

News and Views

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Paying Attention to Detail

It has been said that the only cost involved in gaining knowledge and understanding is PAYING attention. Our Summer 2014 program of “*On a Journey with Jesus*” (reading a chapter a day in the Gospels from June 1 thru August 28th) is designed to get us to PAY attention to the details in Jesus’ life, with the HOPE of SEEING Him in a fuller light, and to FOLLOW Him in a more determined way.

Listen to the testimony of one of our fellow WGBC family members testify to what the journey is doing for him. In a recent e-mail to us, James Erwin wrote:

“Hi Pastors,

I have been (listening) to Matthew on my way to and from work. I have actually been able to listen to the chapters a couple times during a trip instead of reading through once. Thank you for encouraging us to do this, it's amazing how many details I have been learning about the way Jesus interacted with his disciples. These are so many things I've never noticed before!!!”

What have you been learning in your Journey? We would love to hear from you. We will only share it with your permission. It could be a great encouragement to others—and to us!! As you read think about a brief testimony you could give to the benefit you have gained from your study—then e-mail it to us at ‘ttilford55@yahoo.com’.

Paying Attention to Jesus with You;
Pastors Jean Marie and Tony

Happy Birthday! (in July)

Sue Hagman 7/4
Lynne Kuemmerle 7/5
Jean Baxter 7/6
Shelley Watts 7/7
Kerstin Glenn 7/10
Tom Glenn 7/10
Jenn Baldwin 7/11
Jean Beyerle 7/12
Phil Kashow 7/14
Pat Penecale 7/15
Shane Kibler 7/16
Benny Watts 7/16



John Zimmer, Sr. 7/16
Raphick Fleming 7/17
Jolie Erwin 7/21
Thom Gilbride 7/23
Morgan Patino 7/23
Brian Monaghan 7/24
Brian Taite 7/26
Aiden Fleming 7/28
Addyson Fleming 7/28
Tom Gilbride 7/29
Amy Erwin 7/31

Happy Anniversary! (in July)

T.J. & Diane Lonesky 7/26
Saye & Edwina Gonleh 7/26

Using Offering Envelopes

The Church Council and the weekly counters request that those who have been given envelopes please use them. It makes the counting much easier. Thank you!!

WGBC on the Web:

Check out our improved website run by James Erwin, and our new facebook page moderated by Kate Moyer!

<http://www.willowgrovebaptist.org>

<http://www.facebook.com/WillowGroveBaptist>

“On a Journey with Jesus

“Come to me, get away with me and you’ll recover your life... walk with me and work with me... watch how I do it... keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Matthew 11: 28-30 (The Message)

[Circle the chapter number after you have read it]

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(JOHN)

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JOHN 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

I _____ have completed reading all 89 chapters in the Gospels as I have been “*On a Journey with Jesus.*” in the summer of 2014.



*Casual and Contemporary
Worship Service - “365 4 HIM”
Every Sunday
at 9:30 AM*

Come out and join us for our family-friendly worship service featuring contemporary Christian songs, prayer, message, and Scripture. Join us at the start of each week to give thanks for God’s gifts and strength in our lives as we strive to live each day of the year in His presence.



Sing with us the music of Chris Tomlin, Kari Jobe, Josh Wilson, The Afters and many more contemporary artists.



SERVICE/MISSION OPPORTUNITIES And CELEBRATIONS

****Opportunities...**

MISSION UPDATE

We as a Church Family channel some of our mission money to various mission projects each month. These needs are decided on at each of our church council meetings. We will continue to be updating you in the monthly newsletter. This is your mission work!

See the Bulletin Board for more information.

Monthly Special Mission \$100 Donations:

June	Opportunity International
July	David Huizenga—Cameroon
August	Bev Kummerling: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Ministry

Coins for the Cure

Donations go in the large jar at the Welcome Center. The jar will benefit Abington Hospital’s Ovarian Cancer Department. Please consider sharing your leftover coins!

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

Please continue to make donations this month, if you can! This month, we are suggesting:

Coloring books	Reams of white paper
Toothbrushes (no paste yet)	T-shirts
Small balls	Matchbox cars, etc.

WGBC Welcome Center

Check out the sign and space set aside to be a Welcome Center in the lobby. Our group of volunteers called the ‘Welcomers’ are behind the counter to greet any guests and to share with them some literature and a gift for being with us.

