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We exist to grow in passion for God and compassion for people.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Do you ever feel like your life doesn't matter much to God or to His people? It is not an uncommon feeling, but it is unfortunate when someone feels that way.

Everyone matters. You are important to God and to us. There is no one like you; your gift mix, your talents, your situation, your temperament – these all make you a person with a unique set of opportunities by which you can live for God.

You matter to God, to us, and to someone else who is searching for meaning. Have you noticed the action words on our banners at Church?
"Demonstrating Compassion ... Impacting Community."

Compassion matters. Your compassion for people in your sphere of influence matters! Let those people know that God loves them. Demonstrate His love by loving and serving those same people. Your love for them will definitely matter!

Pastor Roy Dail

Small Group Opportunities -

Small Groups: "A Life That Matters"

Are you looking for a way to get more involved or to meet new people? New small groups will begin the week of September 13 and will finish the week of December 6. These groups will be studying "A Life That Matters," and will encourage you to live out your faith right where you are. Plan now to incorporate small groups into your weekly routine for this fall. Sign-up is available in the Lobby through September 13.

Alpha and Beta Small Group Courses

We need YOU to attend, invite, and volunteer! We are doing Alpha again, beginning Sunday, September 20 at 6:30pm! Have you heard all the good news about the spring Alpha Course? TEN people came to faith in Jesus in just 10 weeks. Listen, learn, discuss - and ask anything! Alpha is an easy to understand introduction to Christianity.

Attend - If you are searching for a safe place to ask questions, please sign up to attend Alpha!

Invite - If you know someone who has questions about God and Christianity, pick up an invitation!

Volunteer - If you have a love for people and would enjoy greeting, preparing meals, or helping with set up and tear down, we need you! You can sign up at the table in the Lobby or mark the box on the back of your Sunday bulletin information card.

Beta Course - If you have already attended the spring Alpha Course, we have designed a Beta Course specifically for you in order to go deeper into the truths that Alpha taught. This course will be held on the same nights as Alpha. Sign up is available in the Lobby.



Roy Dail
Senior Pastor

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Sunday School - "A Place for Growing... A Place for YOU!"

Our kids' small groups meet for Sunday School at 9:15am (see bulletin board in children's wing for classrooms) and the Youth Sunday School class meets at 9:15am in rooms 225-235. Adult classes are offered at 9:15am and 10:45am. Be sure to note the time that the class you choose is offered. Pick up a brochure at the rack in the Lobby for details. If you can't be here every Sunday, that's OK - come whenever you can. It's never too late to join a class. Don't miss this opportunity to learn something new and connect with people!

Fall Adult Sunday School Classes

9:15am - Bible Class: "Learning from the Church at Corinth"

Teacher: Tom McGarry, Location: Rooms 230-240

This class will look at the church at Corinth as seen in the two epistles and the book of Acts. Putting all three together will help us know the people better and understand the problems that they faced. An added feature will be revealing the heart of the apostle Paul as he opens up his feelings to them. No other church received so much instruction in visits and in letters. A glance at the many diverse issues is shocking, but God has a purpose for us to read these words.

9:15am - Spiritual Simplicity (Chip Ingram) and Breathing Room (Andy Stanley)

Teacher: Mike Buriok, Location: Conference Room 550

Spiritual Simplicity:

In our frantically driven, complex lifestyle, we suffer from fatigue, little margin, shallow relationships, and fractured families. As a result of this driven lifestyle, our souls are dis-eased - they have a lack of ease. This highly practical, comforting book maintains that it is possible to run the race at a different, more meaningful speed. Not only is it possible; it's absolutely necessary.

The key to simplifying life, Chip Ingram says, is to make sure love is your #1 priority. Love redirects our focus and unravels the complex, overextended lifestyle that keeps us ever running, but never arriving. In *Spiritual Simplicity*, Ingram explains how to change our love from a noun to a verb and choose to concentrate on what really matters: the people we love the most.

