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THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE "TRUSTING GOD AT ALL TIMES"

But Joseph told them, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, to judge and punish you? As far as I am concerned, God turned into good what you meant for evil, for He brought me to this high position I have today so that I could save the lives of many people. No, don't be afraid. Indeed, I myself will take care of you and your families." And he spoke very kindly to them, reassuring them. (*Genesis 5:19-21 L.B.*)

With events such as 911, and the threat of terrorism, all of our lives as Americans have changed forever. We wonder if ever a sense of security will return to our great land. In the months and years to come, the members of Jacob's Church will be called upon to respond in many ways to help alleviate suffering in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In cooperation with other churches and as a single family of God please be assured that Jacob's Church will reach out to those in need.

Only God is able to take what seems to be a terrible situation and then use it for good. Often our faith is put to the test in life. After Joseph was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery, he was still able to forgive them and say, "You meant this for harm, but God meant it for good."

In this situation, it was easy for Joseph to understand how God used his misfortune to save and reserve His chosen people. But what about the times in our own lives when we can't make sense of what is happening to us? Often we become discouraged or angry with God. We might even be tempted to ask, "Does God really know what He's doing?" Or "Does God really care about me?"

In Job 5:7 we read "yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward." Many times we have noticed that fire does naturally fly upward. So just as naturally as fire will raise up toward the sky, trouble will naturally come to us all. Keeping this sober fact in mind we must now decide how we will react to negative situations. With the help of the Holy Spirit I pray that all of us will keep our trust in God who loves us so much that He sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins. By trusting God we are not only being faithful, but we are helping others to be strong during their times of trial. By trusting God we are being stepping stones to faith

Purpose:

*To keep the members and friends of Jacob's Church informed of the ministries and happenings at our church and in the surrounding community
To be "The Church on a Hill, Shining Forth for Jesus Christ"*

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and not stumbling blocks.

May we all learn the meaning of trusting God as we meditate upon the Word, worship, pray and serve Him and all His children. AMEN

In Christ's Service!

Pastor Shay

PLEASE NOTE: The monthly newsletter will only be mailed to our shut-in members. Everyone who has internet can read the "Jacob's Ladder" newsletter on line at the website: jacobschurch.org

There will be a few copies at church in the parlor for those who do not have internet access.

**Jacobs Church Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2015**

Attendance:

Elders: Ralph Hill,
Lou Schimpf,
Dave Zoghby
Deacons: Ron Belknap,
Ned Rauch-Mannino
Pastor: Scott L. Shay
Ministry Assistant: Jimmy Reppert
Treasurer: Dave Follweiler
Guest: Curtis Staudt

1. Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Shay.
2. Contemporary Service is going well. Average attendance is about 50 people. Program needs more help before and during the service. Planning a Community Day and a New Tripoli out-reach event.
3. Cindy Kuhns is the new church secretary. Pearl Follweiler will be recognized during the church service on June 14, 2015 for her 40 plus years of service.
4. The Board will be reviewing and updating all church employee job descriptions.
5. Alley repairs need to be modified to control the water flow.
6. Website is operational and up to date.
7. Switching phone system over to VOIP including Internet Service. The savings will be \$50 per month.
8. Mission Trip requesting money for Food Bank in the mission trip area in Kentucky.

9. Community Day, June 26th, includes a tractor show, grill off and blood drive.
10. Mohan Ram love offering to take place Sunday, June 28th.
11. Pastor Shay will be on vacation July 26th through August 8th. Pastor David Long, from Salem EC in Lenhartsville, will cover for pastoral needs.
12. Treasurer's report presented. A motion to accept the report was made by Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Lou Schimpf. Motion carried.

