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GeistFest - Plan On It!



GEISTFEST returns to the Promise Road Campus on Saturday, September 7. Come from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm for a concert by The Flying Toasters. Food trucks will be available on-site to purchase food as well as inflatables for the kids. Stay for a 30-minute worship service at 6:00 pm.

WISH-TV Randy Ollis to Address Senior Ministry Event

The next Senior Adult Ministry event is on Sunday, September 15 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus with a pitch-in meal beginning at 4:00 pm. WISH-TV meteorologist, Randy Ollis, will be the presenter. He will share the strengthening of his faith as he journeyed with cancer. All are welcome!



One Church Together

Now is the time. Help Geist Christian Church meet the goal of \$1 million in the next three years by making a pledge today. As of August 27, \$722,190 has been pledged toward the goal. Every dollar from this campaign will be used to reduce the principal on the debt on both Geist Christian Church facilities. Join in this significant effort to strengthen the ministries of the church and build a strong future. Campaign information including the ability to pledge online can be found at either campus or online www.geistchristian.org.



Taking Flight Ministry

Do you have a child heading to college locally or afar? Would you like your church to pray for your student each month? Do you think they might enjoy receiving encouraging letters and a couple of care packages throughout the school year? Taking Flight Ministry is a prayer support ministry for college students. This group meets monthly to pray for college students and to sign letters and cards for each one.

If you would like your student included in this ministry, please send us your student's name, cell number, school email, mailing address, and birthday. Join us the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus. The first meeting this year is September 10. Contact Lisa Percy, lisatheot@comcast.net.



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Randy Reflects



Randy Spleth

Last Saturday, I saw a member at the airport. He travels often and was surprised to see me. I was out of context. He asked, "Are you coming or going?" I told said, "Both." We were headed to Texas for a funeral only to turn right around and come back.

There is a lot of "coming and going at church," he said. Then, before I could answer he confessed that he hadn't been around to welcome our new lead pastor at Promise Road, Danny Gulden. And he wouldn't be present to say "good-bye" to Michelle Latty. "There is always coming and going, isn't there?" But then he apologized. "I'm sorry Randy. I've been going more than coming, but you knew that didn't you? Thanks for not asking." But because he brought it up, I'll ask. "Are you coming or going?"

It's a practical question. Summer always creates coming and going; we are never quite sure who is around, who we will see, who is coming and going. As a congregation with a heart for people, we want to stay connected. If you've been going more than coming, I hope you'll check in with us so that we know how you are. Your coming and goings matter to us.

But it's also a theological question. I hope you know that your coming and going also matters to God. The Psalmist tells us that God promises to be engaged in your journey. "The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore." (Psalm 121:8). Life is full of entrances and exits, in home and family, at work and church. God will be there in all of them. In fact, our life itself, from birth to death is coming and going. The Lord will keep your going and coming, now and forevermore.

I pray that this will encourage you as fall comes and summer goes. I pray that with the new season, more will be coming and fewer going. Most of all, I hope each of us will write this verse on our hearts as we journey from today to tomorrow. God promises to be with us in our coming in and our going out.

Blessings,

From Danny Gulden, Lead Pastor, Promise Road Campus

Mary Michael, Bella, and Ava, and I would like to thank everyone for the reception as well as the warm and enthusiastic welcome we received. It was a joy to be in community and worship with you and we are looking forward to many great moments as we move forward in ministry. One of the questions that many of you asked was, "What can we do to help?" There are many different answers to that question, but the first one that comes to mind is "invite someone to church." Many of you shared that the reason you visited Geist Christian Church the first time was because someone invited you. The power of a personal invitation to church is immeasurable. Over the next few months, be thinking about who you can invite to experience Geist Christian Church. Once again, thank you all so much for the generous welcome.

CONNECT Adult Ministries

Bible Study for Women - Sarah's Sisters will begin a study of Christianity and World Religions on Wednesday, September 4 at 1:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus. Contact Pat Crampton at pjscrampton@hotmail.com for details.

