



The Beacon

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The Pastor's Pen

**Pastor
Doug Smith**

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As I write this article, we are approaching the end of the third year of our Stewardship Journey. The first year we focused on the stewardship of prayer. On that leg of the journey we were reminded that prayer is the basis of everything we do in the name of Jesus Christ. Prayer is the God given avenue of two way communication with the God of the universe. However, we also learned that many of our prayers were weak

at best and even approached insulting God. For to pray for something that is already within our grasp is not leaning on God; it is leaning on our ability to grasp what we want and then cloaking that acquisition in the garb of God. Prayers that honor God are prayers that are bold and that can only be attained by the bold action of God. We learned that God does promise us rich blessings, but that

God wants us to ask for those blessings so that we might in humility honor God and give God the glory when those blessings are showered upon us.

Last year we focused on the stewardship of presence. This "presence" had two main thrusts: 1) learning to be present with God and 2) learning to present ourselves before God more consistently. We looked unflinchingly at the fact that

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Prayers please. . .

Please remember the following people with prayer, cards and visits.

Always call before visiting to confirm that the individual would like to be visited.

Please contact the church office with requests for prayer.

Kim Brugger, Irma Cassel, Roy Boltz, Landon and Ethan Miller (Braden Landis' friends), Bob Hoffman, Gary and Patty Mase (Judy Kennedy's brother & sister in law), Timmy Shine (Friend of Jeff Kennedy), Sandy Johns (Cousin of Jeff Kennedy), Bob Matthews, Curtis & Sandy O'Brien, Bob Shearer, Gail Trowbridge, Pastor Smith and Family, Betty Miller, (Brenda Klinger's

mother), Sharon Williamson (Phyllis Beahm's daughter), Greg Cassel, Lauren Forte, Toni Ann Neiland, Jim Ault, Gaby Santiago-Grubic, Becky Zellner, Betsy, Karen, and Rick Smeltz, Bob Bretherick, Adam Gensamer, Denny Alquist, Randy Garrison

Long-term Requests: Pat Dovey (Shawn Lochinger's Mom), Jean Myers (Joyce Lochinger's Mom), Karen Ayers,

Wayne Wagner, Martha Kleinfelder, Earl & Jean Deimler, Marian Grubb, Peg Holdren (Margie Yohn's Mom), Ken Kline (Cindy Blauch's father), Maria Knauth (Dalinda Bohr's mom), Dolly Gordon, Tom Pankake, Naomi Stewart, Donna Wolfer, Paula Coleman, Paula Groves, Gerald Brown, Pat Cavanaugh, Scott Miller.

February 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>SPECIAL NOTE: Please call the church office to check on scheduling for a specific date. Everyone must call prior to using any church space. This calendar is printed a month in advance of its publication. Reservations change often.</p>		<p>EVERY SUNDAY MORNING: 8AM Traditional 9:15AM C.L.I.C.K. 10:30AM WALK</p>				
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we live on the memories of the past or the hopes of the future in a way that causes us to not be present in the now. If we cannot be present with ourselves, we cannot live in the present with our God. Hence, we remember when God acted in the past, or we pray hard for God to act the way we want God to act in the future, but we lack a clear vision of God's present reality in a moment by moment way. If we had that clear vision, we would be absolutely content in our present life, no matter the circumstances. This inability to live in the present with God gets in the way of our ability to present ourselves before God in a consistent manner. If God is not a close, present reality, all manner of life pressures get between us. When that happens, every life pressure gets more time and attention than God. The stewardship of presence is the God reinforced decision to create a better life/faith balance.

The current leg of our Stewardship Journey is calling us to be more mindful of that deeper call of Jesus into Service. We began this journey by considering the Apostle Peter's two calls. The first was a call to come out of the world and follow

Christ. Peter answered this call, but he did so from out of an inner control center. Peter followed and served Christ, but it was from his perspective of how he felt that service should be. Peter's second and deeper call was to serve Christ as Christ wanted and directed that service. The second and deeper call included the fact that service borne out of total submission to the will of Christ meant death as the outcome. All of us have received two calls: we gladly followed the first call into salvation and like Peter, most of us have done so on our own terms. The deeper call is more difficult for it means following Christ at his beck and call, not at our leisure. The church's voice and witness is weak today because our ability to live into a deeper call is commensurately weak. A strong witness will take a strong commitment to serve as directed by God's voice not our desire.

