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A Message from the Pastor

Blessed to be Here!

Greetings Chestnut Grove Church family! I write this with a thankful heart. It was an eventful week with our move on Wednesday, June 24, up from Leader Heights. But it has been such a blessing getting to meet many of you already and look forward to meeting all of you in the near future. Thank you again to all who have welcomed us through your provisions of food and drink and snacks. Thank you for welcoming my family and I at worship June 28. It was a joy to worship with you! ☺

In some ways coming to Chestnut Grove is like coming home again. I attended Messiah College in nearby Mechanicsburg, PA (at the time it was still considered Grantham) from 2000-2004 after growing up in New Freedom, PA, just above the Mason-Dixon Line and attending Southern York County School District. And now, 20 years after graduation, I am blessed to be in Northern York

County School District. Go Polar Bears!

I look forward to everyone meeting my wonderful wife Kara and four daughters - Leah, Anna, Kayla, and Mya. I am very blessed to have each of them in my life and you are blessed to now have each of them in your life as well. I trust that they will be able to learn from you and be able to share their gifts and talents with you also.

I believe in the providence of God and that God has brought us together for such a time as this. Your spiritual journey is important to me and I look forward to hearing yours and sharing mine with you. And I am excited to see what the Lord will do in and through each of us as we keep our eyes on Jesus.

Because of Him,
Pastor Tim

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Get to know Pastor Tim...

1) Where did you grow up? Any siblings? Your Wife Kara?

I grew up in New Freedom - South end of the county. Kara grew up in Jarrettsville, Maryland – one of 8 (has some adopted siblings from Russia).

2) How long have you and your wife Kara been married?

14 years in May – Married in 2006.

Met while participating in a Christmas Cantata together.

3) What are your daughters' names and how old are they? In one word, describe each one.

Leah 12 – Gentle
Anna 10 – Entertainer
Kayla 7 – Exuberant
Mya 3 – Playful

4) I understand that Kara is a music major. What instruments does she play? Your girls?

Kara plays Violin, viola, piano – gives private lessons for violin.

Leah enjoys playing piano and doing gymnastics.

Anna plays violin and loves ballet dance.

Kayla also plays violin and does gymnastics.

5) What was your favorite family vacation?

Ocean City, Md

6) As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

Professional baseball player

7) Have you ever had a nickname? What is it?

Just Tim

8) Do you have any siblings?

I am the middle child – I have an older sister & younger brother.

9) What is your favorite childhood memory?

Spending quality time with my family, going to the beach.

10) What was your first job?

Worked for my Dad's construction company and mowed grass for family members for a couple dollars.

11) What are your hobbies?

Reading, board games, I enjoy my girls' activities and spending time with his girls, I like to jog when I can.

12) What is your favorite family holiday tradition?

Christmas with my family (sometimes difficult as a pastor, busy time of year); also Thanksgiving with Kara's family.

13) What is your favorite game or sport to watch? Play?

I enjoy watching baseball, basketball & soccer...played both baseball and soccer growing up.

- The Orioles are my favorite team.

14) What is your favorite book to read?

Besides the Bible, The Chronicles of Narnia-rich in theology and very spiritual.

15) What makes you laugh the most?

Playing with my girls

16) If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A cold bowl of cereal

17) What would you sing at Karaoke night?

Country Roads by John Denver

18) When did you know you wanted to be pastor?

- Became Christian - 9th or 10th grade at a youth event
- Went to St. John Lutheran church in New Freedom
- When I did those career assessments in high school, Clergy came up as one of my career paths.
- Went to Messiah College to become a social studies teacher, graduated in 2004 with History degree; struggled with student teaching, felt uneasy with his career choice; got involved as a small group leader and youth leader at my church while working for my Dad's construction company. Felt God's calling to become a pastor in 2012 and went to Seminary while raising my family.

Pastor Tim's Messages – Upcoming Weeks!



On July 19th we will begin a new sermon series called Foundations of the Kingdom of God.

(The Kingdom of God is so vast and amazing! In this series we will be unpacking several of the critical aspects of God's Kingdom and how we as God's people can successfully live out our callings as citizens of the Kingdom of God here on earth.)

Bible Book of the Month - July 2020

Sisters and Brothers, we are so blessed to have God's inspired written Word in our possession! As God's people, the Lord calls us to be good stewards of His Word and to humbly put it into practice in our daily living. To help us internalize God's Word, I invite you to join me in taking part in Chestnut Grove's Bible Book of the Month.

