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From The Pastor

Why didn't the Disciples "get it?" When the tomb was empty why didn't they immediately understand what had happened? Jesus had certainly told them what was going to happen. I believe one of the reasons they didn't understand what had happened is they were so focused on what Jesus had done and their current situation that they were not looking forward to see where Jesus was leading them.

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful expressions of support, encouragement, and appreciation for our ten years together in ministry and the completion of my Doctor of Ministry program. It has been a good ten years; I have seen God working in us, growing and maturing us.

I believe our best years

together are still before us. On March 13th I quoted Bryant Kirkland on his 25 years at Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in NYC, "The first ten we plodded along, things really took off in the next 15 years." I trust that God has been in the process of preparing us, as a congregation, to really take off. We are now in the transition from preparing to moving forward in new and exciting ways.

Bob Kribbs' ministry among us has already brought much, and it is just in its infancy. Tim and Lauren Halteman brought their dynamic ministry to our youth. Carolyn McSween coming on staff as our Director of Children's Ministry is another significant step.

I believe there are countless other things God is doing "behind

the scenes" that we cannot yet see, and these are working to grow us and shape us. The Session has entered into a new phase of re-focusing in order to discern the direction God is leading us. Please keep us in prayer through this discerning process. This is not easy working, but it is important work.

As the leadership is seeking to discern God's will for our congregation, each of us should be taking steps and seeking to know God's will in our personal life. Again, this is not easy, but it is important. Let us learn from the Disciples, individually and congregationally to not simply focus on what Jesus has done, but to look to see where He is leading us.

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Important April Dates

3 - Casey Miller, Matthew Zimmerman

4 - Jim King, Shannon Wright

5 - Brian Zaiser

7 - Lisa Zellmann

8 - Rebekah DeLong

11 - Taylor Aikey

12 - Beverly Stoelting,

Craig Harley

13 - Gwen Lynch

14 - Betty Lou McClure, Ellis Harley, Phil Moore, Paul Miller, Grace Bruckhart

15 - Pauline King, Natalie Grimes, Drew Lynch, Claire Leshner

18 - Linda Cox, Lisa Black, Kiley Aikey

19 - Ralph Starkey

20 - Dick Ward, Terry Light, Jessie Walsh, Holly Moore, Simon Barlett

24 - Margaret Acker, Carol Edmonds

25 - Talia Host, Rylee Jarrett

26 - Press Shannon, April Shrom

Birthdays



Anniversaries

April 12 - Rick & Kathy Gathman celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary

April 22 - George & Dustine Koons celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary

April 23 - Tom & Jeanette Campbell celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary

April 23 - Eric & Barb Schmidt also celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary



An Easter Egg Hunt to
Celebrate the Risen Christ
Friday, April 22, 2011 • 10:30 am
in the Great Hall!

Toddlers through 5th graders can come for the fun! Real Easter stories followed by age appropriate egg hunts!

Bring a basket and a friend!



The Foolish Easter Message

It's no fun to be made to look foolish! To be called "foolish" is to be considered ridiculous, not worth much, lacking common sense, and "full of folly." In his early life Paul felt that his duty was to protect the proper, dignified Orthodox faith against the "People of the Way," with their universal, status-free message of hope and salvation. Then came that powerful meeting with Jesus on a dusty road. In an instant Paul's privileged past was gone, and an uncertain but

thrilling future lay before him. He became a "preacher of foolishness," using his intellect and newly discovered faith, powered by the Holy Spirit, to bring people to Christ. To many, the message of salvation was too simple to be taken seriously; it was pure folly. To others, the messenger on the donkey was too humble, not befitting to the role of the conquering King. To others his bodily return was shameful in the light of a philosophy that scorned the physical. But Paul labored on, in prison or out, advancing the gospel to an often hostile world.

In this Easter season, will you receive the message of Jesus Christ for what it is—"foolishness to those who are perishing" but salvation to those who believe? Will you encourage that friend who prizes her intellect so much that it takes the place of God? Will you share the meaning of the Resurrection with a neighbor whose troubled life has robbed him of all hope? May we all reach out this season—and all seasons—with the "foolish," incredible message of Jesus Christ and his saving love.

--Bob Kribbs
Lay Visitation Pastor



If you are graduating from High School or College, please e-mail us (info@first-presby.org) with the following information:

Name

School

Degree

(If you are just entering college; your

Major.)



It is not too soon to be thinking about Summer Camp.

Brochures and camp scholarship forms are available on the bulletin board outside the youth office.

Mike Miosi from Camp Susque will be preaching on April 3rd.