I am humbled by the level of interaction and the evident desire of many of you to engage this journey in a very serious way. I have had numerous conversations with many of you who are at least struggling with this deeper call. The area that has garnered

the most conversation has to do with prayers that seem to go unanswered. Whether those prayers are for a clearer sense of service or whether they have to do with unanswered prayers for the health and welfare of loved ones. Batterson addresses this issue more clearly in *Prayer Circles: Facing our Greatest Challenges* where he clearly states that our prayers do not force God to act. Sometimes prayers are not answered and there is no clear reason why. He points out that it is very hard for us to get our minds around the fact that we do want something out of our relationship with the God of the Universe, but we fail to recognize we have already received that benefit: Salvation! Salvation is the beginning and end. I realize this does not satisfy the angst in the midst of difficulty but this gift is greater than any other thing we could possibly receive!

While this may be the fundamental truth of our relationship with the Divine God, we want healing, we want financial security, we want protection against the overt acts of evil. While these things do fall under the blessings offered to us from God, sometimes they do not seem to be evident. Peter Enns, professor of Old Testament at Eastern Uni-

versity (formerly Eastern Baptist College) offered a helpful insight in his book, *The Sin of Certainty*. In this scholarly work, Enns reminds us that our difficulty with seemingly unanswered prayer has more to do with our poor understanding of scripture than it does with God's inactivity. He addresses, Ecclesiastes, Job, Jeremiah, Psalms 88 & 89 and Habakkuk. These texts (which are rarely preached on) deal specifically with a reality where it seems that all the Hebrews had been taught about God was at best wrong, and at worst clearly false. Each of the afore mentioned documents offers a blistering critique of God's apparent mismanagement of or complete failure in the world. Essentially, these books address the gulf between what the Hebrew people were taught about the way faith works in the world and the way it actually plays out. Fear not, these texts actually do offer an answer. I am considering preaching on "When Life Doesn't Turn out the Way We were Taught" during lent. I would like some feedback. Would you like me to address these difficult texts during Lent? Please see above for my email!

I would appreciate your feedback! Please contact me . . .
revsmith@gravelhillumc.org (.com will work also)

SPECIAL WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **Spoken announcements** from any groups within the church must be provided in writing to the Worship Leader by the Wednesday prior to the Sunday during which they are to be announced. Making announcements during worship will be done by the Pastor and the Worship Leader only. Due to the desire to have Worship consistent and on time it is necessary for this change to take place, effective immediately.

Thank you, Pastor Smith

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2. If you are in need of any type of **projection or music** in the sanctuary for funerals, weddings, special church announcements etc., please follow proper protocol and give them to our worship leader with as much advanced notice as possible. This will provide time to determine if your presentation can be created and/or if it is compatible with the intricate computer software which is used in the sanctuary. Thank you for your understanding!

SEND ALL INFO TO:

joyce@gravelhillumc.org

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In an effort to keep the church as safe as possible, we are asking that you please remember to bring your key fobs to all church activities and functions. Thank you.

Worship Leader

**Joyce
Lochinger**

Any questions? Please contact Joyce Lochinger at joyce@gravelhillumc.org

Interested in learning a few new songs for Easter? Interested in singing for the congregation on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday (date to be determined)? Then you're in luck. Please email me (joyce@gravelhillumc.org) or text (717-926-4751) that you want in. Practices will begin with the praise team on Monday, February 24, at 7:15pm. A schedule of practice dates and times will follow once we have our committed group. Thanks and be prepared to share your talents with the congregation and find extra joy in this Easter Season.

~Special Vacation Bible School Announcement!~

Dear congregation,

I want to let you know that after over 20+ years of VBS leadership, I have decided I will not be leading VBS any longer. Please know that this decision was a very difficult one for me to make but it is time for someone else to have the fun and to enjoy the never ending VBS excitement!

Upon informing the Staff, we had a long discussion and feel there are 2 options: (1) ask for a volunteer for this year or (2) let it sit for a year and see if there is any interest for next year. Please let me know if you feel God calling you to take on this project and we can talk over the details!

