



NEWSLETTER

News & Events

Children's Gym Time

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children (infants - school aged) to a time of play in the Family Life Center every 1st, 3rd and 5th (when applicable) Wednesday of the month, **beginning October 5th at 10am.**

Foundations Bible Study

Studying the Bible is foundational to the Christian faith. Every **Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Church Modular**, you are invited to come to the Foundations Bible Study where we will be studying the foundations of our faith. These studies are open to everyone and are a great opportunity to study God's word.

Harvest Fest

Join us for the Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 29th from 2-6PM at the church! There will be a Trunk-or-Treat from 2-4PM, a Kingdom Kruisers Car Show, Games, Food, and Prizes. You won't want to miss this special event for the whole family!

"A Second Saturday"

Back in 1850, people could not ride on the Boston and Maine Railroad on Sundays unless they satisfied the railroad officials that they were making the trip to attend church services. Things have changed drastically since that time. Today, Sunday has become, to a large extent, a second Saturday. Sadly, this change has had great impact on some Christians as well. In days past, if Christians were not in church on Sunday, they were either sick or visiting relatives out of town. For many Christians in our day, gathering with fellow believers on Sunday for worship is not a priority.

However, there is one day of the year when the majority of Christians attend church services. That day of course is Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, Christians all over the world make it their business to be in church. The reason for this is that Easter Sunday emphasizes one of the most significant events in all of history. It points to the resurrection of Christ. The Apostle Paul in the first epistle to the Corinthians said that without the resurrection, there would be no Christian faith. Therefore, many Christians feel that Easter Sunday, above all other Sundays, is a day to come to church to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

What they do not realize is that every Sunday in a sense is a celebration of Christ's resurrection. After Christ's ascension to heaven, the early church began to meet on Sunday rather than on Saturday, the Sabbath. The early church observed Sunday as the special day of corporate worship of God. It was referred to as "the Lord's Day." The only reason that has been found for the early church to make this change is the fact that Christ arose from the dead on Sunday. The reason Christians meet on Sundays for worship is because Christ arose on that day. For the Christian, Sundays should never become a second Saturday. In complete agreement, the writer of the book of Hebrews said, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing." For the Christian, every Sunday should be an extension of Easter Sunday. The Lord's Day should be set aside by Christians to gather together with fellow believers for worship and to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Greg Uhrich

Marriage Retreat at the Linck Hill Inn



A marriage retreat was held at Linck Hill Inn, at Three Springs Ministries, in Morris, PA on September 23-25th. The inn is a lovely Victorian mansion, located in a beautiful setting of mountains and farmland. It was the perfect location for a memorable weekend away with our spouse, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

The study that was presented was called Sacred Marriage – What if God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy? The couples attended six sessions, which included biblical teaching by Gary Thomas and meaningful large group discussions. It was a blessing to learn together, honestly share about our marriages, and encourage one another in our walk with the Lord and our spouse.

Gary Thomas shared, “Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual



discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. Sacred Marriage shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.”

On Saturday, many of the couples went on a tractor-drawn wagon ride to the top of the mountain. We enjoyed a wonderful view of the mountains and farmland and sweet fellowship together. That evening, the group enjoyed a delicious candlelight dinner and stories and laughter around the campfire. On Sunday, we worshipped together in song during our final session. Then, each couple took the Bread and Cup to a solitary place inside or outside the inn and celebrated Holy Communion together.

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