

Evergreen News

A Pastor's Perception

You Don't Know What You Don't Know

We went to Sarasota last week. I was sick the whole time.

I mean the whole time. Before we left, while we were there, on the way home. It was still a great trip, there a many photos of Amanda and Noelle and a few of me.

While I was doing a lot of slow walking and not much else, I started noticing things. Sarasota has a lot of dogs. A lot of dogs. And nice cars. Amanda admitted she genuinely cannot tell an expensive car from any other (nor does she really care). If you are not in that world, one car looks like any other car. But someone who knows? They know immediately.

It is the same with dogs. I have no idea if a dog is a valuable breed or a mixed something or other. But someone who knows, knows.

Knowing comes from exposure. From experience. From paying attention.

I have been reading a lot of biographies lately. People I recognize but do not really know. And every time I finish one I find myself thinking the same thing. No wonder. No wonder they see things that way. No wonder they respond like that. Their story made them who they are. Same as mine made me who I am.

And then I started thinking about the people who walk through our doors on a Sunday morning.

We see them. We may not know them. Their story, their background, what they are carrying - most of that is invisible unless someone gets curious enough to ask.

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- *Tiny Timbers Celebration
May 3rd
- *Spring Congregational Forum
May 12th @ 7 pm
- *Tractor Sunday, May 17th @
10 am

Weekly Gatherings

- *Ladies Bible Study Mondays
at 11 am
- *Youth Wednesdays at
6:30 pm
- *Men's Bible Study Thursdays
at 7 pm
- *Men's Bible Study Saturdays
at 7 am

**Our Vision
Statement:
"To Know, Love, &
Follow Jesus by
serving All"**

On May 3rd, we are going to learn a new song at our gathering. It is titled, "Abide" and it is by Aaron Williams and The Worship Initiative. The song packs some powerful lyrics for us to consider.

The chorus goes like this:

*"...You're the Way, the Truth, and the Life, You're the well that never runs dry
I'm the branch and You are the vine, Draw me close and teach me to abide
Be my strength, my song in the night, Be my all, my treasure, my prize
I am Yours, forever You're mine, Draw me close and teach me to abide..."*

There's a lot of good reference here to the Word of Life...

"Way, Truth, Life" - John 14:6 (Jesus talking to His disciples)

"Well that never runs dry" - John 4:13-14 (Jesus talking to the woman at the well)

"The branch and the vine" - John 15 (Jesus talking to His disciples)

"Song in the night" - Job 35:10 (God providing comfort, hope in our dark times)

And these are just a few of the many references in the lyrics!

This song reminds us that as disciples, we must abide in Christ daily. It's a resonant cry of dependence. We rely on Him for everything we experience; when we truly abide, we realize we need Him just as much on our best days as we do on our worst.

If you're anything like me, whether or not you want to admit it, abiding easily gets messed up. I begin to think of abiding as hoops to jump through or a performance to have to master and that's not it at all. The chorus of the song as well as the scripture references talk about our dependence on Him. That means that I don't have to earn a relationship with Him, I don't have to measure up to some high standard, but it does mean that I have to recognize my nourishment and sustenance has to come from Him.

When we sing lyrics like this, I hope it is the desire of our heart to solely depend on Him. We must depend on Him in our rejoicing and praising the same as when we depend on Him in our struggle and hurting.

Church family, as we sing this new song, I pray that we will recognize our daily need to abide in Him because in all things and seasons, we depend on Him.

May He draw us close and teach us to abide.

Your Friend,

Ryan Arndt, Worship Arts Coordinator/Licensed Minister

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Jesus was always curious. In Luke 19 He spots Zacchaeus up in a tree, someone the crowd had already decided wasn't worth knowing - and He essentially says, I want to hear your story. He invited himself to dinner. He walked into Zacchaeus's world. And it changed everything.

It is what we keep talking about when we talk about welcoming culture at West Green Tree. Not a greeter at the door. Something deeper than that. Becoming people who are genuinely curious about the story behind the face.

Because knowing someone - really knowing them - changes how you see them.

Jesus always knew. And He has a way of making us more like Himself.

Pastor Shawn

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Ladies Outdoor Planter 10 am 3 M 7 am Men In Woods 5:30 pm
3 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 Large Group Gathering Tiny Timbers Celebration	4 WWW 11 am	5 Leadership Team Mtg. 7 pm	6 Youth 6:30 pm	7 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	8	9 3M 7 am Sisters in Christ 9 am
10 Mother's Day 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 Large Group Gathering	11 WWW 11 am	12 Congregational Forum 7 pm	13 Youth 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm	14 Tiny Timbers Last Day Men's Bible Study 7 pm	15 Tiny Timbers Last Day	16 3 M 7 am
17 Tractor Sunday 10 am Fellowship Meal	18 WWW 11 am	19 Ministry Team Mtgs. 7 pm	20 Youth 6:30 pm	21 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	22	23 3 M 7 am
24 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 Large Group Gathering	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26	27 Youth 6:30 pm	28 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	29	30 3 M 7 am Private Event
31 8:30 am Sunday School 9:45 Large Group Gathering						

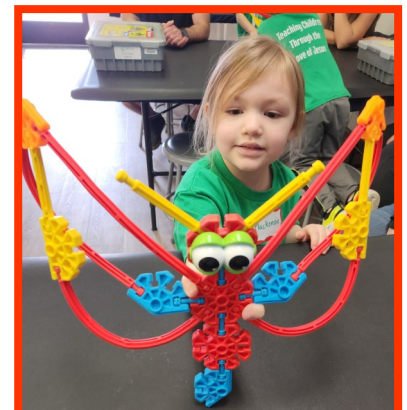
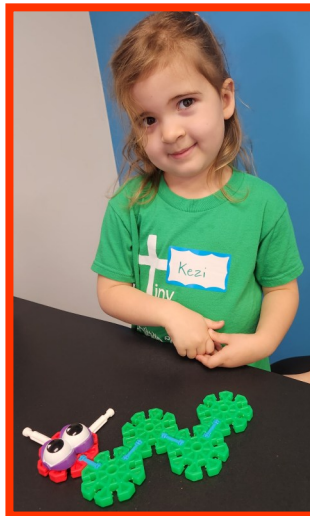
Recently both the MWF and TTH classes went on field trips! It is fun to get out of the classroom and explore new places.

