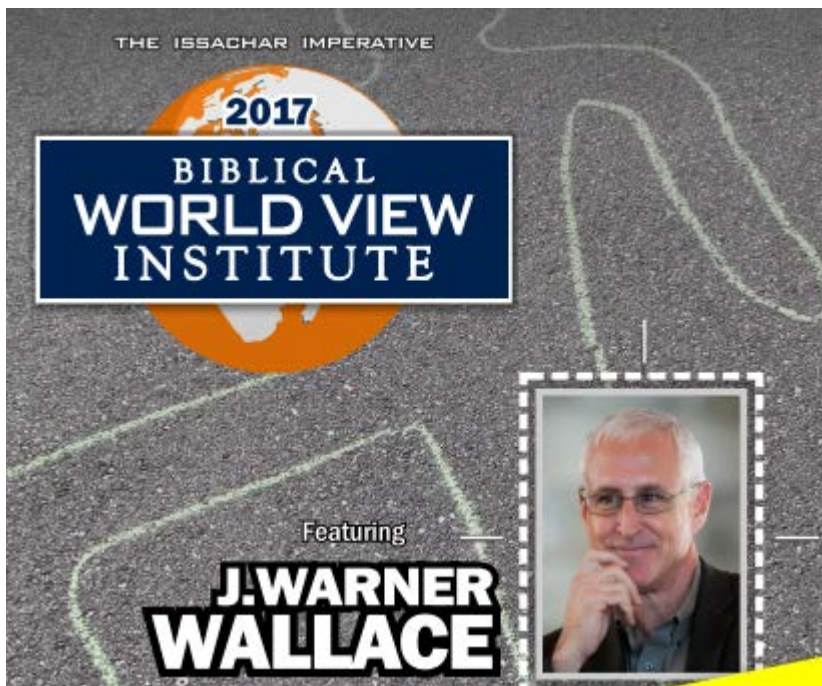




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Issachar Imperative Conference

March 31 - 7:30 p.m.

April 1 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Location: Hope Community Church,
Gilbertsville

Session Topics

Friday, 7:30 p.m. - "The Case
for Truth"

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. - "God's Crime Scene:
The Biological Evidence"

10:30 a.m. - "Cold Case Reliability
of the Gospel: Why the Bible Can
Be Trusted"

This year's featured speaker will be J. Warner Wallace. Wallace was a police officer and detective for over 25 years. He has exclusively worked on "cold cases" for many years.

Once an atheist, he came to Christ in 1996, after investigating Christianity from an evidence aspect. He became a youth pastor, seminary graduate, and planted a church in 2006. He defends the faith from a detective's mindset.

Warner is the author of *Cold Case Christianity* and *God's Crime Scene*.

To Register go to IssacharImperative.com

Ticket Cost: Adult - \$30 Students: - \$15



Sunday, March 26

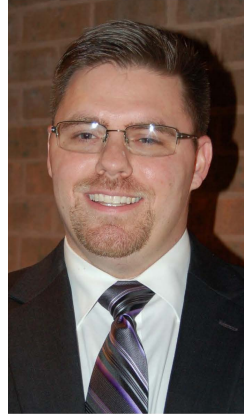
9:15 a.m. in the
Fellowship Hall

Updates will be provided on:

- + Bylaws revision
- + New staff positions
- + Church finances

From the Pastor

Hello Shepherd! As I write this it occurs to me that it has now been one year since I started serving you all, and what a year it has been. I have gotten to know many of you very well and there are more, still, I wish to know better. I must say, I feel very blessed to have been called here. I have found you all to be warm and welcoming, and full of a love and a hunger for the Lord and His Word.



