



ST. PETER'S A BIBLE CHURCH

Preparing People for Eternity

March 2024

ST. PETER'S A BIBLE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

PASTOR TOM'S PERSPECTIVE

Pastor's Perspective

If you were someone who lived in the first century, A.D., and saw the Lord Jesus in ministry, would you write down what you saw, heard, and experienced? If you did write it down, what would your approach be to sharing about the amazing life of Christ that you saw?

Fortunately for us, four men who were eyewitnesses of the Lord Jesus and His ministry, or had direct relationship with those who were eyewitnesses of Christ's work, did that. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each wrote down what they saw, heard, experienced, and learned from others who were eyewitnesses. The evangelist, Dr. Luke wrote:

Luke 1:1-4

¹ Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

Luke was not only a medical doctor, but a historian as well, so he wrote his Gospel after carefully talking to many eyewitnesses, even though he, himself, did not personally see Christ.

Matthew, one of the Twelve, wrote primarily to a Jewish audience. Matthew refers frequently to Old Testament Scriptures to show that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah by quoting frequently from Old Testament passages.

Mark was not an eyewitness of much of the life of Christ. However, he is closely associated with the apostle Peter and he received much of what he wrote about directly from Peter. Mark presents Jesus as a servant of the Lord and His people, showing how Christ came to serve His fellow mankind. Mark portrays Christ through the events of the sixteen chapters as having power over Satan, sin, sickness, and death.

Beginning this month, and continuing for the next year or so, we will preach through the Gospel of Mark each week during our normal weekly worship. We will learn about the unique way that Mark depicts the life of Christ, and why this Gospel is so action packed. Mark is fond of the word, "immediately," and he shows Christ constantly on the move in ministry, going from town to town to proclaim the Gospel and to call people to repent.

All sixty-six books of the Bible are vital and useful for us (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17), but the four Gospel accounts are especially transformative because they contain the direct words of our Lord Jesus Himself. Could there be a more powerful study for our church at this time in our ministry?

I hope you will plan to worship with us every Sunday over the next year and join us as we dig deeply into the life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEENAGERS ~ BREAKFAST

Tuesday March 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

Mason Dixon Restaurant in Shrewsbury.

Please be sure you sign up so we can give them a fairly accurate count of how many are coming.

Any questions, please see
Dean & Barb Ferree



Grace Howard would like to wish everyone
Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary
for the Month of March!



Cook Books

There are still cook books available!

The price is \$20.00

Offering Envelopes

If you currently do not use envelopes but would like to, as a way to tithe, you may request them for 2024.

You don't have to be a member to use envelopes.

If you would like them, please let Peggy Sweitzer or Melinda Trombey know and she will see that you receive them.

Your tax statements were mailed out the last week of January.

Online Contributions for Tithes & Offerings

We are offering this service for anyone who would like to use it.

Go to St. Peter's website at www.preparingyouforeternity.org and click on the Donate button at the bottom of the page.

This will take you to the link.

You can use Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express.

It is very easy to use.

Please call the church office (717-428-3559)

GREETERS / WELCOME

3/3	Nate Wolfe
3/10	Joe Markey
3/17	Mark Sweitzer
3/24	Joe Markey
3/31	Mark Sweitzer



INTERCESSORY PRAYER

3/3	Tom Beck
3/10	Joe Markey
3/17	Mark Sweitzer
3/24	Joe Markey
3/31	Mark Sweitzer



NURSERY

Downstairs Every Sunday at 10:00 AM

Our nursery will receive all children from birth to age three each Sunday morning.

Please bring your child to the nursery before the start of the 10:00 AM worship each week.

If you have a child in this age, please make sure to clearly mark your diaper bag with your child's name when you leave your son or daughter with our nursery volunteers. Also, please carefully mark the cup(s) for your children.