The MWF class went to Hershey Gardens. They toured the grounds as they made their way to different activities. They got to plant Swiss Chard seeds in the Children's Garden. If you are planning a visit to Hershey Gardens be sure to stop by The Hoop House and check on how their plants are doing. A sign is posted "Planted by Tiny Timbers Christian Preschool". They also got to plant their own bean seed that they took home. A favorite for many was the indoor butterfly garden! A handful of friends also brought packed lunches and had a picnic right there at the garden!



The TTH class went to Snapology in Lancaster. They created a program for our students focusing on strengthening fine motor skills, spatial awareness, and early engineering concepts. We had a small group instructor-led session. During this time we read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". They led the kids by giving step by step instructions to building a caterpillar or a butterfly using Kid K'nex. We also had lots of free build time. The families were able to move around on their own to different building stations. The kids had fun building with Legos and Duplos, blocks, magnets, Lincoln Logs, plastic flower gardens, and more!

Miss Angie S



Attendance & Givings			
	Total Worship	Sunday School	General Fund
April 5	121	68	\$7,058.37
April 12	103	66	\$21,148.07
April 19	99	79	\$6,145.07

Library News

THE AMAZING GENERATION by Jonathan Haidt

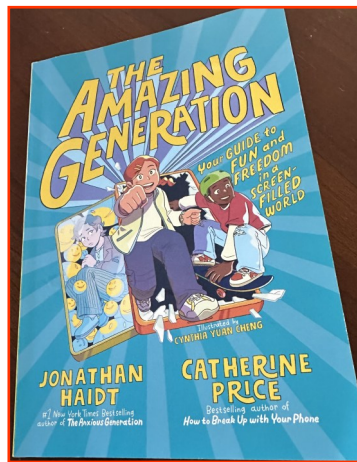
On the back cover it tells us it's a guide to becoming a rebel. Inside you'll find surprising facts about how technology affects your brain, stories from real teens and young adults, a graphic novel, and practical strategies for how to use tech in ways that help you.

My 10 year old granddaughter was inspired to change her habits after reading this book. Don't let technology use you. Fill your Life with Real Friendship, Freedom, and Fun!

This book isn't just for young people, but adults too!

Check it out!

Kathy, WGT Librarian



Anniversaries

5/2 - Jeremy & Elizabeth Brocius
 5/3 - Dane & Lauren Youtz
 5/11 - Gary & Cindy Collins
 5/14 - Don & Donna Weaver
 5/21 - Curt & Annie Brown
 5/31 - Jonathan & Kim Coble
 5/31 - Jason & Holly Leonard

Birthdays

5/1 - Kylie Miller
 5/6 - Jay Coble
 5/6 - Dan Ring
 5/7 - Curtis Brown
 5/8 - George Clugston
 5/9 - Payton Coble
 5/9 - Jim Shumate
 5/9 - Ben Youtz
 5/10 - Astrid Huber
 5/10 - Billie Jo Snyder
 5/15 - Cindy Collins
 5/17 - Luetta Hess
 5/19 - Nate Arndt
 5/27 - Laura Hollinger
 5/27 - Johanna Brown
 5/28 - Claire Leonard
 5/29 - Helen Keener
 5/30 - Jim Coble



Tee Off for a Cause: BHA Golf Outing

Join us for a great morning on the links at BHA's Golf Outing on Friday, May 29, 2026.

Location: Fairview Golf Course, 2399 Quentin Road, Lebanon

Date & Time: Friday, May 29, 2026

Registration: 6:30 a.m., Shotgun Start: 7:30 a.m.

Registration:

Individual Golfer: \$100, Team of Four: \$400

Every registration includes a grab-and-go lunch plus snacks and access to a beverage cart throughout the event.

Every ticket and sponsorship sold directly supports BHA's mission - helping provide safe housing, supportive services, and brighter futures for the families we serve. Whether you're golfing, sponsoring, or spreading the word, your participation makes a meaningful impact.

We hope you'll join us for a memorable day of fun, fellowship, and philanthropy at Fairview Golf Course!


Team and individual registrations are open. Register your foursome or individual golfers at bha-pa.org/golf-outing.

Questions? Contact Jessica Vinton at jvinton@bha-pa.org or 717-233-6016.

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AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
TO SHINE UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
THE LORD LIFT UP
HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

Sunday Gathering Times:

- ◆ 8:30 am Sunday School/Small Groups
- ◆ 9:45 am Large Group Gathering
- ◆ Live Stream via YouTube
“West Green Tree Worship”

Weekday Activities:

- ◆ Mondays: Ladies Bible Study @ 11 am
- ◆ Wednesday: Youth @ 6:30 pm
- ◆ Thursday: Men’s Bible Study @ 7 pm

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