

# the Fellowship

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## Men's Advance

The annual Men's Advance was a blessing for the men of BFC and local fans who attended. We had the privilege of hearing from Pastor Bill Schlonecker, who spoke on the topic of "Finishing Well."

Pastor Bill challenged us to think about what it means to finish well. He reminded us of the promise in Philippians 1:6 that God will complete the good work He began in us, but asked whether we are allowing Him to do so or if we will end up cynical, aloof, bitter, distant, disillusioned, coasting, or stumbling.

Drawing from 2 Peter 1:8, Pastor Bill encouraged us to add to our faith knowledge, virtue, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, and brotherly affection. He also spoke about our identity and the blessings we have as believers in Christ, such as election, adoption, redemption, and being sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Bill acknowledged that brokenness is relentless, and that sin can take us farther than we want to go, but reminded us that God is a promise-making and promise-keeping God. Despite our struggles, we have freedom from condemnation and are undergoing sanctification.

So how do we respond? Pastor Bill urged us to go back to the beginning, to give voice to the cry of our hearts, to grasp hold of the one who grieves with us, and to choose to believe God's promises. Let us strive to finish well and bring praise to His glorious grace.

We are more than conquerors. Show brotherly love – never be a one-man show, need a second-wind friend. Be an intentional brother – commit to sacrificially your brother. Speak truth in a brother's life to accountability. Open your eyes and heart to your brothers around you. Help one another

build a strong foundation, run the last lap flat out.

By this time some of the brothers in the room had hearts broken with concern about neighbors and estranged family members. We prayed.

Bill concluded with – what does finishing well look like?

- ♦ Vibrant faith in Christ
- ♦ Come to the end with joy and contentment.
- ♦ Confident in His sovereign grace.
- ♦ Relational peace

- ♦ Expectancy with hope and joy of our reality/identity in Christ.
- ♦ Regrets taken care of – not burdened with guilt.
- ♦ Not going out on the enemy's terms. "Let him who thinks he stands take heed..."

II Pete 1 – 11 – "For in this way there will be rich welcome into the eternal kingdom".

Bill's final point: Never forget you belong to Jesus Christ

- Matt Cowdery

## Spring Upward Season – back in April .... And a Spring surprise!

We have been blessed to have a partnership opportunity with someone from our Upward family, Abigail Dilworth, who is also pursuing an Eagle Scout. This is our second sponsored Eagle Scout project along with Skylar Slaten's Reflection Path Eagle Project. This project includes improvements to the path leading to the Upward Fields and the addition of 550 square feet of patio space enhancing the player, parent, and spectator arrival experience.

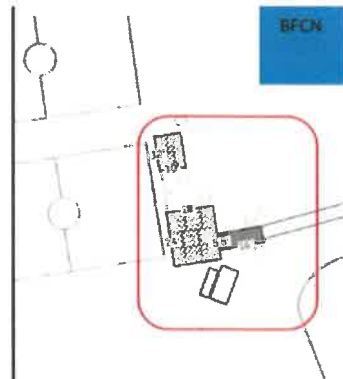
Abigail is from Wilmington Troop 1923. Abigail has been active with Scouts BSA, once known as the Boy Scouts of America, since they first allowed girls to enroll in 2018. Abigail's family have been associated with Bible Fellowship through homeschool co-op and she and her siblings combined have played 15 years of sports on our Upward fields. Her dad Dan is

an active Upward coach. Abigail played Upward soccer from kindergarten through 6th grade. Her Upward experience has helped her grow in "wisdom and stature with God and Man" consistent with Luke 2:52, as Pastor Steve Morton had often shared during Upward devotions. Her Eagle Project is giving back to our community, who has been a part of her spiritual development and her relationship with Jesus.

The project workdays will be April 6 and April 13. Abigail is currently in the fund-raising phase and any help is appreciated – you can put

checks payable to BFCN in offering with the designation **Spring Eagle Scout Project**. Abigail is working closely with our deacons and aims to complete the project before the start of the Upward Soccer season.

For the deacon board,  
Mike Slaten





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**Worship services**  
are at 10:00 am  
**Sunday School** meets  
from 9:00 to 9:45 am

**Be sure to visit BFCN  
on the web at  
[www.BFCNewarkDE.org](http://www.BFCNewarkDE.org)**

Please direct address corrections  
to the church office.

Susan Foy, editor

## Orphan Care Update

As spring approaches, I wanted to provide an update on one of our focus ministries in Orphan Care. BFCN over the past decade has made significant contributions to a Christ centered work in Zambia called All Kids Can Learn International (AKCLI) and known locally as the Village of Hope. It's the middle of the rainy season in Zambia, the only four months of the year that all Zambians count on for the needed rain that provides the year's food for its twenty-million citizens – but there has not been a drop of rain for over a month.

Thankfully, as a result of years and years of faithful ministry, dependence on God, and the generosity of the saints, the Village of Hope has dozens of fruitful outputs and stewardship that combats the drought with irrigation systems (including water collection), conservation farming, and multiple types of food sources to help when drought conditions arise.

