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The Messenger

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

MILLENNIALS

I was visiting an older couple in our church who were concerned about the small number of younger adults that attend. And then they quickly admitted that their own three grown daughters, who are married with their own children, do not attend a church in the states where they live. They were puzzled. Their children had attended church pre-school, Sunday School and youth groups. What happened? Or rather, what didn't happen?



Whatever your personal view, the well-studied group born between 1984 and 2002 (called millennials) have a relationship with church that is shifting. Barna Research, which has conducted 27,140 interviews, shows that six in ten (59%) of people who grew up in church are either walking away from either their faith or institutional church. A third of those,

when asked what has helped their faith grow, did not even mention "church" among their top ten choices, and rather named prayer, family, friends, the Bible and having a relationship with Jesus. Kinnaman, in his book You Lost Me, reports "they have grown up in a culture and among peers who are often neutral or resistant to the gospel." For them, church is not relevant to the times.



This Fall I would like our congregation to engage in a series of discussions to see how we might better engage our younger generations and older generations in the challenging and complex issues we are dealing with today. We will call our gatherings "5 Reasons Millennials (ages 18-29) Stay Connected to Church." We'll take a realistic and positive approach.

In two years our congregation will reach our 200th anniversary. It's a great point in our history to go through the process of preparing effectively for the future.

Blessings!

Pastor Michael

PRAISE AND PRAYER REQUESTS...

To add someone to the prayer chain, contact Linda Jacobson at 856-354-1031 or fill out a blue prayer card. Please mark on the card if you would like your prayer placed in the bulletin. We love to hear updates and praises as well as concerns! Please notify the office if someone can be removed.

Praise! 7-year-old Landon - who recently underwent open heart surgery, is home and doing great!

Van Bruner - Pray for relief of his nerve ending pains.

Shirland Daglain - In intensive care with internal bleeding. Requested by Sue Nazak.

Alicia - 11-year-old girl, very active in sports; was diagnosed with scoliosis and must wear a back brace for 5 years. Requested by Linda Jacobson.

Joe Hender - Parkinsons.

Don Nutt - swelling in his legs.

Greg Nutt - Dizzy spells and palpitations; back pain.

Len Pine - Marilyn Nutt's brother. Back issues and possible surgery.

Tina Grimmie - Mother of Christina Grimmie, who was shot and killed. Please keep the Grimmie family in your prayers.

Robin - Diane Meredith's sister-in-law, diagnosed with heart failure, chemo-induced.

Ashley - Janice's daughter. Fatigue syndrome.

Anna Keppen - Severe pain in left knee.

Joy Kramer - Prayers that Joy will pass the evaluation for trial for treatment of Lupus.

Friends of FBC who may be losing their home.

Sara Hender - Stage-4 cancer.

Diane Dunbar - Marilyn Nutt's sister. Prayers for healing.

Ken Guy - Back and hip issues.

Christian - 7-year-old in CHOP.

Viola Warefield - Cindy Minuti's mom; having digestive issues.

Frank Pilvalis - Jim Dennion's friend. Prayers needed for heart surgery, which is complicated by blood clots.

Violet - Linda Jacobson's friend. Undergoing radiation after brain tumor removed.

Janice - marriage issues.

Teen with heart problem—prayers for direction, healing and strength.

Donald - Anna Keppen's husband. He is having back pain and PT isn't helping.

Kevin - Prayers for him to hear the Lord's calling.

Sue Nutt - Prayers for possible surgery.

Jane Sanborn - Suffered a stroke recently. Requested by Eileen Black.

Kathy Seymour - Issues following eye surgery.

Donald Steadman - Marilyn Steadman's brother. Re-occurrence of cancer.

Lisa - friend of Jim & Sandra Dennion. Sciatica.

Brian Carpenter - Friend of Julie Eckert. Cancer.

