THE BAPTIST MESSENGER

October 2017

If you do an internet search for churches, or simply drive around any town, you will find many types of churches. There are dozens of international main denominations and thousands of smaller, independent church groups. There are several hundred varieties within the Baptist family alone. This was not always the case. In fact, Christianity was unified as one group for most of its existence. There was one split into Eastern and Western Christianity around 1100 AD, and it remains that way for centuries. But something happened 500 years ago this month that changed all of that; 500 years ago on October 31st to be exact. One man who was both a monk and a professor wanted to debate some of the ideas and practices of the church in his day. So he made a list of his ideas, of his theses, and posted them on a door which sufficed as the church bulletin board, in a little town called Wittenberg, Germany. This was, of course, Martin Luther and he wrote 95 theses to discuss with other church leaders. The world changed on that day.

That document of Luther was copied and passed around the church hierarchy finding its way to the Pope in Rome. It caused a firestorm. There were meetings and councils and arguments. Luther was eventually disciplined and then excommunicated, but the change had already taken root. Over the next several years, there were many people and occasions to question the teachings of the church. These popped up in different places and they were not related to each other or even to Luther, except for the courage and demand to examine anew what the Bible taught. The church had become a place where traditions and papal ideas had come to have the same authority as God's Word. For Luther, the main problem was the practice of selling Indulgences. An Indulgence was the church's forgiveness of your sin, and it was necessary for the believer, and it cost money. This idea led to gross abuses empowered by greed. Luther saw the Bible teaching something different, especially in Romans, and he would declare, *Sola Fide,* or Faith Alone. We are justified by faith, and faith alone, not by any other acts of contrition or penance. This became a rallying cry for all who would come to Protest the church's teachings. And these Protesting voices gained strength and numbers. So much so that the whole political, religious world of Europe was completely redrawn in what came to be known as the Protestant Reformation.

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Building Community in Christ...

Reaching Communities for Christ . . .

Across the Street & Around the World

Sunday Services: Regular Schedule resumes September 10

Traditional Service:	8:30 am
Education Hour:	9:45 am
Contemporary Service:	11:00 am

Contact Information for the Church Office:

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

COMING EVENTS

*Sunday, October 1, 6:30 pm: Invitation to Prayer
*Saturday, October 7, 9:30 am: Loosely Knit Ladies & Precious Coverings work morning
*Sunday, October 8, 5:00 pm: Second Sunday Supper
*Friday~Sunday, October 13-15: Men's Retreat @ Sandy Cove
*Sunday, October 15, 6:30 pm: Invitation to Prayer
*Tuesday, October 24, 12:00 pm: J.O.Y. Luncheon

Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, October 22
Education Hour: 9:15 am One Service 10:15 am
Pastor Appreciation Celebration after service
All Church Business Meeting 1:15 pm

J.O.Y. Luncheon

Tuesday October 24 at 12 noon
This month we will be both entertained and blessed by Debbie King as she wow's us with her fabulous chalk drawing presentation.
Bring a dish to share and join us.
There's room at the table for YOU!

Riverview Estates Thrift

Saturday, October 7 ~ 10:00am to 12:00 pm
Home decor, DVDs, CDs, vintage and costume jewelry, ladies' and len's clothing, books, collectibles, antiques, treasures galore!
It's not too early to start your holiday shopping!

303 Bank Avenue
Riverton, NJ 08077

Missions

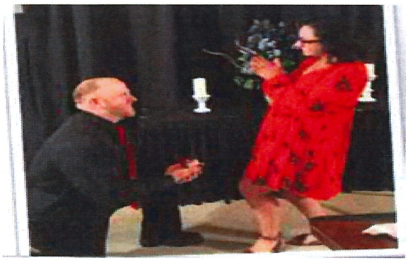
Exciting News!

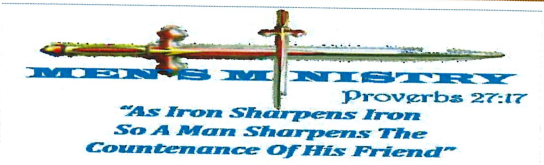
Anthony Peña is our newest and youngest missionary. His supporting agency is American Baptist World Evangelism (ABWE) and he is currently serving the Lord in Trenton. On August 27th, the Pastor at the Trenton church was going on vacation and asked Anthony to do the service. The week before, Anthony told me he was also going to do something special. Two of Anthony's friends who attend our church and I went to Trenton to hear Anthony share the Word from the pulpit.

About 30 people attended the service including his girlfriend, Elizabeth. Elizabeth brought her parents to hear Anthony preach. Anthony's mom came also.

Anthony did a great job preaching and sharing the Word. At the end of the service Anthony called Elizabeth up front. She was to give an announcement regarding the crisis pregnancy center where she works. Or so she thought. Instead, Anthony performed a short rap song he had written to her, got down on his knee, pulled out the ring, and proposed to her. Elizabeth was laughing, smiling, hugging him, and then said---YES.

