



# PHILLIPSBURG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

## From the Pastor's Pen

### **WHAT IF 1 *Corinthians 15:12-20***

What difference does Easter make? It's a well known fact that from the beginning there were those who doubted. On Easter Sunday when the chief priests heard that the tomb was empty, they called the men who had been guarding the tomb and offered them money to say that the disciples of Jesus had stolen his body during the night (Matthew 28:11-15). We can call it the original Easter conspiracy. It was the first but not the last. Let me ask the question again. What difference does Easter make? Suppose we switch the question around and ask it this way. *What difference would it make if Jesus had not risen from the dead?* What would be different in our world today if we found out conclusively that Jesus was still dead.

What if ... What if ... What if ... Paul answers that question by showing us four disastrous consequences if Christ did not rise from the dead. Each one deserves our careful attention because these things are true if the resurrection is false.

## Church Events

- April 7 Christian Men's Fellowship
- April 7 Church Fish Fry
- April 8 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- April 14 Palm Sunday
- April 16 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- April 19 Living Last Supper (Good Friday)
- April 21 Easter
- April 22 Missions Meeting
- April 28 Elders Meeting
- April 3, 10, 17, 24 Youth Groups
- April 4, 11, 18, 25 Ladies Community Bible Study

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## COME TO ATHENS WITH US THIS MAY!

Join us for Vacation Bible School at First Christian Church, 7th and Park Street, on May 13th - 17th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents and other siblings are welcome! The children will be singing their program songs at church Sunday, May 19th. Registration forms may be picked up at the church or printed from our website at [www.phillipsburgchristianchurch.com](http://www.phillipsburgchristianchurch.com). Registration forms must be returned to the church by April 30th. If you have any questions, call the church office at 785-543-5069 or Laura Bogart at 620-654-6177.

*Whooo's coming to  
vacation Bible School?*



## Pastor's Pen Continued:

If there is no resurrection, our preaching is without purpose.  
If there is no resurrection, our faith is without forgiveness.  
If there is no resurrection, our death is without deliverance.  
If there is no resurrection, our service is without significance.

If Christ is not raised, then we have no message to preach.

If Christ is not raised, there is no God to hear our prayers.

If Christ is not raised, we are not saved.

If Christ is not raised, then let's bring the missionaries home.

If Christ is not raised, let's close every church and sell the property.

If Christ is not raised, then every Christian for 2000 years has been wrong.

## But now!

Up from the grave he arose,  
But now!

With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.  
But now!

He arose a victor o'er the dark domain,  
But now!

And he lives forever, with his saints to reign!

But now!

**He arose! He arose!**

**Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Love ya Pastor Herder

# “ROME” VBS

**May 13-17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

The first steps of the journey to Rome have been taken! Please come alongside us as we journey to Rome this May and learn about Paul as he “left a life of privilege to face painful imprisonment in order to spread the life-changing truth of God’s love.” “As kids learn the jaw-dropping story of the apostle Paul – straight from Paul himself – they’ll be inspired to share the same good news today!”

There will be a lot of different ways for people to help make this a great week for the youth to learn about God, His love, and how to share it! Here are a few of the ways you can be a part:

- Pray, Pray, Pray! Pray for all those who are putting this together, all the teachers, assistants, “merchants”, etc. will be able to “run and not grow weary” during the time it takes to put together, teach, and help each day. Pray also for all the students and families who will be a part of the VBS, that they will be grounded firmly in faith on the rock of Christ, and that this week will be a time that grows their faith in ways that will sustain them as they grow into adults in this turbulent world. Pray also that children who have never heard of God will come and hear of Him and His great love for them.
- Consider giving! Time, money, support, they can all do amazing things for the Kingdom of God!
- There will be many ways to participate! Even if you don’t want to be a teacher/assistant, there will also be a “marketplace” where the children will go, where they will interact with booth-owners who are \*gasp\* idol worshippers! Those

who are participating this way will get to help the children put their faith into words to try to convert them. I can’t imagine these conversations taking place without strengthening both the “booth-owner’s” and the children’s faith!