I want to thank my faithful and dedicated VBS team leaders: Ashley Zimmerman, Barb Miller - Nelligan, Tiff and Matt Rettew, Erin Rose and Christine Lucera. These were my go-to people each and every year who ran their stations well and were a great asset to every VBS of which I ever was in charge. The office staff: Karen Ayers and Dawn Schaffer, and Judy Kennedy for her decorating expertise. Also a special thank you to the many faithful congregation members who would take off work early so they could be here and lead the children through the week of VBS. Hugs and Thank yous!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to volunteer in this position for so many years! Please contact me if you have an interest - we can talk! And thanks for many fun years of VBS!

Sincerely, Joyce

Pictures From Christmas Eve Worship

A few Christmas Eve Pictures to share. . .

Far Left: Kidz choir, Past and Present, lines up anxiously waiting for their turn to praise God on Christmas Eve!

Immediate Left: The Bell Choir performs for Christmas Eve Worship

Right: Dylan Fausey and Will Zimmerman



Christian Education

Shauna Dowdrick

SPECIAL MISSION INITIATIVE FOR OUR COMMUNITY "Quarters For A Cause"

This new initiative supports families in our community. Please donate your quarters! They'll be used to help pay off outstanding lunch debt at the Elementary and Middle School levels. Many families do not qualify for Free and Reduced lunches and do not have the consistent means to purchase or provide daily lunches for their children. This is a great way to support our schools and community while living out Christ's message of mercy and grace in our world. Funds collected will be donated on March 3, and June 5, for the current school year. Questions? Please contact Tony: tony@gravelhillumc.org.

Unit 5 Lessons

Trailblazers, Pathfinders and PeeWees – What God Says About My Family

- Feb 5 Meeting 1 Honor and Obey
- Feb 12 Meeting 2 Getting Along
- Feb 19 Meeting 3 Showing Love
- Feb 26 NO CLUB-ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, please consider going as a family!
- March 4 Meeting 4 Looking for the Good
[Award Night and Game Night-Wear Sneakers]

Scooters- I Can Be Kind

- Feb 5 Meeting 1 I Can Share
- Feb 12 Meeting 2 I Can Be Kind
- Feb 19 Meeting 3 I Can Help
- Feb 26 NO CLUB-ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, please consider going as a family!
- March 4 Meeting 4 I Can Be Happy
[Award Night and Game Night-Wear Sneakers]

The Activity for this Unit is: COOKING!!



GH Bell Ringers & Chimers

Barb Miller-Nelligan

Bell Ringers practice in room 301 on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm.

Chimers practice on Sundays from 10:30-11:15 in Room 301.

Contact Barb. . .

Home: 717-820-4909 Cell: 717-265-4637

Email: bak0425@comcast.net



And now, this Deep Thought: “Whenever someone asks me to define love, I usually think for a minute, then spin around and pin the guy’s arm behind his back. Now who’s asking the questions?” ~ Jack Handey

Deep Thoughts for the Month of Hearts, Cupids and Chocolates. . .

Tony Rose

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER

Show our promo flyer (paper or digital) when you dine here on Sunday, Feb. 23, 11am-4pm for 15% of your total food purchase to be donated to the Gravel Hill UMC Four Seasons Race Series.

Winter is nearly over already, and before we know it, the busyness of Spring will clog our monthly calendars. As stated in my January article and articulated in many of Pastor Smith’s sermons on being a Fruitful servant of Christ’s, please make Gravel Hill a habit! Make serving the community through the many opportunities, studies, and programs a habit. Get those calendars out now...charge your cell phones and open up your App and let’s get some dates on the calendar.... Here’s a newer version of my 2020 calendar: We support many local organizations through the following events: Super Bowl Can Drive happen-

ing 1/19-2/2 Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser to benefit the 4 Season’s Race Series Sunday, February 23rd 11 am - 4 pm Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services happening every Wednesday evening 2/26-4/1 The Spring Run happening on March 21st The Bunny Brunch happening on Saturday, April 4th Maundy Thursday Service happening on April 9th Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser to benefit Palmyra’s Great Give Sunday, August 30th 11 am – 4 pm Palmyra’s Great Give coupled with the Charity Motorcycle Ride and the Palmyra Area ChiliFEST happening on September 19th The Fall Feeding Frenzy 5K happening on October 31st Veteran’s Luncheon happening on November 1st The Christmas Market happening on Friday, November 20th and Saturday, November 21st Advent Services happening 11/25-12/16 Plus the following Isaiah 6:8 opportunities: **Caitlin Smiles:** February 25th, March 12th, April 2nd, May 20th, June 11th, July 15th, August 19th, October 1st, November 5th, and December 16th **Food Bank:** January 16th, May 14th, July 16th, September 17th, November 19th

