

Evergreen News

A Pastor's Perception

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What did you expect?
What are you expecting?

Those two questions have been on my mind lately. I'm not always clear on my expectations—but I do recognize that when disappointment shows up, it usually traces back to them. It makes me pause and ask, *"What was I expecting?"*

As we move toward the holiday season, it's worth asking:
What are you expecting this year?

Are you anticipating joy, connection, and gratitude?
Or are you just hoping to survive the stress, the schedules, and the shopping lists?

Expectation can be a tricky thing. Sometimes, managing our expectations helps us avoid frustration. But faith invites us to do more than manage—we're called to expect God to move, and to *join* Him in making that happen.

I've been asking myself lately: Am I expecting to feel *good* when someone else exceeds my expectations? Or would a better measure of "success" be whether *I* have met—or even exceeded—the expectations of others?

I mean this in the simplest of terms. When we gather for worship, am I showing up to receive—or am I coming hoping that someone else walks away encouraged, seen, and reminded they belong?

I'll admit, I often carry expectations about what I'll accomplish in a day. And when that's top of mind, it's easy to treat interactions as interruptions. But maybe "**loving my neighbor**" looks more like slowing down, listening, and being fully present. Perhaps what feels like a distraction to me is exactly the unexpected grace someone else needed.

Jesus said He came that we might have **life, and have it abundantly**. (John 10:10)

That promise doesn't happen automatically. We each play a part in cultivating it—by choosing gratitude, offering grace, serving others, and looking for God's presence in ordinary moments.

So as we enter this season, let's not just manage our expectations—let's lift them.

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- 11/8 Sisters in Christ 9 am
- 11/9 Praise & Worship Night 5:30 pm
- 11/12 CBM @ 7 pm

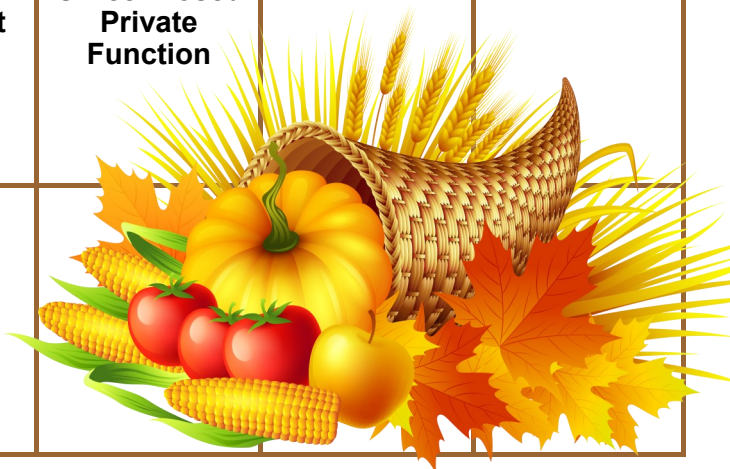
Weekly Events

- *Sunday Large Group Gathering at 9:45 am
- *Monday Ladies Bible Study 11 am
- *Wednesday Youth 6:30 pm
- *Thursday Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm
- *Men's Bible Study @ Hawthorne's Saturdays at 7 am

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						¹ 3M 7 am Family/All Church Picnic in the Woods 5 pm
² 8:30 am SS & Small Groups Large Group Gathering 9:45 am Christmas Dinner Mtg.	³ WWW 11 am	⁴	⁵ Youth 6:30 pm	⁶ Men's Bible Study 7 pm	⁷	⁸ 3M 7 am Sisters in Christ 9 am
⁹ 8:30 am SS & Small Groups Large Group Gathering 9:45 am Worship Night 5:30 pm	¹⁰ WWW 11 am	¹¹ Congrega- tional Forum 7 pm	¹² Youth 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Gathering 7 pm	¹³ Men's Bible Study 7 pm	¹⁴	¹⁵ 3M 7 am Sheetz Holiday Memorial Service 11 am
¹⁶ 8:30 am SS & Small Groups Large Group Gathering 9:45 am	¹⁷ WWW 11 am	¹⁸ Commis- sions 7 pm Leadership Team 8 pm	¹⁹ Youth 6:30 pm	²⁰ Men's Bible Study 7 pm	²¹	²² 3M 7 am Private Function
²³ 8:30 am SS & Small Groups Large Group Gathering 9:45 am	²⁴ WWW 11 am	²⁵	²⁶ No Youth Office Closing at Noon	²⁷ Thanksgiving Office Closed Private Function	²⁸ Office Closed	²⁹
³⁰ 8:30 am SS & Small Groups Large Group Gathering 9:45 am						



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Let's expect God to show up, and let's also look for ways to *exceed the expectations of others*.

