## 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

"ORDER OF CONFIRMATION FROM THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED BOOK OF WORSHIP"

By the grace of God, on Sunday, June 5, 2022, the following four young people will profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, and become members of the Jacob's Church Family:

> Joshua Douglas Farber Damien Jordan Hahn

Shaelvn Alexa Klitsch Tucker James Wessner

May each of us read the Order of Confirmation from the Evangelical and Reformed Book of Worship and rededicate our lives to Christ and His Church.

The Minister shall announce the names of the confirmands, who shall then present themselves at the chancel. *The Minister shall say:* 

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

DEARLY, Beloved; Following the example of the Apostles of our Lord, the Church bestows upon those who have been baptized, and have been properly instructed, the blessing of Confirmation by prayer and the laying on of hands.

In this sacred ordinance you, on your part renew and ratify the promise and vow made in your Baptism, whilst the Church, in God's stead, claims you publicly for his service, blesses you in his name, confirms you in his covenant. and invokes upon you in larger measure the Holy Spirit by whose help alone you are able to fulfill your vows by leading holy and obedient lives.

Do you now, in the presence of God and this congregation, renounce the vain pomp and glory of the world, the lust of the flesh, and all evil works and ways?

Answer, I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Answer, I do.

Do you promise according to the grace given you, to live a Christian life, and always to remain a faithful member of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer. I do.

Profess now your faith before God and this congregation.

Here, the Congregation standing, the confirmands, led by the Minister, shall repeat the Apostles' Creed, as follows:

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

The Confirmands shall kneel and the rite of Confirmation shall take place. The Minister, with the laying on of hands shall say,

THE very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*.

or

DEFEND, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace; that he may continue thine forever; and daily increase in the Holy Spirit, until he come into thine everlasting kingdom. *Amen.* 

Let us Pray.

WE give thee hearty thanks, most merciful Father, for the great goodness thou has been pleased to show toward *these thy servants* by giving *them* power this day to accept for *themselves* thy covenant of salvation. And now, 0 Lord, we beseech thee, perfect the good work which thou has begun in *them*. Keep *them* from the evil that is in the world. Make *them* faithful unto death, that no man may take from *them*, the crown of life. And grant, that having continued thus steadfast in faith and hope to the end, *they* may be counted worthy to be joined with thy saints in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Confirmands shall rise, and the Minister, extending the right hand of fellowship, shall say,

I NOW receive and welcome you into the fellowship of this congregation, and invite you to partake of the Holy Communion, and to participate in all the privileges and obligations of the Church of Christ.

The Minister shall say,

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen.

God Bless You, Pastor Schlegel

## JACOB'S CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 4, 2022

Attendance: Interim Paster Schlegel Elders: Mike Follweiler, Mike Madtes

Deacons: Kevin Dellicker, Kayla Fusselman, Jared Hermany, Solomon Johri, Kaitey Sacks, Ed Sawyer

Treasurer: Dave Follweiler

Visitors: Brooke Mittman, Tina Bailey, Faye Foulk

1. Interim Pastor Schlegel opened in prayer.

- 2. Nehemiah Redevelopment Reviewed unofficial proposal produced by Ms. Mittman. Board has decided not to proceed further with the Ms. Mittman at this time.
- 3. Property Report Jared reports there will be an outside clean-up Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Ed reports the A/C unit in the parlor has been fixed and is working properly.
- 4. Youth Group Tad reports that Sidewalk Sunday School was not held in the month of March due to schedule and weather conflicts. Youth Group did not meet for the month of March. Young Adults Bible Study did meet for the month of March and continue a new series; Where Do We Go From Here by Dr. David Jeremiah.
- 5. Website/Social Media/Podcast Tad reports website and social media are up to date. Tad and Dave have met with the tech professional to look into internet, streaming, and sound system issues. Issues still persist; board is looking into a second opinion.
- 6. Pulpit Committee Kayla reports there have been 50 applicants. Committee has narrowed it down to three candidates and has conducted virtual interviews with all. In-person interviews will be set up next; details to come.
- 7. Music Director Committee Mike M. reports the committee has narrowed it down to three candidates and are currently in the process of virtual interviews.
- 8. Love Offering Love Offering for Mohan will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>; however, a request was made to send an offering now to aid in relief immediately; motion to approve was made by Kevin and seconded by Jared; motion carried.
- 9. Pastor Topics Tad reports interest from multiple attendees for an adult baptism service; looking to hold such service this summer; details to come. Bob Moyer will be visiting May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 10. Easter Services Tad reports that everything is ready for Easter Sunday service. Our annual Easter Cantata will be held on Palm Sunday.
- 11. Ladies Banquet Ladies Banquet will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, Volunteers are needed.
- 12. Treasurer's Report March 2022 Meeting Balance \$46,085.43

Income \$21,707.00 Expenses \$15,466.00 April 2022 Meeting Balance \$52,326.43

A motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report as read, by Ed and seconded by Solomon; motion carried.