Stacy Wolfe
Christina Markey



March

Tristan Philbrook	01	Elaine Stough	20
Mary Walker	01	Peggy Sweitzer	20
Brian Lentz	02	Li' Anna Bair	21
Jill Sechrist	04	Diane Lentz	21
Tammy Cutler	07	Nancy Fike	22
Morgan DiMaggio	07	Krista Ramsey	22
Ben Quesenberry	10	Bobby Betker	25
Rachel Dowling	11	Brandon Eveler	25
Isabelle Price	12	Kayla Householder	25
Chris Jones	13	Michael Stoltzfus	28
Emma Todd	13	Luke Tucker	30
Susan Shank	18	Kenneth Bair	31
Faith Klunk	19	Jerry Higgins Jr.	31
Veerasammy Carpen	20		
Theodore Eveler	20		
Daniel Markey	20		

If we have missed anyone's Birthday or Anniversary, we apologize and ask that you please contact the Church office so that we may update our records.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Steve & Trish Ashley	03/03
Ethan & Marissa Tucker	03/21
Josh & Mindy DiMaggio	03/23

January 2024 Financial Statement

General Fund

Income	25,906.08
Expenses	
Missions	5,560.00
Total Building Fund Exp.	9,322.00
Church Operating Expense	582.15
Church Operating Supplies	166.69
Electricity	1,347.67
Online Banking Expense	158.48
Payroll	11,662.72
Program/Special Expense	2,838.00
Repairs/Maintenance Expense	1,493.24
Telephone/Internet	232.52
Youth Program Expenses	444.45
Total Expenses	35,297.17
Net Income	-9,391.09
Building Fund	10,652.52

*The reason we sometimes show a loss for the building fund is due to our investment account. As you know, this will rise and fall based on the performance of the stock market each month.



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Marriage Retreat

March 15 - 17, 2024 will be our annual marriage retreat.

This year we will be meeting at The Marriage Hub,
18 North Market Street in Elizabethtown.

Our speaker will be Dr. Bruce McCracken and his wife Karen.

Worship will be led by Roo-Akh Worship
(Andrew & Leah Young).

The cost for the conference is \$150 and includes the event,
dessert on Friday and Saturday night, lunch on Saturday,
and all conference materials.

You may choose to commute for the event, as it is only
50 minutes from our church. You may choose to stay in
Elizabethtown at the Best Western SureStay for
\$302.00 + taxes and fees for the weekend. You can make the
hotel reservation by calling 717-367-4000. Be sure to mention
The Marriage Hub to secure the reduced rate.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the In the
Know bulletin board in the lobby.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor Tom.



He is not here; he has
risen, just as he said.
Come and see the
place where he lay.

MATTHEW 28:6

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Come join the fun downstairs!

If you have children ages 4 - or greater, we ask that
you have those children sit with you during the
opening part of worship each week.

After the opening music and prayers, we will dismiss
children ages 4 – 10 to Children's Church each week.

Children ages 11 and greater should remain in the
church to worship in the sanctuary for the balance of
the service with their parents or guardians.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
His love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

If you wish to join the Children's Church volunteers,
please contact Pastor Jerry

Sue Quesenberry
Craig Albright
Cassie Emig
Tammy Cutler
Dave Somerville
John & Karen Krone
Beverly Markey
Mike & Jen Stoltzfus
Jane Mula



AWANA

Wednesday 6:00-7:30

All children ages 3 through grade 6
are welcome.

Bring your children, grandchildren,
neighborhood kids, and any other
children of these ages.

We are having a great time together!

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RICE PANS Hello Rice Pan Cooks

The pans, rice and recipe are always available on the church bench for the month they are needed.

Be sure to grab two pans!

The cooking process is easy. Once you have cooked your rice and the ground beef (separately), assemble with the spices, tomato sauces, chopped onions and peppers. Mix all together and fill the pans.

Please wrap the pans tightly in foil and place in Church freezer. Please place the attached labels on top of each wrapped pan.

Many thanks for supporting this project.

Folks in York appreciate your kindness.

If you have any questions, please call
Kate at 717-578-1085.



Men's Ministry Season

Faithful men who care deeply about their families want to be the spiritual leaders of their homes. However, many just don't know how because they've never seen it modeled.

That's why we started a brand-new study on January 13, 2024. We invite all men, from teenagers through senior citizens, to come out from 7:00 - 8:30 AM. We will serve you a good breakfast, and then we will have a teaching time together followed by breakout sessions into small groups. The group will continue meeting each Saturday for 8 consecutive weeks.

We will be using the book or audio book, "Point Man" by Steve Ferrar for this study. The book is not a theological or doctrinal work, but rather is very practical, dealing with issues that all men are facing.

If you have questions, please see Mark Sweitzer, Tedd Wheeler, Sam Carpen or Pastor Tom.

