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“A Going Church For A Coming Lord”

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“A One Year Anniversary”

We have recently celebrated our first year (10/28/18) together as pastor and congregation, so I thought it appropriate to share a few insights about our time together. Jackson Street Baptist Church is a kind, generous and supportive fellowship. My wife, Lynda and I have been the recipients of many acts of encouragement, graciousness and care. We would like to thank you all. It is a privilege to serve together with you in the cause of Christ.

Lynda and I are not the only one noticing this. Families are discovering the warmth of our fellowship and how a genuine church should be part of a healthy support network. Many have become more involved in our ministries than previously and all seem very willing to invite their friends to programs. Hundreds of invitation cards have been passed out by you all and people keep coming to check out what Jesus is doing here.

As we continue to “major on the majors and minor on the minors” God is blessing us with a unity of heart and purpose that is restoring and renewing our desire “to see The West Side won for Christ.” Jackson Street continues to distance itself from dysfunction as we prepare for God’s continued blessing. Keep being faithful to Christ, one another, and our fellowship. As we inspire the best in each other let us warmly reach out to and include those turning to us for inspiration and direction.

Please continue to persevere in prayer for our stellar programs and ministries as well also ask for guidance as we establish new programs and ministries.

- Our fantastic Choir could use a few new voices.
- Our marvelous nursery program needs more volunteers.
- Our wonderful Children’s Church program could benefit from concerted prayer for all the new children attending.
- And so much more...

Whether it is newly re-established ministries like Sunday School or Youth Group or our stalwart ministries (like Missions, Socials, Welcome Room, Young At Heart, The Women’s Guild (Quilters). Your continued prayers and support are what give them power from on high. Let us not become discouraged but rather let us encourage one another all the more as we see “The Day” drawing near. Happy Anniversary!

Church Youth News

A parent’s job is a tough one, and at no time is it more tough than through those trying teenage years. Parents need to remember that for their teen this is the most threatening time they will ever know. The teenage years are a time of growing and changing. During this time of transition, a youth needs something that remains consistent. They want someone whom they can trust to be true to their beliefs.

Teens are in the process of becoming adults. Neither are they children any longer nor have they yet arrived at adulthood. As they are gradually given more and more freedom by society and their parents, they need more and more guidance in making their own decisions. Guidance is not telling someone what they should do, it’s sharing both sides, giving examples, and pointing, ever so gently, to God’s Word and then letting the person make up their own mind.

Our prayer for all those in this process is that parents would be patiently consistent in their Christian standards they set for their home and that teens would respect their parents.

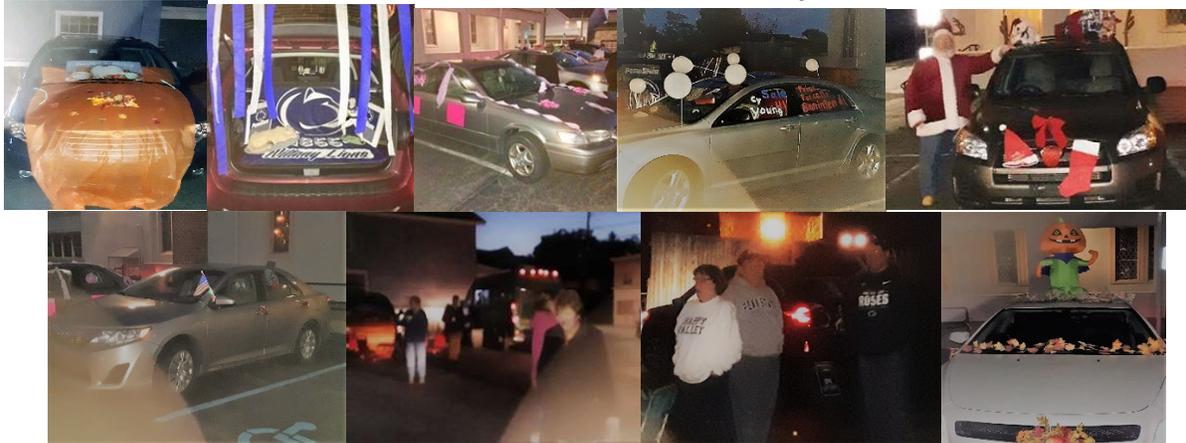
As a help to our youth we introduce our new volunteer youth worker Samantha Whipple. Sam is a student at Clarks Summit University and is looking forward to working with the youth & parents of the church to strengthen their walk with the Lord.



**A lot is happening at Jackson Street!
Come join us for Special Events**

What Have You Missed?