Balance at May 2015 Meeting	\$6,655.66
Income	\$23,095.84
Transfer from Reserve Fund	\$10,000.00
Expenses	\$18,746.30
Balance at June 2015	\$21,005.20
13. The Board minutes from May 12, 2015 were approved by a motion from Ned Rauch-Mannino and seconded by Ralph Hill. Motion carried.
14. Vacation Bible School will be held July 6th to July 10th.
15. Motion to close the meeting was made by Ralph Hill and seconded by Ned Rauch-Mannino. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Ron Belknap

At our December 7, 2014 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$4,796.00 per week in order to meet our 2015 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected over the last two months:

May 3	\$3,267.00	June 7	\$4,419.00
May 10	\$3,266.00	June 14	\$3,760.00
May 17	\$3,913.87	June 21	\$2,900.00
May 24	\$4,005.00	June 28	\$2,807.00
May 31	\$2,662.00		

Budgeted Tighes and Offerings for January-June	\$124,696.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-June	<u>\$ 91,975.33</u>
Deficit for January-June	\$ 32,720.67

ORGAN ENHANCEMENT FUND - Your donations to this fund will be used for additional pipes required to complete families of tone in conjunction with fine organ design and building. This money is in addition to the \$65,505.00 voted on at the December 1, 1996 meeting to restore our organ and prepare for the additions. All donations should be sent to:

Jacob's Church Treasurer
c/o Mr. David R. Follweiler
6893 Whitetail Court
New Tripoli, PA 18066



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The "Sisters of Esther" (Ladies Bible Study) meets every Tuesday from 9:30 – 11:30 A.M. in the Activity Center's meeting room. We are doing a new study entitled "Right Believing" by Joseph Prince.

We would like to give an invitation to all ladies in the congregation or in the community to come and join us on Tuesday mornings! You are welcome to come to every meeting OR maybe you're only able to come once a month OR 3 times a year!! Maybe you find you are in need of spiritual uplifting. We are a group of between 10-15 ladies and lots of times we laugh together, sometimes we cry together, we always lift up one another during difficult times. Drop in for a visit if you like. We will welcome you in the love of Jesus Christ. He is our Savior, our light and our life. Come join us!! For more information contact Eileen Myers at (610) 767-8970.

Scholarship Fund:

Four college students from our congregation were given scholarships for the 2015-2016 school year from Jacob's Church Scholarship Fund.

MILLER-KEYSTONE 12/01/2014 – 12/31/2014

Group's Annual Donation Goal:		20
Number of Donations as of:	End of Previous Month in 2014	35
Number of Donations for:	12/01/2014 – 12/31/2014	2
Number of Donations Year to Date:	01/01/2014 – 12/31/2014	37
Number of Donations to Reach Goal:		0

(If you donate blood please use the church code #1515)

Greeters for August

August 2 Pam & Dave Zoghby
Louise & Ralph Hill

August 9 Church Board

August 16 Donna & Ron Smith

August 23 Rose & Jim Moyer

August 30



Flower Presentations for August

August 2 Altar Vases

August 9 Altar Vases Lintz Memorial

August 16 Altar Vases

August 23 Altar Vases

August 30 Altar Vases

Thank You!

Jacob's Church,

The family of Tony Herschitz wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and donations extended to them during their recent loss. A special thanks to Pastor Shay for his words of comfort and love during this difficult time. Thank you also to the women of the church for arranging and serving the luncheon during Tony's funeral. Your expressions of love and support during his illness and passing have touched our hearts with the love of Christ. God bless you all in return for blessing us.

Dear Jacob's Church,

Thanks so much for honoring me on graduation Sunday. I really liked the book you gave me. I know I will read it and put it to good use! Your kindness is appreciated very much. Thanks again for the honor and everything! Have a great summer!

Daniel Hamm

Dear Jacob's Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, visits, prayers, and meals that came my way as I recovered from my recent surgery. You have generously extended the love of Jesus to Roger and me.