Breathing Room

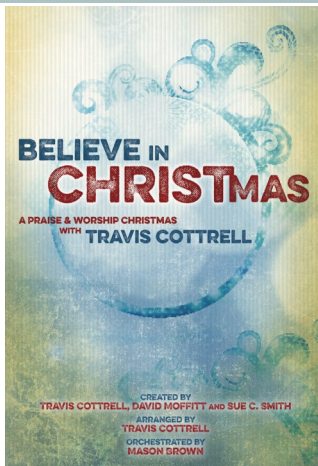
Deadlines...Traffic...Flights to catch...Bills to pay...Emails...Carpool...Tennis...Dinner...Homework... Ever feel like you can't catch your breath? Perhaps you need some...[inhale]...breathing room...[exhale]. We all do. In our attempt to get the most out of life, it's easy to lose control of our lives. For most of us, breathing room feels more like a luxury than a necessity. In this series, Andy Stanley shows us how to create breathing room in our schedules, our finances, and our relationships. After all, life is better with breathing room.

10:45am - Holy Ambition by Chip Ingram

Teacher: Rusty Loy, Location: Conference Room 550

If the idea of walking with Jesus doesn't make you uncomfortable, you haven't thought seriously enough about His presence in your life.

The passed-down, packaged Jesus turns out to be quite different from the one who steps alive and kicking out of the pages of Scripture. Author, pastor, and radio teacher Chip Ingram outlines what it takes to follow this renegade Jesus toward the idea of Holy Ambition. Stretching outside of your comfortable existence is just the beginning. This newly updated edition will bolster dislocated hearts and turn broken spirits toward radical, faith-filled strategies that make a difference for God right now.



Music Ministry - Christmas Cantata

Our Adult Christmas Cantata, “Believe In Christmas”, will be presented on Sunday, December 6, following the Children’s Christmas presentation. Adult Cantata rehearsals will be held on the following Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary: September 9 & 23, October 7 & 21, and November 4 & 18.

Final rehearsals will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, December 2 & 3 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Books and CDs are available. You may pick up a set at the Church Office or see Pastor Rodney.

If you cannot attend all of the rehearsals, please take a book and CD, practice on your own, and join us for at least one of the final rehearsals.

Worship Choir

Worship Choir has been a powerful addition to our worship services. Together, we are experiencing the joy and privilege of leading God’s people in worship. As you take part in leading, it really does take the experience of Worship to a new level. If you wish to participate in our Worship Choir, contact Pastor Rodney in the Church Office, 724-837-1122. We will help you get connected with music and instructions on how you can serve. We look forward to worshipping with you!

Membership Classes

A two-part Membership Class is planned for Tuesday, September 22 and Thursday, September 24 at 7:00pm in Conference Room 550. If you are interested in attending or would like additional information, please indicate on your Sunday bulletin information card or contact the Church Office, 724-837-1122.

“God’s Creation” Calendars

With summer just ending, it’s hard to believe that 2016 is fast approaching and it’s time for our Annual Calendars for Camp Sale. Order forms will be available Sundays, September 20 and 27. Take a moment to stop by the table in the Lobby to see a sample of this beautiful “God’s Creation” calendar. Payment is needed at the time orders are placed. Calendars will be delivered in October. All proceeds benefit the Children’s Camp Fund for Greensburg Alliance children who will attend 2016 Children and Youth Summer Camps at C&MA Western PA District Camps.

Texting and/or Email Notifications for Emergency Situations & Cancellations

If you haven’t signed up to be included in our texting and/or email notifications, please do so at your earliest convenience. This service is being implemented to keep everyone informed when an emergency situation arises, activities are cancelled due to weather conditions, or service changes. Please clearly indicate on your Sunday bulletin information card the following: names, cell phone numbers for the texting service, and email addresses you would like included.

If you are signing up for the texting service for the first time, it is very important that you “opt-in” which verifies with the texting service that you wish to receive notifications from GAC. After we input your cell phone number into the texting database, you will receive a text message from “GbgAlliance@synt.us” and you must reply to the text to “opt-in” or you will not receive notifications. Standard text messaging rates will apply. Email notifications will be sent from our Church Office email address - churchoffice.gac@gmail.com.

We plan to have this process operational as soon as possible. Notifications will also be available on the church website (greensburgalliance.org) and on the Church Office phone system (724-837-1122). WPXI and KDKA television stations are also notified, but do not always post the information immediately.

Lifeway Pregnancy Center Benefit & Luncheon - September 27

Everyone is invited to the annual Celebration of Life Benefit for the Lifeway Pregnancy Center of Latrobe on Sunday, September 27. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 12:15pm.

