries / missions / programs inclusive of: pastoral care, worship, kids church, Sunday school, Bible studies, prayer, VBS, youth groups, camps, conferences, events, fellowship, discipleship, evangelism and mission outreach which includes: Operation Christmas Child, Operation Blessing Bag, South America Mission (SAM), Young Life Fayette, Camp Carmel, Baptist Home, American Baptist Missions, International Baptist Missions.

INTERNET CAMPUS

VIRTUAL (internet) ministry reaching people utilizing the internet, social media platforms and group conferencing via individual computers and smartphones offering ONLINE: pastoral care, worship, prayer, fellowship, small group studies, seminars and a variety of other Christian content and events including PRAISEbreaks, daily bread posts, the broadcasting of worship, communion and baptism services as well as the promotion of the IN-PERSON CAMPUS and SCHOOL happenings.

SCHOOL

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL offering a Biblically based program of academic, moral and spiritual instruction emphasizing excellence and challenging students to achieve their individual potential with both IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL (internet- based) learning.

MISSIONS

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Operation Christmas Child

In partnership with Samaritans's Purse, an international Christian relief organization, the church collects gift-filled shoe boxes for children living in desperate situations around the world.

Operation Blessing Bag

In partnership with multiple men, women, and children's shelters in the tri-county area, MMC packs and delivers backpacks full of needed necessities; food, clothing and other assorted items coupled with in-person love, care, Bibles, and the gospel presentation.

Camp Carmel

In partnership with American Baptist Churches, Camp Carmel is a summer camping program for youth 4th through 12th grade offering hiking, biking, swimming, softball, volleyball, crafts and more coupled with Bible teaching.

Young Life Fayette

In partnership with Young Life, a Christian youth organization introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith, MMC has served as the catalyst to start and sustain a YL ministry in Fayette County.

American Baptist & International Missions

- Financial support for the ministry of Vital & Ketly Pierre to Haitian immigrants facing inequity in the Dominican Republic
- Financial support for the ministry of Janet Burchell to Japanese women who have accompanied their husbands working at the largest Fuji Film plant in the US (Greenwood, SC)
- Financial support for retired ministers & missionaries and widowed spouses who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA
- Financial support to the Baptist Home Society dedicated to providing individuals with insufficient funds the full cost of their assisted living with 2 Pittsburgh area locations
- Financial support for Sue Hegarty and Ann & Bruce Borquist, global servants with International Ministries, also know as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

South America Mission (SAM)

Financial support for the ministry of Mike & Marcy Brown to families in Peru

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
(Matthew 28: 19-20)



Sue Hegarty

Sue works in Costa Rica with the Baptist Federation to strengthen the ministries of churches and serve a liaison with American Baptist mission teams that visit Costa Rica to develop relationships and assist with ministry projects. She also works with Nicaraguan immigrant women and their children, providing assistance with issues such as legalizing their status, housing, skill-training and education as well as providing emotional and spiritual support.



Mike and Marcy Brown

Mike and Marcy Brown, missionaries in Pucallpa, Peru, and their children, Liam and Ella. The Browns teach at SAM Academy, a school for missionary children in Pucallpa. Mike also serves as the Director of the school. Their service allows the parents of the students to minister in a variety of ways, such as aviation ministry, Bible translation, church planting, and theological education by providing the children with a well-rounded education and preparing them for higher education in the US and other developed nations.



Matthew Shea

Matt serves as the Young Life Area Director in Fayette County, PA. Young Life is a Christian ministry that reaches out to middle school, high school, and college students in all 50 of the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world. The mission of Young Life is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.



Ketly & Vital Pierre

Ketly and Vital work in the East Coast of the Dominican Republic to strengthen local churches and encourage existing churches to plant new ones and disciple new members. The Pierres started the "Integral Vision Community Center" which ministers to Haitian immigrants and serves as a link with volunteer groups, matching them with local ministries.



Janet Burchell

Janet served in Japan for over 30 years with her husband, Ralph, until health issues brought them back to the US in 2009. The Lord led them to continue their work with the Japanese in Greenwood, SC, where Fuji Film has its largest North American plant. They ministered to the Japanese in that area until Ralph went home to be with the Lord on April 27, 2013. Janet continues working with the Japanese women who have accompanied their husbands to Greenwood.



Ann & Bruce Borquist

Ann and Bruce work alongside a wide range of Baptist partners including those in Brazil, Cambodia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, and others. Ann serves as Global Consultant for ministry "From Everywhere to Everyone", and Bruce serves as Global Consultant for Holistic Community and Economic Development.

PROGRAMS

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Christian Education Board

Responsible for the Christian education of the church, teacher recruitment, training, special learning events, seminars, Sunday school, VBS, and various other youth programs, activities and ministries

Diaconate Board

Responsible for evangelism, discipleship, membership care, spiritual growth and overseeing numerous missions of the church

iCAMPUS

Responsible to reach people utilizing the internet and various social media and conferencing platforms, broadcasting events as well as posting ads, videos and various other Christian content

Christian School

- Leading children to reach their highest potential spiritually, academically and physically
- Quality and affordable Christian education featuring small class sizes, exceptional "certified" teachers and a safe learning environment

Wee Kids

Weekly worship for kids ages 3 through kindergarten

Junior Church

Weekly worship for children 1st through 4th grade

Salt & Light Junior

Junior Youth fellowship for children kindergarten through 6th grade

Youth of Light

Senior Youth Fellowship for youth 7th through 12th grade

Music Committee

Responsible for the various music ministries of the church inclusive of licensing and copyrights for broadcast

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

- A one week community-wide event held each summer for youth ages preschool through 8th grade
- Bible study, crafts, music and other assorted activities designed to present the gospel and have children come to know Jesus

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