We wish Anthony and Elizabeth God's richest blessings as they plan their new life together.





The Men's Ministry began the fall season with a breakfast on September 9, 2017 with 17 men in attendance. Sean Flower was the speaker for the morning. He emphasized our need to be unified through participation, volunteering, caring for one another and providing encouragement in our daily Christian walk.

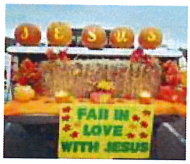
Our next breakfast will be November 11 at 8:30 am and all men are welcome to attend. The October 14 breakfast was cancelled due to the number of men who will be attending the Sandy Cove Men's Retreat that weekend.

We look forward to sharing with you how God has blessed us at the Retreat.

Men's Ministry seeking God's blessings for all

Men's Morning Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10:00 am
"Essential Truths of the Christian Faith:
100 Key Teachings in Plain Language"
By Rev. R. C. Sproul
Topic:
Why was/is Salvation necessary in God's Plan?"

[There is always room for more guys; invite a friend to join us.]



Calling All Cars for Trunk or Treat!
(during Maker Fest for children)
October 29, 2017, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Church Parking lot

Decorate your car, have a game, or just treats!
Sign-up in the back of the sanctuary.
Your one chance to reserve a parking spot!

"Matthew 19:14
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Children's Fall Festival 2017

Give your kids much more than a sugar rush!
This year at the Fall "Maker Fest," kids will have the opportunity to: tinker, doodle, invent and create!

At each idea-sparking station, they will have a blast as they learn how their creative master-maker made them for a unique purpose. They will hear encouraging messages of truth and love that will shape their identity as they discover they are God's masterpiece!
Once they finish with all of the activities inside and learn about God's greatest masterpiece, everyone will have the opportunity to go outside for "Trunk or Treat"and several other outside activities!

When: Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 6:30pm
Where: FBC Sanctuary & Parking Lot
Who: Children up to and including 5th grade and their families

Timothy Christian Academy

Pre-school - 8th grade
Registering for Fall 2017

Tours of the school can be scheduled by contacting the school at 609-261-9578 or info@tcaschool.com to confirm your attendance.
Timothy Christian Academy
Attn: Dawn Adams, Principal
1341 Woodlane Road, Eastampton, NJ 08060

Souled Out F.R.E.A.K.S.

Fearlessly **R**ejoicing **E**veryday
About **K**nowing our **S**avior

"Fearlessly Rejoicing Everyday" is an experience that we, as leaders, have with our youth as they strive to learn and grow toward the lives our Lord has planned for them.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Education Hour

Sunday Mornings, 9:45 am

Calendar of October Activities For Jr. & Sr. High

Friday, October 6th, 7:00 pm
FAMILY Youth Group Night:
Parents, teens, and siblings are invited, 7-9 pm. Let's do Youth Group together! Includes breakout sessions for discussions. Parents will learn about our plans and hopes for your kids, as well as information on upcoming activities

Friday, October 13, 7-9 pm
Youth Group

Thursday, October 19, 5:30 pm
Youth to America's Keswick

Friday, October 27, 7-9 pm
Youth Group Fall Fest
Outdoors: Hay Rides, Bonfire

God bless you. As always…
To God be the Glory!

Your Youth Team & Pastor Scott

College and Career/Singles and Couples

Mondays, 7:00 pm, Room 207, facilitated by Anthony Peña

Beth Moore Simulcast Recap

Captivated by the Wonder of Christ

That was the theme of our first Beth Moore simulcast on September 16, 2017. We hosted 60 women in the "upper rooms" of our church, ranging in age from early twenties to....lets just say much older!!! We had representatives from at least 7 different churches. Praise God! It was a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing in His Word. The fellowship was so sweet, it was a joy to see the generations coming together and worshiping with each other.

Beth's message was so inspirational. Five of the ladies re committed to Christ! One accepted a call to vocational ministry. Many others made commitments to more Bible study, daily devotions, reignited to ministry and many other personal comments. The evaluations were evidence that all who participated were blessed in some way or another.

Thanks for the team that prayed and worked so well together to bring the day to life! It could not have happened without you. A special thanks to all the young men for setting up our rooms on Friday, and the men who returned the rooms to their original state. A special thank you to Lisa Z for her input and guidance in keeping our finances straight. And a special BIG thank you to Oliver who made us feel like we were in Toledo with Beth!

The simulcast event was so well received, that we will be doing another one in May! Date will be announced soon!