- 13. Meeting Minutes A motion was made to accept March's meeting minutes as read, by Kayla and seconded by Solomon; motion carried.
- 14. Next Board Meeting will be held on May 2nd, 2022.
- 15. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Kevin and seconded by Ed; motion carried.

Recorded and Submitted by Kaitey Sacks

At our December 5, 2021 Annual Congregational Meeting, we voted to contribute \$3,956.00 per week in order to meet our 2022 budget. The following tithes and offerings were collected in April 2022:

April 3	\$3,221.00
April 10	<b>\$4,5</b> 67.00
April 15	\$ 656.00
April 17	\$7,120.00
April 24	\$1,859.00

Budgeted Tithes and Offerings for January-April	\$67,252.00
Actual Tithes and Offerings for January-April	\$64,178.81
Deficit for April 2022	\$ 3,073.19

#### Dear God,

Thank you for all the fathers and father-figures in this world and for the many ways you use them to lovingly guide others to Your heart.

I ask that you would bless them and give them great joy and peace.

May they see You and know You in new ways.

Show them how much you love them and care about them. Guide their steps, use their hands, and make them a blessing to others as you continue to fulfill your special purpose for their lives. This we ask in the name of our Savior, and Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen





#### Jacob's Church Commitments for June.... THANK YOU FOR SERVING!

# Greeters/Ushers for June June 5 Jacob's Church Board June 12 Jacob's Church Board June 19 Jacob's Church Board June 26 Jen and Kelly Mease Donna Leiser and Diane Wertman

Greeters should be at church by 9:45am

**Puppet Ministry Sunday, June 5, 2022**Ginger Johri and Rose Moyer



#### 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



June 19 Jacob's Church Altar Committee

June 19 Jacob's Church Altar Committee (Father's Day)

June 26 Jacob's Church Altar Committee



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations and Best Wishes to the following couples celebrating their Wedding Anniversaries in June:

Duane and Rebecca Bertsch Robert and Cheryl Boyer Jeremy and Sheena Crone Justin and Jade Dahlquist Aaron and Ronee Foulk Michael and Natasha Goulet Robert and Kay Greenawalt Ryan and Gail Hamm Slade and Kinsey Hermany Adam and Kelly Krick



**A FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** to the honor and glory of God, a floral arrangement has been placed in Jacobs Union Cemetery in memory of Verdie Bailey.

#### Wedding

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love".



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Isaiah and Jenna (Heffner) Danner, who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, May 14, 2022. Isaiah is the son of Thomas and Candice (Snyder) Danner and the brother of Caleb, Ethan and Lydia Danner, all members of our Jacob's Church Family. Jenna is the daughter of Lisa and Scott Edwards and Terry Heffner. May God's Blessings be upon Isaiah and Jenna. Congratulations from your Jacob's Church Family!



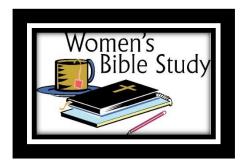
## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT JACOB'S CHURCH



#### STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ caring for people through people

Everyone faces periods of difficulty. During these times, someone who will listen, empathize, pray and encourage them with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit.

**CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT MINISTRY** – Jacob's Church is reaching out to our members and extended families with "Thinking of you" cards. The cards to be sent out are located in the parlor area, please take the time to sign each card before or after worship. Our mission is to remember each other as we go through life's journey. Please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033, for additional information or to offer a name in need.



**SISTERS OF ESTHER BIBLE STUDY** meet **Tuesday** mornings in the Activity Center **9:30AM-11:30AM.** For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977.

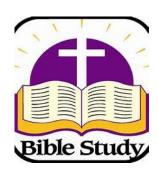
**FREEDOM IN CHRIST MINISTRY** meet **Tuesday** evenings at **7:00PM** in the Activity Center meeting room. The group is viewing Season Two of The Chosen. Let The Chosen help you to build your faith in the One and Only Savior - Jesus. For additional information, please contact Diane Wertman at 484.330.1033.





