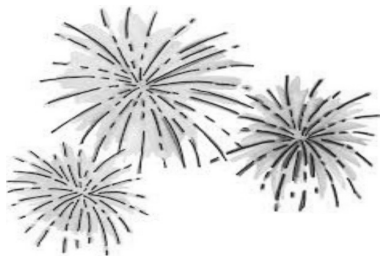




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For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TOBY

### Black & White vs Gray

Even though preachers have been sounding the alarm about humanity's moral positions since the prophet Enoch (Jude 14, 15), there is currently a growing concern among our population concerning American moral values. Gallup, who began tracking American positions of morality back in 2002, reports one issue that is becoming increasingly alarming to Americans, is our lack of moral values. Gallup reports that 77% of Americans believe morality within our culture is growing increasingly worse. If you feel the same you're in the majority, however the concern must be considered in the light of what is the standard of morality that we feel is falling? For some, marriage and sexual expression reflects the general consensus of the country from over a 100 years ago, while others feel America's moral fault lies within its hold to biblically based values.

Currently in church, we are reflecting upon the Bible as our final authority concerning shades of belief between black and white moral issues we sometimes hear labeled as "gray areas" ( 2 Timothy 3:16). By gray areas I'm speaking of the euphuism used to describe how some believe there are absolute right and wrong moral practices, while others believe morality is determined by the society which allows or prohibits practices. With such shifting sand below our feet there has never been a more important role for the church of Christ to fulfill than maintaining the moral conscience in our communities ( 1 Timothy 3:15).

As followers of Christ let us not grow weary in our calling to maintain the light of Gospel and be the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13-16). Our standard, as we look in our culture of ever shifting moral issues should be, "the Bible says it, that settles it." (Isaiah 40:8)



*"We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand, which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us." ~Abraham Lincoln~*

*"We recognize no sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!" ~ John Adams~*

*"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under." ~Ronald Reagan~*

*"The reason that Christianity is the best friend of government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart." ~ Thomas Jefferson~*

### Upcoming Events

- Teen Olympics  
June 17th-20th
- Whitehall July 4th Parade  
11am at Yearling & Broad
- Whitehall Food Truck Fest  
Info Booth - July 27th
- VBS Week  
July 29th - August 2nd
- Whitehall Nat'l Night Out  
Info Booth - August 6th
- Semi-Annual Business  
Meeting August 25th



I grew up believing in God, though the only time I prayed was when I needed God to do something for me. I would promise Him that I would be a better person, if He answered my prayer. My parents took us to church occasionally, though I never understood why Jesus died for me.

Growing up, my family was poor and constantly being evicted from our residence. When I started high school, we were homeless and lived in a couple of motels on Main Street in Whitehall. During my sophomore year, a friend at school invited me to this church. The youth pastor and his wife; Phil and Linda Jackson, were fun, loving, and I was *drawn* to them. I attended every service and found myself, along with other teens, at their home regularly.

One Sunday evening, as Pastor, Larry Ruh preached, I understood why Jesus died. My sin was the reason for His death. I was under such conviction when Larry gave the invitation, I could not stand still. I went straight to the altar to pray. I recall Linda saying, “*I’ve been waiting for you to be saved.*”

*Ronda Cambron*

**Romans 10:13**

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala**

“What happens when God’s Spirit invades the hearts of His people”

In the book *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, Jim Cymbala, Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, tells the story of the transforming power of God’s love, which changed the lives of prostitutes, drug addicts, and the homeless. Jim began to Pastor in a broken down church that is located in one of the worst areas of the city. Exhausted from his pastoral duties in what seemed like a dying church, with a heavy heart, Jim cried out to God, “*Lord I have no idea how to be a successful Pastor. I have no training. All I know is Carol and I are working in the middle of New York City with people dying on every side, overdosing.....*” *God begin to speak to Jim; “If you and your wife will lead my people to pray and call upon my name, you will never lack for something fresh to preach. I will supply the money that is needed, both for the church, and your family, and you will never have a building large enough to contain the crowds I will send in response.”* A few humbled Christians decided to meet each Tuesday evening for prayer. They began to pour out their hearts to God, and like a fresh wind, they saw a movement of God’s spirit that was transforming the lives of broken people, and the church began to grow. The twenty people that attended the Brooklyn Tabernacle during this time, has now grown to approximately 10,000, and the church continues to have a strong emphasis on prayer through their Tuesday night prayer meetings. As quoted from Pastor Jim’s book, “When we sincerely turn to God, we will find that his church always moves forward, not backward”.

