

# THE SHINING LIGHT

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*Real People  
Relevant Ministry  
Renewed Hearts*

*Pastor's Corner*

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**NOVEMBER**

1- 6:00 pm – Youth Night!

3- 10:00 am: Senior Adults  
7:00 pm: Ladies Bible Study

5- 8:00 am: Men's Workday  
10:00am: Prayer Gathering

6 - Time Change– Fall Back

8- 6:00 pm: Youth Night

12 - 9:00 am: Church Workday

13- 11:00 am: Operation Christmas  
Child Shoebox Dedication

17- 10:00 am: Senior Adults  
7:00 pm: Ladies Bible Study

18 - 7:00 pm: Multicultural

20 - 12:30 pm: Church  
Thanksgiving Dinner

22 - 6:00 pm: Youth

24- Thanksgiving

29- 5:45 pm: Youth Laser Tag &  
Pizza

Wednesday's:

6:45 pm: Team KID

7:00 pm: Adult Bible Study

Make sure you keep up with everything that's going on. Our calendar is full of great things and great opportunities for you and your family to serve. Also, be in prayer about serving the church body in the upcoming year. I will be sending out a letter soon that will inform you about all of the positions that need to be filled and I pray that God will lead you to step out and get busy for Him and His church.

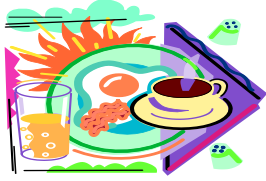
November is obviously the month for giving thanks and there is no better way to show your gratitude to the Lord than to serve Him. Hebrews 13: 15Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Looking back on this year, do you think that God has been "well pleased" with your sacrifice to Him? Any sacrifice we give has to cost us something. Otherwise it's not a sacrifice. When King David was told to offer a sacrifice to stop the plague in Israel, Araunah offered to provide the King with what he needed. 2 Samuel 24: 22Now Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up whatever seems good to him. Look, here are oxen for burnt sacrifice and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood. 23All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the Lord your

God accept you." 24Then the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing."

If your sacrifice cost you nothing, then it wasn't a sacrifice. Thanksgiving must be displayed not just spoken. Once we truly realize what God has done for us and continues to do for us, how can we not show Him our gratitude by honoring Him with our lives? There's a hymn in our hymn book that is called "Thanksgiving/Thanks-Living" Hymn #642. The third verse says, "Our deepest love and highest praise in routine and festive days sing of You, our Heavenly Father. Yet, while our songs of praise arise deep in our hearts we realize, All the words of our Thanksgiving fail to say what we can show by our Thanks-Living." May our Thanksgiving be backed up by our Thanks-Living.

God bless you and your family,  
Pastor Robert





**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST**

Men, you are invited to join us on Saturday, November 5th at 8:00 am for breakfast at IHOP. Then we will return to the church for a topical Bible Study. For more information, please contact Pastor Robert.

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**Prayer Gathering**

See church bulletin or Ngata Nganga, Prayer Leader for details.



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**With Heartfelt Thanks**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and the beautiful fruit and flower basket while I was in the hospital.

Evelyn King

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To Our Church Family,  
Thank you so very much for all your prayers, cards and most of all your support in the loss of my sister, Christine. They all mean more than words can say. And most of all your love.

Love In Jesus,  
Louise & Tom Beavers

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**The Lord's Supper**

Sunday, November 6th  
11:00 am Worship Service



**OASIS**

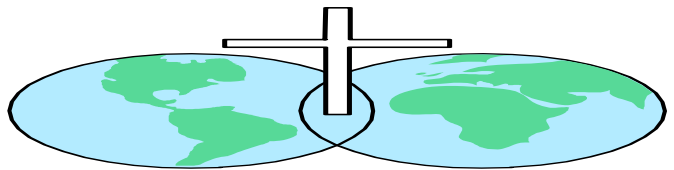
**(Older Adults Sharing In Service)**

We encourage our senior adults to become a part of OASIS. We meet the first & third Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. During this time, together, we have devotions, prayer, exercise time, crafts & games, a good meal and joyful fellowship. A great way to get to know and encourage each other. Join us!

Carole Fusco

OASIS

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**MULTICULTURAL NEWS**

**Monthly Fellowship**

Join us for a Multicultural Fellowship on Friday, November 18th in the GBC Basement. Potluck dinner starts at 7pm, followed by singing worship songs, a devotional Bible study, sharing testimonies and prayers. Looking forward to fellowship with you. For more information, please contact: Gil Gurrea @ 301-775-5349.

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**FALL WORKDAY**

Our Fall Workday will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 9 a.m. Come and join us for fellowship and a little hard work as we clean the buildings and grounds, and prepare for winter. There are a variety of tasks to be done, and your skills can be put to good use. Lunch will be served.