Please Continue to Pray for These People With Ongoing Needs

Jan Gardner; Connie Asquith; Sandy Williams; Rachel Ivan Avery; Jim Dennion's niece, Nicole; Jim & Pam McCullough's grandchildren Kate McCullough, Hugh & Luke; Liam; Nancy Hubbard; Pat Papa; Mildred Mayes; Alma Goodman's daughter-in-law Randi; Pastor Erin Phillips; Brian Brick; John Reheis; teen with eating disorder (Jane Brick's friend); Allan & Janet (Eleanor Shockey's brother and sister-in-law); Loue & Campbell Families; Jaclyn Smith; Walker Hinkle; Bob Fish; JoAnne Trout; Diane Ott; Father Michael Doyle; Janice Hill; Antell/Spates Family; Rita Ralston; Maria Morello; Karen Bartley.

August Birthdays

1 James Havens Joanne Bryan	12 Jeffrey Brick Laura Powers	30 Brian Brick
2 Phyllis MacDonald	14 Gregory Nutt	31 Marietta Brownell Tricia Carr David (Chris) Heljenek
5 Jack Brownell	20 Pastor Michael Feicht	
8 Gina Heljenek	22 Arthur Tubbs	
10 Maggie Wood Peggy Havens	28 Tommy Rankine 29 Carl Niekirk	



August Anniversaries

18 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Carr	28 Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Avery Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hertzog
21 Mr. & Mrs. Van Bruner	31 Mr. & Mrs. David (Chris) Heljenek



FIRST BAPTIST COMMUNITY NEWS...

Judy & Greg Petrongolo are so proud to announce the birth (finally!) of their granddaughter, Brooklyn Anne Basquez, who came into this world in the wee morning hours of July 9, weighing 7lbs 1oz. Mommy and Daddy (Alexis and Nick) are thrilled with this beautiful addition to their family, and thank you all for your prayers and well wishes!



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU!



If you have a birthday or wedding anniversary to add to our list, or if you see that any corrections need to be made, please send the information to Judy in the Church Office at info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org or call Judy at 856-429-2326. Keep us posted on family happenings and achievements!

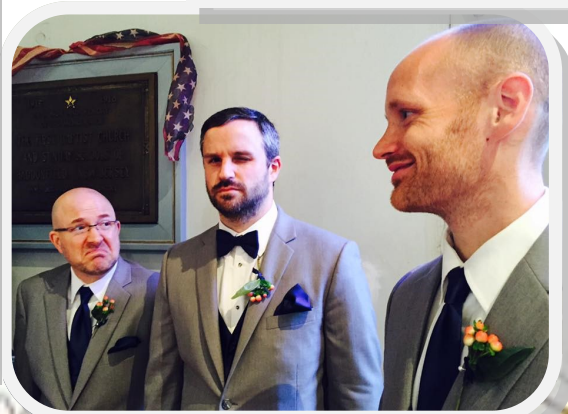
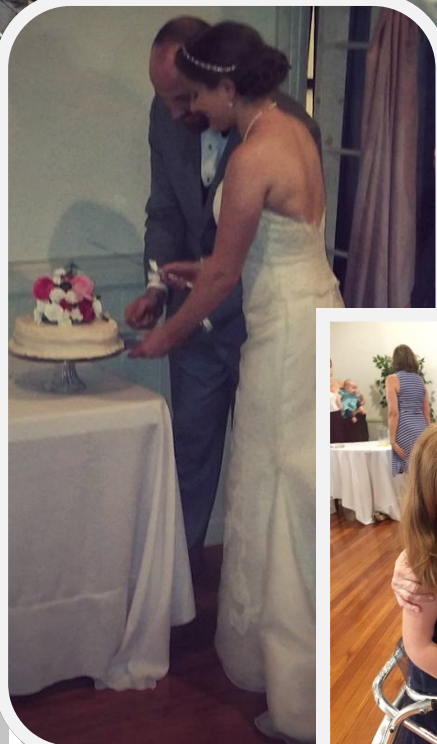
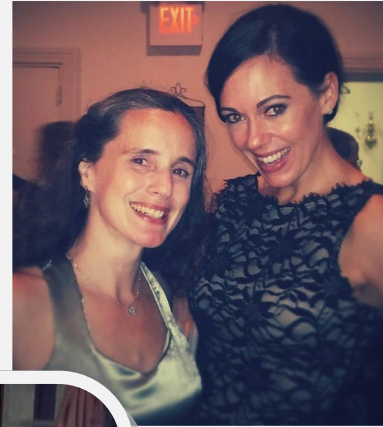
On July 9th, Kevin Shockey married Amy Detwiler at our church, The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield. The reception was held in the Middleton Room of the church. What a beautiful venue for this joyous and momentous occasion in the life of the Shockey and Detwiler families!