Remember: we can all be *Welcomers* as we greet our guests with a **smile** and a **warm hello!**



****Opportunities cont...**

Congregational Care Ministry

“Share with God’s people who are in need...practice hospitality...rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn...have equal concern for each other.” (Romans 12/1 Cor 12)

Do you have a heart for people? Especially those who are shut-in, sick, or lonely? Do you have an encouraging spirit? Do you want to be a part of a ministry (serving others) that makes the lives of others happier and healthier? Yes? Great!!

We are starting up a Congregational Care Ministry (Team) to do all of the above and more. There are already a few people who have expressed their interest in doing this, so we (pastors) are opening this up to WHOMSOEVER feels led by the Lord, and their heart to touch the lives of others.

Please contact either Pastor Jean Marie or Tony and let us know of your interest—or just to inquire further on what this might entail. We will seek to get outside training from either Stephen Ministries or some other group that can provide some insights and resources, etc. (In other words, don’t think *“I want to, but I do not think I have the skills or training.”*)

If your heart is moved to care for others, God has already gifted and trained you in some way!!

****Celebrations...**

Church Yard Sale

The event we held on May 31st was a great success! Thanks to all who came out to help sort items, carry them outside and arrange them, and those who donated items to sell. In all, we were able to raise \$485.00, which will go towards purchasing items to fill our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!

Graduate-Recognition Sunday

On June 15th, we celebrated Sabrina Pantal’s graduation from Upper Moreland High School and Patrick Hoyle’s graduation from Abington High School. We wish them great success in the next stage of their lives!



Coming Events:



Senior Fellowship Luncheon

July 3rd at 12:00noon

Attention: Seniors!

Let yourself be fed by food and fellowship!

*This month we'll be meeting at the Red Lion Diner on
Route 611.*

GRIEF SUPPORT AND GROWTH GROUP

HEALTHY GRIEVERS HELPING EACH OTHER

7:00-8:30 PM

Wednesday, July 2nd at WGBC

****Thursday, July 17th at Abington Baptist Church**

***new day!*

We will share some concepts behind HEALTHY GRIEVING and open up for sharing time, closing with prayer for healing. BRING OR INVITE A FRIEND who needs support.

(Let Pastor Tony know if you are possibly coming, so we can know how many to expect.)

Our *Knights of the Felt Table* and *Women's Night Out* events will not be scheduled in July, but will return in August. See you then!

Vacation Bible School

July 21st—25th, 9:00am to 12noon Daily
Age Range: 4 years—completion of 5th grade

This Summer's Theme:

Weird Creatures—Where We Learn that Jesus Loves Us No Matter Who We Are

Closing Program on Friday, July 25th at 7:00pm

Feel free to bring snacks to share at the fellowship time afterward!

****We still need people to make flowers and leaves from the patterns.**

****Our mission offering for VBS this year is bringing in items for Operation Christmas Child.**

One More Work Day for Decoration Making:

Saturday, July 12th from 10:00am—12noon

We will be making various decorations for the sanctuary once again. The more hands, the better!

Contact Mary Ann Zimmer to find out what we still need!

You don't need to have any artistic talent, just a willingness to help!

Guided Discussion Group

facilitated by Bev Kummerling

8 Week Series—Thursdays, 7:00pm at WGBC

“Uncovering the Power of the Holy Spirit and learning to live a more dynamic Christian life.”

Step in and out as you are able!

Prayer Happenings:

Men's Discussion & Prayer

Every Saturday morning, we hold a time of talk and prayer for men, facilitated by John Zimmer, Sr., at the church at 8:30am. The first Saturday of the month, this group meets for breakfast at Perkin's Restaurant, in Warminster, at 9:00am.



Please call John Zimmer, Sr. at (215)-659-0747 if you're newly planning to attend, for updated information or in case of any cancellations.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GATHERINGS

Every Wednesday night, St John the Evangelist Anglican Church, has been hosting a community prayer meeting at Abington Baptist Church [ABC](where they now share the building). It runs from 7 to 8:30 PM. ABC is located at 1501 Huntingdon Rd. in Abington (down the street from Abington Hospital).