If you are looking to move to the next level of your prayer life, I would recommend this book, but use with caution. The bible should always be the main resource, even the disciples ask the Lord to teach them to pray. (see Luke 11:1-4)

**2 Chronicles 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven,

**God’s ABC Plan of How to be Saved?**

**A** dmit you are a sinner and ask Jesus to forgive you. (Rom 3:23; Rom 3:10; Rom 6:23)

**B** elieve Jesus died on the cross and rose again as payment for your sins. (John 3:16; 1 Cor 15:3-4; Rom 5:8)

**C** onfess and choose to follow Jesus. (Matt 16:24; Rom 10:9; Rom 10:13)

**What are we to do with our trials, heartaches, and burdens?**

By Charles Stanley

Although many people try to bear them on their own, Jesus has given us the solution in a passage from His Sermon on the Mount. He says to go into an inner room, close the door, and pray to our Father in heaven. All of us need to learn how to talk to the Lord in private about whatever concerns us. And sometimes that inner room becomes our war room as we fight our battles with sin, conflicts, decisions, and difficulties until we fully surrender in obedience to our God.

According to Ephesians 6:10-13, believers in a struggle-not with people-but against rulers, powers, world forces of darkness, and spiritual forces of wickedness in heavenly places. Because spiritual battles require divine protection, we are told to put on the full armor of God.

- ◆ Helmet of Salvation protects our thinking.
- ◆ Breastplate of righteousness guards our emotions.
- ◆ Girdle of truth allows us to walk in the light.
- ◆ Our feet must be sod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.
- ◆ We are to take up the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.
- ◆ We need the shield of faith to cover us and extinguish all the enemy’s flaming arrows.
- ◆ Finally, we must pray at all times.



## The Gift of Life by Pastor James Taylor

*My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect”  
Psalm 139:15-16*

This is a picture of my unborn son in the womb. It is amazing to think that according to David, in verses 15 and 16, that God sees the unborn being formed in the womb. The emphasis is on the truth that God saw him before he was ever born. Life is precious to our Creator, even in the beginning stages, and therefore, should be valued by all, regardless of their opinions or “choice”. God values the life of my unborn son. God values your life. God sees each life as valuable, therefore, no life is expendable. The Teens were reminded this year at Teen Impact that there is not a single person that is an accident. God created each person for a purpose. We are created in God’s image to serve Him.

### Prayer Requests:

*Teen Olympics June 17-20  
Outreach to the Teenagers*

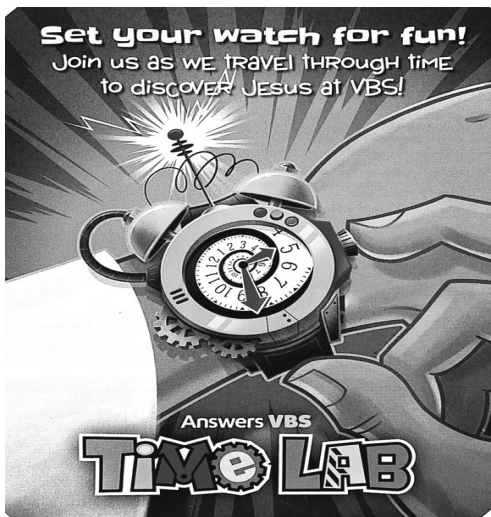
### CONGRATS DAVID!

Congratulations to David Carter, who will be graduating from Whitehall Yearling High School. May God Bless You!

## JULY 29TH-AUG 2ND

**Set your watch for fun!**

Join us as we TRAVEL THROUGH TIME to discover JESUS at VBS!

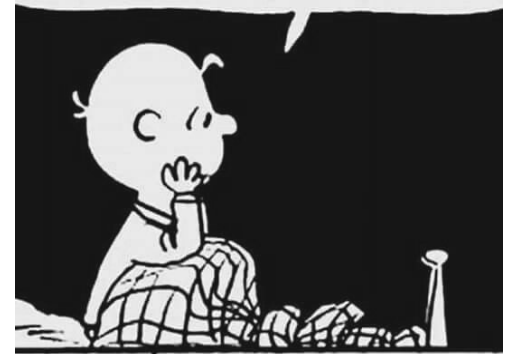


## A Word from Kids Korner by Chris Ogden

“Thank you everyone for your prayers of the Children’s Ministry.”