Cindy Kuhns

August Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations and best wishes to the following couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries:

Lester and Nancy Backenstoes
Keith and Jennifer Bergenstock
David and Donna Berger
Steve and Marnie Feinour
Andrew and Amy Garger
Russell and Virginia Henry
Roger and Cynthia Kuhns
Keegan and Sherlyn Moyer
Bryan and Robin Rassler
John and Lorrie Rauch
James and Jocelyn Reppert
Pastor Scott and Donna Shay
Eric and Christina Staudt
John and Doris Turko
Ralph and Diane Wertman
Christopher and Donna Wilson

2015 Pentecost/Summer Home Communions:

Lee & Jan Shrawder	Ray & Karen Moyer
Betty Hermany	Arlene Berk
Elva Hartman	Lester & Linda Lutz
Betty Estock	Russell & Virginia Henry
Hermie Schappell	William & Shirley Ruppert
Hilda Kunkel	Edwin Bartholomew
Nevin Follweiler	Charles & Ruth Kaley
Madeline Seidel	Elwood & Kathleen Rumfield
Kenneth Henry	

Sincere sympathy to the families of Suzanne and David Hummel. Suzanne L. (Fryer) Hummel and her husband David J. Hummel from Kutztown, formerly from Germansville, died respectively on July 10 and July 11, 2015 from injuries received while riding a motorcycle.

Suzanne, a former member of Jacob's Church was the daughter of Donald L. Sr. and Joan M. (Hamm) Fryer from Kempton, and the granddaughter to the late Pershing and Marian (Rehrig) Hamm Rabenold, who were all former members of Jacob's Church. A joint memorial service was held July 16, 2015 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Schnecksville, PA.

JACOB'S CHURCH LIBRARY

The heat's on right now, but soon colder weather will be keeping us indoors. Jacob's Church has just what you need to fill your winter time.

Lester Lutz has donated his library of approximately 500 books, DVD's, audios and VHS learning and tapes for your enjoyment. There are multiple copies of some of the books which would allow for a Bible study group to use, various family guidance materials, books on the founding history of our country and many other topics. Many are written by well-known authors too numerous to mention.



You can find this library in the church basement in the old kitchen. Please sign out any material you borrow in the sign-out book that is there. When you return the item, date your sign-out line and leave the item in the basket provided. We will then file it back in order. We hope you take the time to check out the library and enjoy the material.

Weddings

Congratulations and Best Wishes

To Jeffrey D. Miller and Aubrey Shannon Berk who were united in marriage at Jacob's Church July 18, 2015 by Pastor Shay.



To Brindan Anthony Kistler and Gabrielle Marie Hamm who were united in marriage by Pastor Shay July 25, 2015 at Jacob's Church.

To William Bast and Shelby Lee Marx who were united in marriage July 4, 2015.

Baptism

July 12, 2015

John Lawrence Williams and Hank Allen Slotter were baptized.

Johnnie was born November 4, 2013, and is the son of Rebecca (Shay) and Jason Williams of Atlanta, GA. He has one brother, Noah Williams, who is eight years old.

Hank was born March 5, 2014, and is the son of Amanda (Pastor Scott and Donna's niece) and Tony Slotter from Fountain Hill. He has one brother, Lake Slotter, who is 4 years old.

We praise God for our wonderful children and their potential to serve Jesus Christ and His church.

PASTOR SHAY IS ON VACATION from Sunday, July 26th to Saturday, August 8th. If you are in need of routine pastoral service, please contact a member of our Church Board. For emergency pastoral service, contact Pastor David L. Long from Salem E.C. Church in Lenhartsville. Call our Church Secretary, Cindy Kuhns, for his telephone number, or contact another pastor of your own choice.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year we used the Answer in Genesis VBS curriculum "Camp Kilimanjaro" where the trekkers learned about making wise choices in their lives through many of the different Proverbs. The main scripture theme was "The fear of the Lord, is the beginning of wisdom" Proverbs 9:10. Our VBS week was blessed with 65-70 trekkers each day and many faithful teachers and helpers serving God.



Our sanctuary was decorated with Mt. Kilimanjaro as the backdrop and a hut and African animals surrounding it. Each day our opening skit crew talked about climbing to the top of the mountain as did other things throughout the day. About mid-week our little trekkers (toddlers) kept asking when they were going to get to the top. The beauty and innocence of a young child in looking for the literal trek up the mountain - 20,000 feet in this case - is precious.

Our curriculum also provided for apologetics - real life experiences to be taught to help our children be able to answer some of the hard questions they encounter. Some of things they learned about during our Big Five time was - who made the animals so cool,

what environments are found on the mountain, where did all the



languages come from, why do they say people first came from Africa and how did Mt. Kilimanjaro get there.