Prayer Ministry: Pies & Prayers – Everyone is welcome to join PIES & PRAYERS on the first Monday of the every month at the Promise Road Campus and pray over the prayers left on the Prayer Wall. Due to Labor Day, this month it will meet on Monday, September 9. It is a wonderful experience to pray for others! ALL ages are welcome!

Page Turners - Page Turners will meet to discuss the following books:

- September 25 - *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan
- November 20 - *The Noel Stranger* by Richard Paul Evans

The club meets at the Mud Creek Campus at 6:30 pm. Contact Elena Derbique at 317.823.0173 or elena.derbique@gmail.com.

Short-Term Women's Study Begins Sept 16 - This six-session study begins Monday, September 16 from 9:30 am – 11:00 am at the Mud Creek Campus. It's entitled *Fight Back With Joy* and was written by Margaret Feinberg, an acclaimed Bible teacher and conference leader. The cost of the study book is \$15. Register August 25, September 1 and 8 at the Mud Creek Campus or contact Karen Harris at karenharris70@comcast.net.

Mom2Mom - Mom2Mom is a ministry of moms supporting moms within Geist Christian Church. This is a group where moms can grow in faith and friendship with one another. All moms are welcome! Contact Sarah Dietrich for more information – sarah.dietrich@geistchristian.org.

Exploration Bible Study Resumes - Exploration Bible Study, led by Pastor Ryan Hazen, will resume on Friday, September 6 at 6:30pm at the Mud Creek Campus. The first session will be on Ephesians before beginning an extended look at the book of Revelation. The class meets every other Friday.

Kerygma – a Mid-Week Educational Opportunity

- “Kerygma” is the biblical word from the Greek language that means “proclamation.” That’s the focus of the class led by Pastor Kyle Brown. The class will explore the meaning of the scripture, historically and presently. and begins on September 11 at 10:30 am in the Mud Creek Campus Library. The first 5-week study will be on the book *Fire by Night: Finding God in the Pages of the Old Testament* by Melissa Florer-Bixter. Melissa has a deep desire to live inside its stories and pronouncements, hoping to better understand God and God's work in the world today.

Mud Creek Campus Music Ministry Kick-Off - The music ministry at the Mud Creek Campus is preparing to start a new season on September 5th with a choir Kick-Off for the Chancel Choir at the home of Phil & Ann Manship. Food and fellowship at 6:30, rehearsal at 7:30. If you're interested in joining the music ministry we'd love to have you! For more information or questions regarding the Chancel Choir or the Bell Choirs, please contact Schuyler Brinson, Director of Music at schuyler.brinson@geistchristian.org.

Bible 201: Faith for Hard Times -

This study of Joseph, Ruth, Esther, Peter, and Paul shows how our faith can grow stronger during life's most difficult times. The class meets at 10:30 am on six consecutive Sunday mornings, October 6 through November 10, in the Mud Creek Campus library. To register and order the study book (cost \$7), contact Joe Allison at hoosierwriter131@gmail.com.



CONNECT Children's Ministries

Children's Choir - The Geist Christian Church Children's Choir invites any students ages Preschool - Grade 6 to attend the Kick-Off Party on Sunday, September 8 from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus. This is a great time for anyone interested in the choir to experience a fun rehearsal without any further commitment. The group will play games, sing, play instruments, and have a lot of fun! Following the Kick-Off Party, the choir will resume its regular rehearsals on Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The choir focuses on performing worship music through singing and instruments with four performances during the school year. All are welcome to attend this free, high quality children's choir! If you have any questions, contact Jordan Murray, director of the Geist Christian Church Children's Choir, at jordan.murray@geistchristian.org.



Education for Children - Welcome back to school! September begins a new year for our curriculum, Deep Blue Kids. This year's focus is 'Loving God, Loving Neighbor.' Come along with us as we explore faith in our community and worship God. Throughout this year we hope you will join together with your children in reaching out to our community, getting to know different people and talking about how God is working in our lives. Our Bible memory verse for September is: *"The community of believers was one in heart and mind."* (Acts 4:32)



Volunteers and Leaders Needed - If you are interested in serving in our Children's Ministry we would LOVE to welcome you! All services are in need of teachers and/or subs. In addition, if you'd like to help prep lessons during the week, talk to us! Please contact children@geistchristian.org.

