



# First Baptist Church Green Valley

11402 Ridge Lane

Monrovia, MD 21770

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Choose the option that best fits you:**

1) Worship in the sanctuary, 2) parking lot on Sunday, 87.9 FM or 3) view the streaming on Facebook (Sun.) with videos posted on fbcgv.com.

**Help with the slides on Sunday** - Simple job, training included. Just need a commitment to come early and practice with the worship team at 9 AM. See Dave Vario in sound booth.

**Ladies Bible Study** on Galatians starts Tuesday, January 16 Led by Stephanie Krop. Books are \$10. See Wendy to get a copy or email her at wkrop1@protonmail.com to let her know you want a book.

## Special Announcements

**Valley Kids Needs:**

**A teacher is needed** for our 2-4 year olds on the third Sunday of every month.

**We are bringing back the floater position.** This person will be downstairs during the 11 AM service to assist teachers with any student needs. Ideally, one person for each Sunday.

**Please see Starr if you feel led to serve with these needs.**

**We are partnering with Soles4Souls from Jan.**

- **Mar.** to make a positive impact in the lives of children in need. Every check in will help provide new shoes for children in need. Soles4Souls is an incredible organization that transforms shoes and clothing into educational and economic opportunities. Since 2006, they have distributed more than 94 million pairs of shoes and pieces of clothing, making a difference in 137 countries. #giveshoesgivelove

**Ever Thought about Becoming a Stephen Minister?** Contact Denise Biddinger, 301-788-9208 / mahjah88@gmail.com or Roger Vincent, roger\_vincent@myactv.net.

**Stephen Ministers are there:**

- after family/friends have heard it; still need to talk
- after the funeral and you're flooded with emotion
- after your life switches to a new chapter.

**Need an AFTER Person?** Contact Iris Lehman, rlehman201@yahoo.com *There is no charge.*

## From the Pastor...

It is so sweet to be back at home after a time of service in Romania. I am so blessed to be able to have a small part in serving the churches there who are taking supplies into the war-torn country of Ukraine as well as the poor Roma/Muslim communities there. The contacts and relationships we made were of greater value than the time and resources expended to reach their land. Thank you so much for the privilege of being a part of it.

Arriving home I reset on the ministries happening here in Green Valley. It is such a joy to serve our community and share the love, grace, peace, and comfort of our loving Savior.

On Wednesday, we will have Prayer Meeting from 6-6:30 PM. Then AWANA is celebrating Baby Picture Night. Be sure to have your child bring a baby picture. And parents/workers, why not join in the fun! AWANA can always use listeners so come on out and enjoy time with the children of our church.

This coming weekend our youth group (SMYDEK) is hosting a joint retreat with churches of our fellowship at Skycroft Conference Center in Middletown. I am so grateful for our youth and the leaders of SMYDEK. Investment in our young people is an investment in the future of our church and true Kingdom work. Like any other ministry, there are ups and downs and highs and lows. Time away at a retreat can be a real blessing.

Looking ahead, we will be blessed to welcome the Itzel Family to minister to our church on Sunday, March 3 during the morning worship time. We are honored to support this family as they serve the Lord. Their music/singing honors Jesus and is true to God's Word.

Praying for God's blessings on the service today,

*Bro. Mike*

## Deacons Corner (\*\*\*) Deacon of the week)

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## Meet our Missionary: CrossRoads

**Check monthly newsletter posted in foyer for how lives are changing!**



CrossRoads Freedom Center offers a Christ-centered recovery program for men struggling with addiction and life choices that have left them broken, hurt, and without hope. We offer a recovery program that **goes beyond** just maintaining sobriety. CrossRoads offers a **Christian discipleship program** that includes biblical study, recovery principles, employment support, financial guidance, and renewal of both mind and body. After several years leading Celebrate Recovery groups at churches and in jails, Joe and his wife Maria were finally able to purchase 16 acres in Ijamsville, Maryland to start CrossRoads Freedom Center. The property, formerly a restaurant and inn, has been restored for a new purpose of providing men a safe place to build their recovery, gain work skills, and learn to live in community again. CrossRoads continues its restoration hoping to expand its capacity in order to serve more people in need.

## Our Staff in HIS service...

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**CHECK WITH LEADERS TO SEE IF THEY ARE MEETING.**

**Men's Life Group:** Pancakes, Bible study and prayer. The group meets at the church on Sundays, 8 AM in the room by the kitchen. Led by Ed Taylor / Pastor Mike.

**Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Life Group:** This group will be meeting on Thursdays @ 6:30 PM. Led by Nick Krop / Pastor Mike

**Play Group** is led by Robin Murphy. The group meets on Tuesdays @ 10 AM. Contact Robin for the location of the week: 301.788.2316 or Robinlmurphy63gmail.com

**Ladies Bible Study** Tuesdays, 7-9 PM. Our new Bible study is on Galatians and starts Tuesday, January 16, led by Stephanie Krop. Books are \$10. See Wendy to get a copy or email her at wkrop1@protonmail.com to let her know you want a book. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Krop, slkrop@gmail.com

**Stephen Ministry classes are offered throughout the year** at Brook Hill. See Roger Vincent or Denise Biddinger if you are interested.



**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

*If you would like more info about this ministry, contact Denise Biddinger (Mahjah88@gmail.com).*



**AWANA, Wed., 6:30 - 8 PM**  
We will need listeners for all our clubbers.

**A teacher is needed** for our 2-4 year olds on the third Sunday of every month. Also a floater is needed - see details on front page. **Please see Starr if you feel led to serve.**

**PARENTS:** Please make sure your child(ren) is registered on **KidCheck** If they are already registered, make sure the info is up to date.

**Schedule**

**Infant Nursery (10 & 11 AM):**

- 01.21** Jen Bickish / Terri Ponton  
**01.28** Katie Thang / Hilary Proffitt / Angela Vicere  
**02.04** Robin Murphy / Louisa Mondoia  
**02.11** Lauree Pierce / Morgan McGrady

**Valley Kids at 10 AM**

**Singing & Prayer Time at 10:45 AM**

**Sunday School at 11 AM**

**Toddler / Pre-K Nursery (11 AM):**

- 01.21** Bridget and Terri Tabler  
**01.28** Dale Herndon  
**02.04** Starr Thurman  
**02.11** Adam Pierce

**4 yrs - 1st Grade:**

- 01.21** Kelly Escalante  
**01.28** Joy Semelsberger  
**02.04** Alexa West  
**02.11** Joy Semelsberger

\*On the 5th Sunday of a month, this class will attend the worship service with their families in the sanctuary.

**2nd - 5th Grade:**

- Jan:** Sunny Combs  
**Feb:** Mark Ponton  
**Mar:** Flo and Roger Vincent

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**Valley Kids Parents:** We use the KidCheck program which requires you to register your child(ren) at <https://go.kidcheck.com/signin.aspx?action=register>



Take your child downstairs and then pickup them up there after service.

***Safety Announcement***

No church-provided supervision for children before or after services.



*...exists to expose students to God's love, to encourage them to honor God with their lives and to get involved in ministry.*

**SMYDEK is for students 6th-12th grade.**  
**(meets in the portable building)**

**Sunday School hours: 10-10:45 AM**

**SMYDEK meets Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 PM** Students 6th-12th grades are welcome.

**Text SMYDEK to (855) 538-1120** to receive updates and information for everything SMYDEK related!

**Youth Winter Retreat**

January 26-28 @ Skycroft Conference Center

Price: \$200

Grades 6th-12th

See or email Danielle Williams for more information



**"Souper-bowl" collection for The Greater Urbana food bank.** For the month of January, we'll be collecting canned soups, stews, chili's and soup fixings (broths, beans, spices, soup noodles, etc.) for the food bank. Please place your donations in the Outreach bins in the lobby.

**ITK** - Interesting To Know

**A Christian counselor, Lori Ochs,** uses our church as a meeting place for her clients. She offers her services to our church family at half her normal rate. Contact Lori @ 301.302.0020 or send her an email from her website: [www.frederickchristiancounselor.com](http://www.frederickchristiancounselor.com)

**To schedule events held at the church:** Please contact Robin Murphy at 301.788.2316

**Newsletter items** due to Diana Krop (jdkrop@aol.com) by noon on Wed.

**Services**

**Sunday:**

Men's Bible Study 7:45 AM (breakfast)  
Sunday School 10:00 AM  
Worship & Valley Kids 11:00 AM

**Wednesday:**

Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM (Sanctuary)  
SMYDEK (Youth) 6:30 PM (Aug-May)  
AWANA (Children) 6:30-8 PM (Sept-April)

**Friday:**

The Lunch Bunch 11:00 AM (1st Fri/month @ Golden Corral)



***love God, love people, serve***