

Last Week's Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Morning Service	Evening Service	Mid-Week Meetings	Final
Goal	92	189	50	50	\$8,965
4/30	46	185	36	23	\$24,860

Nursery Schedule

9:15 AM	C. Feiler
10:30 AM	L. Jimenez & B. Mascall

Missionary Doug Reiner went home to be with the Lord last Tuesday, May 2. There will be a service to honor his life on Monday, May 8 at First Baptist Church in Hamburg, NY at 10:30 AM. If you plan to attend, please call their church office at (716)649-3823 so they know how many people to expect.

April 2017

Tithes & Offerings: \$44,552

Budget: \$31,000

Surplus: \$13,552

**Please Pray
for Bergen
County
Christian
Academy**



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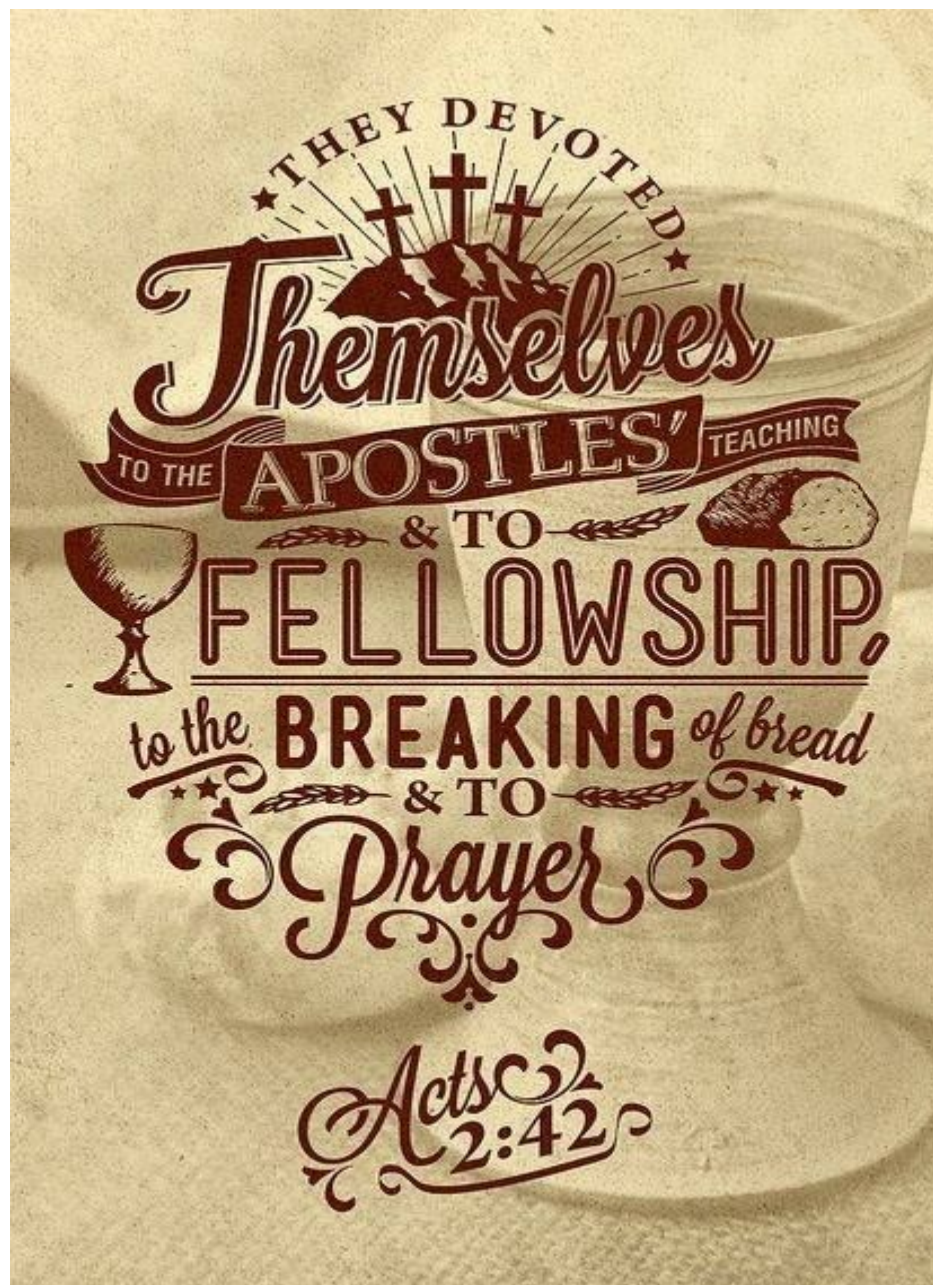
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Bergen County
Christian Academy

Current enrollment for 2017–2018 School Year: 105



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May 7, 2017

TODAY

SS Staff Prayer Meeting 8:45 AM
Sunday School 9:15 AM
Morning Worship Service 10:30 AM

Communion Core Values of the Church

Acts 2:42

Evening Worship Service 5 PM

LATER THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Youth Group 7 PM
Wednesday, Estudio Biblico 8 PM
Thursday, Prayer Meeting 7 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent Dedication & Baby Presentation May 14
"Mission Possible" Workday May 20

*The purpose of FBC is to lead people
into a growing relationship with
the Lord Jesus Christ and
to strengthen Christ's local church.*

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

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How to Give Joyously and Extravagantly

By Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III

1. **The Lord Jesus expects and requires us to give.** Jesus said to His disciples, "*when* you give" not "*if* you give" (Matthew 6:2)! Hence, Christian giving is not optional, but rather essential. We often hear folks say: "in the Old Testament they had to give, but not in the New - now we only give if we want to." This is clearly not Jesus' teaching. He expected all His followers to be givers. Christians will give. Are you giving?
2. **The Lord Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons.** Jesus warned His disciples not to give for the sake of being admired by men. "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them," He said (Matthew 6:1). When we give, we must be careful to examine our motives. We must desire His approval of our giving, rather than the praise and admiration of people. Are you giving for God's praise or man's?
3. **The Lord Jesus wants us to practice charitable giving.** Jesus said "When you give to the poor ..." (Matthew 6:2-3). Jesus is specifically teaching about "alms" in this passage: aid, charity, or benevolent offerings for the needy. Do you give amply enough to the Church that she can be generous in benevolent giving?
4. **The Lord Jesus reminds us that our giving is ultimately to the all-seeing heavenly Father.** Jesus said "When you give...; your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:3-4). When we give, we are not simply adding to the Church budget, we are giving up a thank offering to the Father Himself. Our ultimate goal in giving is to please Him. Are you conscious of the fact that your giving is to the Lord and seen by the Lord?
5. **The Bible teaches that Christian-giving is an act of worship.** In connection with the previous point, we see this truth stressed in another way in Paul's word's "On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save" (1 Corinthians 16:2). Paul here teaches the Corinthians that their taking up of the collection is an act of worship which is to be a part of their regular Lord's Day worship. When we put our money in the plate, we are worshiping Almighty God in accordance with His Word. Note well, Paul is speaking here of a "collection for the saints" - this is giving by the Church to the Church for the Church. Did you realize that giving is a part of worship? Is your worship in this area abundant or inhibited? Is giving to the Church a priority for you?