

## Missions Update

### The Door – Dave & Gela Taylor

*The Door is designed to reach local at-risk youth through three essential needs:*

*Be Fed, Be Part of a Family, Find Faith.*

Bellwood Teen Center, Bellwood, PA



April 2024

In June of 2021 I suffered a stroke while working on a gazebo for our women's home. It was a longer recovery for me than I wanted. It was well into 2022 before I felt physically and mentally functional. My blood pressure was not well controlled despite medication and lifestyle changes. I needed a sabbatical but could not arrange for one that year. In 2023, it was not something I just wanted any longer, it was altogether necessary to recover my health to continue in ministry.

God provided a dear brother in the Lord, Dave Gorlewski from Flint, Michigan. He came and filled in for the 2 months of sabbatical expected, and for many weeks that unexpectedly followed. Dave was my discipleship partner in a men's program for several years and was invited to camp to be our rifle instructor. That relationship bloomed and Dave became a kids favorite at camp, teaching marksmanship, archery and even axe throwing this past winter camp. Dave Gorlewski clearly had a high work ethic, a love for God and the heart of a teacher with the youth. I felt God leading me to ask him to join our staff team, but I asked him to come and serve for my sabbatical as a kind of trial run.

Dave came and stayed well past a trial. He completed so many physical tasks I was unable to do and rapidly caught our task list up to date while keeping the program going with our young staff and volunteers. He even drove 6 hours to surprise the kids at our Christmas party because he had come to care for the kids so much. In January our Board of Directors extended an official invitation to join our staff full time. Dave accepted God's call and will be putting his home on the market and will be moving here with his wife and daughter and son as soon as circumstances allow. In the mean time he is coming for two weeks a month and staying in a local church parsonage that was opened to him until he can sell his home in Michigan and find housing locally.

Meanwhile, my blood pressure was not well controlled until right before camp the doctors finally found a combination of medications that worked. I was diagnosed with an enlarged heart from years of overwork and high blood pressure. I also needed surgery to remove a damaged section of my colon due to chronic diverticulitis. At camp, I felt so much better with good blood pressure and an excellent team. I got to run a dodgeball tournament and even played along with the kids for the first time in a few years. God's Spirit filled me to preach and many kids came to faith and reconnection to Jesus in the messages. This victory with so many coming to Jesus and a successful camp was so encouraging.

February 22, just 3 days after camp I had my colon surgery. It went much rougher than I understood. God was with me in the pain and the surgery was more necessary and took longer than expected. God sent Dave to head up my Bellwood team at the right time. I have been recovering well and have been preaching again and have been back on "light duty" for about a week now. I can't wait to have Dave back with us for the next two weeks and full time as God provides. My goal is to work with Dave and further mentor him along.

Our youngest staffer has been Colin McFarland who came to us just out of high school to be "kitchen help" when I was alone and recovering from the stroke. Colin has served well and grown a lot. He is now leaving us to follow his new career. We are grateful for his help in due season and pray God's best as he ventures on. God's timing with Dave Gorlewski coming is perfect. Pray for God's provision to financially support another staffer and family taking a step of faith.

Since closing our residential programs last year we lost our garages where we stored camp gear and mowers and snowblower. We have until fall to move our equipment out and need to build a building we can own to meet our needs. Please ask God how you might help us with this need.

Recovering and Blessed, David Taylor, Executive Director

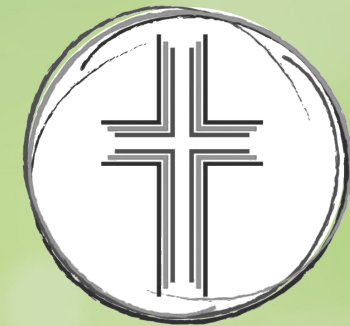
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# Welcome

April 21, 2024



**South Apalachin Baptist Church**

KNOW CHRIST | PROCLAIM CHRIST | SERVE CHRIST



## Praise & Worship Service

April 21, 2024

**Welcome to our Worship Service!**

Prelude ..... Nancy Crane  
 Announcements ..... Darren Dodge  
 Praise & Worship..... Praise Team  
 Songs: **This Is Amazing Grace**  
**Living Hope**  
**A Thousand Hallelujahs**  
*Children grades K-4 are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall.*  
 Scripture & Prayer: **Matthew 28:16-20** ..... Dan Johnson  
 Message: **Proclaim the Good News**..... Pastor Cory  
 Closing Song: **Goodness of God**..... Praise Team  
 Closing Prayer..... Pastor Cory