Our closing program on Friday evening was well attended and enjoyed by all. Each group did a short presentation of what they learned through the week, singing songs and memory verses (a favorite by many children) and reciting a salvation message poem. After the closing we all enjoyed refreshment, including root beer floats and of course the bounce house.

Thank you to all who served, whether in the foreground or background and for the many prayers that were said for the success of this program. They were definitely felt and glorified God.

If you are interested in serving in this fun filled week in 2016, whether it be teaching in some capacity, decorations or helping in some other area please see Jane Wessner or call (610)760-1714.

JACOB'S CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON A HILL, SHINING FORTH FOR JESUS CHRIST"

ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

July 7, 2015

Listed are the activities that were scheduled in the Activity Center during the month of June 2015 and scheduled events for July.

- *Senior and Junior High Youth groups had combined meetings on Thursday, June 4, 18 and 25; beginning at 6:30pm and ending approximately at 8:30pm.*
- *A private celebration was held on Saturday, June 13.*
- *The Women's Prayer Group continues to use the meeting room on Tuesday mornings. The Men's Prayer Breakfast Group continues to use the meeting room on Wednesday mornings.*
- *Community Day was held on Friday, June 26, 2015.*
- *A luncheon was held on Monday, June 8, 2015 after the funeral service for Anthony Herschitz, the husband of Esther Herschitz. A luncheon was held on Friday, June 12, 2015 after the funeral service for Russel Daniels, the husband of the late Paula Daniels.*
- *Jacob's Revive Ministries is held each Sunday, 10:15 to 11:30am.*
- *July 2015-Combined Senior/Junior Youth Groups will be held on Thursday, July 2, 23, 30; Vacation Bible School the week of July 6; private celebrations: Sunday, July 12 and Saturday, July 18.*

God Bless You,

Faye M. Foulk

**THE FOLLOWING LETTER IS FROM THE
EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
TO ALL OF ITS PASTORS REGARDING
THE ISSUE OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE**



EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

June 4, 2014

Dear colleagues in ministry,

We are all well aware that we are serving the Lord in a culture that is quite different than the one most of us grew up in. In today's culture many view God's Word and the church as being irrelevant; therefore many take an active role in opposition to what we know is Truth. We can see that in many areas, but perhaps the contrast is most obvious in recent court rulings on marriage.

We clearly believe and state in the DISCIPLINE that "The Bible conceives of marriage as a lifelong, monogamous commitment between a man and a woman. The institution of marriage, ordained of God (Genesis 2:24), has been reaffirmed by Jesus (Matthew 19:5) and Paul (Ephesians 5:31)." This has become a counter-cultural position. I am sure a day will come when someone holding Evangelical Congregational Church credentials will be asked to officiate at a same-sex marriage.

During the session of the 2014 National Conference a Special Rule of Conference was passed which states the following:

"909 Solemnizing Marriages. Consistent with our understanding of human sexuality and marriage as articulated in Sections 143.1.2 of the DISCIPLINE, it is hereby resolved that persons holding ministerial credentials in the Evangelical Congregational Church are prohibited from performing any rite or ceremony, as well as from signing any documents pursuant to the sanctioning or solemnizing of same-sex unions or same-sex marriages."

Failure to observe this rule will result in the revocation of credentials in accordance with National Conference Rule 801.6.7. I wanted you, as a credentialed member of the E.C. Church, to be aware of this rule and to stand with me in support of what is now called "traditional marriage;" a life-long, monogamous commitment between a man and a woman. Please be assured that Church Center will continue to provide guidance and resources as they become necessary for us to serve our Lord together and engage our culture with the Good News of God's wonderful grace.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Bruce D. Hill
Bishop

The Nations. Here. Now.



Discussion groups with new international friends



Philly girls!



