

Jacob's Ladder

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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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THE PASTOR'S EPISTLE "EXPECT GREAT THINGS"

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering.

For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. James 1:5-7 KJV

There are many difficult situations in life that humanely speaking seem impossible to solve. Many marriages today are on the brink of divorce causing hurt in the lives of people. Dread diseases such as Cancer or Heart Disease are the cause of an enormous amount of pain and suffering both for the victim and family. People of all ages are destroying themselves with the use of Drugs and Alcohol. Children the world over are being neglected and abused causing great damage to them in body, mind and spirit.

In light of situations like these which seem impossible to solve we often wonder if even God is able to make a change. In James 1:5-7 we are told to pray with the expectation of receiving a positive answer. If doubt enters our minds then we shouldn't even expect our prayers to be answered. On the other hand, we must realize that God is (sovereign) and does say no to some prayers.

So where do we stand on this vital issue of faith? **First**, I believe that God is able to answer any prayer no matter how impossible the situation seems to us. (Ephesians 3:20). **Second**, I believe that God holds great honor for childlike faith which states, "My Daddy is able to do anything." (Luke 18:17). **Third**, I believe that we must always give Jesus Christ the honor and glory in our prayers and petition the Father in His Name. (John 15:16)

In closing I would be the first to admit that I do not understand all of the workings of God. (I Corinthians 13:12). However, I still expect that God will and does answer the heartfelt, sincere prayers of His children. (James 5:16). With the faith and assurance that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8) we can all have reason to expect great things from God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

May God Bless You!

Pastor Shay

Jacob's Church Board Minutes – July 2, 2018

Attendance:

Pastor: Scott Shay

Elders: Dave Zoghby, Ron Belknap, Mike Follweiler

Deacons: Leslie Ford, Kevin Dellicker, Richard Oswald, James Moyer, Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri

Treasurer: David Follweiler

Youth Leader: Tad Schlegal

Visitors: Donna Smith, Robert Stufflet, Ronald Smith

Pastor Shay opened the meeting with a prayer.

Robert Stufflet, representing Music Ministry, reviewed Harold's vision of adding a Bell Choir, piano and organ duets and expansion of the Praise Team. Also discussed bringing in a Concert Pianist for the new piano dedication.

The Stephen Ministry is in the process of interviewing 5 to 6 candidates. One man has stepped forward.

Evangelism Committee reports 10 people have been attending class. All is going well and a second class is being considered.

Pastor Shay stated Church Secretary has redesigned layout for bulletin.

The Christian Education Committee states that two volunteers have shown interest in becoming members.

The Missions Committee has requested an announcement should be made during services in search of volunteers.

Mohan's Love Offering received donations of \$5000.

Tad Schlegal updated the board on his vision for Youth Group programs. Tad stated his wife, Lauren, will be assisting him and he would need more volunteers. Reports last week in August youth group activities will resume.

Tad Schlegal reported that the website is updated and working. Reports Shinefest information has been uploaded.

The board is considering finishing the opposite side of the Wuchter House and approaching CLIU to use it for education purposes.

Reviewed final preparations for Pastor Shay's 30th anniversary luncheon.

Donna Smith, speaking for The Scholarship Committee, stated we have 4 upper classman and 3 lower classman who all qualify for scholarships. Total for all 7 students is \$5500. Current allotment is \$5000 and the board motioned to increase amount to \$5500. The motion was made by Kevin Dellicker and seconded by Richard Oswald. The motion carried.

Pastor Shay is on vacation July 15, 2018 and Tad will be leading service.

A date was set to install Kevin Dellicker as a Deacon in August.

Treasurer's Reports was presented by David Follweiler as follows:

Balance at June 2018 meeting:		\$54,853.99
Income	\$25,629.61	
Expenses	\$31,676.76	
Balance at July 2018 Meeting:		\$58,281.84

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ron Belknap and seconded by James Moyer. The motion carried.

17. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the June 2018 meeting was made by Richard Oswald and seconded by Leslie Ford. The motion carried.

18. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting was made by Ron Belknap and seconded by Leslie Ford. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Solomon Johri

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

Next Elders Meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM, Monday, September 10, 2018

At our December 3, 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,988 per week in order to meet our 2018 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in July 2018:

July	1	\$4,164.00
July	8	\$5,247.00
July	15	\$3,531.00
July	22	\$4,109.00
July	29	\$3,461.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January – July	\$119,640.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January – July	\$135,261.19
Amount Over Budget for January – July	\$ 15,621.19

Cost of Flowers for Sunday Service:

(2) Altar vases	\$25.00
(1) Floral stand	\$15.00
Bud vase	\$ 5.00
Bulletins	\$ 5.00

Contact Pam Zoghby to order Flowers
610-298-3002



Flowers for September

September 2 Altar Committee

September 9 Zoghby

September 16 Altar Committee

September 23 Monica Rodriguez
Van Blargan

September 30 Altar Committee

Greeters/Ushers for September

September 2 Mitch/Bev Hosler-Dick/Joan Oswald

September 9 Church Board

September 16 Corrine B/Betsy H/Carol R/Faye B

September 23 Tom/Faye Foulk-Curtis/Joan Staudt

September 30 Solomon/Ginger/Isaiah/Eli Johri

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

Scripture Readers for September

September 2 Forrest Wessner

September 9 Alex Ford

September 16 Alex Ford

September 23 Donna Shay

September 30 Edward Sawyer

September Wedding Anniversaries



Congratulations and Best Wishes to The Following Couples
Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversaries:

Robert and Sandra Acker
Carson and Judith Baer
Dana and Roberta Billig
Brian and Jennifer Dzedzy
Darryl and Donna Graff
Lonnie and Melissa Hill
Ralph and Louise Hill
Gary and Carolyn Krick
Christopher and Taylor Lallier

Scott and Stefanie Nester
Robert and Janine Oplinger
Ned and Stephanie Rauch-Mannino
Kenneth and Caroline Ralston
Angel and Monica Rodriguez
Edward and Tracy Sawyer Jr
Kevin and Heather Utt
David and Pamela Zoghby

What's coming up?

NEW CONFIRMATION CLASS there is a sign-up sheet in the church parlor for the new 2018-2020 Confirmation Class forming in the fall. Students must be at least in the 7th grade to be in the class. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 23rd at 9:00AM.



LABOR DAY COMMUNION:

Summer Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, September 2 during the 10:15AM worship service. Communion will be served in the pew that morning. Plan to attend this special service.

OYSTER SUPPER MEETING: There will be an Oyster Supper Planning Meeting on Tuesday, September 4, at 6:30PM in the Activity Center. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Many hands, make light work for all! The Oyster Supper will be held on Saturday, November 3.

CHOIR will resume on **Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7:30PM.** New voices are always welcome. If God has given you the gift to sing, please consider singing praises to the Lord on the choir. Contact Harold Redline, Director of Music.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH will be starting up again **Sunday, September 23.** Also, we are looking for individuals to fill in from time to time with the teaching schedule or assist as needed. Please see Jane Wessner if you can help with this ministry. Ages for Children's Church are three years and older.

**Ladies Retreat – Saturday, October 13
PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

Registration 8:00-8:30AM
Breakfast 8:30-9:00AM
Worship 9:00AM



**Scripture for morning: I Thessalonians 5:16
"Rejoice always and pray without ceasing"**

Break for Lunch (pay at door-\$5.00)

Scripture for afternoon: Psalm 19:14

**"May these words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and Redeemer"**

**Please contact Christine Morehouse at 610-393-6068
for further information or to register.**

Youth News!

Jacob's Student Ministry (JSM) News

Our Purpose: Our student ministry exists to **Share** the Gospel with nonbelieving students, to **Join** them with other Christians, to help them **Understand** their faith, and to challenge their growing by **Serving** others and **Exalting** God with the way they live.

Step-Up

Are you going to be in 8th-12th grade this year? Do you want to get more from your faith than what you have to this point? Do you want to witness God at work?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then **Step-Up** is for you. **Step-Up** is a year-long program designed for students to dive deeper and grow stronger in their faith. Based off of Luke 10:27, students will learn what it means to “love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.” Plus, they will learn to “love your neighbor as yourself.” **Step-Up** will begin September 6th from 7-9PM. With, possibly, a retreat taking place at Camp Swatara the weekend before. If you are interested in being a part of this life changing program, please pick up a paper at the back and give it to Tad Schlegel. If you are unable to get a paper, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717-644-1153 and let him know you are interested. **Purpose:** To help them **Understand** (Discipleship) their faith.

FUEL (6th-12th Grade)

FUEL will start up again September 4th at 6PM. FUEL is a Safe Zone. It is an open door to anybody that wants to have fun and hang out. Not only that, but we attempt to fulfill the purpose of worship at FUEL by communicating our love to God through praying, singing, testifying, thanking, and listening to God's Word. If FUEL sounds like something you want to experience, then we would love to have you. For more info. contact Tad at 717-644-1153. **Purpose:** To **Join** (Fellowship) students with other Christians and **Exalt** (Worship) God with our lives.