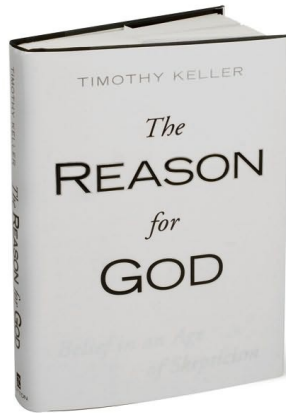


June 20-24 2011

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Please sign up in the church bulletin or call the office 524-4419 to help:

- o Actor for skit
- o Crafts Staff
- o Decorating (tracing, painting and cutting out decorations before VBS)
- o Music Staff
- o Photographer/Videographer for VBS week
- o Skit helper
- o Snack Staff
- o Classroom Teacher

Sunday University Classes



The parlor class will listen to the DVD and review the book by Timothy Keller entitled, *The Reason for God*. 6 DVD sessions are of Rev. Keller and a group of non-Christians as they each exchange their own objections, views and background about Christianity, not in argument but with reason. Many have found Rev. Keller's de-

meanor and insight and reasoning to be fresh and enlightening. Come see and join the discussion. Class leaders will be Paul Miller and John Troxell.

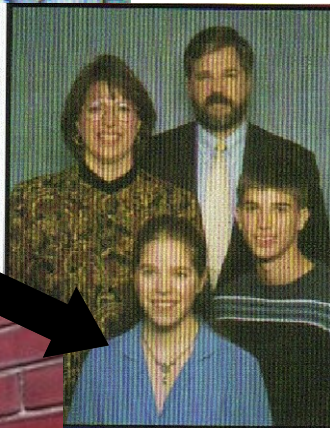
The library class is finishing the above DVD session on *The Reason for God* and will continue through the second half of the book. In Rev. Keller's words, "In both my preaching

and personal interactions I've tried to respectfully help skeptics look at their own faith-foundations while at the same time laying bare my own to their strongest criticisms. ...in the second half of the book we will examine the reasons underlying Christian beliefs." Class leaders are Bart Shaffer, Rusty Graber and Dave Shrom.

New Staff Member



Carolyn growing up



David and Carolyn McSween



We would like to welcome Carolyn McSween to the new part-time position of Director of Children's Ministry. Carolyn actually grew up in our church and became a member in 1994. Her parents are Rick and Kathy Gathman. Carolyn and her husband David have two little daughters Delaney, age 2 and Audrey age 8 months.

The McSweens have spent three years in Charlotte North Carolina and recently moved to Lewisburg for Carolyn to finish her undergraduate degree.

In Charlotte, Carolyn worked in an elementary school and as a preschool teacher at North Carolina's largest childcare center.

Carolyn will begin her employment in mid April and immediately concentrate on directing the upcoming Vacation Bible School which takes place June 20-24.

Regular Events

“Fuel” (Jr. High): We meet in the “Catacombs” on Tuesday nights from **7:00-8:30 pm**. This is a time for Jr. High students to learn about God and develop a relationship with Him! Come hang out with us as we worship, fellowship and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

“Refuge” (High School): We meet in the “Catacombs” on Wednesday nights from **7:00-8:30 pm**. This is a place where High School students can begin to learn what the Lord has done for them and how they can better serve Him. It is a place where teens can come together and feel confident in their choice to serve God. Come hang out with us as we worship, Fellowship, and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

Life Group (High School): Student led Bible study, facilitated by Youth Directors. Meet in the Catacombs Sunday evenings 7-8.

Girls Coffee Hour (High School): Meet up with Lauren at Zelda’s Coffee Shop right after school every other Thursday to hang out, catch up, get to know each other better and have an hour of girl time!

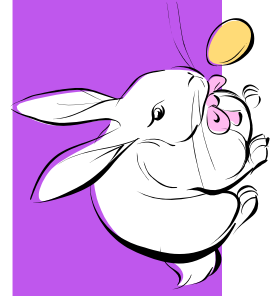
Guys Coffee Hour (High School) Meet up with Tim at Mya’s Café right after school every other Thursday to hang out, catch up and have some guy time!

Dodgeball Thursday (Middle School boys) Hang out with Tim in the Great Hall every other Thursday after school to play dodgeball for an hour!

Girl Talk Thursday (Middle School girls) Hang out with Lauren in the church Parlor every other Thursday after school for an hour!

Wednesday Morning Breakfast: (Jr and Sr High) We meet in the “Great Hall” at 7am. Come and start your morning off right with great food, people, and a brief devotional. We can take you to school too!

Sunday School: We meet in the “Catacombs” on Sunday morning at 9 am. This is a time designed for Jr. High and High School students to come and learn about God and grow into a deeper love for Him and His Word.



