
THE SOMERSET CHRISTIAN



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THE SHEPHERDS VIEW

Happy Summer! Now we can put the brutal winter and short spring behind us and look forward to an enjoyable next few months.

A song was written in the late 1950's and made famous in 1965 by a band called The Byrds. The song is entitled "Turn! Turn! Turn!". It's a very beautiful folk song. It's made even more beautiful knowing that it was adapted nearly word for word from Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 ----- "to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under Heaven -----". The meaning of the verses is timeless, from biblical times, to the 1960's to present day; change happens, challenges happen. joy and despair happen.

In today's world of 24 hour news, most of which is either disturbing or conflicting, it's a comfort to know that our God doesn't change. He is always there for us, and when we open our hearts to Him and ask for guidance, our world is a better place.

Happy Summer,
The Church Elders

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Community Matters Therefore Church Matters

We were never meant to do life alone. Often times we are blinded by our own problems, and we need others to help us out. I've spent years working in the Church, and I see time and time again that when things get tough people withdraw from community. You cannot do that. When things get tough, when your prayers go unanswered, you need to run to community. Share your doubts, your concerns, and your prayers with others. Be vulnerable and honest. Let them pick you up, encourage you, and keep you on the right path.

Check out what God says about community: *“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him - a threefold cord is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12*

Following Jesus alone is not an option. You need others to support you. When God doesn't answer your prayers, you need to fight the urge to retreat by yourself and keep sharing your struggles with God and with other Christians. Yes, your salvation comes from your individual relationship with Christ; however that doesn't mean we can ignore the benefits of the call for community we have in scripture.

I write this to ask a few questions.

On average how many Sundays do you attend in a given month?

Is attending church important to you, if so how important is it?

Is there anything that you believe FCC can do to encourage you to attend more?

Are you actively serving at FCC, If so how?

When you find yourself missing a Sunday morning service, what seems to be the reason?

*(Please fill out and return to the church via email,
offering plate or drop off at the Info Station)*

YOUTH NEWS



By Tammy Schrock, Children's Director

Every year at Vacation Bible School we collect money for a worthy cause throughout the week. This year I chose to support somewhere closer to home - The Dream Center of Pittsburgh. I hope you consider supporting this great cause.



At the heart of the Dream Center it is our desire to rescue those who have been enslaved by hunger, homelessness, poverty, and human trafficking, and other life controlling issues. We do this by providing hope, empowerment, and the love of Christ both in word and deed in our four focus areas- **Children, Community, Discipleship, and Hunger Relief**. We seek to meet urgent physical and spiritual needs through our many outreach and discipleship programs.

MISSION

The mission of the Pittsburgh Dream Center is to directly impact the issues that afflict Pittsburgh communities by reconnecting people to God and a community of support by providing free human services that address immediate and long-term needs in the area of hunger, poverty, homelessness, education, and human trafficking.

Each dollar you donate helps the Pittsburgh Dream Center revitalize a community and restore a person to their God given purpose in life.

Check them out at www.pghdreamcenter.org.



By
Shae Frazier,
Student
Ministry
Resident

CIY MOVE CONFERENCE

Last week FCC student ministries had the opportunity to take twelve senior high students to Cedarville, Ohio for CIY (Christ in Youth) conference. During our week-long excursion, students experienced fellowship, worship, and well-known speakers every day. This year's conference theme was "Contrast" which gave the students tools, better understanding, and accountability to be different while making a difference in the world. During our time in Ohio, FCC student ministries had the opportunity to go to Kings Island amusement park before returning home. We had a handful of students in our group make a commitment to rededicate their lives to Christ, and relationships that were built throughout the week. We would like to thank all who gave generously, and those who were in continuous prayer for our students and leaders. There is no doubt that lives were shaped, changed, and realigned on our trip to CIY this summer.

PLANS FOR JULY

This Summer Thrive student ministries has an event every week whether that is for Jr. high, Sr. High, or college age students. Be sure to pick up a student calendar located at the information center. In the month of July Thrive has two junior high events, Sr. high group every Thursday, and college group every Monday.

WORSHIP SCHEDULES

NURSERY

7/1 Matt & Sarah Rouch
 7/8
 7/15 Karen Costea,
 7/22 Jeremy & Melissa Wilson
 7/29

TINY TOTS

7/1 Rachel Davis, Tiffany St. Clair
 7/8 Jody Jurgevich, Lori Miller
 7/15 Denise Grove, Mary Gerhard
 7/22 Beth Benedict, Jody Stickle
 7/29 Karamie Johnson, Georgiann Blazin

WEE WORSHIP

7/1 Melissa Wilson, Pam Knepper
 7/8 Becky Knopsnider, Cheryl Clementi
 7/15 Mary & Steve Gerhard
 7/22 Roger & Tracey Baer
 7/29 Molly Meekins, Cheryl Clementi

JUNIOR CHURCH

7/1 Christy Hay, Erin Buck
 7/8 Sue & Hannah Slope
 7/15 Rick Marker, Tim Baker
 7/22 Mark Meekins
 7/29 Sue & Hannah Slope