The main entrée, rolls and beverages will be provided by the Christian Action Committee. If you are able, please bring a salad (vegetable or fruit) side dish or dessert to share. Sign up at the table in the Lobby, indicating how many will be attending and what you plan to bring.

A shower of gifts for clients and babies of the center will be held during the luncheon. If you wish to bring a gift, it should be new and does not have to be wrapped. Gift ideas that are needed are baby monitors, crib sheets, bath towels, baby formula, bottles, newborn sleepers, newborn diapers, and diaper bags.

Monetary contributions may also be given. Checks are to be made payable directly to Lifeway Pregnancy Center. If you participated in the baby bottle donation campaign, bottles may be returned to the Welcome Center at any time or to the luncheon on September 27. If you would like a receipt for your donation, please include your name and address inside the bottle. Thank you for your generosity!

Christian Action Committee (CAC)

The monthly visit to Weatherwood Manor Assisted Living is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, from 2:00-3:00pm. A spiritual message will be presented, a craft will be offered, and light refreshments will be provided by the committee. The September monthly committee meeting will be held on Sunday, September 20, a week earlier than usual due to the Lifeway Benefit Luncheon and Shower.

Moms 24/7

As summer is approaching its end, and we gather backpacks and pack school lunches, we are excitingly gearing up for our new season of Moms 24/7. Please plan to join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:30am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Greensburg Alliance Church for two wonderful hours of encouraging one another, equipping each other, and growing in faith.

Our second meeting in September will be held on Tuesday, September 22. Continue to watch Facebook, email, texts, and handouts for upcoming events. Please be encouraged to join us, even if you have never come before, come to every meeting, or somewhere in between. God has gifted all of us as mothers, and we all have been created with a gift to share with someone else.

Moms 24/7 is a ministry for moms of ALL ages with children of ALL ages. Whether you are a first time mom or you have grandchildren, Moms 24/7 is for you. Whatever your schedule or stage of life, we hope you make Moms 24/7 part of your life. It is not only an opportunity for you to get refreshed and encouraged, but also a chance for you to refresh and encourage other moms. For questions or more information please contact Joanne Kreinbrook at 724-850-7828 or email at kbrook93@msn.com.

Women's Connection

Women's Connection is returning for the fall after our summer break. Our kickoff event will be held on Saturday, September 26, 9:30-11:00am at Twin Lakes Park. We will meet at the Upper Lake near the playground for a morning of talking and walking in God's creation. Water bottles and light snacks will be provided.

Save the date for a half-day retreat at the church on Saturday, November 14. The day will include large and small group sessions and a light breakfast and lunch. Check future editions of the Focus for more details. For reminders and updates concerning Women's Connection, join our Facebook group: GAC Women's Connection.

Men's Ministry

Bible Study Fellowship

The Men's Tuesday Morning Bible Study is working on a study based on the book "*Act Like Men*" by "*Walk in the Word*" Pastor, James MacDonald. The group meets at the church at 6:30am with the study being completed at 7:30am. Weekly attendance is not a requirement and all men and their sons are welcome to drop in as their schedule permits. Resolve to get into the Word of God and let the Word of God get into you!

Prayer Ministry

Every Sunday morning prior to the worship services, men come together to pray for the services and our congregation. All men are welcome to join us in the Prayer Room located near the Sanctuary.

Men's Outdoor Break - September 12 - 3:00pm

It's that time again - our Annual Outdoor Break at Tom Keller's home (701 Arona Road, New Stanton). If you haven't attended before, this is what you've missed - good food, lawn games, campfire, a brief message, lots of fun, and, oh yes, throwing of sharp objects (knives, tomahawks, stars)! Men of all ages are welcome. Bring your sons, your dads, your uncles, and your friends. Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring a covered dish to share and camping chairs. RSVP to Tom by September 10 - 724-610-0829 or email at goodnews357@comcast.net.

Young At Heart

If you are age 55 or older, join us on Thursday, September 3, 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee, tea, and lemonade will be ready at 11:00am for our early birds. Bring a sandwich; dessert will be provided by our committee - Ruth Moore, Joanne Dixon, and Joanne Crouse. Our guest speakers will be Jim and Drew Everett.

College Age Connection

College Age Connection is for those who have finished high school and between the ages of 18 and 23 (you do not have to be enrolled in college to attend). Your late teens and early 20s can be a challenging time where essential things like community and encouragement are hard to find. We usually meet for a time of food, fellowship, and study on the first and third Sundays of each month, but due to the Labor Day holiday, we will meet on September 20 only. We ask for a \$3 donation per person at each meeting to help cover the cost of food. Feel free to contact Pastor Rigel with any questions 914-830-6970 - gacyouth@gmail.com.