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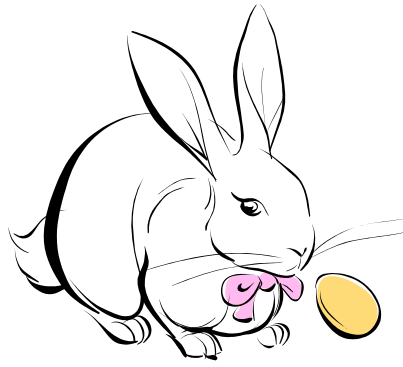
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Sunday School What's Next series Life Group	4	5 Fuel	6 Breakfast Refuge	7 Girls/Guys Coffee Hour Skate Night Skate Night	8	9 High School “To Save a Life” movie at Halteman’s
10 Sunday School Montgomery Musical Life Group	11	12 Fuel	13 Breakfast Refuge	14 Dodgeball Thursday Girl Talk Thursday	15 Middle School Movie Night	16 Service Project
17 Sunday School What's Next series Life Group	18	19 Fuel	20 Breakfast Refuge	21 Girls/Guys Coffee Hour	22 no school Egg Hunt Help	23
24 NO Sunday School No Life Group	25	26 Fuel	27 Breakfast Refuge	28 Dodgeball Thursday Girl Talk Thursday	29	30 Lbg Arts Festival- church fundraiser booth

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APRIL SPECIAL EVENTS

April 7th—Skate Night, meet at church at 6pm, travel to Sunset Rink to skate with WGRC, please RSVP to us! Bring \$4 plus extra for rentals and snacks! We will be back to church around 9pm.

April 9th—“To Save a Life” movie (PG-13), at the Halteman’s, 7-10pm, www.tosavealifemovie.com for info on the film, we suggest this movie be viewed by just high school students, but if you feel that your 8th grader could benefit and if you are comfortable with them watching it, then they are welcome too!

April 10th—Montgomery Musical, meet at the church at 1pm, we will drive to the Montgomery high school to watch their spring musical!

April 15th—Middle School Movie Night, in the Cave, 7-10pm, a night of snacks and movies, bring your friends!

April 16th—Service Project Saturday, meet at the church, 10am-2pm, help out a local resident with home repairs, basic painting, no experience needed! All are welcome!

April 22nd—Easter Egg Hunt Helpers, meet at the church at 9:30am, help facilitate a community Easter egg hunt for children.

April 30th—Lewisburg Arts Festival, come help run a booth for children’s activities and help us sell food and beverages that will raise money for the mission trip and relief funds for Japan!

*As always, be looking for other events this month
that we will add to the calendar!*

April Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 NA	2 7:00 <i>Adult Game Night</i>
3 9:00 SundaySchl 10:30 Worship 7:00 Lifegroup	4 9:15 Trainers 7:30 Worship Life	5 7:00 Fuel	6 7:00 Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Sparrows/Mustrd 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	7 6:00 Dinner By River	8 6:00 NA	9
10 9:00 SundaySchl 10:30 Worship 7:00 Lifegroup	11 9:15 Trainers	12 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Missions	13 7:00 Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	14 6:00 Dinner By River 7:00 Christian Ed	15 6:00 NA	16
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24 Easter 7:00 Sunrise/Breakfast 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26 7:00 Fuel	27 7:00 Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible 5:00 Mustard Seeds 6:15 Bell Choir 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	28 6:00 Dinner By River	29 6:00 NA	30 10:00-1:00 Arts Festival Presby in the Arts

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May all who come behind us find us faithful.

Pulpit Assistant: Paul Miller

Ushers: Molly Mayfield, John Aikey, Tom Rich, Mark, Jack and Eric Temple, George Koons, Mark and Calvin Reif, John Mutschler, Patrick Chiboroski, Chris Zellmann

Date:	Nursery	Greeters	Coffee
3	Gallagher, McTammany families	Seth & Vickie Ziegler	Grimes
10	Jarrett, Host families	Jon & Sandy Miller	Guissanie
17	Leshner, Roll	Wayne & Pat Samuelson	Speake
24 8:30			No coffee
10:30		Dave & Libby Robinson	No coffee

Lenten Schedule

Palm Sunday April 17th at 10:30

Maundy Thursday; April 21st at 7:00

A Tenebrae service of scripture and music. Tenebrae means “shadows” in Latin. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is solemn.

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00

Lay Pastor Bob Kribbs will be preaching at the Sunrise Service in Soldier’s Park. If there is inclement weather that morning, the service will be held in the Chapel. Chairs will be available in the park but it can get a bit chilly so dress warm.

Easter Breakfast

Easter morning following the Sunrise Service Breakfast will be served in the Great Hall. Join others for a breakfast buffet and fellowship.

Easter Family Worship 8:30a.m. and 10:30a.m.

Childcare nursery available at both services