AUDIO VISUAL/SOUND

July Tom Minnick, Isaac Riggs

INFORMATION STATION/CAFE

July Delores Shaulis, Sandy Knepper

WELCOME TEAM/GREETERS

July Terry & Rita Fisher

5:15 TEAM

7/1 Jim & Kim Onder
 7/8 Bill & Tammie Gerhart
 7/15 Dave & Denise Ferris
 7/22 Frank & Cheryl Clementi
 7/29 Chase Hill

PRAYER TEAM

7/1 Karen Walters, Chris Mowry
 7/8 Mike & Karen Costea
 7/15 Matt & Sarah Rouch
 7/22 Jim Moon
 7/29 Cheryl Clementi

COMMUNION PREPARATION

7/1 Rita Fisher
 7/8 Tammie Gerhart
 7/15 Christy Hay
 7/22 Arlene DeArmitt
 7/29 Denise Ferris

MEDITATION VOLUNTEERS

7/1 Terry Fisher
 7/8 Dane Cramer
 7/15 Tom Minnick
 7/22 Chase Hill
 7/29 Volunteer Needed

SPECIAL MUSIC

7/1 Bill Gerhart	7/22 Karen Walters
7/8 Terry Knepper	7/29 Pam Hauger
7/15 Pam Hauger	

SERVING AT THE TABLE

Offering	Communion
7/1 Matt Rouch	Doug Huston
7/8 Dave Ferris	Matt Rouch
7/15 Mike Costea	Dave Ferris
7/22 John Schrock	Mike Costea
7/29 Rick Marker	John Schrock

HOMEBOUND VISITATION

East	West
7/1 The Ferris's	The Blazin's
7/8 The Costea's	The Minnick's
7/15 The Sherbine's	The Barndt's
7/22 The Gerhart's	The Knepper's
7/29 The Pyle's	Shane Lenhart

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

NURSERY

- 7/1 Donna Kern, George Perras
7/8 Matt & Sarah Rouch
7/15 Keith & Pam Hauger
7/22 Cheryl Clementi, Molly Meekins
7/29 Karen Costea, Mary Gerhard

BEGINNERS

- 7/1
7/8 Doug & Joni Thomas
7/15 Bob & Nancy Spochart
7/22 Bill & Tammie Gerhart
7/29 Dave & Deb Barndt

GRADES 2-5

- 7/1
7/8 Doug & Joni Thomas
7/15 Becky Knopsnider, Alyssa Buck
7/22 Chris Mowry, Stan King
7/29 Chase Hill, Anna Meyers

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN JULY 1ST



Taught by Jim Moon
in the classroom in
front of the cafe.



Is held downstairs in
fellowship hall.

IT'S A BOY

Dalton Elliot Huston was born on June 9th to Patrick and Nicole Huston. Grandparents are Bob & Pam Huston and Karl & Ramona Sherbine.

Jody & Elisabeth Walker welcomed a baby boy on June 21st. Grandparents are Rick & Mary Walker.

JOINED FCC

Dave & Angie Leslie joined our church on June 10th. Their address is: 1031 Highland Park Dr., Somerset, PA. 15501

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes will not be issued to individuals, instead, we encourage you to use one of the envelopes located in your pew or chair. If you would like your donation to be credited for tax purposes, please put your name on the envelope. Thank you.

CALIFORNIA MISSION TRIP

July 6 - 13: Be in prayer for the Mission Team: Chase Hill, Rick & Anna Meyers, Anne & Allie Onstead, Tammy Schrock, Reuben Watson, Peggy Wilkins.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- July 1 In honor of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.
In honor of Pat Miller's "?" birthday.
July 8 In honor of the elders and church leadership (2).
July 15 In memory of Ed Shaulis by Delores.
July 22 No flowers ordered.
July 29 In honor of Millie Will's 90th birthday.
In honor of John & Patty Barchey's wedding anniversary.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY

Sunday school
9:00am

Worship
10:00am

Men's Fraternity
Monday - Friday,
6:15 - 6:35 am

sHebrews
Monday's, 7:15am

Staff Meeting
Tuesday's, Time TBD

Praise Band
Wednesday's, 6:30pm

Senior High THRIVE
Thursday's. 7:30pm

Office Closed
Fridays

JULY

- 7/1 Ordination of Jesse Walker
VBS Volunteer Meeting in fellowship hall after church.
- 7/3 Mobile Ministry at Stonebridge, 6:30pm
Oil Change Ministry at 141 Doe Lane, Somerset.
- 7/4 Office Closed
- 7/10 Mobile Ministry at Stonebridge, 6:30pm
Elders Meeting, 6:00pm
- 7/15 Officer Installation during service
- 7/17 Mobile Ministry at Stonebridge, 6:30pm
- 7/18 TNT at King's Restaurant, 11:00am
- 7/22 VBS Volunteer Meeting in fellowship hall after church.

VBS
July 30 - August 3

DATES TO REMEMBER

VBS Volunteer Meetings
July 1st & 22nd in fellowship hall after church.

Officer Installation
July 15th during service

TNT at King's Restaurant
July 18th, 11:00am

VBS
July 30 - August 3



VBS

July 30 - August 3rd

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