Downtown Daily Bread: February 23rd, April 26th, June 28th, August 23rd, October 25th, and December 27th **Caring Cupboard:** February 29th, May 30th, August 29th, October 31st **American House Bingo:** March 10th and August 18th. **Susan Dowhower house Bingo:** April 13th and September 22nd. **Columbia Cottage Bingo:** January 16th, March 19th, May 14th, July 16th, September 17th, November 19th **Adopt-a-Highway:** 4 times a year: one per season Remember, this list doesn’t even include Missions opportunities, Operation Christmas Child, Quarters for a Cause, Community Gardens Initiative, Kidz Choir, Adult Choir, Adult and Children Christian Ed Teachers, Vacation Bible School, Nursery Attendants, etc... Please...please, please...pray. Consider. Reflect. Choose to be fruitful. And as always, please feel free to reach out to me with any additional ministries, service projects, etc...with which you feel we can assist!

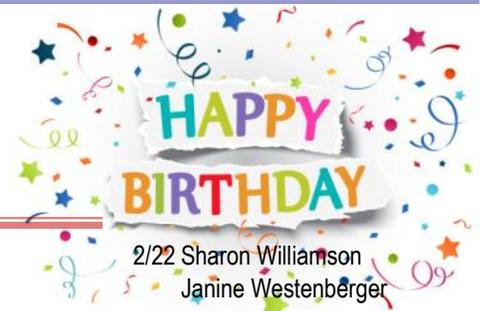
LOOKING FOR DIRECTORY SPONSORS!

Advertise your business! Space is available in Gravel Hill UMC’s Online Church Directory! Use our banner ADs to generate business or announce special events or promotions. Each AD banner is 728 pixels wide by 90 pixels tall. The size is fixed and cannot be changed. AD creation is the responsibility of the Business. The ADs are promoted and placed by Gravel Hill’s Directory Administrators. ADs are visible on computers, but not on mobile devices, due to space constraints. Choose an option:

- Tab 1-Page AD (Member tab): \$50 for six months (\$8.33/Month)
- Tab 2-Page AD (Family tab): \$40 for six months (\$6.67/Month)
- Groups Tab AD: \$30 for six months (\$5/Month)
- Staff Page AD: \$20 for six months (\$3.33/Month)

See Tony Rose to take advantage of this advertising opportunity!

February Birthdays



2/1 Earl Deimler Isaac Landis Chancellor Reisinger	2/10 Harper Zimmerman Cody Moyer	2/15 Lauren Mettley 2/16 William Hinkle Jarrod Kulp Meredith Kreider Jamie Stewart Ella Beam McKenzie Bomgardner	2/22 Sharon Williamson Janine Westenberger Derek Smith
2/2 Keith Bohr	2/11 Michael Dowdrick Stuart Gussler Barbara Reed	2/18 Patrick Walmer Scott Zimmerman Gerrit Milbert Joel Curtis	2/23 Shara Bomgardner Richard Stone
2/3 Michael Sternberger Trevor Rettew David Pallone Matthew Barrett	2/12 William Zeiders Barbara Miller Melanie Morris Michael Neiswender Jared Richard Nancy Stamm	2/19 Zakari Lehn 2/20 Riley Westenberger Katie Wagner Cherri West Emily Eleutice	2/24 Carole Shearer Graham Schaffer Ursula Wolfer-Horowitz
2/4 Lisa Bardsley Deanna Wadel Margaret Wadel Maureen Mailander	2/13 Pamela Richard Rachel Kennedy Natalie Kennedy	2/21 Nathan Fuhrman Shawn Landis	2/25 Nancy Hollis 2/26 Mark Barbaretta 2/27 Douglas Hetrick Laura Klinger Robert Shearer Doug Houser Lucille Powell
2/5 Darian Blauch	2/14 Eric Blauch Eileen Long Jonathan Curtis		2/28 Alan Craver 2/29 Aeden Hromco
2/6 Marsha Sheibley Madilyn Farabaugh			
2/7 Matthew Bomgardner			
2/8 Penny Sandiford Jacob Tiffany			

Puerto Rico Mission Trip, Through 2/28 John Stewart

The mission team is getting ready to embark on another adventure accomplishing God’s work. Thirteen people will be traveling to Puerto Rico on January 26th. During the first week, they will be working in the central mountains at a Methodist church camp and a Methodist church in Ponce, a city on the southern coast of the island. During the second week, the team will be in Old San Juan, working at the oldest Methodist church in Puerto Rico.