**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST** meet **Wednesday** mornings in the Activity Center starting at **7:00AM** and ends approximately at **8:30AM**. For additional information, please contact Ralph Hill at 610.767.1286.

**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY GROUP** has paused until further notice. For additional information, please contact Louise Hill at 610.573.1977.





## Sunday, June 5, 2022 Pentecost Communion/Confirmation Sunday

Holy Communion will be served in the pews. Confirmation of four young adults: Joshua Douglas Farber, Damien Jordan Hahn, Shaelyn Alexa Klitsch, and Tucker James Wessner



**NEW 2022-2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS** will begin in **September 2022**. If you are interested in joining this class, please contact **Rev. Tad M. Schlegel, Interim Pastor at 717.644.1153 or register on the sign-up sheet posted in the church parlor area**. Students must be in at least the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade to attend this class.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** – any Jacob's Church member who will be attending college in the fall is encouraged to obtain the 2022 guidelines and outline (contains essay questions) to apply for a portion of Jacob's Church Scholarship Fund. Please contact Donna Smith at <a href="mailto:goal1355@yahoo.com">goal1355@yahoo.com</a> or Ron Belknap at <a href="mailto:rbelknap@protocam.com">rbelknap@protocam.com</a> to receive the necessary information. Deadline to apply is **Wednesday, June 1, 2022**.





**GRADUATES TO BE HONORED -** On **Sunday, June 12th** during the morning worship service. All College and High School Graduates who are members of Jacob's Church will be honored and presented with a gift. Anyone having a graduate in their family please contact Church Secretary, Faye Foulk at 610.751.5742 or <a href="Novaps@aol.com">Novaps@aol.com</a>. Thank you.

**BELIEVERS BAPTISM** – Will be held **Sunday, June 19**<sup>th</sup> in the Activity Center. Plan to attend this service of profession of faith.





**LIFE CHOICES BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** – Please consider a gift to further this life-giving ministry. Your spare change can change someone's life! Pick up a Baby Box in the Church Parlor, fill it up with cash or a check and return it by Father's Day, **Sunday, June 19th**. Life's Choices will be grateful! Contact Lauren Schlegel

### FATHER'S DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022,

Fathers will be honored during our worship service.





LADIES' NIGHT OUT – will be held on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Activity Center! Please contact Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567 for additional information.

#### TEEN CHALLENGE - SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

Teen Challenge choir will be performing on **Sunday, June 26, 2022** during the worship service at **10:15AM**. Love offering envelopes will be available in the church bulletin that Sunday. After the church service, we will have a potluck covered dish in the Activity Center. Jacob's Church will provide hotdogs, hamburgers and paper goods. Sign-up sheet for the potluck covered dish you will provide, and who will attend is posted in the church parlor area.



In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for You. I Thessalonians 5:18



#### WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are needed, please sign up on the posted sheet in the church parlor area or contact Rev. Tad M. Schlegel at 717.644.1153 or Kayla Fusselman at 610.844.1567

## J&COB'S CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

#### Sidewalk Sunday School

Becky and Eugene are currently meeting every Wednesday in New Tripoli, Jefferson Court Culde-sac from 4:30PM to 5:00PM.

This ministry is for kids from 3 years old to 5th Grade. At Sidewalk Sunday School, Eugene and Becky tell stories from the Bible, play games, sing songs and dance, among many other crazy things. Not only that, but there are free snacks



and surprises! We want to help you with your relationship with Jesus.

Come out and join us at Sidewalk Sunday School! Hope to see you there!





#### **Young Adults Group**

This group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month beginning at **6:30PM**. If you are interested in joining us, or want more information, please contact Tad Schlegel at 717-644-1153. For those of you with children, child care will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact **Tad Schlegel, Youth Leader -717.644.1153 or tad836@yahoo.com** 

# JACOB'S CHURCH LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL 2021-2022

We have come to the end of our amazing 2021-2022 school year! So many wonderful memories made and precious hearts have started a beautiful relationship with our Lord! We had such a fun year with these adorable kids. We wish our PreK graduates the best in Kindergarten and look forward to our 3-year-old class returning in the Fall. We have lots of new Little Lambs joining us as well that we are looking forward too!!! Have a Happy Summer Everyone!!!







