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## WELCOME

WELCOME to the 25th Edition of the Senior Fellowship Newsletter. Summer is almost gone, and soon it will be time for roasted turkey and pumpkin pie. We are thankful for the good weather and no snowstorms.

~ Rachael Ceffaratti

## CALENDAR

**8/31:** Prayer Walk, 9:30 a.m.

**9/1:** Labor Day, Church Office Closed

**9/6:** Women's Tea, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

**9/7:** All-Church Picnic

**9/14:** Resume two-service schedule (Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 a.m.)

**9/18:** Senior Fellowship Gathering, 12:30 p.m.

**10/3-4:** Men's Retreat

**10/4:** Preschool Pumpkin Patch

**10/25:** Trunk-or-Treat, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**11/20:** Senior Fellowship Gathering, 1:00 p.m.

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## **ASK PASTOR PETER**

*How can we protect Goshen from false teaching?*

I want to encourage you to take time to explore our church's Statement of Faith (see [goshenbaptist.org](http://goshenbaptist.org), "About Us," "What We Believe")? By examining it, you might say we're inspecting our "superstructure." At home we all want sturdy floor joists and rafters; without them the house collapses. So too, there are Bible-based truth structures which are foundational for Christian faith and life.

We get a feel for the urgency of holding fast to God's truth from the Apostle Paul's final farewell to the Ephesian elders in Acts 20. He reminds these church leaders, "I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ" (vv 20-21). He gives it to them straight—no "shrinking," no softening hard facts or dodging tough topics.

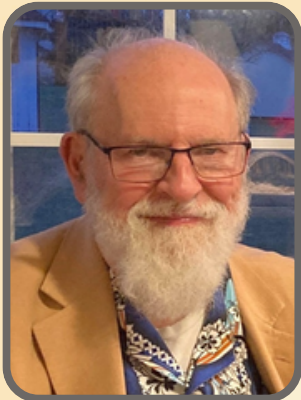
More important to Paul than his own life is speaking the solid, saving good news: "to testify to the gospel of the grace of God" (v 24). He can stand before God and the congregation with a clear conscience: "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." (vv 26-27). The whole truth, not half-truths—not just what pleases "itching ears."

But with these reminders comes a sober charge: "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore, be alert,..." (vv 28-31).

"Twisted things" will be spoken by false teachers who enter the church or—perish the thought!—who arise within the church. Elders and pastors are charged to identify and refute all such error. Godly spiritual leadership involves knowing God's Word and the key doctrines it presents, and loving God's people by teaching them the truth carefully and by refuting any distortions, revisions, and slanted versions of it.

And so, please pray for me and our ministry staff and church elders, and for all who lead in any way here at Goshen, as we study and stand firm on God's gospel truth!

We remember our sister Edna Mae Dulaney. Edna Mae passed away in April. She had the distinction of being a member of our church longer than any other person. She had many interesting church stories, like being present when the church moved to its present location.



We were saddened to hear that Steve McEvoy passed away in May of this year. Yet we rejoice that he is with his Lord in Heaven. Steve was a strong man of faith and was involved in many ways with his Church. Steve set a good example as a family man as well as being involved in the community around him.

## WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

- EVE – The first woman created by God. She lived in the Garden of Eden. She was the first to be tempted by the Serpent leading to original sin.
- ELIZABETH – She was the mother of John the Baptist.
- SARAH – She was an elderly woman. She was married to Abraham. She believed in God. At ninety years of age she gave birth to a son.
- MIRIAM – She was the older sister of Moses. She looked after him. She was faithful to God.
- DEBORAH – She was chosen by God to lead Israel. She instructed the people how to act.
- RUTH – She was faithful to God. She loved her mother-in-law (Naomi). She won the heart of Boaz.
- ESTHER – She had great beauty. She was Queen of Persia. She protected her people.
- MARY – She was the Mother of Jesus. She was humble. God blessed her humility.
- MARY MAGDALENE – She was the first person to see the risen Jesus. She was present at his death.

## VIEW FROM THE PEW

We are going to try to feature perspectives from any of you who would like to contribute regarding your experiences as part of the body here at Goshen Baptist.

As the first contributor, I am going to give a perspective from a different kind of pew. It has been my experience that the older I get, the more health issues can interfere with my being present in the building on a Sunday morning. It is very important to physically gather with other believers and worship together in singing and teaching whenever possible, but when that is not possible, it is wonderful to have the ability to join remotely. Last November I missed three Sundays, and again, in January, I was unable to be physically present for three services. For those weeks, my "pew" was my living room recliner. I was so grateful to have the opportunity to sing the worship songs and listen to the teaching while stuck at home. I also find as I get older, I am not as adept at taking notes during the sermon as I once was. It's nice to be able to go back online and recover something I missed.

I want to give a shout-out to the faithful people who sit at the back of the sanctuary, running the sound board and video. They have a true ministry not only to those present for the service but also to those who are unable to be there. John and I were with the 2's and 3's the past month. It was wonderful to get to know them, and also wonderful to know we could access Pastor Michael's worship through song and Pastor Peter's worship through teaching because of the ministry of those faithful sound booth people.

So, the view from the pew in this issue is one of gratitude for those willing to serve truly unseen. Thank you for using your gifts in God's service!

-Terri McCumber

## MEMORY VERSE

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.  
Hebrews 13:8



## TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

Helen Lemmel (1864-1961), who lived in England, was a noted Christian singer and voice teacher. In 1918 she was given a tract called "Focused," by a missionary friend. She was struck by the words, "So then, turn your eyes upon Him, look full into His face and you will find that the things of earth will acquire a strange new dimension." The more she thought about those words, the more she actually heard the melody in her soul and spirit. She wrote the lyrics the following week and the hymn was born. It became a favorite in England, then America, and then around the world.