We are profoundly grateful for the help from church folk who went far above what had been asked of them; and indeed in some cases, asked at the very last minute. Jane Brick, Sue Nazak, Sherry Gardner, Bob Gardner, Sandra Mezger, Janice Kessler, and Chip Chapman rescued us from what seemed at times an impossible situation. Thank you from the whole of our beings for your uncommon and servant hearts. We are deeply indebted to you. Thank you to Carol Malcarney, Marlea Gruver, Janice Kessler and Jane Brick for beautifying the flower beds before the wedding. Our thanks also to Pastor Hojin Yu and the youth group of the Asian Church for manning our parking lot when cars from the craft festival would have overflowed into our barricaded area.

We will always remember with inexpressible gratitude the way the body of Christ was exemplified in one of our times of need! Thank you, thank you to our church family!

~David and Eleanor Shockey





August

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:00 PM Missions Board (BR)	2 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR)	3	4 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)	5 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)	6 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group
7  <i>Service of Communion</i> 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Ch (SL) 11:00 AM Worship w/Communion (S)	8 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SR) 7:30 PM Finance Board (BR)	9 Eleanor Off 10:00 AM Staff Meeting (BR) 7:00 PM Executive Board (BR)	10	11 12:00 PM AA Mtg. (BR)	12 4:30 PM Asian Church Youth (SL)	13 7:00 AM Volunteer Work Group
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KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, MR - Middleton Room, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room



Sunday, September 11th we kick off our 2016-2017 Sunday School year. Only this year it's called "Sunday Enrichment." After "Moment with the Children" in worship, our young people will march off to a new adventure.



Our theme for the first ten weeks is "Deep Sea Discovery." We'll be divided into pre-school, and elementary and pre-teen sections.

"Discovery" helps kids experience each exciting Bible story in a new and relevant way. They'll be challenged to KNOW, EXPLORE and SERVE as they see God's presence in the lives of Bible people and their own.



They'll play roles to engage their imagination and attention, choose a way to serve others, engage in crafts, and explore safe science experiments with a nautical theme. All in the midst of deep sea decorations and sound effects.

We'll take two weeks for each lesson to pack in all of the activities and learnings. And we'll run this exciting series through 10 fun-filled weeks.



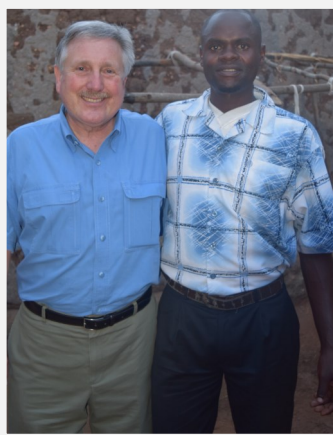
Plan to be there every week so you don't miss out!

Happy sailing,

Pastor Michael

RWANDA MISSION TRIP 2016

Our trip was sponsored by the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey as well as The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield. We visited our 10 village churches who work in cooperation with Seira Rwanda Baptist Churches, our partner organization, where we prayed with the villagers. We also visited the women's sewing cooperative who, because of your generosity through pledged mission support, support from ABCNJ and the Haddonfield Rotary have established small business initiatives to provide income for the widows and families who suffer poverty. The women also receive training in literacy, bookkeeping, business skills and instruction in sewing. The school uniforms they make provide a sustainable source of income that they did not have before.