The main project for Camp Corson will be widening doorways to facilitate handicap accessibility. Keep in mind, walls are made of concrete block on the island, not like here. In Ponce, the team will be fixing a leaky church office roof, of course, this roof is solid cement. In Old San Juan, the team will be working on the stain-glass windows, replacing the ¼ inch thick plexiglass that is protecting these historical works of spiritual inspiration.

During this 2-week pilgrimage, the team will be accomplishing many other smaller projects at these locations and thanking the Lord for the opportunity to accomplish God’s work.

Please help us with these efforts by keeping this mission team in your thoughts and prayers. When you are in a situation or somewhere outside your comfort zone, knowing someone is praying for you is truly inspirational. Thank you for your support!

**Partners In Missions
Meetings Scheduled!**
 March 10
 May 12
 7:30-8:30pm
 Heritage Room
 (Library)

Youth Group News

Judy Kennedy



Over the past several weeks, we've heard several testimonies from adults in the congregation. THANK YOU to those who shared their stories with us!

We're now looking ahead to raising funds for Heifer International.

This project has raised almost \$3 million to end hunger and poverty worldwide, and we are excited to share our goal, work with the Gravel Hill faith community, and create change. Look for our display during Lent.

Also, mark your calendars for our annual Pot Pie Dinner, Saturday, March 21. Sign-ups will be available soon at the welcome center!

Keep checking on social media for updates on any other youth activities. Questions can be directed to Judy Kennedy (717-202-5449) or kennedyx5@comcast.net.

UMCOR Advance Specials

100% of any monetary gift you provide to UMCOR is given directly to the specific area in which it was intended. If you are able to help please use:

#982450: Use this number in reference to disaster response and helping people worldwide, including the residents of the Bahamas.

#901670: Use this number in reference to helping the U.S. Disaster Response efforts through UMCOR.



Social Media

Katie Landis

Check us out at: www.gravelhillumc.org Are you on social media? Join us by searching: Gravel Hill Church (Facebook)& like our page @GravelHill (Twitter)

Would you like an electronic version of the Sunday Bulletin?

You can have the Sunday bulletin sent to your inbox! It is easy to sign up to receive it! Open the Gravel Hill homepage (gravelhillumc.org). Click on Media. Select newsletter. When the newsletter page opens, scroll to the bottom to fill out the form. Select Hill Highlights (Digital Sunday Bulletin), and click Submit. Your Sunday Bulletin will appear in your email Sunday morning. Please contact me with any questions: katie@gravelhillumc.org

Easter Lily Orders

Accepted during February/March, \$7.50/plant

Please make checks payable to: GHUMC, note Easter Lily in memo line.

Order forms are on Welcome Center. Please take home your plant after Easter Worship!

_____ Lily plant(s) is/are purchased in memory/honor of:
(# of plants) (circle one)

BY: _____

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GRAVEL HILL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Sunday Worship Information: TV Channels 21 or 27; Radio WLBR 1270 AM or WJTL 90.3 FM; call Church for recorded message.

Wednesday Be In The Light Information: If Palmyra Schools have a 2-hour delay/early dismissal or close, there will be **NO**: BITL meal, Childcare, Youth Group, Pioneer Clubs, Kidz Choir or Adult Choir. Bible Studies are held at the discretion of the Class Leader(s). **Key fobs will be needed to enter church.**

Community Information

PACC Blood Drive

April 18, 2020,
8:00am-11:00am

At First Evangelical
Congregational
Church

55 West Main Street,
Palmyra, PA

**Please sign up at the
Welcome Center!**

Men's Morning Out

Food & Fellowship to Shady Maple Restaurant. Every 3rd Friday morning of the month. The van leaves at 7:00am from the Gravel Hill UMC parking lot.