Our First Car Rally



Our 1st Car Rally was held October 14th. We had 7 church families decorate their cars to show their creativity and see who could win 1st place. The Thomas/Granza Family won with their Penn State car!

Congregational Picture taken on Rally Day



The start of the fall season was marked on September 16th with Rally Day and a Congregational picture was taken to mark the event. We hope to make this an annual photo of our church family!



October 28th we joined together for a special Prayer for Pets event. 17 people were present with their cherished pets, as you as Ollie who was only about 9 weeks old and Gus that is about 10 years old. Many of us have pets that have become a very dear part of our families and they were all gathered in the church garden and prayed for. Most of these furry friends are healthy and happy, but some are quite old and experiencing many health problems. It is comforting to us to know that God loves not only us, but all animals too!

Weekend with the Merrills



We enjoyed a wonderful weekend with a lovely young couple Niah and Allisha Merrill. a variety of musical sounds and blended styles that encourage and focus hearts to bring praise to the Creator of music. Niah and Allisha both sing and play an assortment of instruments (including the piano, trumpets, flugelhorn, hand drums, and Irish penny whistles, to name a few) in a variety of uplifting musical styles. We enjoyed a terrific evening with them for our monthly social and plenty of food as you can see from the pictures, then our Sunday morning

Worship service was immensely blessed by their musical gifts and their great love of our Lord!

If you missed their performance this time, we do plan to have them return next year, so you can plan to come out to see them on their next visit.



Upcoming Events



Choir Christmas Party at Cooper's Seafood House – November 25th @ 1:00 PM

Family Make Your Own Advent Wreath (Donation) – November 25th @ 5:00 PM

Young At Heart Christmas Party at Cooper's Seafood House - December 1st @ 12:00 PM

Christmas Choir and Brass Concert – December 16th @ 10:00 AM

Children's Christmas Program and Party – December 16th @ 11:15 AM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – December 24th @ 7:00 PM



Welcome Our New Church Members and Newly Baptized

Louis and Tina DeRobertis, Ashley Palumbo

If you would like to join the church or have chosen to be Baptized, please call the church office at 570-346-1674 or Pastor Elliott at 201-669-9040. Pastor Elliott holds Baptism/Membership classes during the Sunday school hour at various times throughout the year.

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

Young At Heart Christmas Party

**December 1st at 12:00
Cooper's Seafood House
701 N. Washington Ave., Scranton**

There will be a sit-down dinner with entertainment following by

The Wally Gordon Men's Quartet

There will be a choice of Entrée

Price per person is \$21.00

Checks may be made payable to YAH and submitted to
Arline Cook or Eleanor Tartella by November 25th.

KEEP TOP PORTION

RETURN BOTTOM WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Your Name

Please make your selection of entrée and return with your check.

Broiled Haddock _____

Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast _____

Roast Stuffed Pork _____

Underline the names and as they make up the book.

This is a most remarkable puzzle. I was asked who wrote this, one day, while visiting a fashionable clothes salon. I answered, “The devil must have wrote this to prove he knows the Bible better than we do. In truth it may have been written by three Princeton University students, a Rev. Philip Sal, Ms. Elizabeth Nehemiah-Baker, and Mr. Joshua Micahanson. A professor of theirs, Dr. Jonas Leviticus, labored over it on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. But alas, he could not solve it. One friend of his from Harvard worked on it while fishing from his johnboat for an entire summer. During a fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth raised over \$25,000. The school paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 1000 students who reported that this puzzle was the most difficult they had ever seen. As professor of Biblical Studies Dr. Daniel Humana humbly puts it, “The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight.” The first person to solve it was a 68 year old cleaning woman at Princeton who studied it while playing her banjo. Elaine Zacharias was her name, and she won the \$1,000 prize. She said, “Jeez, rare minds even find this puzzle difficult. I can’t believe and old hag gained insights that these great minds could not.” Knowing the answers put Elaine’s grandson, Jon, ahead of others in the application process to Princeton. It changed their lives. A professor friend of Elaine judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving; she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves.

There will be some names that are easy to spot. That’s a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 39 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.



Quarterly Budget Update

Budget Required	\$58,925.00
Receipts Acquired	\$35,929.40
Shortfall	- \$22,995.60

Year to Date Update (Fiscal Year ½)

Budget Required	\$117,850.00
Receipts to Date	\$ 75,032.98
Shortfall	- \$ 42,817.02

Please consider your stewardship and pray that God would supply our ministry needs!