YOUTH BASEBALL OUTING



Friday, August 19th, 7:05 PM game time

Phillies v. St. Louis Cardinals

The youth of Mt. Olivet,
First Asian Baptist Church and
First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

Tickets are \$26 each, and are in Level 200

Please see Pastor Michael for more
information or to purchase tickets



CEDARS OF LEBANON 2020 SCHOLARSHIPS TO CAMP LEBANON UPDATED TOTAL 2016: \$610.00 GREAT PROGRESS!



Envelopes are available in The Middleton Room for this special ongoing collection. Donors are asked to make their check out to ***First Baptist Church*** and write ***"Cedars of Lebanon"*** on the memo line.



One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING

Thank you for contributing to the
One Great Hour of Sharing offering.
We received \$525 of our \$750 goal.
If you would still like to make a
donation, envelopes are available in
The Middleton Room.

2016 Asian Conference



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NEW JERSEY

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Executive Minister/Senior Regional Pastor

Dear First Baptist Church of Haddonfield,

It was your gift of hosting and coordinating this major event to the Asian Alliance that we offer a special thank you. The fact that you allowed, then provided a very welcome and friendly atmosphere, and coordinated the many behind the scene necessities required for the success of such an awesome event is something that none of us can ever forget. You have made a name for yourself with this partnership and the giving of yourself to praise God. Special thanks to Pastor Michael for the welcoming, Judy Petrongolo for facilitating the conference, Sherry Gardner, Kathleen Keane and Kaylyn for childcare, all those who brought covered dishes for dinner, Dave and Lisa for setting up the table for dinner and cleaning everything up afterwards, and Frank Stevens for emergency electrical and air conditioner repairs. Thanks also to Christine Chandran and Sharon Yu for their special music during the offertory.

The 2016 Asian Alliance Conference and Convocation was held this year in New Jersey, hosted by First Baptist Church Haddonfield. Our theme this year was "Let young eagles fly". We had approximated 180 people in attendance, representing the Asian Churches throughout the United States. An awesome inspirational program was presented and enjoyed by all. Ten workshops were presented, each allowing time for questions and discussion. Culturally diverse meals were prepared and shared by the different area Asian and local churches. A fantastic outdoor barbecue picnic gave all the opportunity to fellowship on a more personal level. A time of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone from infant to senior. Worship services and a talent show gave participants a chance to really be a welcomed part of the group and be a learning experience for all. Many of those in attendance, old and young alike, showed spontaneity in the sharing of music during worship services. Cultural differences were shared and embraced by all. The emphasis was for us to be more aware and to be able to encourage our young people to be an integral part of the church and take a leadership interest, not only in the church, but in their personal lives as well.

We were very pleased and excited in the number of young people that attended this conference. This is the first time that there was this amount of involvement by the younger generation, thus making our theme so fitting to our participants. The interest and involvement of our youth is so important to the growth of the church and needs to be addressed and accepted by all.

I am very proud of ABCNJ regional staff, GDVA, Asian Churches and local churches for coming together in a partnership to make the conference such a success. Thank you all for your selfless involvement and outward show of friendship, love and welcome to everyone in attendance.

Thank you ABCHMS Asian Ministries and AAABC/Asian Alliance for allowing us at ABCNJ to be in partnership with you and host the conference this year.

Let us continue to work together for glory of God!

Yours in Christ,

David Hojin Yu
Rev. David Hojin Yu

Pastor of First Asian Baptist Church of Haddonfield/ABCNJ Associate Regional Pastor for Asian Ministries
2016 Asian Conference planning Committee/Local Team Coordinator

A copy of this Letter is also on bulletin board in church hallway



CELEBRATION OF THE CONCLUSION OF OUR STUDY OF "THE STORY"



Thank you to everyone on the planning committee, the teachers and group leaders, and everyone who participated in this wonderful spiritual experience. If you have any "The Story" related stories that you would like to share in the next Messenger, please give to Judy before August 15th.



Thank you to all who worked to make the church grounds look so lovely!