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**VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11**

**Ushers for November**



- 6- Howard Crogan, Dan Cavell, Chris McKee, Percy Jones
- 13- Matt Markiewicz, Gary Cavell, Steve Foster, Bill Stanton
- 20- Brett Whitworth, John King, Mike Lentz, Chris Lentz
- 27- Tom Beavers, Ken Solomon, Ngata Nganga, Ryan Lentz

**Greeters for November**



- 6- Rosel Cavell & Jennifer Jenkins
- 13- Wimberly King & Mike King
- 20- Tina Simms & Dawn Nichol
- 27- Lindsay Walker & Evette Gurrea

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**LOCAL MISSION TRIP**

GBC is sending a mission team to Somerset, PA November 18th-20th to help complete a cabin and other tasks. Men and women are encouraged to attend!  
 If you would like to serve, see Rick Simms.

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**Remember to set your clocks "back" one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 5th!**

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**This Little Light of Mine**

**WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP**

Ike & Jean Harrell  
 18003 Mateny Rd. #105  
 Germantown, MD 20874  
 301-540-8229

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**Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Dedication**  
**Sunday, November 13th**



Remember all those shoe box items you have been collecting all year? Now it is time to fill your shoe box and bring to the church for our Shoebox Dedication on Sunday, November 13.

If you do not have time to shop for items, donations will be accepted and we will shop and fill boxes for you. Brochures and 100 empty boxes that need filling are available on the education wing table or you may contact Caitlyn Crogan or Caitlyn Nguyen for information. Let's fill all 100 boxes!

Operation Christmas Child provides a practical way to share the joy of Christmas and the hope of Jesus Christ with children living in countries ravaged by war, famine, extreme poverty or natural disasters through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

You can be involved in this simple, hands-on mission project by packing a shoe box with personal gifts to be sent to a child

- Use an empty shoe box or plastic container
- Pray for the child who will receive your gift
- Wrap lid and box separately
- Label box lid Boy or Girl and age category
- Fill with toys, school supplies, hygiene items
- Include \$7 donation for processing
- An option is a note to child and photo of your family (name and address, the child may write back)
- Put a rubber band around each closed box
- Bring your shoe box to church Nov 6-20

**SIS (Sisters In Spirit)**



**BIBLE STUDY!**

Thursday, November 3rd - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 17 - 7:00 pm

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**SECRET SISTERS**

Secret Sisters gives you an opportunity to personally reach out to a Sister in Christ through; prayer, cards, words of encouragement, gifts and a smile without her knowing it is you! If you are interested in being part of the Secret Sister program we will draw names in December and begin the program in January 2012. Please pick up your questionnaire form to join ( educational hall), fill it out and return it to Kimberly by Dec. 10th.

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**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**Ladies Cookie Exchange & Luncheon  
Saturday, December 10th @ 11:00 am  
More details to follow!**

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Our ladies ministry, "S.I.S" is open to all ladies. Please join us for Bible study or our monthly activities. We would love to have you open God's Word and fellowship with us. If you have any suggestions or would like more information about this ministry, please feel free to contact me.  
Love In Christ, Kimberly Walker

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**"Christmas County Spelling Bee"**

Children & Youth, come join us on Sunday nights at 4:30 pm to practice this year's Christmas Play! Last day to join is Sunday, November 6th! Hope to see you there!  
For more information, see Ms. Kim.



**What's Going On With GBC Youth?**

**#1: Tuesday Night Bible Study!** \_\_\_\_\_ Join the Youth (grades: 7th-12th) every Tuesday night from 6 pm- 8pm! There will be team challenge games, Student Life Character Bible Study, prayer, fun & fellowship! This night is set apart just for YOU! Bring you friends, wear closed- toe shoes, and your BIBLE! If you don't have your own Bible, there are Bibles at the church you can borrow or see Pastor Robert and he will get you one! It's that simple!

**#2: Laser Tag & Pizza** \_\_\_\_\_ We will be going to play laser tag at Shadowland on Tuesday, October 29th. Meet here at the church at 5:45 pm and bring \$10 for your pizza and laser tag. If you are attending, you MUST sign up by November 22nd.

For more info on Youth Events, please contact Pastor Robert or Kimberly Walker, Youth Leaders.

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**TEAMKID CLUB**

We invite all kids grades K - 6th to TeamKID on Wednesday nights at 6:45 pm. TeamKID is a high- energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. All parts of TeamKID - Bible stories, Scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation - connect to teach life lessons to kids. Please come and be part of this exciting club at GBC!

For more information or to register your child, please contact Kimberly Walker

**Learning about God - Using the Bible- Living for Jesus**

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Join us on Sunday, November 20th Churchwide Thanks-

**CHURCH DINNER**



giving dinner (after morning service). The turkey, ham and beverages will be provided by the church. Please bring a covered dish or two enough to feed your family plus two.

**Directory of Services**

***Sunday***

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship & Junior Church ..... 11:00 a.m.

***Tuesday***

Youth Bible Study & Fellowship Time.....6:00 p.m.

***Wednesday***

TeamKID (K - 6th Grade) ..... 6:45 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday (1ST & 3RD)**

Senior Adult Ministry ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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