Whether it's within our own families, among our family of faith, with our neighbors, or throughout our community—small acts of kindness, generosity, and grace can reveal the abundance of Christ's love.

When we choose to reflect His goodness, we don't just meet expectations. We help others experience His kingdom come and His will be done—right here, right now.



Saturday, November 8th @ 9 am



TAKE NOTE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH AND WILL BE CLOSED THROUGH SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 30TH FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.
THE OFFICE WILL RE-OPEN AT 8 AM MONDAY, DECEMBER 1ST.

Congregational FORUM

Tuesday, November 11th

7 pm



Hello from Tiny Timbers!

We are off to a fabulous start here at Tiny Timbers! This year has looked a little different for us in a few ways, but the Lord is working and I believe He has great things in store for us this year!

We have done lots of super fun themes this year! We just wrapped up our unit on Space which is by far my favorite each year. We theme out the classroom by hanging planet beach balls from the ceiling and covering the windows with star covered curtains to pretend we really are in space! The kids' most shocking fact this year was that the Sun is actually a star! When we read that in one of our stories, one student stopped me and said, "Woah! That is really blowing my mind right now!"

If you remember from last year, the students in the MWF class get to adopt "Cubby Critters." I am pleased to report that this year's group has successfully saved up enough points to get their critters. Some of my favorite names this year are: Christmas, Reddy, Seebee, Cubby Critter, and Baby Avocado. We have also begun our sign language letter learning and we are up to letter F! We additionally learned the sign for "I love you" which is by far our favorite. I attached a picture if any of you would like to learn it along with us! I recently ran into a parent of a student from last year's class who shared with me that their child's kindergarten class was talking about deaf people and they were able to get up and share with the class all of the sign language letters they had learned here at Tiny Timbers! It was so special to hear that he remembered!

Our favorite Bible story this year has been the story of Gideon. We got to act out the story using flashlights and paper towel rolls as torches and trumpets. We love any opportunity to make lots of noise! We were blown away that God thought Gideon had too many men and kept having him send them home. But we kept saying to ourselves "Who is the most powerful? God is the most powerful!" So when He came through with that amazing plan to confuse the Midianites, we knew it was going to work! Our second favorite story was probably about the two babies, "Jacob and Seesaw" (so close)!

Thank you to each and every one of you who participated in our Noah's Ark Day! It was a huge success! And a big thank you to Miss Sarah for reading our Bible Story! I loved getting to see the joy on the kids' faces as they received candy and even more the joy on all of your faces as you gave it! I hope that that's something we have on the calendar for next year too. I've said it before and I'll say it again, it is an honor and a privilege to work in a place where I get to teach kiddos about Jesus as well as the things they need to learn for school. I thank the Lord for you and for all of our sweet families at Tiny Timbers.

Blessings,
Miss Kessy, MWF Teacher



"I love you" in sign language.





Noah's Ark Parade!





CHRISTMAS

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

11:30 am - 1:30 pm

DECEMBER 25, 2025

Menu:

Turkey with Stuffing

Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables

Dessert

To Register

***Scan the QR Code:**

***Call: 717.653.5367**

***Go to:**

westgreentree.org/outreach/christmas-dinner



RSVP REQUIRED BY 12/16/25



	September 28	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
Total Worship	139	93	91	97	85
Sunday School	64	75	None Reported	107	50
General	\$5,442.31	\$5,356.87	\$6,167.31	\$5,659.37	\$4,707.56



Birthdays

11/3 - Janelle Harnish
 11/7 - Jerry Testerman
 11/8 - Jordin Ziegler
 11/18 - Nila Grose
 11/19 - Chris Chavez
 11/21 - Audrey Garber
 Haley Keener
 11/24 - Holly Leonard
 11/26 - Lydia Garber
 11/28 - Aiden Hawthorne
 Kathy Risser
 11/29 - Blaine Youtz
 Blake Dickson
 11/30 - Mellanie Williams
 Dustin Youtz



**Operation Christmas Child
is underway!**

- **Pick up a shoebox**
- **Fill it with love**
- **Return by November 16th**

See Dana Youtz with questions.

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Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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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
- ♦ Wednesday: Men's Bible Study @ 7 pm

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give thanks

TO THE LORD FOR HIS
unfailing love
AND HIS
wonderful deeds
FOR MANKIND

FOR HE
satisfies
THE THIRSTY AND
FILLS THE HUNGRY WITH
good things

PSALM 107:8-9