Limited seating = 13 people Sign up at the Welcome Center!

For more information: contact Bill Yohn 717-679-3592



Please call the Church Office (717.838.4721) to be added to the list for:

Prayer Chain Calls: If you are interested in

being on the call list for prayers requested, please call the church office so that we may add you to the list.

Email Messages : For an electronic version of the newsletter, the bulletin or special announcements, please notify the church office.

Gail Trowbridge sends a special Thank You to everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits. Special thanks to Pastor Smith and Karen and Joe Royer for their calls and visits. She is home now and getting stronger.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING OFFERED!

FULL TRAINING: Sunday, March 29, 9:00-10:30am, Heritage Room. SIGN UP at the WELCOME CENTER! To stay current with Gravel Hill UMC's Safe Sanctuary Policy, you MUST attend this training first before attending any subsequent training course. This is for Adults working with children and youth, VBS, Outreach Ministries & Events and all other GHUMC Activities.

REFRESHER COURSE: For adults who have already attended a full training.

Sunday, March 15, OR Sunday, March 22, 9:00-10:15am in the Heritage Room
SIGN UP TODAY at the WELCOME CENTER!

Questions? Please contact Tony: tony@gravelhillumc.org. Thank you!

Book Reviews

Happy Reading from the Church Librarians,
Kristen Capion and Janell Ault!

Listed below are three book reviews from the church library which is located in the Heritage Room. One review is from the children's section, one is from the teen's section and there is one from the adult section of the library. Enjoy!

God Made the Sun by Mary Manz Simon

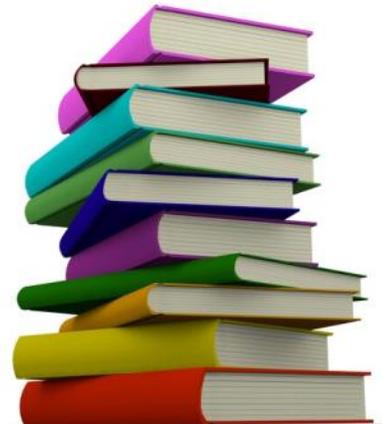
God Made the Sun is a celebration of God's gift of daytime to the world. Beginning with the first rays of sunlight and moving through the day, this book reminds little ones that God's love shines on us just as the sun shines on the earth. With its lyrical rhythm, sweet illustrations, and novelty die-cut feature, the book will serve as a welcome reminder of God's presence in our lives.

Made to Crave by Lysa TerKeurst and Shaunti Feldhahn

What do you crave to make you happy? New shoes, a decadent dessert, popularity, a date with that cute guy in English...every day is filled with things we want and crave. Things that will make us feel good at least for a moment. But what happens when that moment is gone and the need returns? There's nothing wrong with wanting certain things, but God didn't create us to rely on those things to make us happy. He created us to crave Him, and a happiness that lasts. In this teen adaptation of the bestselling *Made to Crave*, the deep emotional, physical, and material cravings you face are explored – desires that can turn into spending too much, over- or under-eating, needing a boyfriend, or more. Through real-life stories and support from people who have been where you are, you will also discover how truly crave God and the love and comfort He wants us to have, and how craving heavenly things can make the earthly cravings easier to overcome.

Shaken by Tim Tebow

Who are you when life is steady? Who are you when storms come? Most of us have been on the receiving end of rejection, a broken dream, or heartbreak. And while this is not an easy space to go through, when we are grounded in the truth, we can endure the tough times. In this powerful book, Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow, passionately shares glimpses of his journey staying grounded in the face of disappointment, criticism, and intense media scrutiny. Following an exceptional college football career with the Florida Gators and a promising playoff run with the Denver Broncos, Tebow was traded to the New York Jets. He was released after one season. In *Shaken*, Tebow talks about what he's learned along the way, building confidence in his identity in God, not the world. This moving book also features practical wisdom from Scripture and insights gained from others who have impacted Tebow in life-changing ways. Though traveling hard roads is not easy, it's always worth it!



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**Submit all Articles for the
March BEACON by
February 15.**

**PLEASE EMAIL ITEMS TO:
dawn@gravelhillumc.org
*Thank you!***

You're so sweet Busy Bees!
Thank you for your
dedication to serving the
Lord with your heart!