FUEL is still on the hunt for those who want to serve these students with their time and experiences. If this sounds like you, we would love to have you a part of our team. For more info. please contact Tad at 717-644-1153

JSM Worship Team

If God has blessed you with the talent of singing or playing an instrument, and you are in 6th-12th Grade, JSM Worship Team wants you. We are currently in the process of organizing a Worship Team that will perform at FUEL. If you are interested in joining please contact Tad at 717-644-1153.

KFC (K-5th Grade)

KFC will start up again September 5th at 6:30PM. KFC is a children's program that weaves contemporary praise music, dance, singing, games, fun and interactive skits, and small group discussion time together to reinforce one clear and simple bottom line each week so kids can walk away and remember what matters most. If your children loved VBS, then they will love KFC.

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KFC is still on the hunt for those of you who would love to plant a seed in these children's lives. We are currently looking for small group leaders and actors/actresses. If this sounds like you, we would love to hear from you. For more info. please contact Tad at 717-644-1153.

Alpha for Teens

Whether you are a strong Christian believer, or a person who hasn't quite bought the whole Christian thing yet, Alpha is for you. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Typically run over eleven weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. It's just an open, informal and honest space to explore and discuss life's big questions together.

Alpha will begin on October 9th, 2018 at 6 PM, located in the Activity Center, with a free meal. We will then watch a video, and then break off into small groups to talk about the lesson. Alpha for Teens will take place over 12 weeks, including a weekend get-away to Camp Andrews in Holtwood, PA. If this sounds like something you would be interested in being involved in, or something you would love to invite somebody to that might not go to church, then we would love to have you.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to assist with the 2018-2019 KFC and/or FUEL Youth Group Activities. If interested, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717.644.1153.

Notes of Thanks!

Jacob's Church-Scholarship Committee
c/o Donna Smith

I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to you and the entire Jacob's Church Scholarship Committee for your generous scholarship. It will support my success in classroom and community-based learning. I will continue to work hard and keep Jesus close as I piece together my future.

May God Bless You.

Thank You, Quentin Bernhard

Jacob's Church-Volunteers

I wanted to share a God moment with each of you. When we began to organize Shinefest, I struggled with some doubts. Several people told me that it is going to be near impossible to get volunteers to help with Shinefest. So, before I began calling anyone, and reached out to people to help with Shinefest, I prayed. I said to God, that if Shinefest was his will, then I needed him to provide people to pull it off. This is where all of you that helped in anyway with Shinefest come into play. He didn't provide you all at once, but as weeks went by each of you stepped forward. When we had our meeting this past Sunday, I knew that Shinefest was God's will because just about every position was filled. He pulled off what seemed to be an impossible obstacle. So, first I want to thank God for allowing all of us to be a part of such an awesome event such as Shinefest, and for using us to reach out to the surrounding communities.

Secondly, I want to thank each one of you for putting in time and effort into making Shinefest a success. Though I am writing this before Shinefest even happens, it is a success to me because God called us to step forward and be used by him, and each of you accepted that call. So, thank you for being faithful and trusting. May God continue to use us to bring glory to his name. Thank you again, Tad

30 9AM Sunday School 10:15 Worship						1
2 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15am Blended Worship Service. Holy Communion	3 LABOR DAY	4 9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Healing Prayer FUEL 6:00PM Oyster Supper Meeting 6:30PM in AC Church Board Meeting 7:30PM	5 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7pm Mid-week Bible Study KFC 6:30PM	6 Little Lambs Preschool Orientation 9-4:30PM Stephen Minister Training AC Step-up 7-9PM in Fentstermaker House	7	8
9 9am Sunday School-Adults/Young Adults 10:15am Blended Worship Service	10 7:00pm Elders Meeting Youth Group	11 9:30-11:30am Women's Bible Study 7pm Healing Prayer Little Lambs FUEL 6:00PM	12 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 7pm Mid-week Bible Study KFC 6:30PM	13 Step-up 7-9PM in Fentermaker House	14	15
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Jacob's Church Activity Center Schedule SEPTEMBER

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2	3 LABOR DAY	4 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am OYSTER SUPPER MEETING-6:30PM FUEL – 6:00PM	5 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7- 8:30am KFC 6:30PM	6 SET-UP 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE STEPHEN MINISTER 9-4:30PM	7 TWIRLERS 6-9	8
9	10 HOME SCHOOL COOP 9:30-11:30AM YOUTH GROUP	11 Sisters of Esther 9:00-11:30am FUEL-6:00PM	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7- 8:30am KFC 6:30PM	13 SET-UP 7-9 FENSTERMAKER HOUSE	14 TWIRLERS 6-9	15 CHURCH WEDDING
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