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Submissions for the newsletter should be made by the end of the third week of each month. Thank You.

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A Thought From Pastor Wayne

In his book *A Case for Faith*, Lee Strobel writes about Charles Templeton.

'Templeton was a close friend and preaching associate of Billy Graham in the 1940s. He effectively preached the gospel to large crowds in major arenas. However, intellectual doubts began to nag at him. He questioned the truth of Scripture and other core Christian beliefs. He finally abandoned his faith and made an unsuccessful attempt to persuade Billy to do the same. He felt sorry for Billy, saying, "He committed intellectual suicide by closing his mind." Templeton resigned from the ministry and became a novelist and news commentator. He also wrote a critique of the Christian faith titled *Farewell to God: My Reasons for Rejecting the Christian Faith*.

Interviewed when he was eighty-three and suffering from Alzheimer's disease, Templeton talked about some of the reasons he left the faith: "I started considering the plagues that sweep across parts of the planet and indiscriminately kill — more often than not, painfully — all kinds of people, the ordinary, the decent, and the rotten. And it just became crystal clear to me that it is not possible for an intelligent person to believe that there is a deity who loves."

When asked what he thought of Jesus Christ, Templeton would not acknowledge him as God. Rather, he responded: "He was the greatest human being who has ever lived. He was a moral genius. His ethical sense was unique. He was the intrinsically wisest person that I've ever encountered in my life or in my readings. He's the most important thing in my life. I know it may sound strange, but I have to say I adore him! Everything good I know, everything decent I know, everything pure I know, I learned from Jesus. He is the most important human being who has ever existed. And if I may put it this way, I miss him." Templeton's eyes filled with tears and he wept freely. He refused to say more.'

What Charles Templeton struggled with was perhaps extraordinary for a person of his time and position. It is, however, the common and ubiquitous consensus assumed to be true of the generation called 'millennial' and the pattern of thought called 'post-modern.' The forgone and unquestioned conclusion of the current culture is that Jesus, though a great character in history, is nothing more than that.

And still, even as Jesus is dismissed, there is a yearning for the love of God and often the same sadness we hear of in Templeton. It need not be.

Our sermons in May and June will be based on the content of a book by Don Everts and Doug Schaupp called *I Once Was Lost*. These authors offer help to the church as it struggles to effectively communicate the unchanging Gospel in the midst of changing culture and patterns of thought. Purchase a book on Sunday so you can read along.

Thank you for walking this road with Jesus.

-Pastor Wayne

Treasurer's Financial Update

March general fund income was \$11,286. Building fund receipts for March were \$1410, total to-date of \$13,958 in that fund.

2018 Mission Trip

There are four spots left for the June 23-30 mission trip to Hamilton, OH. This is a "hammer and nails" outreach. Four hundred people from churches all over the U.S. will be joining us. Those 12 years and older are encouraged to participate.



ANNUAL MISSION DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Friday, June 1st, at 6 p.m. will be our annual mission dinner and silent action. It is not too early to think about donations and perhaps an act, musical performance, joke or poem you may want to share for this evening of food, fun and fellowship. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering place.



LADIES SPRING TEA

Our annual Spring Tea will be held on Saturday, May 19, at 4 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering space. When signing up, please put your name and the number attending. Deadline to sign up is May 13th. There is no cost, although a \$5 donation per person is suggested. Any questions, please see Pat Kaullen, Bev Lavoie or Melissa Wentz.

MISSION AND OUTREACH NEWS

Vacation Bible School

Planning is under way for a summer Bible School experience at R2E. This will be one evening a week for four weeks. Tentative dates are July 11, July 18, July 25, and August 1. Exact time to be determined.

Join the team and be part of something new. Idea people, planning people, promo people, food people, and crafty people are all encouraged to participate. Choose your level of involvement, a little or as much as you'd like.

VBX@R2E = the Vacation Bible Experience at Road to Emmaus. See Jill Heineman with questions, comments or to volunteer. Next meeting is being scheduled.



A Day With Our Friends at Paxton Ministries

Saturday, April 28th, members of Road to Emmaus Presbyterian Church plus friends participated in outside landscaping activities and an inside lunch and bingo party. Many thanks to Barry Sullivan and Greg Landis for organizing our day and thanks to those who participated.

HYMN FACTS

O for a Thousands Tongues to Sing was originally titled "For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion". It was written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) in 1749, on the eleventh anniversary of his conversion to personally accepting Christ as Savior. It is believed that this hymn was inspired by an influential Moravian leader, Peter Bohler, who exclaimed, "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Christ Jesus with all of them". While originally having 19 verses, we sing four from our hymnal. Wesley was a prolific hymn writer, with no fewer than 6,500 hymns to his credit. Thirteen are in our hymnal, including "*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*" and "*Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*".