The next time you sing the chorus, try holding your finger a few inches in front of your face and focus your vision on the things behind your finger. Then focus on your finger. Did you notice how whatever you focused on was clear and the rest was "strangely dim?" Let's keep our focus on Him!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.*

-Helen Lemmel

(Information found in *The One Year Book of Hymns*)

## A CHALLENGE

We are always up to a good challenge, so let us give you one. The challenge is to intentionally look for someone you don't know at church and introduce yourself to them. Not a really difficult thing to do, but I know that for many of us this is a real challenge. We feel more comfortable talking to people we know. So, step out of your comfort zone, take a risk, and go find someone to speak to.

HAPPY  
Birthday!

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Barbara Kelley-August 29  
John McCumber-September 1

Sue Engelman-September 7  
Carol Hellyer-September 12

Martha Bazar-November 3  
Joel Engelman-November 15

We would like to list those who have had a recent birthday. Would you please list your name on the Birthday Sheet that we will pass out during our fellowship times? All we need is the month and day.

## OUR NEWEST GOSHEN BUNDLES OF JOY

We rejoice with: Dan & Megan Werner at the arrival of their son, Theo, born on Feb. 24; Trey and Carolyn Speers at the birth of their daughter, Florence Kathryne (Flora), on May 29; Luke & Sarah Speers at the birth of their son, Linus Clay, on June 5.



## BIBLE TRIVIA



1. Which books of the Bible did Solomon write?
2. Who was the last king Daniel served under in the Bible?
3. Who let the Israelites return to their homeland?
4. What was Matthew before he followed Jesus?

(Answers on page 8)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Shakespeare invented more than 1,700 words.

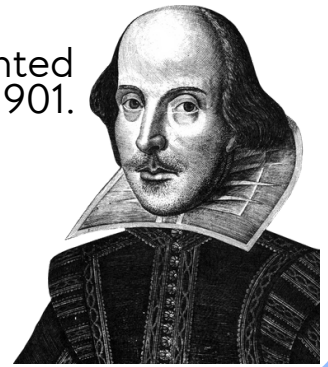
Antarctica is covered in a sheet of ice 7,000 feet thick.

Lady Liberty wears a size 879 shoe.

There is no ham in a hamburger.

A tomato is the world's most popular fruit.

John Vaaler invented the paperclip in 1901.



## SUMMERTIME FUNNIES

**How do you prevent dry skin after swimming?** Avoid using a towel.

**Why did the ice cream truck break down?** Because of the rocky road!

**How do campers react to building a campfire?** They always want s'more.

**What does the crowd do at summer baseball games?** The heat wave!

**What do you call a barbecue for seniors?** A golden grill.

**Where do birds stay when they go on vacation?**

Someplace cheep.



# Cook's Corner

## ZUCCHINI PARMESAN

### Ingredients

2 TBS extra-virgin olive oil  
3 tablespoons fresh lime juice  
½ garlic clove, minced  
¼ teaspoon sea salt  
5 cups cubed watermelon  
1 cup diced English cucumber  
¼ cup thinly sliced red onion  
⅓ cup crumbled feta cheese  
1 avocado, cubed  
⅓ cup fresh mint or basil leaves  
½ jalapeño or serrano pepper,  
thinly sliced, optional  
Sea salt

### Directions

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice, garlic and salt. Arrange the watermelon, cucumber, and red onions on a large plate or platter. Drizzle with half the dressing. Top with the feta, avocado, mint, and serrano pepper, if using, and drizzle with remaining dressing. Season to taste and serve.

## ROASTED ASPARAGUS

### Ingredients

- 1 lb Asparagus
- ¼ tsp Salt
- 2 - TBS Butter
- 1 TB Soy Sauce
- 1 TSP Balsamic Vinegar
- 1/8 TSP Black Pepper

### Directions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees  
Place asparagus on baking sheet. Coat with cooking spray  
Sprinkle with salt. Roast 10-12 minutes. Melt butter in small saucepan. Remove from heat and stir in soy sauce and vinegar. Pour sauce over roasted asparagus. Sprinkle with pepper

Do you have a recipe that you'd like to share for our next issue? Please email them to:  
[office@goshenbaptist.org](mailto:office@goshenbaptist.org)



## LOOKING AHEAD

We are pleased to announce that Mark Cable will be joining us for our September Senior Fellowship Meeting. Mark has been ministering full-time through music and humor for over 40 years. His travels take him to churches and conference centers throughout the Eastern United States. An accomplished acoustic guitarist and songwriter, Mark has released twenty-three albums and has received radio airplay on Christian stations across the U.S. His latest CD released in April 2025 is entitled "For Our Good". He and his wife, Dodi, live in York, PA, and have six children and ten grandchildren. An avid basketball fan, Mark has coached youth and Jr. High basketball for over twenty years. Please make sure to mark September 18th on your calendar. More announcements will be coming as we get near the date.



## LIBRARY UPDATES

By Jennifer Beckstrand:

*An Unexpected Amish Christmas*

By Karen Kingsbury:

*The Distant Shore*

By Debbie Macomber:

*Twelve Days of Christmas*

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

Which books of the Bible did Solomon write? **Answer: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.**

Who was the last king Daniel served under in the Bible? **Answer: Cyrus**

Who let the Israelites return to their Homeland? **Answer: Cyrus**

What was Matthew before he followed Jesus? **Answer: A Tax Collector**