The past year has been one of excitement but now we look forward to what awaits us. I personally believe Shepherd of the Hills is about to enter a new era of blessing from God, and I don't say that lightly. As I look around our church I notice more and more people bringing Bibles and using Bibles during service. And while bringing Bibles to church is good, it reveals something deeper: a genuine hunger for God's Word. John writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." (John 1:1; 14) To grow in your understanding of the Word of God is to grow in understanding of God, Himself. If you remember from the book of Revelation, it was precisely a falling away from God that caused Jesus to warn the church at Ephesus of losing blessing. (Revelation 2:1-7)

The truth is a blessed church is a church seeking God, and seeking God starts by looking to what He wrote about Himself. The apostle Peter put it this way, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence." (2 Peter 1:3) Joshua writes, "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8) Did you know that, in the entire Bible, the church is the only institution Jesus ever promised to bless? Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) He did not say 'I will build the government,' or 'the political party,' or 'the educational system,' or 'the healthcare industry,' He said "I will build my church" and I believe He is building it right here, at Shepherd. I am looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the future and am feel privileged and honored to be a part of it with all of you. God bless and I will see you Sundays!

Collin Monger



Montco-Berks

Golden Age

Thursday, March 2, 2:00 p.m. Trinity
Lutheran Church, Bechtelsville
Program: Sonny and the SOS Gang



Youth Club

Wednesdays
Now through April 12
5:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Children's Church

Pre-K to Grade 4 – every Sunday
during the 10:30 a.m. service.



Saturday, April 1
Outdoor Clean-up Day
Leaves, branches, etc.
Contact Paul Little to get on
the work list. 484-941-2494 or
litlhaus5@dejazzd.com

Missionary UPDATE

Missions

The **Mission Commitment Project** for March is Don and Christine Ames of La Mission, Florida. Don is preparing for a

trip to the Democratic Reepublic of the Congo in late February and early March to help with ongoing projects there. Christine will remain in Florida and continue her weight consulting business.



Don & Christine Ames

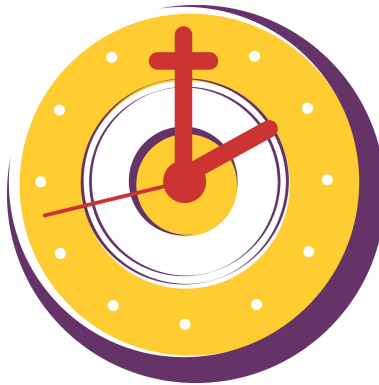


The Vision Project for March is MS Skate Ministry, founded by Mike Steinkamp in 2010. The purpose of this ministry is to share the message of salvation to skateboarders around the world. Steinkamp himself was introduced to Christ through a skateboarder. He travels around the world to share his message and also produces tracts and videos that will speak to skateboarders.

God's Hands

Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands, passing over and over again — the short hand of discipline and the long hand of mercy. Slowly and surely, the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering down sixtyfold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial. And both hands are fastened to one secure point: the great, unchanging heart of a God of love.

—Virginia Brandt Berg



Sunday School

9:15 a.m.

Children & Youth

Toddler-K - Room 12

Grades 1-3 - Room 24

Grades 4-6 - Room 25

Grades 9-12 - Den

Confirmation Class (Grades 7-8) -
Library

Adults

Adult - Room 22

Discussion - Parlor East

Spiritual Growth - FH



Three scouts from Troop #291 have completed the requirement for the Eagle Scout rank. Their award ceremonies will take place as follows:

*** March 5** Kyle Grater will receive his Eagle Scout badge

*** March 11** - Alexander Longacre will receive his Eagle Scout badge

*** March 25** - William Sheeler will receive his Eagle Scout badge

Coming Events

Helping Hands Dance

April 28

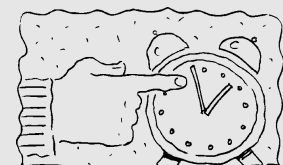
Youth Sunday

April 2

Confirmation Sunday

May 21

**WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
Friday, March 3**



Ahead!

Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 12

Bits and Pieces

Congratulations to Paul and Suzanne Yonkovitch on the birth of son, Daniel Baxter on February 12.