Weekday Ministries News

Our Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten classes have begun another new year and are off to an amazing start! They are discovering many great things in the classrooms and getting to know each other well! The CDO, Preschool, and Pre-K classroom teachers have been hard at work getting their classrooms ready for the students beginning on Sept. 4th.

We still have a few open spots for students in some of our 2018-19 classrooms. If you are looking for a safe, loving, educational program; please call, infer, and spread the word. The Mud Creek Campus has an opening for a music teacher. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a great fit for our program, please contact Valerie Zeigler at valerie.zeigler@geistwdm.org.



◀ Our Kindy Crew using science to experiment with colors.

➤ Our Transitional Kindergartners enjoying the outdoor classroom and admiring the cross they helped design in Art last year!



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CONNECT Youth Ministries

Youth Worship : The Table - We all need a place to plug into our faith. A place where we can sing songs, read scripture, and pray for our world and each other. This worship experience for youth our youth at Geist Christian Church is called The Table. The Table is a dynamic worship experience offered on the 4th Sunday of each month where youth from both campuses gather to refocus, recharge, and reconnect to God. The next installment of THE TABLE is September 22.



Table Talk - Sometimes we need to talk, and what better place to have those conversations than around a table. On the 2nd (9/8) and 3rd (9/15) Sunday of each month, youth at Mud Creek will gather in the youth suit to talk about their faith. Each week we will explore contemporary issues and experiences to talk logically about what they believe and why that belief is important. Through their language and faith formation, handed down by the church, we will envision the church of tomorrow.

Youth Group - Youth Group is an amazing opportunity to meet new friends and grow in your relationship with God, yourself, and each other. The youth group is a combination of both campuses and meets at the Promise Road Campus on most Sunday nights. This new year, we are updating the schedule to allow for more small group activities, which will complement our large group gatherings.

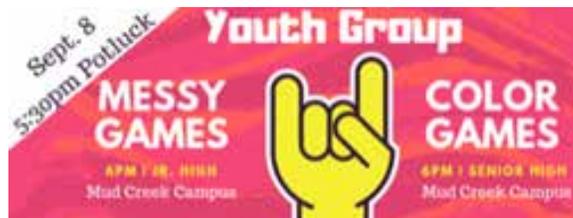


5:00 pm - Let's go small! Youth will gather in small groups according to their age and stage (Jr. High and High School) as they engage in a Bible study around the topic of Let's Walk... This Fall and Spring, youth will tackle a variety of topics from doubt and service to diving deeper into the Christmas and Easter story. Most Sunday's we will offer a stand-alone discussion that we help our youth mature in their faith.

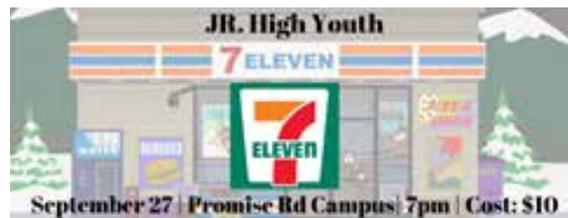
5:30 pm - We love to eat! Each week we will have a different food option for dinner. These meals will range from home cooked to store bought and will only cost \$5. Coming to the table is biblical, so we hope you will join us for food and fellowship as we break bread together.

6:00 pm - Divide and Conquer! This Fall we have an amazing youth schedule designed around a play-full life. Each month we offer a variety of activities designed for our Jr. High and High School to bring joy and encourage fellowship with our students. Coming events include:

September 1 - No youth group



September 22 - Beautiful Child of God by Sarah Renfro



Outreach

Food Pantry Support - Displays at each campus have shopping lists of most needed items. The Mud Creek Campus serves the Sharing Place while the Promise Road Campus serves the Fishers United Methodist Food Pantry.