We can help them by donating so they can be as compassionate as they can to their neighbors. To do this, write a check for AKCLI and send to:  
AKCLI  
224 N Washington Street  
Havre de Grace MD 21078  
- For the orphan care team,  
Russ Meredith



Tax documentations for the giving to the church have been sent out. If you have not been able access that document or would like a printed copy, please reach out to the Church Office or to Jordan Harrington at 302-220-6449.

## GriefShare

A new session of GriefShare began on Monday, February 26, from 6:30-8:30 pm, in the Comly 3 Classroom. We will meet every Monday for 13 weeks till May 20, 2024. This is a support group for those who have lost a loved one to death recently or in the past. The cost is \$20 for the workbook. Scholarships are available. You will find support and encouragement for your grief journey. The purpose of GriefShare is to help people learn how to grieve in a healthy way. Come visit us and see how this support group can help you to move from grief to healing and hope for the future. Even though the session has begun, you can still participate.

For any questions or to sign up please contact Evelyn Cowdery at [evelyn.cowdery@gmail.com](mailto:evelyn.cowdery@gmail.com) or 302-353-8535 or Matt Cowdery at 302-546-1320, or sign up at GriefShare.org.

**Henry & Jane Correll are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on March 13!**

Last summer Henry and Jane moved into Meadowcrest Retirement Community in Middletown. They would like to share the following message with the church:

"We are very thankful for your loving care and concern for us during a recent illness and move to assisted living. Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, visits, and gifts. You have been immensely encouraging to us and the Lord is ever present and meeting our needs. We keep BFCN in our prayers."

Looking for good used car. Please call Greg Platt at 302 358 9046. Thank you!!



## BOOKreMARKS •

Greetings from the BFCN church library. We are very happy to report that children's books are back in the library. The chapter books for readers and picture books for the youngsters are on the shelves right in front of the library door as you walk in. There are a couple of things to remember when you borrow children's books.

1. You do not have to check the books out. Just take what you want and keep them as long as you want. This applies to the chapter books and picture books only.
2. Put the books in the orange crate on the table when you return them. Please DO



NOT put them back on the shelf!

Adult books still need to have their white book cards signed and dated. The check-out period is three weeks.

In the next few months we plan to start ordering new adult books. Stay tuned...

If you have any questions or book suggestions please free to contact me.  
- Judy Smith

### Excuse our Appearance!

After Easter we will begin a refresh, including fresh paint, in the Commons area. Please excuse our appearance!

*Save the date!*

God has blessed our congregation with a beautiful church and campus ... we have an opportunity to do some care for our campus, both inside and out! Hold the Date: We have a planned volunteering Day on April 27, from 12 noon to 4 pm. We will be doing various jobs in teams inside and outside the church, to steward the campus and fellowship together – there will be something for everyone, no matter what you have for time or talent – every moment spent helping makes our church home a place where we can provide the best outreach and worship environment possible. Be on the lookout for updates in the bulletin as the date approaches.



*The Lord is Risen!*

## BFCN Garden

Have you ever wanted to be a part of a gated community? Well, here is your chance! Did you know that BFCN has a sizable, fenced/gated community garden that is watered for our gardeners automatically each morning? Returning gardeners, please let us know if you will be returning to the garden this year by March 20th by emailing [terrencehebel@gmail.com](mailto:terrencehebel@gmail.com), or letting Kathy Bradford or Terrence Hebel know in some way, shape, or form. Interested in joining us this year for the first time? Contact Terrence Hebel (email above) or Kathy Bradford.



## New Mothers Group

Dawn Wallace and Terrence Hebel are interested in starting a new daytime Bible Study-based mother's group, tentatively beginning in the fall. We would like to give older Titus 2-hearted women of our church the opportunity to invest into the next two generations of our church family by providing child care and lessons for the children, as well as teaching oversight for the younger mothers during their Bible Study time. If you feel that you'd like to contribute to our church in this way, please contact Terrence Hebel ([terrencehebel@gmail.com](mailto:terrencehebel@gmail.com)).

Packages for Family Summer Camp:  
5 nights / 15 meals (Sunday 5 pm — Friday lunch)

- ♦ \$1010 family of 2 (ages 6 & up)
- ♦ \$1160 family of 3
- ♦ \$1310 family of 4
- ♦ \$1430 family of 5
- ♦ \$1550 family of 6

Call 570-774-4928 for more information.

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## Family Summer Camp



Register and more info at  
[Pinebrook.org/Events](http://Pinebrook.org/Events)

Week 1: July 7-12  
Week 2: July 14-19  
Week 3: July 21-26



## HOLY WEEK EVENTS

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**  
**6.30 PM**  
**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**  
**FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE CHURCH**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**  
**6:30 AM**  
**BREAKFAST FOLLOWING**  
**SUNRISE SERVICE**

**10:00 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**



### Dinner with Friends

April 2024

Let's celebrate getting to know others in the congregation at Bible Fellowship Church. You can host or be a guest. If you choose host please indicate on the form below how many you can seat. The host provides the main course. The host will let the guest know what to bring the week before the dinner.

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Seat #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

	Hostess or \ Guest
Friday, April 5	_____
Saturday, April 6	_____
Friday, April 12	_____
Saturday, April 13	_____

Drop off completed form in basket by April 1st