I will be going on vacation August 16 & 17. If anyone would like to lend a hand and cover the office from 9-12 on those days, I would greatly appreciate it! Please give me a call in the office or email me at info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org.

*Thank you!
Judy Petrongolo*



Monday, August 1st @ 7:00 PM - Missions Board

Monday, August 8th at 7:30 PM - Finance Board

Tuesday, August 9th at 7:00 PM - Executive Board

Sunday, August 14th at 12:30 PM - Music & Arts Board

2016 Fellowship Hour Assignments

August - Music & Arts

September - Diaconate

October - Mission

November - Property

December - Finance



Offertory Prayer Volunteers - Pulpit Assistants Schedule

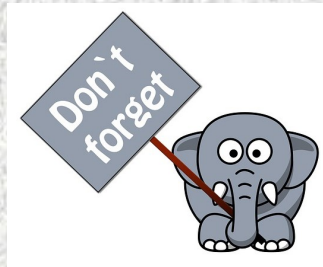
August - October 2016

August 7th:	Sherry Gardner	October 2nd:	Gary Farnesi
August 14th:	Ron Rankine	October 9th:	Sandra Dennion
August 21st:	Elaine Bugoski	October 16th:	Rev. Elizabeth Marsh
August 28th:	Jim Dennion	October 23rd:	Rita Soukup
		October 30th:	Pamela Powers
September 4th:	Susan Nazak		
September 11th:	Chip Chapman		
September 18th:	Ken Guy		
September 25th:	Chuck Benson		

If you are unable to assist on your scheduled day, please find a replacement and advise Jack Tarditi and the church office of the change.

Submissions for The Messenger are due to the office no later than the 15th of each month, to ensure timely delivery. If you'd like something included in The Messenger, please make sure it gets to Judy by the 15th!

You may email it to Judy at info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org or drop it off at the church office Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.



CEMETERY OR GRAVEYARD?

What is the difference between a cemetery and a graveyard? The Webster Dictionary states that a cemetery is a burial ground or an area set apart for or containing graves, tombs or funeral urns especially one that is not a church yard. Cemetery is a late Middle English word coming from Latin coemeterium, which came from the Greek koimeterion, a sleeping place, equivalent to koime [a variant stem of Koiman to put to sleep] and terion, a suffix of locality. Early Christian writers were the first to use it for "burial ground," though the Greek word also has been used in reference to the sleep of death. A graveyard according to the Webster Dictionary is a burial ground often associated with small rural churches, as distinct from large urban or a public cemetery. Words related to graveyard would be boneyard, God's acre, cemetery, memorial park, necropolis or potter's field. So the two words are the same but were first used in different time periods. So am I employed by the Baptist Cemetery or the Baptist Graveyard?

I further explored the differences between the two words and learned some history along the way. Some people think that graveyard and cemetery mean the same, but what can be said is that a graveyard is a type of cemetery, but a cemetery is usually not a graveyard. From the 7th century, the process of burial was firmly in the hands of the Church, and burying the dead was allowed on lands near a church [the building], so called the church yard. The part of the church yard used for burial is called a graveyard.

As the population of Europe started to grow, the capacity of a graveyard was no longer sufficient. By the end of the 18th century, the unsustainability of church burials was realized, and completely new places were devised and these were called cemeteries. So in the United States, graveyards and church yards are extensions of a larger entity, either the church or the village. So church yards and graveyards are places, but cemeteries are businesses. Cemeteries are not extensions of a larger entity. they ARE the entity, and back in the mid 1800's they were founded throughout the land as non-profit corporations. The term "churchyard" fell out of use because of the blending of the early puritan church and the state, and the dual purpose of the church/meeting house. A cemetery is also a place, but what visitors are able to see as they walk along the paths is only a portion of what goes on there. All the graves in a cemetery are recorded in various sets of records that are maintained for perpetuity by the cemetery. Therefore, cemeteries can help preserve family history and tell what was happening during a certain period such as flu outbreaks.