## THANK YOU!

Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1

**SINCERE APPRECIATION** - to Kerry and Linda Besch for the wonderful gift donations for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you! May the Lord Bless you.

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU - LADIES BANQUET - "God Is Light!"

The Men of Jacob's Church prepared a delicious Pennsylvania Dutch meal for the ladies. Entertainment was truly a blessing! A special thank you to Caitlin Clark, and her father, Tom Graver for their uplifting and inspiring program. A thank you to Michael Sacks for hosting the time of fellowship. A special thank you to Pictures by Leann Sacks for creating the centerpieces on each table. A special thank you also goes out to Believe It! Consignment Boutique, Dietrich's Meats & Country Store, Kermit K Kistler, Inc., Pictures by Leann Sacks and Charlene Silva for donating all the awesome door prizes. A warm thank you to Tom Foulk and Brian Fusselman and to everyone who participated in the planning and preparation of this evening.





**THANK YOU** – we at Jacob's Church want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Megan George, Andrea Hermany, Liz Long, and Joan Oswald for their faithfulness and support in our Music Ministry. We are also blessed each Sunday with the choir's heavenly voices. We are truly blessed of your God given gift of music.

DUMP BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST

AT JACOBS CHURCH

PSAIMS 9:142 I WILL PRAISE YOU LERD

WITH ML MY HETAT, I WILL TELL OF ALL THE

WOND EROUS THINGS YOU HAVE DONE.

I WILL BE FILLED WITH

JOY BECAUSE OF YOU. I WILL SING PRAISES TO

YOUR NAME, O MOST HIGH,

DURING MY RECENT ENCOUNTER WITH

HERCTH REZERTED CHALLENGES T. FRUITED ON

HEALTH RELATED CHALLENGES, I FOCUSED ON PSALMS TO FIND ASSURANCE AND REPORTESH-MENT.

PROVISION FOR ME DURING THIS TIME HAVE BEEN A TRUE JOY TO REMIND ME OF GODS

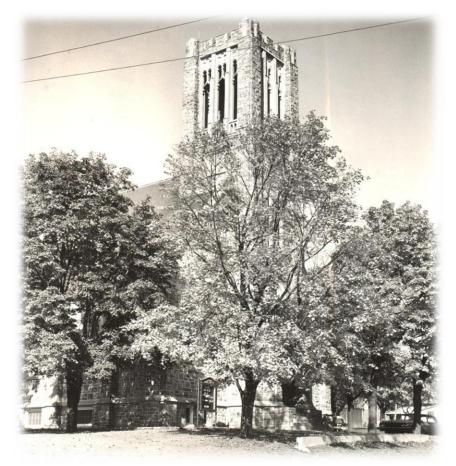
THANK YOU SON YOUR LOVE & SUPPORT.

IT AM POING MUCH BETTER NOW AND WE HOPE TO BE BACK TO AUL ACTIVITIES IN A MONTH OR SO.

PRAYERS!

YOUR BROTHER IN CHRIST Done Rid





Can you locate some changes in the pictures?

1960's pictures of Jacob's Church from Andrea Hamm Hemphill, daughter of Donald W. and Gloria F. (Sell) Hamm, granddaughter of Wilbur Alton and Lillian (George) Hamm, and great-granddaughter of Thomas and Ida (Scheetz) Hamm



## **MISSIONS!**

Hello, my dear friends in America. Sorry for the late update because I want to do the two months together.

In March, I travelled to Xichang and met the students. It was short meeting. Mostly, I talked about what our activity plan for the upcoming months. And I brought up some import things like letter writing, sponsorship fee sending etc. It was all good. Attached is the group picture.

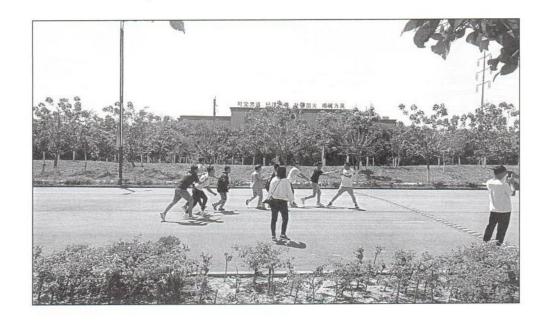


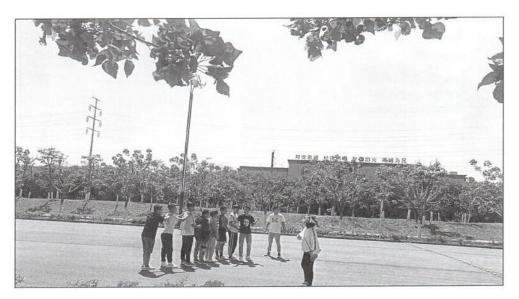
In April, I went to Xichang again and did the Easter activity. I always took a long distance bus there and it's about eight hours bus ride from Luzhou to Xichang.