Homecoming Parade Outreach - Save the Date!

The Hempfield Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Friday, October 2, at 6:00pm. We are using this event to reach out to our community by providing free parking, hot dogs, and hot chocolate to those attending. We invite everyone to join us for this fun opportunity to connect with our community!

World Outreach Conference 2015

Our annual World Outreach Conference will be held October 25-28. This is a great opportunity to meet our international workers up close and personal and hear what God is doing in the mission field! Our Kids Konvention will be held during the World Outreach Conference for children age 3 through grade 6. There will also be activities for Jr. and Sr. High students. Watch upcoming "Focus" issues for details.

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Condolences

To Jean Smartnick and family on the death of her husband, Paul, on July 25.

To Zain Harter, Jr. and family on the death of his father, Zain, Sr. on July 30.

To Cindy Husband on the death of her father, Neil Husband, on July 31.

To Dawn Rose on the death of her mother, Lillian Birt, on August 3.

To Donna Hixson and family on the death of her mother, Shirley Shoaf, on August 18.

September Anniversaries

1	Chris & Nicole Iarussi	12	Zac & Stephanie Cross	18	Jason & Debbie Mickinak
2	Tad & Sue Kelley	14	Ron & Peggy Longsdorf	20	Todd & Kelley Brautigam
9	Tim & Jocelyn Fox	15	Rusty & Christy Bryner	27	Tom & Eleanor Raffle
11	Carmen & Cheryl Dott Rigel & Julie Holmes	17	Michael & Michele Shuey	30	Shawn & Melissa Iarussi John & Jennifer Thoma

September Birthdays

1	Dean Ambrose Paul Obringer Karlee Schneider	9	Ryan Brautigam Mark Dillon Jr.	16	David Colligan Larry Darazio Dan Hoffman Valerie Schomer R. J. Tonks	23	Martha Arblaster
2	Eleanor Raffle	10	Gene Cilli Denny Fellers Aidan Tressler	17	Betsy Danser	24	Isabella Arquillo Karen McKivens Kathy Wills
3	Melissa Iarussi Colleen Peterson	11	Gavin DiClaudio	18	Luke Coughanour	25	Melissa Bartels Jonathon Kraynak Emily Ukasik
4	Kathy Iwinski	12	Linda Bolyen David Burda David Tomko	19	Lisa Smith Lottie Stevenson	26	Shannon Colligan Dawn Darazio Ed Kerr
5	Mariann Gault Hillary Piggott	14	Jennifer Dail Phyllis Kaylor	20	Joanne Kreinbrook Karen McGarry	28	Sierra Jones Marilyn Tressler
6	Logan McKivens Spencer Schaus	15	Logan Helms Florence Leeper Duane Sutor	21	David Marquis	29	Tim Myers
8	Olivia Bolyen Vernon Brewer			22	Joel Momper Bob Schoenfeld	30	Carissa Graziani

Mongolian International Workers & Families - Celebration Time!

Anniversary and birthday greetings by either postal mail or email are greatly appreciated.

Anniversary - September 18 - Larry and Krista Lain - On Home Assignment - Email: larry.krista@gmail.com

Birthdays -

September 28 - Jeremy Bergevin - P O Box 945, Darhan Uul aimag 45000 Mongolia - Email: jerbergevin@hotmail.com

October 1 - Cinda Wood - P.O. Box 945, Darhan Uul Aimag 45000 - Email: cinda@mongoliawoods.com

October 3 - Angel Lee (10 years old) - c/o Jason Lee & Ruth Kim - P.O. Box 2603, Ulaanbaatar 15160 Mongolia
Email: Ruth: holee68@yahoo.com

October 8 - Clara Bergevin (8 years old) - c/o Jeremy and Renee Bergevin P.O. Box 945, Darhan Uul aimag 45000
Mongolia - Email: jerbergevin@hotmail.com



Operation Christmas Child

Last year our Youth Group was able to pack and ship over 125 shoeboxes with toys, candy, hygiene items, and Gospel materials to children overseas. A big part of sending that many shoeboxes is strategically planning ahead by collecting specific categories of items on a monthly basis. This month, we will be focusing on "back to school supplies" and toiletries. Both of these categories have great sales during the back to school season. Pencils, erasers, colored pencils, sharpeners, pens, small boxes of crayons, small solar calculators, pads, and pencil cases all make great additions to our shoeboxes. Toiletries needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, washcloths, combs, and hairbrushes.