MIT



June 2015

Katie's Boston Trek

For ten days, I was back in the dorms with 19

Chinese Christians from across the country. It's weird being 35 and living in the dorms, but it was great to give these students their first experience in missions. Most mornings, I would mentor a student over breakfast. We would then make our way to a local church we used for worship, teaching the basics of our faith, as well as how to share the gospel. We would then meet students at Boston University, Northeastern, or MIT during the afternoon and invite them to one of our evening events. For example, one evening we hosted games and discussions along the Charles River and another we hosted a Christian entrepreneur sharing the values he looks for in a new hire. On Sunday morning the students called back home (nighttime in China). After she shared the gospel with her friend, she prayed to receive Christ! The student on the trek was not only celebrating that her friend made a decision for Christ, but she also realized how more of her friends need to hear the good news of Jesus!

Few of the participants have experienced a community like the Boston Trek. Growing up in China, they never joined clubs, sport teams, or certainly a church youth group. Being only children also removes the fun (and sometimes challenging) relationships that

Prayer Requests:

1. The women from Philadelphia on the trek will help us launch ministries this fall.
2. For Kathleen, who we hope will run our Muslim ministry, can find a place to live where she will feel safe and be close to students.
3. 2 other women who wish to work with Muslim women are considering joining our team.

come from living in such close proximity. Many of the students who went on the Trek were changed in exciting ways. A few of the girls received healing and freedom from past hurts and sin patterns.

The days were exhausting, but really incredible! The Boston Trek is an invaluable training for the students. They leave prepared to share their testimony and the gospel with family, friends, and fellow classmates. When Dave and the kids came up for the final few days, one of the students from Penn practically demanded that we use her to help reach the campus. That is a demand we are more than ok with!

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Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

I've heard that the two vital questions every newly single adult must ask are: (1) What do I need to do and when? and (2) Will I be able to meet my needs and my children's needs? Are there any other questions that both widowed and divorced individuals must face?

Answer: Certainly. In terms of financial issues, I think another critical question is this: Whom can I trust as an advisor? Whether a person loses a spouse through divorce or death, the feelings of grief can be overwhelming. Unfortunately, insecurity over their financial situation often leads newly single adults to make major financial changes much too quickly—often at the urging of someone who doesn't have their best interests at heart.

First, if you are widowed

or divorced, I recommend you choose a personal advisor, not necessarily a financial advisor. What you need at this point is not technical advice, but wisdom and judgment. You can find an advisor to help with money management later. Just because someone is a CPA, attorney, banker, broker, life insurance agent or financial planner, doesn't make them knowledgeable in all the emotional and spiritual areas where you may need advice.

Second, don't choose advisors just because they're Christian or family members or friends. Those may be important factors to consider, but again, what you need are wisdom, judgment, training and experience. If you're taking an airplane trip, you want a pilot who has the skills, training, experience and wisdom to make the right decisions. You wouldn't

choose a pilot merely because the person is a Christian or a family member or friend. In the same way, it may be that another widowed or divorced individual would be your best personal advisor or could direct you to other helpers. You might want to ask your pastor for recommendations.

Third, you may want more than one personal advisor. It's biblical to seek the advice of more than one counselor.

Fourth, always remember that you're still the decision-maker. You can't abdicate that responsibility, even if you receive bad advice. Seek the best counsel you can find; then rely on the wisdom, comfort and encouragement of the Holy Spirit to guide you during this difficult time.

(Adapted from *Faith-Based Family Finances*, by Ron Blue with Jeremy White, C.P.A.)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Answer:

The Bible makes it clear that God is glad to hear from us. He loves us and wants us to love Him, so He is delighted when we pray. Our Father welcomes His children with open arms and listens carefully to everything we say because He loves us so much.

FOCUS
ON THE FAMILY

Bulletin

A PUBLICATION OF FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Marriage Takes More than Feelings

Love as a Way of Life

BY GARY CHAPMAN

SOME SAY LOVE IS AN ACT OF BENEVOLENCE. THAT IS NOT totally true. People can do a beneficial action with an unloving attitude.

The wife who says with a harsh voice, "OK, I'll clean up the kitchen if you will get off my back" has not performed an act of love.

The husband who mows the grass simply because his wife has been nagging him for weeks is doing a kind act, but it may be done to silence her critical words.