In His Love and Service, Marcia

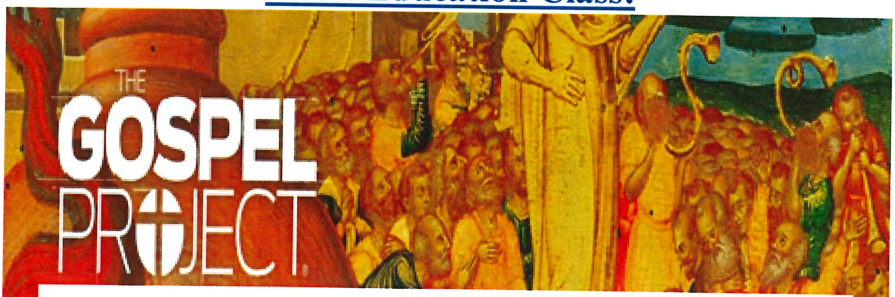
Reporting from ABCNJ Annual Session Saturday 23

One of the main speakers made the point that our ministry vision should consist of three concentric circles: the central being ourself striving to have and demonstrate a close relational "walk" with Jesus; the next circle being the people that we relate to in our "walk" with Jesus; the outer being the collection of our fellow brothers and sisters in Jesus with all their next circle people. Therefore, our congregation should be the outer circle of people wherever they are physically and spiritually. The implication of this view is that our congregational ministry must be the outer circle, not the collection of our central circles. Jesus calls us to go, make disciples, baptize, teach. He will be with us as we grow in our faith and share this with those we meet and work with and live near, all to His glory and honor.

Blessings and regards from Bill Rohrer.

Adult Christian Education

Adult Education Class!



Gospel Project

Adult Christian Education

A study on

Jesus the Savior and Jesus the Risen King

Education Hour @ 9:45 am

Adults –in room 201

Youth – in Youth Room (215) upstairs

Children – in downstairs classes

The Gospel Project series systematically links Old Testament teaching with New Testament teaching through age appropriate materials to facilitate family discussions during the week between children, youth, and adults.

Check this series out – and be blessed!

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If you appreciate having a Bible and the ability to study it yourself; if you enjoy a group Bible Study which seeks to understand God's Word; if you are blessed to be held accountable to God and not man-made rules; then think of Luther and his brave words. And blow out a birthday candle to celebrate the birthday of our Protestant faith, October 31, 1517.

God Bless You,

Pastor Eatt

In His Image Justice Coalition (IHIJC)

Walk for Freedom

Saturday, October 14

Registration at 8 am

In His Image Justice Coalition (IHIJC) will be hosting the A21 Walk for Freedom again this year, in support of A21's global efforts to stop human trafficking. If you are interested in walking, please contact Judi Worgess or Anita Wolvin.

If you'd like to donate to this cause or sponsor a walker, checks can be made out to In His Image Justice Coalition (not FBC). Please do *not* include with your regular offering. Write a separate check, in a separate envelope clearly marked IHIJC. Donations can then be placed in the offering plate or they can be mailed to In His Image Justice Coalition, PO Box 424, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060.

Women's Ministry
Of
First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly

Women's Weekly Bible Study: Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Monthly meeting: October 7, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Both **Loosely Knit Ladies** and **Precious Coverings** will meet. Loosely Knit Ladies will gather the completed wraps and shawls for delivery to Riverview Estates. Precious Covering will complete the work on night caps and turbans requested by the Cancer Society.

All ladies are invited. If you knit, crochet or sew by machine, we can use your help. For more information contact:

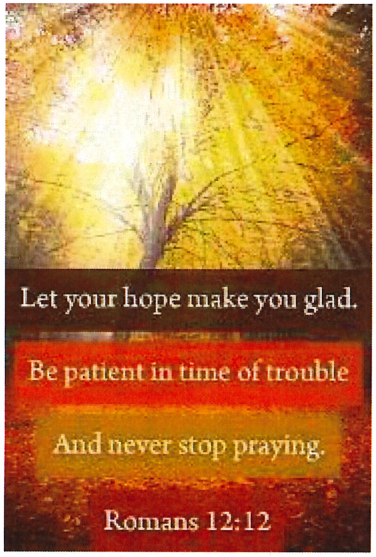
Loosely Knit Ladies: Janet Hoffman (609-386-4030)
Precious Coverings: Manijeh Kelley (609-261-7586)

Next quarterly meeting: November 4, 2017 at 9:30 am

Virtua Memorial Hospital Chaplain Aides
Training Course: October 25 and 27 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
with continental breakfast at 7:30 am.

Looking for people who enjoy spending time listening, encouraging, and spiritually lifting people. Following training and orientation, volunteers are assigned to a specific hospital unit at the Mt. Holly location. For more information, contact Chaplain Marge McGinley at 609-914-6365 or mmcginley @virtua.org

Abigail Circle Ministry could use your sheets!

White, colors, florals, stripes… makes no difference. They will cut them into strips which will be used as bandages for wound care in the Congo. Please bring your sheets that need a new purpose to the church office, Mondays – Thursdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, or on Sundays.

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