This is a church-wide opportunity to place ourselves under a portion of God's Word by reading it throughout the month. There will be no assigned readings and you can read and meditate on God's Word at your own pace. Feel free to read very slowly or more quickly and multiple times through the inspired biblical text. Have fun with this and read/hear the Bible with an awareness that God the Holy Spirit lives within you to be Your teacher and to help You better get to know Jesus and Father God.

Also, I encourage you to use the CIA method in your Bible reading. This is something I learned in seminary and it has been very helpful for me. The "C" stands for Clarification. This means, what does this passage mean in its original context. Sometimes this is pretty straightforward and other times it is more difficult. If you come across a passage that is not as clear, I will be happy to help you with this important "C" part of Bible reading.

"I" stands for Insights about God. In light of clarifying the meaning of the verse/passage, what does that reveal about the nature and character of our Triune God? The Bible is filled with insights about our God and we are called to get to know Him better every day.

Then, finally, we come to the "A." The A stands for Applications. In light of C and I, what are some applications in your life and situation today? These may be different for each of us. The Bible is very practical, but we can't rush to this step or we will easily misapply much of Scripture.

For the month of July, our Book of the Month is the Gospel of Matthew! The Book of the Month for August is Genesis! And the book of the month for September is Acts! The books for Oct-Dec will be announced by mid-September.

Please know that there are also ways to listen to the Bible. This can be a helpful and refreshing option. Originally the Bible was written to be heard more so than read and sometimes using this sense can be a true blessing.

There are Bible CD's available as well as an app for smart phones called BibleGateway.com

On this app you can choose audio and can listen to any chapter of the Bible. You can also choose to do the regular option and read, which is wonderful too.

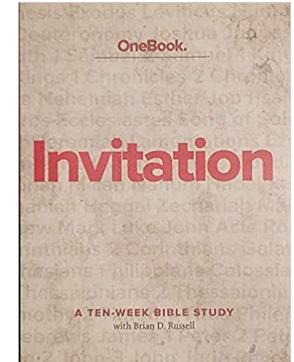
To help you in your reading/hearing of Matthew, please note that Matthew was one of the 12 original apostles chosen by Jesus Christ. Matthew was also called Levi. People often went by more than one name at that time. Perhaps Matthew enjoyed a particular type of jeans ☺, but probably not.

Matthew/Levi was a tax collector, which was a trade looked down on by many, because they were often greedy and took more money from people than was instructed for them to do. But Jesus, interestingly, called Matthew right from his tax booth to be one of his followers. Matthew became a leader in the early church and inspired by the Spirit of God he wrote this beautiful account of Jesus. Matthew could certainly say, if Jesus called me, his invitation is for everyone!

Fall Bible Study - “Invitation”

You Are Invited to Invitation!

This Fall you are invited to participate in a new Bible study called “Invitation”. This Bible Study will meet for 11 weeks (you can meet in-person or over Zoom if preferred) to journey as a group through the main themes of Scripture. I am very excited to lead this study and ask that you reach out to our church office or contact me directly if you would like more information. With it being designed as a small group, participation will be limited to 10-12 people, so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. More details will be coming in the coming weeks regarding dates and times, but please know that this is an excellent opportunity to deepen your faith and strengthen your walk with Christ.



Please see further information about *Invitation* below:

What is the Bible’s message? How does it all fit together? In what ways does it speak to women and men hungry for truth in the 21st century?

In *Invitation*, Dr. Brian D. Russell serves as your guide through the narrative of Scripture: Creation – the Fall of Humanity – the Calling of Israel – the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Sending of the Church – New Creation. Through ten chapters divided into five daily readings, *Invitation* covers the core content of the Bible with an emphasis on God’s mission and the role of God’s people in living as a holy community for the sake of the world. The goal of the *Invitation* is not merely information—it seeks the transformation of readers as they encounter the good news of Scripture and realign themselves continually with its powerful truth.

New Chronicles of Narnia - Small Group to Meet

One of my favorite Christian writers is C.S. Lewis. Lewis had an ability to communicate and teach in a variety of ways (lectures, non-fiction writing, fiction writing, etc.). One way that Lewis powerfully wrote of God and our Christian faith is through his *Chronicles of Narnia* book series.

These 7 books are filled with spiritual truths about God and have the potential to strengthen people’s love for God and God’s Word. I have been immensely blessed and spiritually nourished by them over the years since I began reading them.