Ignition - Sunday September 20, 4:00-10:00pm

Ignition is an annual youth rally with awesome speakers, inspiring worship, and a powerful time of corporate prayer. The event also serves as a kickoff for "See You at the Pole" (SY@TP). This year's Ignition will be held at "The Bible Chapel" in McMurray Pa. The event will feature Greg Stier as speaker, spoken word artist "Propaganda", and worship by the band, Red Letter Hymnal. Tickets are \$5.00 and have been pre-ordered, so there are only 20 spots available for students. We will meet in the church parking lot at 3:45pm. Sign up ASAP; your \$5.00 will be due at sign-up. We will return at approximately 10:00pm.

SY@TP (See You at the Pole) - Wednesday, September 23

On the morning of Wednesday, September 23, thousands of Christian students from all around the nation will meet at the flag pole in front of their schools before classes begin, for 30-45 minutes of prayer for their schools and local communities. We encourage our students to participate in this great nationwide event. The times and locations vary from school to school, but it generally takes place about 45 minutes before school begins. For more information, check out the website: www.syatp.org.

Jolt Junior High Retreat - October 23-25 (Registration Deadline - September 20)

On October 23-25, all Junior High students (Grade 7-8) are invited to a District retreat called Jolt in Erie, PA. The retreat will feature amazing speakers, awesome times of worship, music with the band "About A Mile", great opportunities of fellowship, and tons of other fun stuff. The total cost for the retreat is \$99 per student with a \$20 deposit and completed registration form due to Pastor Rigel by Sunday, September 20. See the brochure for more details which may be picked up from Pastor Rigel or downloaded from our website - www.greensburgalliance.org.

Life 2016 Youth Conference (Registration)

Every three years our denomination holds a huge youth conference called "Life" with almost 10,000 students in attendance. There are a ton of great speakers, worship leaders, and engaging events. It is sure to be one of the highlights of a student's time in Youth Group. Life 2016 will be held in Kansas City, MO from July 5 through July 10, 2016. Only students in grades 9 through 12 may attend (this includes those who have just finished 8th grade as well as those who have just graduated).

Early registration is now open and runs through September 24 (savings of \$25). All registrations for Life 2016 will be completed by November 29, 2015. Here are a few details to get the ball rolling:

- Trip Dates: July 5-10, 2016
- Cost: \$850 per person (\$25 discount for early registration + \$25 off for families with more than one student)
- Deposit: \$125 per student due at registration (\$100 per student in families with more than one student)
- The trip cost includes conference registration, meals, hotel lodging, and coach busing to Kansas City and back
- Registration for the trip is open through November 29, 2015

If you missed our informational meeting in August you can download an information packet from the website or see Pastor Rigel with any questions you may have about the trip.

Children's Ministries

Registration for Children's Ministries 2015-2016

In a continuing effort to keep our records correct and up to date, all parents must complete a new registration form for their children even if you completed one in the past. The information is kept confidential and is used for church business, safety, and emergency purposes only. Registration forms are available at the table in the Lobby and at the Children's Ministry registration desk. We appreciate your returning the forms as soon as possible.

"Moving-Up" Day - Sunday, September 6

On Sunday, September 6, the children's Sunday School classes and Sunday Morning Worship classes will "move up" to their new classes. Be sure to stop by the table in the Lobby or the Children's Ministry registration desk to complete a registration form for the 2015-2016 year.

Bible Quizzing

The new quiz season is already upon us. We will be quizzing on Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians using the 2011 NIV. We would love to have new people join us! The younger students (grades 3-6) would compete in the Junior Division and only on half of the material. Older students (grades 7-12) have the option of participating in Senior A Division (experienced quizzers) or B Division (new to quizzing). Quiz Meets with area churches are held once a month, usually on the first Saturday from October through April.