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The community is invited the 2nd Saturday of every month for a free breakfast hosted by Christ United Methodist Church in Jacobus

from 8:30 to 10:30 AM

This month's date is March 10



We will be having Good Friday Service
March 29th at 7:00 pm



~Reminder~

Easter Dinner Theatre

March 22-March 23

For more information on tickets and event
please contact Hayley Heindel
717-378-1516 or grinchbaugh14@gmail.com



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Bible Adventure's Good News!

The students in Bible Adventure will be learning about Jesus' disciples, Holy Week, and prayer in March. Our pupils have also been invited to read about Jesus' challenging week through a 30-day reading sheet. The passage, Luke 22:7 –13, truly amazes me! Father God had a man carrying a water jar at the exact time that Peter and John entered Jerusalem. Carrying water was done by the women, not the men. Peter and John, two of Jesus' twelve disciples, were to enter the house which the man carrying the water jar entered. They were to ask the owner of that house where the guest room was, so the Teacher and His disciples could share the Passover meal or Jesus' last supper. The owner showed them that guest room which was upstairs and already furnished. God did not miss any details! Guess what? Jesus told Peter and John all these things before any of them happened. These two disciples found every one of Jesus' words to be true! I have a strong feeling that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each had a part in bringing all those details together.

I have exciting news to share. So far, God has blessed us with six new students since January. I believe one or more students are coming! Let's keep praying. Thank you! On February 21, 2024, one of our ladies accepted Jesus as her Savior. Praise You, Lord! Our staff is also beginning to grow. Thank You, Father! If you know of any adult who has free time on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 – 3:30, please help them to connect with Jane Mula, Susie Quesenberry, or Beverly Markey. We greatly appreciate your prayers and assistance.

May God bless your family with a glorious celebration for our risen Lord and Savior on Easter.

"He's alive!" (Every day!)



WOMIN'S MINISTRY

Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge. Psalm 62:8

Activities in our church for February:

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday mornings at 9 AM in the fellowship hall.

**We are doing the study "Rediscovering Israel" by Kristi McLelland
All ladies are welcome!**

Any questions, please see Christina Markey or Laurie Miller.

If you are interested in joining the study for your first time, please let Christina know so she can add you on her phone list to call in case they decide to cancel.

Christina Markey & Laurie Miller










Calendar of Events For St. Peter's Church

March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9 AM Mocha 3 10 AM Worship	4	5 9 AM Women's Bible Study	6 PM New Hope AWANA 6 7 PM Youth Group	7	8	9 7:00 Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
9 AM Mocha 10 10 AM Worship 	11 6:30 PM Elder's Meeting	12 9 AM Women's Bible Study	13 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM No Youth Group	14	15 Marriage Retreat 	16
9 AM Mocha 17 10 AM Worship 11:30 Deacons Meeting Marriage Retreat 	18	19 8 AM Keenagers- Breakfast 9 AM Women's Bible Study 	20 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM Youth Group	21	22 Dinner Theatre 	23
9 AM Mocha 24 10 AM Worship Consistory Meeting 	25	26 9 AM Women's Bible Study	27 6 PM New Hope AWANA 7 PM Youth Group	28	29 Good Friday Service 7 PM 	30
9 AM Mocha 31 10 AM Worship/ Communion Easter Sunday 						

Happy Easter



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St. Peter's Church is located
at the corners of
Seitzville & Yellow Church Rd.

AWANA ~ Wednesdays 6:00 to 7:30 PM
(October to April)

Youth Group ~ Wednesday 7:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICE

Mocha for Missions 9:00 to 9:45 AM

Worship 10:00 AM

Nursery/Childcare 10:00 AM

Children's Church 10:00 AM

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Feeling the Call to a Short Term Mission Trip?

Perhaps a call to South Africa?

There are several short term mission trip opportunities coming up this coming year to serve with
Youth In Transformation in Cape Town, South Africa.

March 14 - March 24, 2024

Camp (with high school students) (Mar. 20 - Mar. 23)

June 10 - June 21, 2024

Holiday Program 1 (June 17 - June 21) (elementary school students)

June 20 - June 30, 2024

Holiday Program 2 (June 24 - June 28) (elementary school students)

September 9 - September 20, 2024

Prayer Spaces in Schools (Sep. 16 - Sep. 19)

Questions?

Interested?

Contact Jack Dyson- 717.578.5501 or jack@youthintransformation.org