

Church & Community



PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Dennis Madeira
New Life Community Church

God is for your family

We hear much today about the condition of the American family. Most would agree that the concept of family is under a great deal of pressure, from defining what constitutes a family to individual needs and wants.

What needs to be admitted first is that we have brought much of this pressure upon ourselves by the choices we make as families and individuals. There seems to be a "searching" mentality in all of us that drives us to attain and explain. With the idea of the American dream we strive to obtain those things which will help us attain that dream. Part of the problem is that we cannot explain what the American dream is. For many of us it is more and better things. So we choose to work harder and longer and spend more to obtain things that will make us feel better. Thus we create the pressure of debt that simply drives us to work harder and longer, thus dividing and driving the family members farther apart. Rather than define ourselves in the family by relationships, we define ourselves by things.

Books abound that offer to help us find ourselves and real meaning in the family. Too often we ignore the book that can help us understand the family and its individual parts. That book is the Bible. The Bible is a book about families.

Right here each one of us has a choice to make. Will we continue to define the family by the culture we live in (which is constantly changing), or will we go to God and the pages of the Bible to find purpose and a path, a plan and a peace for the family?

God is for your family. Here is a great principle for personal and family success. Put a 10 on every member of your family. God puts a 10 on you. He created you and values you. It is His great desire to help your family and each member of it reach the potential He created it for. The ultimate outcome will be good for your family and all of society.

Don't be afraid to ask God hard questions. Doubts and questions don't bother the Lord. During His earthly ministry Jesus encouraged a reasoning faith. Jesus never called for a faith that leaps in the dark. Jesus wants us to take a leap of faith into the light, into God's purpose and help for us. The Lord has committed Himself to you long before you were born, and He is not going to quit now.

Will we decide to keep going by the changing attitudes and explanations of society around us, or will we go to God expecting Him to speak to us and lead us? God says to us, "I have given you the plan for your life and family. It's in the Bible. Trust me and I'll answer your questions as you search my Word. I'll give you the evidence you need. I promise to go with you."

Pastor's Corner is a weekly feature that rotates among leaders of Back Mountain churches. To reserve your spot in the schedule, call 675-5211.

CHURCH NOTES

Apostolic Faith Tabernacle

Village Road, Orange
Sunday School & Worship, 10 a.m.;
Sunday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Carverton Charge of the United Methodist Church

(Carverton, Orange & Mt. Zion)
July 18 - Combined Worship Service at Mt. Zion U. M. Church, Harding at 10 a.m.
Aug. 2-6 - "SonGames 2004 - the VBS of Champions," at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Harding, 6-8 p.m. Outdoor sports, gold-medal crafts, songs, skits, and learning how five Olympic medalists found the best coach ever - Jesus. Kids age 3 through the 8th grade in school are invited. To enroll, call Pastor Jack at 333-4269.

Center Moreland United Methodist Charge

1244 SR 292E
Tunkhannock PA 18657
333-4354
Worship times:
E. Dallas: 8:45 a.m.
Dymond Hollow: 10 a.m.
Center Moreland: Covenant Group, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Worship, 11:15 a.m.
Renew Mondays at 7 p.m.
Bible Study Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Chapel at the Cross

1189 Lower Demunds Road
Sundays, Singspiration, 10 a.m.; refreshments, 10:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Wednesdays, Celebrate Recovery, 12-step program, 7 p.m.
Thursdays, Mid-week prayer/study, 6:30 p.m.

Dallas Baptist Church

Rt. 415, Dallas
Sundays: Bible Study for all ages, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.
July 13: VBS follow-up meetin at Garrety's. Dinner provided.
July 19-23: Children's Camp at His Thousand Hills Campground.
July 24: Recycled Teens, 11 a.m. Bring bag lunch.
July 31: Churchwide picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Higbee's.

Dallas United Methodist

4 Parsonage St., Dallas 0
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Handicapped accessible

Emmanuel Assembly of God

243 Church Rd., Harveys Lake
Sunday School, all ages, 9:45 a.m.;
Worship Services, 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Mondays, teen gathering, 6:30
Wednesdays, boys groups
(Rangers), girls groups, adult Bible

study, 7 p.m.

Fellowship Evangelical Free Church

45 Hildebrandt Rd. Dallas,
Sunday Schedule: 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Worship and Sunday School during both hours
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Jr. High Youth Group
Thursday: 6:30 p.m., Sr. High Youth Group

Grace Community Church

Memorial Highway, Dallas
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. GEMS 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
July 17: Youth Group Picnic
July 18: Sunday Evening Fellowship

Lehman-Idetown United Methodist

Lehman UMC, 1011 Mt. View Dr., Lehman Center
Idetown UMC, Idetown Rd. off Rt. 118 and 415
Summer Schedule:
Worship at the Idetown UMC, 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School resumes Sept. 5
Information, 675-5192

New Life

Community Church

Brace Road, Orange
Sunday Schedule: All ages Sunday School classes, 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
July 14 - Wednesday Family Fellowship, dinner at 6 p.m. Pastor Madeira will lead the discussion at 6:50 on "The Power of Mercy" (Matthew 5:7). Classes for youth.

Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

420 Main St., Dallas
Sunday, July 4: Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.; Summer Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Sunday School meeting, 10:30 a.m. Alanon, 7 p.m.
July 12: AA meeting, 7 p.m.
July 13: Daughters of the King, 7 p.m.
July 14: Healing Service, Holy Eucharist, 12:10 p.m.
July 15: Home Eucharist, covered dish, 6 p.m.
July 17: Picnic, Knoebel's Day

River Of Life Fellowship

194 N. Memorial Hwy., Shavertown
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Soaking Prayer Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Food Bank every third Saturday of the month.

Shavertown United Methodist

163 N. Pioneer Avenue, Shavertown
Saturdays: 5:30 p.m., chapel service

Sundays: 9:45 a.m., hymn sing; 10 a.m., worship service and junior church.
For more information, call 675-3616.

St. Luke's Reformation Lutheran

Tunkhannock Rd., Noxen
298-2611
Martin Luther Everhart, Lay Minister
Church Service at 10 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran

RR 4 Box 627A (off 118), Dallas
Saturday evening service at 5:30 weekly.
Sunday service, 9:30 a.m.
Tuesdays, A.A. meetings at 7:30 p.m. at the church.
July 24: "Grill Pastor Grube" night, following Saturday service. Hot dogs provided, bring a covered dish to share.
Aug. 16-20: Vacation Bible School. No charge, limited to 150 children. Register by Aug. 8.

St. Therese's Catholic

Pioneer Ave. and Davis St., Shavertown
Sunday: Sacrament of the Eucharist, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9 a.m.
July 15: Baptismal preparation class for expectant parents, 7 p.m. Call 696-1144 to register.
June 16-17: Prayer retreat at the Diocesan Center in Dalton. Fee of \$65 includes room and meals. Call 563-8501 to register.
Clam chowder sale, \$6 per quart, to offset expenses of Sammy Jo and Johnna Hudak cheerleading trip to London. Orders taken until Thursday, July 15, delivery after mass on July 17 and 18. Call 675-3681 to order.

Trinity Presbyterian

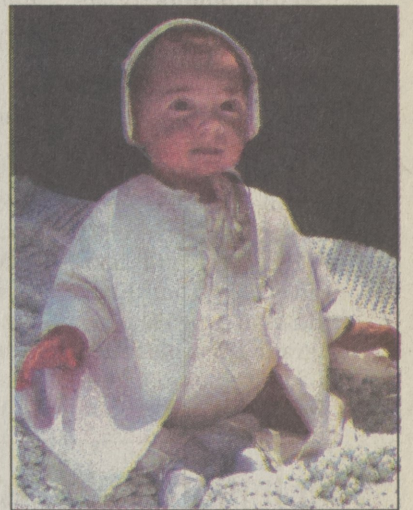
105 Irem Rd., Dallas
Saturday evening worship: 5:30 p.m. Sunday morning worship: 10 a.m. followed by a weekly reception on the lawn.

Trucksville United Methodist

40 Knob Hill Rd., Trucksville
Summer Sunday Services are at 8:30 and 10 a.m.; 'Cafe Trucksville' between services.
July 23: Trustees Take-Out Only Chicken BBQ, 4:30-7 p.m. Call 696-3897 to place orders.

It's easy to have your church included in Church Notes. Just send a bulletin or event notice by noon Wednesdays.

E-mail is best:
thepost@leader.net
Fax to 675-3650
Mail: The Post, 15 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre PA 18711



Andrew Rittinger is baptized

Andrew Hans Rittinger, son of Hans and Donna Rittinger, originally from Forty Fort and Kingston, was baptized May 30 by Deacon Rev. Mr. Peter Danesi at St. Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Catholic Church, Groton, Conn. His godparents are his aunts and uncles, Erik and Tracy Derr and Roy and Tricia Phillips. He is the grandson of Roy and Donna Phillips, Kingston, and Karl and Dee Rittinger, Forty Fort. He is the great-grandson of Sophie Rittinger, Dallas. He was born Oct. 20 at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital, New London, Conn.

Public instrumental concerts at Fellowship Evangelical Church

Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Dallas is providing a free and unusual instrumental concert series for the community at its Family Life Center facility on the church campus at 45 Hildebrandt Rd., Dallas.

Jamie Jorge, master violinist, will appear Sunday, July 25 at 7 p.m. Jamie has traveled around the world many times, having performed for kings, premiers and presidents, and in some of the most famous concert halls in the world.

Kids can visit 'Lava Lava Island'

Children 3 years of age through sixth grade are invited to Lava Lava Island July 26-30 at Cross Creek Community Church, 370 Carverton Rd., Trucksville. The program will provide Bible-learning activities, songs, games and will conclude each session with a Lava Lava Luau for family members and friends. Activities take place each day from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

For more information or to pre-register, call 675-3325 or 696-0399.

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