There will be *no* Children’s Sunday School during June and July, however, Junior Church will continue with a modified bus schedule. During the summer months there will be training opportunities for anyone interested in teaching, and/or desires a refresher. Looking forward to seeing everyone during VBS and in August, also.

Just thinking... If a blind person hears me, could they tell I was a Christian?  
If a deaf person sees me, could they see Christ living thru me?



## Bringing Hope to a Dark Place thru Prison Ministry by Nancy Mitchell

The mission of Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities.

The prison environment is a dark place, where prisoners face violence, anger, gangs and loneliness daily. Kairos Prison Ministry volunteers step into this darkness to hold a 3 ½ day weekend, with the majority of participants made up primarily of negative leaders within the prison. Through talks, discussions, and Chapel meditation, prisoners learn of God’s love, light, and grace. *No matter who they are or what they have done, God forgives them.*

Following their weekend experience, participants/guests are encouraged to take responsibility for their life choices and their relationship with God; they are invited to engage in small accountability groups. Kairos volunteers continue to return monthly to provide mentoring and guidance. It is here that Kairos participants/guests begin to replace old ways of thinking with new, and they learn they are not alone on this journey. The prison environment begins to change and family relationships start to heal.....God is transforming lives. You will find testimonies of these changed lives from inside and outside the prison.

Michael Haycock, a prison volunteer has reached out to these broken individuals and witnessed God’s transforming power changing their lives. Our church continues to support Michael in this endeavor with both prayer and funding.. If you are interested in learning more about Kairos Prison Ministry, pick up packets at the front lobby or speak to Michael. ([www.kairosprisonministry.org](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org))

.....I was in prison, and ye came unto me **Matthew 25:36**

# Missions Projects

## JUNE

### John & Alisha Walt - Taiwan

John and Alisha Walz have served as church planters in Taiwan since 2014 with Vision Baptist Missions. Originally in China, the Walz's were arrested and deported by Chinese authorities for being identified with the underground church, but they have since rebounded in Taiwan continuing the church planting work. The Walz's currently reside in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, a city with over two million people. Lord willing, the Walz's plan to remain there until there is an established web of church plants cooperating to train men and women for the ministry.

John was saved at the age of 8 in his family's Cincinnati home, while Alisha was saved at the age of 7 in Grace Navajo Baptist Church. They met at Baptist Bible College in 2006 and were married a year later (11/17/2007). As of 2018, they have two children, Ian (6/27/2014) and Eli (11/16/2016).

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## JULY

### William & Hannah Lefevre - Bulgaria

I first visited the mission field of Bulgaria in late December 2006. I went over for a number of reasons: to escort my niece Katherine back; to visit with my brother and his family; and to court a beautiful young lady named Hannah, home from PCC for Winter break. Hannah returned to PCC midway through January, but I stayed on with my brother until the start of March. I went over to win the heart of a girl, and returned having lost my heart to the Lord's work. For the next two years I prayed as to what the Lord would have me to do. On June 7th of 2008, Hannah and I were married in Bristol, TN. A week later we were married again in Bulgaria, for those of our family who couldn't return to the US. We honeymooned a month overseas with our families, all the while longing to know God's will concerning the mission field. May of 2009 saw the birth of our son, Carrick Austin LeFevre (named for his great, great grandfather). In early July of 2009, while working night shift at the hospital, my burdens had grown too heavy, and I needed an answer from God. In a stairwell on the backside of the hospital I poured my heart out to God, and he gave me his answer. Soon after I told the saints at Brookside, by the Lord's will, we were heading to the mission field. The Lord has been gracious and good to me, all my life. Truly, the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places.

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## AUGUST

### Matthew & Jennifer Terry-Liberia

Matt and Jennifer Terry and their three children; Julia, Nathan, and Charissa, have been missionaries with Global Faith since 2013. They are carrying out the Great Commission in the Republic of Liberia on the West Africa coast, where the Lord has provided various opportunities for them to share the gospel and make disciples, including Matt's coaching of a football (soccer) team known as the Royal F.C. team.

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