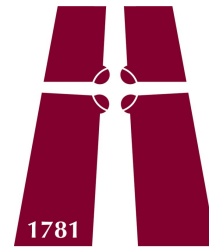


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>Bethel Presbyterian Church, New Florence, James Sunseri, Commissioned Ruling Elder
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Upcoming Events...

Second Wednesday of every month - Friendship Dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
FREE TO ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND - New Kensington, United

Second Wednesday of every month - Community "Soup for the Soul" Luncheon
- Apollo, Poke Run

September 18 through 20, 2016: PW New Windsor Mission Trip

September 26-27: "Transforming Mission" / W. Don McClure Lectures in World Mission and Evangelism / Stephen Bevans (www.pts.edu/McClure_2016)

September 29: "The Place Where We Are Right" A Conversation between friends about Israel and Palestine/James A. Gibson and Liddy Barlow
(www.pts.edu/Israel_Palestine_2016)

October 3 through 5, 2016: Preaching Pastors' Conference

October 15, 2016: PW Fall Gathering - Uniontown, Third

October 15, 2016: Craft Show - North Huntingdon, New Hope

October 22, 2016: Rummage Sale - Apollo, Poke Run

Please go to the website at www.redstone.org and click on the "events" tab for more information on any of the upcoming events.

"Proclaiming the Gospel - Great End #1"- Reflections from the EP



As a new Christian, I was often fearless in being willing to share the good news and proclaim the Lord and Savior. While I cannot always look back confidently based upon an honest examination of either my motives or my methods, nonetheless I remain as convinced today as I was then that though it may be only in "jars of clay," this gospel is the treasure that exhibits God's powerful grace.

No matter the differences today in environment and culture, I hope and pray that we also (like Paul) are "not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of salvation for humankind, first the Jew, then the Gentile." Having been claimed by Christ from the throes of persecuting the early Christians, Paul understood the "power of the gospel" in the most personal of terms. Called to be the apostle and missionary to the Gentiles, that same sense of the gospel's impact upon others, he witnessed firsthand time and again.

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Yes, the world in which we live today may no longer provide the "comfort" where the Christian faith is implicitly affirmed or taken for granted. If we are honest with ourselves, we probably recognize how that "comfortable" status of our churches worked against our motivation and our commitment to proclaim the gospel. For if everyone around us was assumed to be Christians(or at least wanted to act like it), what urgency could there be?

Too often, in our own day, we lose sight of the transformative effect of the gospel. We begin to think of the good news as a nice addition or just another way of incorporating something "good" into our existing lives. In the midst of all of the difficulties and complexities of life as we know it, we may lose touch with the power of the gospel that really is radical in changing who we are, what we are about, and why it matters. While our experience may not be as dramatic as Paul's' conversion, nonetheless, the powerful grace of salvation restores us to who were meant to be in Christ and renews us in righteousness.

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**Next
Presbytery
Meeting**

**Tuesday,
September 20,
2016**

Pine Springs Camp,
Jennerstown
10:00 a.m. to 2:00
p.m.

Around Redstone

>>The Presbytery Packet for the September 20, 2016 meeting at Pine Springs Camp is available at the presbytery website at www.redstone.org. You can access it from the home page of the website.

>>The Board of Pensions has made a number of significant changes to the Benefits Plan and the way employee benefits are priced and structured. ***Before Sept 30 all churches will need to have the "Authorized Person" from their church*** (i.e. normally the treasurer, business manager, or chair of personnel who inputs salary information into Benefits Connect for billing purposes from the Board of Pensions), access Benefits Connect and input salary information for each employee and choose the benefits/classifications for all employees. Even if there is only one employee, e.g. the pastor, the authorized person from each church will need to fill in the information on Benefits Connect by Sept 30. Once Benefits are chosen, an employer agreement would be created that would determine accurate billing. For support call Member Services or Employer Services at 800-773-7752 or you can call your regional Church Consultant Rev. Doug Portz at 267-788-4962.

>>**Child Protection Policy** - If your session has already adopted a policy or when you do, please notify Skip or Bobbie in the Presbytery office of the policy and the date of its approval. We DO NOT NEED A COPY of your policy in your office. We simply need to be aware that you have a policy in place and be notified of the date it was approved by your session.

>>**Proposed Book of Order Amendments** - The proposed amendments to the Book of Order that were approved by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) and recommended to Presbyteries for their vote are [now available](#) for your review. Each of these amendments will be voted upon at upcoming Presbytery meetings. A schedule of when each amendment will be voted on will be determined by Presbytery Council. That information will be forwarded to you as it is determined.

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