The 2016 Annual Report and Auditor's Report was accepted by the congregation at the annual meeting held Sunday, January 22.

Scouts from Troop #291 and Pack #291 participated in the Scout Sunday service on February 12. They led the congregation in the pledge to the Christian and American flags. Boy Scout Troop #291 meets in our facility on Monday nights and Cub Pack #291 meets on Thursday nights.

The Miller-Keystone Bloodmobile had a successful blood drive on Sunday, February 5 while parked in the north parking lot. 16 pints of blood were donated. Thanks to everyone who took part in this effort.

The Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby was held on Saturday, February 3 in the fellowship hall.

Easter Candy will be made for sale by the Preschool Board. The candy costs \$6 for 8 oz. and is available in Peanut Butter and Coconut, both light and dark chocolate. Orders are being taken until Sunday April 2. Candy will be available for pick-up on Sunday, April 9. Order forms are available as an insert in the Sunday bulletin and also at the information desk in the sanctuary foyer.

The Confirmation Class held a one day retreat on Saturday, January 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The March-April Upper Room Devotional is available at the literature racks at both entrances. A \$1.00 donation is suggested.

Sunday Services

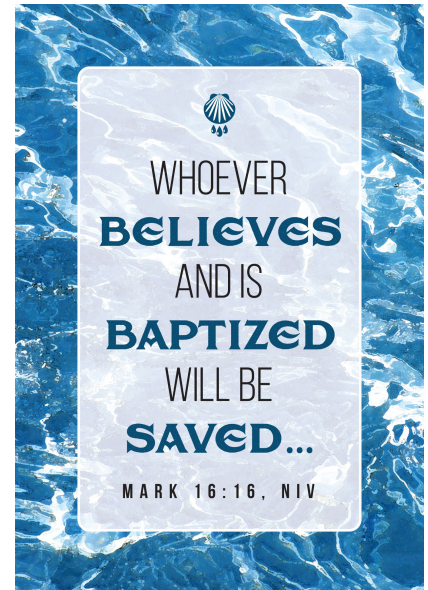
8:00 a.m.

Traditional Service

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

March 5 Communion

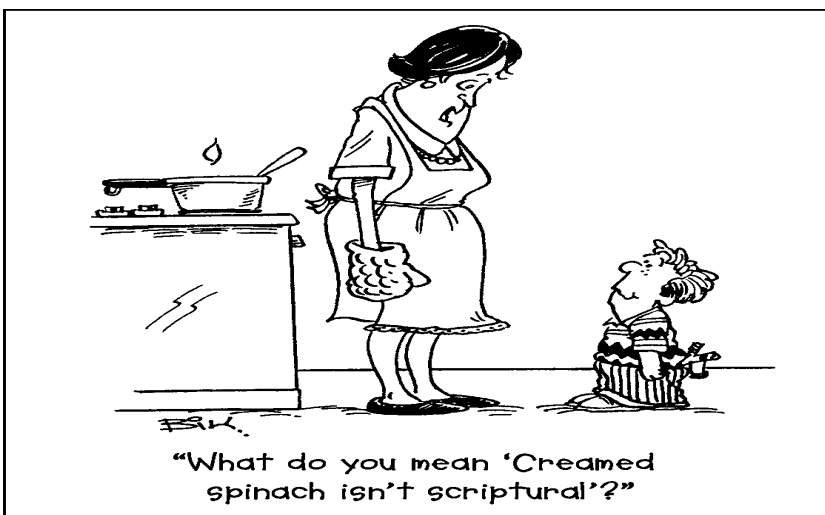


Salvation Army Thank You

"The Boyertown Salvation Army would like to say 'thank you'. Your time and effort your organization gave to our Christmas Food Drive made it a big success.

Over 70 families received food boxes fill with everything needed for their Christmas meals. We also were able to restock our food pantry which provides for our daily Meal and Weekly Food Pantry Programs."

Thank you,
Lt's. Joe and Becky Smith & employees and
volunteers



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