Our practices consist of teaching and devotions from the selected verses and then using the jump seats to practice jumping and answering questions. In the past we have practiced on Sunday mornings (8:30-10:00am), but we are willing to move the practice time to accommodate those who are interested. Bible Quizzing is a disciple-making tool to encourage young people to study and memorize God's Word and to have fun and fellowship with other Christian students. Please contact Mark or Jayne Obringer (724-861-3548) or Jen Conley at the Church Office (724-837-1122) if interested.

Kids Konvention - Items Needed!

Be sure to mark your calendar for our Kids Konvention which will be held Sunday, October 25 through Wednesday, October 28 during our World Outreach Conference. In connection with our Kids Konvention, we are in need of items for our craft projects. Please save your empty Campbell's soup cans and copies of Alliance Life magazines. Place items in the box by the Children's Ministry registration desk at your convenience. Thank you!

Children's Christmas Musical

Merry Christmas! It may be too early to deck the halls or work on your Christmas list, but it's not too early to plan for our Children's Christmas Musical! We are excited to be preparing for this special event at our church. We would love for you to be a part of it!

If your children are in kindergarten through sixth grade, join us on Sunday, September 13 during the 9:15 Sunday School hour in Room 310 for the kick off! Parents, please plan to stay for the first 20 minutes for an informational meeting. The children will be practicing on Sunday mornings at 9:15 until the production on Sunday, December 6. If you have any questions, please contact Kami Hauser at 412-480-3706 or ryanandkami@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Children's Summer Camp Support - Calendar Sales

"God's Creation" calendars go on sale beginning Sunday, September 20. See page 3 for additional information. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!

Children's Ministries

Awana® Begins September 9

Our next Awana session begins on Wednesday, September 9. Check-in starts at 6:30pm at the Children's Ministry registration desk. Enter the building through the office entrance. To avoid confusion and delays when checking in with our computer system, please be sure to complete a new Children's Ministry registration form prior to opening night. Please note our new dismissal time - 8:00pm. Parent handbooks will be available which contain information about our club policies and procedures as well as a calendar of events for 2015-2016.

Awana is fun with a purpose... to reach and train children for Jesus Christ. Each week there are Bible lessons, Scripture reciting, games, music, and lots of other fun activities. Our program is comprised of four age appropriate clubs:



Puggles is an enriching program that introduces little ones to God's love! It presents basic biblical concepts through teaching cards, activities, music, and games.

For Preschoolers - Age 2 & younger 3's



For Preschoolers - 3 & 4 Years Old

To begin Cubbies your child must be 3 years old before September 1 and potty trained. The curriculum focuses on stories that teach about God's character. It is designed to help moms and dads give children a biblical foundation for faith at home. During meeting time there will be Bible stories, games, puppets, crafts and other activities that make for a lively weekly experience where fun and learning go hand in hand!



For Kindergarten through Grade 2

Sparks builds on the material taught in our preschool clubs. It ignites the curiosity of early elementary-age kids to learn about the people and events of the Bible, building a foundation of wisdom for knowing Christ. Meetings combine learning with fun to create an atmosphere of irresistible excitement for church and unchurched kids alike. Children love their red vests, the exciting games, and spending time with leaders and friends!



For Grades 3 through 6

Truth & Training engages students by answering their questions about God and the Bible, guiding them through this pivotal life state to grow in Christ's grace. Handbooks and group sessions deepen a child's knowledge about God and His Word and teach how to put that knowledge into action in everyday life. Weekly meetings expose kids to the Gospel message, Scripture memory, Bible study, team-oriented games and loads of fun! The T&T Boys will be divided into two age groups - grades 3-4 and grades 5-6. The T&T Girls will consist of grades 3-6.

It's Not too Late to Join our Awana Team!

We are looking forward to another great year in Awana! But, Awana cannot happen without dedicated volunteers. Won't you consider joining our team this fall? Help is especially needed to assist our leaders and directors by listening to children recite verses and monitor classrooms. Substitutes are also needed for weekly leaders who may be unavailable on any given night. You may help as often as your schedule allows - it could be every Wednesday or once or twice a month. If you are unsure of what position might be right for you, feel free to talk with Jen Conley about the opportunities (Church Office, 724-837-1122).



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Check out our September Events!

September 9 - Awana Begins

September 12 - Men's Outdoor Break

September 13 - Small Groups Begin

September 20 - Alpha Course Begins

September 22 & 24 - Membership Class

September 26 - Women's Connection @ Twin Lakes

September 27 - Lifeway Pregnancy Center Benefit Luncheon