Prayer Requests—6/22/14

Amy's grandfather, Bob Hyslop	Zack Tait
Jim Makefield—congestive heart failure	Camille's niece—needs a liver
Michelle Irwin—lupus	Linda Allen—strokes
Robbins Family—prayer support needed	Jean Baxter
Grace's son and family	Brandon Still—behavior issues
Those suffering with physical/mental diseases	Ruth—peace
Our youth group	Human trafficking in Africa
Annette and Rick	Ray Cavaganora—stroke recovery
Gracie—strengthening	John Baxter—grand mal seizures
Ed Creighton—heart problems	Sarah Varner—depression issues
Dolores' grandson, Luke (2yrs)—ill	Rebecca—heart problems
Doug Kutz—cancer	Operation Christmas Child
Bill—salvation	Marie (51 years)—stroke
Tompkins Family	Gene Ott—eyes
Jim—needs a bypass	Bill Danyluk—foot problems
Kim—employee evaluation	Rebecca—tube for breathing
Helen Weiser—moving	Family of Martha Pera
Leah and husband—harmony	Helen—health issues
Dorothea—dialysis	Stephen—health
Ruth—heart problems	Joe Nemeč—in and out of hospital
Topper—blood clot	Family of Charlie Burgess in his loss
Nancy Glenn's cousin's son	300 Girls in Nigeria
Dolores' grandson, Chris—job	June Berry—MS, moving soon
Bob Blumb—cancer	Mary Ann and Family in their loss
Amber & Jr.—death of newborn	Lyle & James—sobriety
Family of Roy Sayles in his loss	Elliot Bennett—cancer
Sue Stanley and family in their loss	Christie—financial issues
Dolores—2 grandsons in Nat. Guard	Dave—salvation
Young man released from prison	Recent graduates
Christy	Sue Stanley's Family—loss of Anna

Let us remember all of those who have lost a loved one in recent months.

*Cancer Patients: Jim Williams—bladder, Jan Harvt—brain, Amil—esophageal, Kitty Lachman—Hodgkin's lymphoma and 3 mo. to live, Charles, Thomas—stage 4 colon, Charlie, Kim's Uncle, Janet Hart—brain, Essie—throat, Sue's mom, Bob's nephew's mother-in-law Marie, Sharon—skin, Emma 10yrs—bone marrow, Sharon—breast, Bob Blumb, Elliot Bennett—long term chemo

*Employment: Lex Moore, Mike Holmes, Becky, Deena, Lela, Carina, Linda Hoyle, Amanda & John Fox

*Continued prayer needed: World leaders, countries in the middle east, our country, our service men and women, cities in violence, unsaved, the homeless & hungry, Grove House, Jack and Ann Nigro, those struggling with psychiatric disorders, Lynn Tait, Greg Smith—CP, Kass's granddaughter Rachel, the unchurched, Irma Zielinski, Samaritan's Purse, Fred Hooper—in Selinsgrove, Michelle & son Justin(4)—Down syndrome, Hagman Family, Pastor Jean Marie, Ethelyn Dawson, Joe Nemeč—dialysis, Kim's Jewish relatives—salvation, Kenny, Shannon, Christy





SANCTUARY FLOWERS

\$16.50



Anyone wanting to order flowers to be placed in the sanctuary may sign up on the flower sign-up chart hanging on the wall at the corner of the hallway outside the sanctuary.

K-LOVE Radio

There's a Christian radio station in the area called K-LOVE. The station operates on 106.9 FM, and plays contemporary music as well as shares positive stories to uplift their listeners.

Tune in or go to www.klove.com to find out more!



For Your Information:

NA Meeting

WGBC has opened its doors to allow a Narcotics Anonymous Meeting to be held every TUESDAY from 7:30pm-8:45pm.

They want to help drug addicts *get and stay* free using the 12 Steps and support of others.

Contact Brian Collins (609) 209-0582 for more information, or just come out.

(Note: NA is a non-profit organization and will have no direct 'connection' with WGBC. We are merely providing its space.)

Hold on, before you close the page...



Do you have an announcement or information on an upcoming event that you would like to see highlighted in our **August newsletter**? If so, please contact the church secretary by email at: secretary@willowgrovebaptist.org

Please also remember to allow for the newsletter's preparation time, and try to send in your information **before July 23rd or 24th**, if possible.

That way, your event information can get the best possible exposure!