After finding the meaning and history of these two words, I can answer the question that I am employed by the Haddonfield Baptist Cemetery. -Betty Willingmyre

The Music & Arts Board has announced their Fall-Winter Concert Schedule

This popular concert series is crafted to present a variety of musical talent and style, both secular and sacred. You are cordially invited to attend!

**Friday, September 23rd
at 7:30 PM**

The Brass & The Beat
Big Band Sound with Vocalists

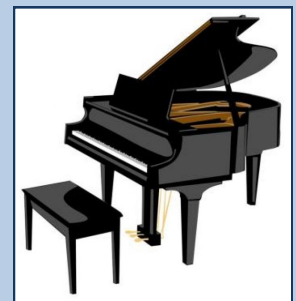


**Saturday, October 29th
at 7:30 PM**

The Philadelphia Ukulele Orchestra

**Sunday, November 27th
at 4:00 PM**

Mark Shockey Piano Concert
"Mostly Chopin"



**Sunday, December 18th
at 4:00 PM**

The Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Save
the
Date

Annual Women's Fall Kickoff Dinner

Celebrating Fall Startup of Bible Studies at
The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield

Monday Evening, October 3, 6:30 PM

Women's Reading Fellowship

Date: Friday, August 26th

New Book: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi



An account of slavery's legacy stretched over eight generations and two continents. This first novel by 26-year-old Gyasi was inspired by a trip to her native country, Ghana in 2009, 18 years after her family moved to the U.S.

On her tour, Gyasi visited Cape Coast Castle, a large commercial fort, established in 1650 for trade in timber and gold, but later used in the holding and transportation of slaves. Called "gate of no return" for the many enslaved before crossing the Atlantic Ocean, it is one of about 40 "slave castles" built on the Gold Coast of West Africa. The premise of "Homegoing" is born from the young author's up close realization of what occurred there and its effects on future generations.



We will meet at the Bistro Restaurant, 57 East Kings Highway at 10:00 AM. For information concerning this event, contact Sandra Mezger at 856-429-7540.

The First Baptist Church of Haddonfield
124 Kings Highway East
Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Deadline to submit for next issue: **August 15th!**

WE ARE A RECYCLING COMMUNITY! PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER.

<p><u>Church Staff:</u> The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, Pastor Eleanor Shockey, Organist Dr. David Shockey, Director of Chancel Choir Robert Gardner, Director of Handbells Marilyn Nutt, Sunday School Superintendent Judy Petrongolo, Office Administrator Caitlynn Capra & Dakota Wright, Nursery Staff Betty Willingmyre, Cemetery Administrator</p>	<p><u>Church Office Hours:</u> Tuesday through Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Phone: 856-429-2326 Fax: 856-795-3680 Email: info@firstbaptisthaddonfield.org Website: www.firstbaptisthaddonfield.org Cemetery Phone: 856-429-1644</p>	<p><u>Every Sunday</u> ~ 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study ~ 10:00 AM Praise and Prayer Service (resumes on September 4) ~ 11:00 AM Worship Service ~ 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School</p> <p><u>First Sunday of Each Month:</u> ~ Communion is served at the 11 am worship service</p>
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SUNDAY ENRICHMENT BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11!

Deep Sea Discovery
GOD IS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO!

Kids will
KNOW
God is always with them!

EXPLORE
God's presence in their lives!

SERVE
God by serving others!

Sunday "Enrichment" begins September 11. Our program will be "Deep Sea Discovery."
There will be stories, Bible study, games, crafts and learning stations all with a message from the Word of God - "Jesus is Near to Us."

GOD KNOWS ME!
God knows Noah's heart.
Genesis 6-9

GOD HEARS ME!
God hears Jonah pray.
Jonah 1-3

GOD STRENGTHENS ME!
Jesus strengthens Peter in the storm.
Matthew 14

GOD LOVES ME!
Jesus loves the disciples—and everyone!
John 21

GOD SENDS ME!
God sends Paul to tell His story.
Acts 13 & 14

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THOSE NOT CURRENTLY ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 856-429-2326 OR
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