We met outside of the school. Because of the COVID 19. I can't get in easily without special agreement. We sang three worship song, and did two games. Most important thing was to share the meaning of Easter with them. Attached are the pictures from that day. Please enjoy.



There are a couple more pictures in the next page.





Please also lift these students up. They are Aping Shida (Going to take Chinese SAT in June); Shama Awu (Grandma's sick for a while). And there are a few students going to graduate from college/university. Their names are Liao Jiaxiang; An Liangfen; Jibu Awu; Bao Wenxing; Ma Xiaoying. Yang Huan might think taking the undergraduate exam soon. Please lift her up too. Many thanks.

It has been raining for a couple days in Luzhou. It feels like winter. Haha. I wish all you a restful weekend. (Zoe)

## LOOK WHO IS IN THE NEWS!







Jim Moyer







Bowman Girls (Monica & Barbara) with Cindy Kuhns, Karen Moyer and Vikki Stoss



Corinne Bast and Family















"How good and pleasant it is when God's People Live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

#### JACOB'S CHURCH ACTIVITY CENTER REPORT

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

May 27, 2022

Happenings in the Jacob's Activity Center during the month of May....

Sisters of Esther held their meetings on Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, starting at 9:30AM and ending approximately at 11:30AM.

The Freedom in Christ Ministry held their meetings on Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, beginning at 7:00PM.

Men's Prayer Breakfast held their sessions on Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, starting at 7:00AM and ending approximately at 8:30AM.

Stephen Ministers held their meetings on Thursday, May 5, and 19.

Young Adults Group held their meetings in the church on Tuesday, May 10, and 24 starting at 6:30PM and ending approximately at 8:30PM.

Family shoot around, Monday, May 2, 9, 16 and 23; 4:00PM-5:30PM.

New Geneva Co-Op held classes on Monday, May 2, and 9, the group is finished for the 2021-2022 school year.

Private Celebrations were held on Sunday, May 1, Saturday, May 7, Friday, May 20, and Saturday, May 21.

Pastoral Committee met in the center, Thursday, May 26.

Ladies Banquet was held on Saturday, May 14th, it was an awesome event with many blessings. Thank you Jacob's Church Men!

When we put our problems in God's hands, he puts peace in our hearts.

God Bless You,

Faye M Foulk



## Jacob's Church Scheduled Activities in Church

## **June 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 9:00AM Sunday School 9:00AM Confirmation 10:15AM Blended Worship Service/Communion/ Confirmation Sunday	6 Jacob's Church Board Meeting 7:30PM	7 6:30pmYoung Adults Group	8	9	10	11
12 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Blended Worship Service/Graduation Sunday	13 Jacob's Church Elders Meeting Parish House 7:00PM	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:00AM Sunday School Father's Day!	20	21 6:30pmYoung Adults Group	22	23	24	25
26 9:00AM Sunday School 10:15AM Blended Worship Service	27	28	29	30		

jacob's Ch	urch Tenta	ative Activi	ty Center S	chedule	June	2022
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM	2 Stephen Ministers Meeting 9:30AM- 12:00PM	3 Set Up for private celebration on Saturday	4 Private Celebration
5 9:00am Sunday School	6 Private Celebration 2-7pm	7 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	8 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM	9	10	11
12 9:00am Sunday School	13	14 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am  7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	15 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM	16 Stephen Ministers Meeting 9:30AM- 12:00PM	17	18 Twirlers 10am-12pm Set Up for Church in AC
19 9:00am Sunday School 10:15AM Blended Worship Service/Believers Baptism/Father's Day	20 Ladies Night Out! 7:00PM	21 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	22 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM	23	24	25
26 9:00am Sunday School Luncheon Teen Challenge	27	28 Sisters of Esther 9:30- 11:30am 7:00pm Freedom in Christ Ministry	29 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00- 8:30AM	30		