Creation Care Tip

The next Fishers recycle event will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 8am-1pm at Billerica Park, directly across from the Promise Road Campus. Accepted recyclables include electronics and household electronic or metal items (such as mowers, treadmills, bikes, grills, batteries, metals, etc.) and household hazardous materials wastes (such as automotive fluids, acids, paints, fertilizers, pesticides, PCB ballasts). Paper recycling and off-site confidential document shredding are also available. They do not accept wood, mattresses, plastic, or general trash.



True North Men's Ministry

Annual Men's Hike Date Announced - All men of the church are invited to the annual True North Men's Hike on hike on Saturday, October 19. The group will be hiking at Deam Wilderness Area just south of Lake Monroe in Bloomington, Indiana. Camping is optional at Paynetown Recreation Area on Lake Monroe. Cost is \$30 per person. Contact Dale Billman, dbillman@talktotucker.com for more information.

TRUE NORTH

Fall Men's Retreat – November 22-24 - The 16th annual Geist Christian Church men's retreat is just around the corner. Men will gather at the leadership center at beautiful Camp Tecumseh and explore issues of faith and fellowship. Cost of \$165 includes all food, lodging, and activities. The group will depart from the Promise Road Campus on Friday, November 22 and return before 1 pm on Sunday. For more information contact Mike Peck at mpeck1189@me.com.

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News Around Geist Christian Church

New Members

Maribeth Westerfield & Christopher Sexton

In Sympathy

Nance Bower, brother-in-law Jerry Peterson
Wendy Cruse, cousin, Keith Nix

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Terry Outt

Karen Harris

In Memory of Anne Campbell

Les & Marge Galbraith

August				
Service	August 3/4	August 10/11	August 17/18	August 24/25
5:30 pm PR	67	78	117	64
9:00 am MC	156	143	136	156
10:00 am PR	156	159	223	206
10:30 am MC	196	209	224	188
Youth	25	n/a	n/a	29
TOTALS	600	589	700	643

Tax Wise Giving

If you are 70 ½ years of age or older, this is for you. If you have an IRA, you can use your IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD) to give directly to Geist Christian Church and, in the process, reduce your taxes. Giving directly from an IRA reduces both federal and state taxes and, depending on income, it may also reduce taxes on Social Security checks and lower Medicare premiums. Contact Bren McCollough, Financial Secretary, at bren.mccollough@geistchristian.org for details and instructions.

Keenagers – October Field Trip

The Keenagers – Field Trips for Adults – will be on the road on Friday, October 4 to Fort Wayne, Indiana. The morning will be a tour of the DeBrand Chocolate factory and corporate headquarters. Lunch will take the group to the Original Hall's Restaurant, a Fort Wayne institution since 1946. After lunch, there will be time to explore the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory in downtown Fort Wayne. Cost of the trip is \$35 per person and includes transportation, all admissions and lunch.



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Special Events

CONCERT SERIES - September 22 – 3:00 pm – A Portrait of Faces - All are invited to the first installment of the 2019-2020 Concert Series. Dr. Karri York, soprano, and Amanda Hopson, piano, will present "A Portrait of Faces," a project made possible through support from the Indiana Arts Commission. Enjoy works by Handel, Walton, Mozart, Debussy, Larsen and Herbert. Refreshments and fellowship will follow in Great Hall. Admission is free.

Artisan's Table - This year's Artisan Table will be on Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Mud Creek Campus. Plan to shop the many vendors that will be present with their unique, hand-crafted items. Those interested in being a vendor should contact Mary Ann Lucas at bonbonmaryann@gmail.com.

The Mom2Mom Annual Holiday Bazaar - The Mom2Mom annual Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Promise Road Campus, Saturday, November 9 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. There will be 40 vendors with a wide variety of products. Find a little something for everyone on your holiday shopping list. Mom2Mom is a ministry of moms supporting moms within Geist Christian Church. Contact Sarah Dietrich for more information at sarah.dietrich@geistchristian.org.

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