- Kitchen: We all know kids are hungry! Please consider volunteering either time in the kitchen or food for it one of the days! (No peanuts, please!)
- Encouragement: Please encourage your children, grandchildren, etc. to come! Get them excited and tell their friends! This is going to be a fun-filled program!
- Contact Laura Bogart for more information at 620-654-6177.



**FISH & FRY**

**ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

**APRIL 7 – following worship**

Enjoy ‘all you care to eat’  
fried **fish and chicken** strips!

After a Loooong, snowy, cold winter, it is time for us all to come together and celebrate spring while we enjoy some good food and fellowship! It will also help us prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

The fish and chicken strips, coffee, tea and water will be provided. There will be a signup sheet in the vestibule for some to volunteer to bring a salad or dessert! Everyone is invited! Everyone is encouraged to come and be a part.

# LIVING LAST SUPPER

Friday, April 19 – 7:00 p.m.

As Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples, he made an amazing statement, “One of you will betray me.” (Mark 15:18) The scripture goes on to say that the disciples were all saddened and one by one they began to ask him, “Lord, is it I?”

The *Living Last Supper* is a thought-provoking portrayal of what may have gone through the minds of the apostles when the Lord said, “One of you will betray me...” All the disciples were present: the inner three -- Peter, James and John -- plus all the others, including Judas Iscariot. In the *Living Last Supper*, twelve men will portray the apostles as they each share a few words concerning who they were, how Jesus had impacted their lives. Each one asks, “Lord, is it I?”

The scene will be based on Leonardo Da Vinci’s picture “The Last Supper.” The evening will include music and observance of the Lord’s Supper. We encourage everyone to put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Invite others to come and share in this special presentation. All are invited! All will be blessed!



## LAKEVIEW CHRISTIAN CAMP



Hello!

We are so very excited about this Summer at Lakeview Christian Camp. God has been doing some amazing things here and we are excited to share with you and your campers what He has been putting on our hearts. If you have not yet registered for camp, we would like to encourage you to do so. Early Bird registration ends on April 15th!!!

Our schedule is as follows:

**June 2 – 7: High School**

**June 9 – 14: 7th & 8th**

**June 16 - 21: 5th Grade**

**June 23 - 28: 6th Grade**

**June 30 - July 3: 3rd Grade**

**July 5 (Friday) - 6 (Saturday): 1st & 2nd Grade**

**July 7-10: 4th Grade**

**July 14- 19: Challenge Camp**

You can register online at

[www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org](http://www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org).

REMEMBER that you can sign up for either the grade they just completed or the grade that they are entering into in the fall, WHICHEVER is more convenient for your family and or church. AND you as a parent or grandparent are more than welcome to come to camp with your camper FOR FREE!! Just go to our website and register as a VOLUNTEER!!

There are SCHOLARSHIPS available if you or someone you know who may need assistance. Please contact me (Brian Barr) if you have any questions.

Thank you VERY much for your support of Lakeview Christian Camp. We are so very happy to serve! If you know of any child that wants to go OR has never been to Lakeview Christian Camp, please pass this along to them.

In Christ, Brian Barr  
Executive Director  
(785)-425-8558

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Derick Coomes	15 Zachary Jacobs
02 Jason Dibble	16 Carrie Babcock
03 Ashley Constable	23 Michelle Jacobs
05 Jack Siglinger	24 Eunice Boeve
09 Delaine Thomas	25 Donna Farr
10 Mickalee McCartney	27 Wendy Turner
13 Jeremiah Minkler	28 Harlan Nonhof
14 Cody Bogart	30 Peggy Minkler
14 Scott Constable	30 Brielle Werner
15 Kay Burns	



Please join us in celebrating Jack Siglinger's 90th birthday on Saturday, April 6th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall. No gifts please, cards are welcome.

Stan Siglinger & family

## MARCH OFFERING

03	\$1,980.00
10	\$2,474.25
17	\$3,072.50
24	\$944.00
31	unavailable

Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

**Remember, you cannot out-give God.**



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