The music to this hymn was written by Carl G. Glaser (1784-1829) and titled AZMON, an ancient city in the south of Canaan.

MAY BOOK CLUB

The date and book selection are still being decided, but we will be meeting in May. Stay tuned for the details. Come and bring a friend for some thoughtful discussion.

I Once Was Lost

In May and June the sermons will be based on the book, *I Once Was Lost*, by authors Everts and Schaupp. It will provide tools to help people enter the kingdom, as well as guidance on how we can live our Christian faith in a way that builds trust among non-believers. If you are interested in having your own copy, please see the Pastor.

May Birthdays

Fay Azar - May 5th
Dan Lute – May 5th
Joan Schwer – May 5th
Michael Lago - May 6th
Evan Ulrey – May 6th
Kathy Foley - May 7th
Ella Lute - May 13th
Olivia Ewing - May 21st
Tina Ulrey - May 24th

May Adult Bible Studies

The following are weekly Bible studies available to all. Invite a friend and enjoy fellowship.

Sunday Study Group - Sundays after 9:30 worship, using *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus*. May 6, 13, 20 (no Sunday School on Memorial Day weekend).

Monday Morning Study Group - 9:30 a.m. at Road to Emmaus, using *Having a Real Relationship with God* curriculum. May 7, 14, 20 (no study on Memorial Day)).

Tuesday Night Discussion Group— 7:00 p.m. at R2E. May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* video series.

Thursday Morning Discussion Group - 7:00 a.m. at Panera Bread (Paxton Towne Center). May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Bill & Sue Black



Bill and Sue Black live in Lower Allen Township with two Scottish Fold cats, and are both graduates of Cumberland Valley High School and Dickinson College, where they met. Bill, a 4th-

generation dentist, went on to dental school at Fairleigh Dickinson College in Hackensack, NJ. After brief stints as a dentist in Chambersburg and Camp Hill, he purchased a practice in Harrisburg in 1991 where he has been ever since. As you know, Bill plays the trumpet. He has been principal trumpet of the Central Pennsylvania Symphony for 27 years. He also plays with York Symphony, area theater groups, churches, and anyone else who asks.

After college, Sue earned an MS in Information Studies at Drexel University and worked as a Data Administrator for Volvo in Rockleigh, NJ. After moving to Camp Hill, she was fortunate enough to be a stay-at-home mom and now works behind the scenes at the dental office, doing billing and insurance follow-ups, as well as helping her dad with shopping, appointments, and meds. In addition to playing piano, Sue started taking viola lessons seven years ago and now plays with the West Shore Symphony.

Bill and Sue have been married since 1986 and have two children. Evan is finishing his 3rd year of dental school in Florida and will be facing a huge change of climate — literally— when he moves to Erie in a few weeks for his 4th year. After that he will serve in the US Navy to fulfill his commitment to Uncle Sam.

Their daughter, Lydia, is a Physician Assistant in the ER at Hershey Medical Center. She and her husband, Cameron, live in Camp Hill with their cats Mila and Nubs (who has 6 toes and a stubby tail.)

Bill and Sue are thankful for being led to Road To Emmaus Church and for the open arms you've shown us since coming here.

Road To Emmaus Presbyterian Church

MAY 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Music Fellowship 7:00pm	3 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @ Panera VBX Planning 7:00pm	4	5
6 Morning Worship & Communion, 9:30am	7 Ministry Team Meetings, 7:00pm	8 Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm <i>Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus</i>	9 Music Fellowship 7:00pm	10 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @ Panera	11	12
13 Morning Worship & Joyful Noise Offering 9:30am Confirmation, 7:00pm Happy Mothers' Day!	14 Deacons 7:00pm	15 Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm <i>Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus</i>	16	17 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @ Panera	18	19 Mother – Daughter Tea, 4:00pm
20 Morning Worship 9:30am Pentecost Music Fellowship (TBA)	21 Session 7:00pm Confirmants Attending	22 Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm <i>Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus</i>	23	24 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @ Panera	25	26
27 Morning Worship 9:30am	28 Memorial Day	29 Tuesday Night Fellowship 7:00pm <i>Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus</i>	30	31 Thursday Morning Fellowship, 7:00am @ Panera	JUNE 1 Third Annual Mission Dinner and Silent Auction 6:00pm	