Love is the choice to cooperate with God in serving your spouse. The individuals who truly love see themselves as God's agents for enriching the life of their marriage partner. For them, love is a way of life. They are constantly looking for ways to help, encourage and support their partner.

Such love often stimulates warm, romantic feelings in the heart of the spouse. Emotions are the icing on the cake. But without a loving attitude and appropriate behavior, the icing will melt. True love, the kind of love that keeps a couple together for a lifetime, is not a feeling but an attitude. It says, *With the help of God, I'm going to do everything I can to enhance the life of my spouse.*



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TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

How does God feel about our prayers?



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Weaning Kids from the ‘E-pacifier’

“Mom, I’m bored!” My daughter tugs at my arm. Without giving it much thought, I silently pass her my smartphone.

Whenever an errand or a social situation turns even slightly boring, my kids look for my phone. Compared to the finger-swiping thrills of *Fruit Ninja* and *Angry Birds*, the real world just isn’t all that interesting.

So I’m trying to wean my kids off of their “e-pacifier.” Lately that means investing in the fine art of interaction. I tell them interesting little stories about people we visit. I give my children something to talk about. I find ways they can help when I need to run an errand or buy groceries. I also show them my less busy, people-focused side by not being tethered to my phone as often. That way, I can help my kids face boring or awkward situations head on.

Yes, it still can be very tempting to use the phone as a distraction. But minimizing its use can help my children develop a healthier relationship with technology—and with other people.

—*Esther Feng*

Encouraging Acceptance

My preschool son and I took swim lessons together at the YMCA this year. There was a little boy with Down syndrome in the class who was apprehensive to jump off the side of the pool with the other kids. His mom took him to the opposite side of the pool as she tried to work with him.

“Let’s go swim by our friend and show him how you jump off,” I told my son one day. So we swam over. The little boy watched my son jump off the side of the pool a few times, and then they jumped together.

My son never said anything about the other boy looking different, so I assumed he hadn’t noticed. Then one day at the park, my son ran up to a boy with Down syndrome and asked him to play. I was touched that we never even needed to talk about kids being “special.” They were just friends.

—*Emily Downs*



Teen Dating in a Digital World

Technology has dramatically changed the dating landscape. So how can we guide our teens toward healthy, God-honoring relationships? By combining the best of modern and traditional approaches.

Monitor texts: Texting, though not the ideal form of social communication, has a positive side: It allows teens to get to know each other apart from the dating side of a relationship. As long as parents are willing to set boundaries, they shouldn’t fear this form of communication.

Some parents have the rule that if they ask for a teen’s phone, the teen must hand it over for texts to be read. If the phone isn’t easily handed over, texting privileges are lost for a time. Other parents allow only a certain number of texts, thus requiring teens to be more careful with their words.

Don’t forget the past: As strict and “old fashioned” as previous generations may seem, their culture upheld clear moral standards. For instance, a girl could never be alone with a boy in her bedroom, and teens had curfews. They needed to let their parents know what they were doing—and with whom. The same boundaries can help keep modern teens’ actions in check and safeguard their hearts, minds and bodies from regret and hurt.

Put it all together: Parents can harness the best of today’s and yesteryear’s customs. As we establish reasonable curfews, we can help them set personal boundaries. We also need to extend those boundaries into any social media and texting privileges we allow them to have.

Setting boundaries, though, isn’t a one-time deal. It’s important that we keep the dialogue open so we can help our teens understand the *why* behind every rule and patiently work through their concerns with them.

Our teens aren’t really much different from teens of past generations. Just like we once were, they’re apt to be confused about how to deal with the opposite sex. Teens need someone to listen to them and walk with them through the process of establishing healthy relationships. What a wonderful lifelong gift we give our teens when we become that someone for them.

—*Ginger Kolbaba*



AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Parlor 9:00 am Adult SS Class meets in Kitchen 10:15 am Blended Worship Service 10:15 am Revive Ministries in A.C. 11:30 am Joint Time of Fellowship in Activity Center	3	4 9:30-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Healing Prayer Ministry	5 6:00-6:45 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 pm Mid-week Bible Study	6 Combined Youth Group 9:00 am Knobels for the Day	7	8
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