## Schedule of Events

Today	April 21, 2024	
9:45 am	Sunday School	
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service	
5:45 pm	The Loft	
6:00 pm	Evening Service - Update of Mapleridge Ranch	
This Week	April 22-27, 2024	
Mon	7:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting	Auditorium
Tue	1:00 pm Movers and Shakers	Gym
	6:00 pm Sneaker Night	Gym
	7:00 pm College Girls' Bible Study	DePriest's
	7:00 pm Small Group	Welch's
Wed	6:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	Auditorium
Thu	1:00 pm Movers and Shakers	Gym
	6:30 pm Girls' Bible Study, Grades 7-12	DePriest's
Fri	4:30 pm Men's Basketball	Gym
	6:00 pm Marriage Conference	Auditorium
Sat	9:30 am Marriage Conference	Auditorium
	10:45 am Marriage Conference	Auditorium
Next Sunday	April 28, 2024	
9:45 am	Marriage Conference for All Adults	
11:00 am	Marriage Conference	
5:45 pm	The Loft	
6:00 pm	Piano Concert - Carolyn Titus	
Looking Ahead	Save the Date	
Sat, May 4	Mother Daughter Tea Party @ 11 am - 2 pm	
Sat, May 11	Church Work Day	
Sun, May 19	Evening Service - Andrew & Nancy Crane Share About Recent Missions Trip	
June 7-9	The Loft Camping at Rock Mountain Bible Camp	
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School - Backyard Kid's Club	
Aug 3-4	Church Family Camping at Rock Mountain	

## Summer Opportunity

Vacation Bible School - Breaker Rock Beach

July 15-19, 2024 - Afternoons



Instead of traditional VBS this year our church is seeking to hold 5-Day Clubs in our community. We plan to use materials created for VBS and modify them to fit this venue. We are targeting July 15-19 in the afternoon for our clubs.

Do you live in a neighborhood where there are children in grades K-6? And if so, would you consider allowing us to use your yard? We would take care of everything.

Or, do you have contact with a place in the community where children live nearby where we could hold a club? If you are interested in helping us find locations please reach out to Sharon Colavito or Nancy Crane.

If you are an adult interested in helping with this effort, or a youth who has completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up, and want to share how you are interested in being part of this exiting event, please join us on:

**Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Following this meeting, we will prepare for our clubs by holding teacher training classes on Wednesday evenings, specifically to train our youth to teach and lead these clubs in lessons, songs, games, greet and get to know children.

- Pray for our youth to catch the vision to reach our community for Christ and share the love of Jesus.
- Pray for the children that haven't yet heard the gospel to get to hear the good news of salvation.
- Pray that we are able to show God's love to our community.



**FRIDAY - APRIL 26**

**SESSION 1:**  
 6:00PM - 7:30PM  
 FULFILLED MARRIAGES  
 GENESIS 1:1-24

**SATURDAY - APRIL 27**

**SESSION 2:**  
 9:30AM - 10:30AM  
 PURPOSEFUL MARRIAGES  
 GENESIS 1:26-32

**SUNDAY - APRIL 28**

**SESSION 4:**  
 9:45AM - 10:45AM  
 SUFFERING MARRIAGES  
 GENESIS 3:1-7 (Q&A)



**SESSION 3:**  
 10:45AM - 11:45AM  
 INTIMATE MARRIAGES  
 GENESIS 2

**SESSION 5:**  
 11:00AM - 12:00PM  
 REDEEMED MARRIAGES  
 GENESIS 3:8-22

**REGISTER ONLINE:**

The marriage conference is provided at no cost! Please help us plan by registering online.

**CHILDCARE PROVIDED:**

To help us plan, let us know how many children will be attending by registering in advance.

SEE MORE INFORMATION ON POSTCARD AT RESOURCE CENTER.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A Mother Daughter Tea Party

MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, AND AUNTS  
 WELCOME WITH GIRLS 5 TO 16  
 \$10 PER PERSON  
 DRESS UP, WEAR A FANCY PARTY HAT!  
 ENJOY TEA, LUNCH, A STORY TIME, A PHOTO  
 BOOTH, AND CRAFTS YOU CAN MAKE AND TAKE.

SATURDAY | 4 | MAY

11 o'clock - 2 o'clock

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