



Back to School

For parents, back to school can be the most wonderful time of the year! There are some of our children who enjoy getting back to school. Quickly, it seems, many are bemoaning the difficulties and the extra work that comes with being in school.

After all, learning is work. It can be enjoyable work, but it is work that requires effort, energy, focus and concentration. There is only so much a teacher can do to make learning fun. Ultimately the student has to contribute. Learning is not simply poured into one's head. A student needs to wrestle with, understand and comprehend what it is they are learning. Learning is work. Necessary work, but work none the less.

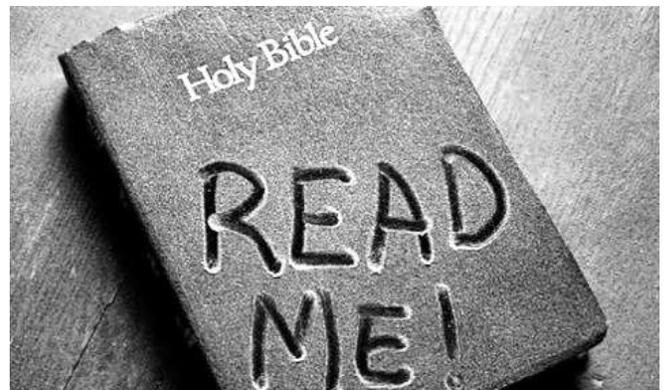
Scripture says, "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version). The word for 'study' can also be translated: be diligent, do your best, do all you can, make every effort, work hard.

Now the bad news about going back to school for the kids is that it reminds us that all of us need to be learning, studying, putting in the hard work to be growing spiritually. There is no magic formula to growing in our faith and becoming spiritual mature and discerning. There is no easy way to acquire this. You're going to have to sweat. You're going to have to invest yourself. You're going to have to work.

I've always been told the difference between reading and studying is that study requires a pencil and paper. It's time to confess. Some of us adults have gotten lazy about our spiritual education. We want to be spoon fed on Sunday morning or by reading a simple devotional. You need to work at this! It will take sacrifice, time, energy – paper and pencil.

We see only a fraction of our church family in Sunday school or Bible study. Let me remind everyone – summer vacation is over and it's back to school season!

"Take Risks" and God Bless,
Pastor Sal



Operation Christmas Child Update

It is almost time for our packing party.

Here are core items that we still need:

- ♥ 885 bars of soap
- ♥ 757 color books
- ♥ 265 packs sidewalk chalk
- ♥ 538 packs of loose leaf notebook paper or 70 page spiral notebooks
- ♥ 373 stuffed animals

Toys, other school supplies and personal/general items are always needed.

ALL OTHER CORE ITEMS ARE COMPLETE. Thank you for your generous giving to this mission.

Thank you also to the wonderful work crew who helped to sort and count on August 26th. Awesome team work – we really appreciate everyone who came to help.

Mission Central Trip

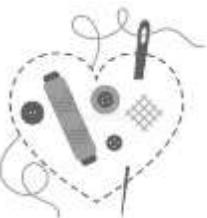
The next trip to Mission Central is Wednesday, September 4th, meeting at church @ 9am. Please sign up on your Communication Card.

Thursday Morning Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday morning Bible study will start back on September 5th at 10AM.

Wonderful Wednesday - Begins again on September 11th at 6PM

Join us for a meal, song, prayer and a time for questions and discussion concerning Sunday's sermon. It is a great time to make some new acquaintances and catch up with friends. An offering basket is available for donations to offset the cost of our meal.



Stitches of Love

Stiches of Love, our sewing ministry, will be starting back up on September 11th from 9:00 AM—2:00 PM. They meet 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month. Please contact Ruthie Laird at 717-755-9377 for more information. New members welcome!

Driver to BWI Needed in September/October

The Medical Mission team is in need of a driver to take 5 person and all luggage to BWI airport on Sept 27th and also for the return on October 6th. They will have A LOT of luggage (10 bags plus 5 carry-on's). On Sept 27th the team would need to leave Dover by 6:30am for a 10:30 international flight. They are due back on October 6th to BWI at 5:20pm. The team would be happy to pay for fuel. Please contact Kim Grove is you can help.



| September 2019 Volunteer Schedule | 1 | 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 |
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| Sanctuary door Greeters | Joan Wilt Dennis Wilt | Curt Lamparter Kathy Lamparter | George Laird Ruthie Laird | Carolyn Blymire Deb Kemper | Marie Lauer Nancy Snyder |
| Hospitality Center | Mark Burkhart Margie Burkhart | Jeff Stief Lynette Stief | Linda Deneen Ray Deneen | Kathy Aughey Marlin Aughey | Kevin Drawbaugh Becky Drawbaugh |
| Nursery | Ray Neiman Pat Smith | Mark Burkhart Carolyn Blymire | Jeanne Spahr Marie Lauer | Bertie Neiman Carla Green | Jack McLeod Dorothy Bell |
| Nursery On Call | Tennille Burkhart | Nancy Snyder | Tracy Henze | Pat Keller | Linda Deneen |
| Head Usher | Jeff Stief | Ray Neiman | Jack McLeod | Rich Crager | Jeff Stief |
| Counters | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol | Sue Hoover Barb Mazol |

You are invited to a Birthday Party on September 28th at 5:00PM

We would like to celebrate everyone's birthday with one big birthday party!

Come out and have some fun, fellowship, and cake with your church family as we celebrate each other!

You must sign up in advance for this. The sign up is in the lobby. We need your name and your birth month. **This is a free event- the only requirements are to sign up and bring a covered dish.** Please make your dish according to: Last name A through M= Main Dish and Last name N through Z= Side Dish. Dessert will be provided! **We hope to see you there!**



| Dover Bethany United Methodist Church Calendar | | | | | | September 2019 |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School | 2 Labor Day | 3 9am Ladies' Bible Study | 4 9am-2pm Mission Central Trip | 5 | 6 | 7 Book Discussion |
| 8 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School | 9 | 10 | 11 9am Stitches of Love 6PM Wonderful Wednesday | 12 7PM Stephen Ministry at Nancy Snyder's | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Sunday School FOOD BANK Sunday | 16 7pm Alzheimer & Dementia Meeting | 17 9am Ladies' Bible Study | 18 6pm Wonderful Wednesday | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Safe Sanctuary Training Children's Sunday School - No Adult Class | 23 | 24 | 25 9am Stitches of Love 6PM Wonderful Wednesday | 26 | 27 | 28 7am Men's Covenant 5 PM Birthday Party |
| 29 8am Adult Sunday School 9:15am Worship 10:45am Safe Sanctuary Training Children's Sunday School - No Adult Class | 30 | | | | | |

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Sharing the Good News

Safe Sanctuary Training

Do you work or want to work with children or youth in our church?

- .. In the nursery?
- .. In Sunday School
- .. or VBS?
- .. Special events?



We need you to attend the Safe Sanctuary Training sessions on Sundays, September 22nd OR 29th at 10:40 AM (after worship) in the sanctuary.

This IS NOT the same as our previous trainings. We will keep the sessions brief and to the point. You will receive a copy of our Safe Sanctuary Policy to read at home as part of the program.

Participation in the training and background checks is required for all volunteers with children/youth.

We also need to update EVERYONE's clearances and paperwork. Both dates will have a notary to certify the required documentation. Please be sure to make one of these two dates so that all necessary paperwork and training can be completed for Safe Sanctuaries. Thank you for your service.