I would love to begin a small group here at Chestnut Grove in which the participants meet every other month to discuss one of these books. Besides everyone having an opportunity to share their reflections, I will tie in the numerous biblical analogies found in each story. Whether you’ve read all seven books or have never heard of them or C.S. Lewis, this group is an opportunity for you to grow in your walk with Jesus Christ.

If you are interested or would like more information about this exciting opportunity, please contact the church office or Pastor Tim.

God Bless!
Tim

COVID-19 Compliant Reminders

- No Sunday School at this time.
- All children must stay with their parents at all times.
- Restrooms are limited to 1 person at a time unless you're family.
- Masks are optional.
- You will be seated by an usher.
- To the best of your ability, you must social distance at all times especially entering the exiting the building.
- Hand Sanitizer will be provided.
- Communion – sealed elements provided.
- Each person must decide for themselves if they are comfortable returning to in-building worship.
- Respect others right to social distancing in the parking lot.
- If you use a hymnal during worship, do not return it to the rack, but leave it on the seat.
- Ushers will seat and dismiss you.
- We will sing.
- Offering containers are provided to drop your offering in on your way in or out.
- Please stay home if you are sick.

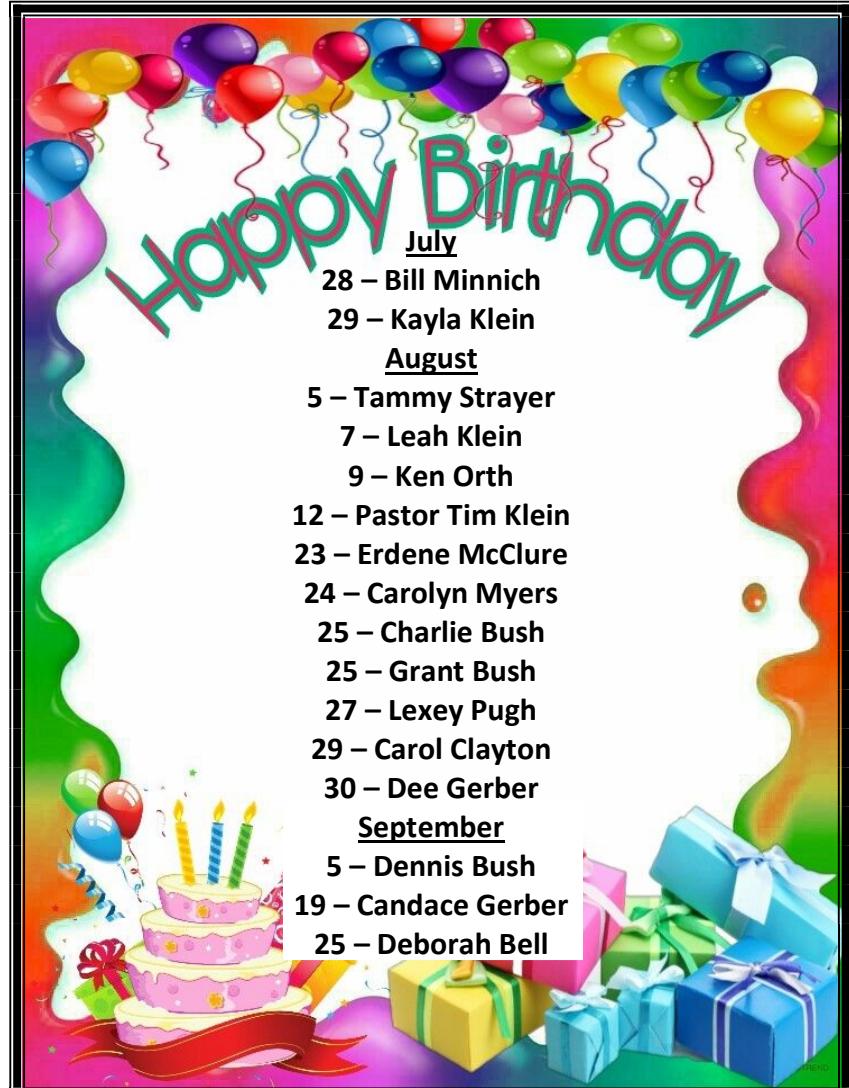
Subject to change...the leaders of the church will be in touch if/when there are changes to this list.

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Upcoming Meetings

Sunday	7/19	After Worship	Worship Team Mtg
Sunday	7/26	After Worship	Trustee Meeting
Tuesday	7/28	6:00PM	Ad Council Mtg



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