



The Church Tie Newsletter

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Bind us together, LORD... with cords that cannot be broken...

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Memory Verse for March:

Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Did you know:

Though not of biblical origin, the shamrock was used as a way to explain the Holy Trinity with each leaflet representing the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The three leaves of a shamrock are also can stand for faith, hope and love.

(The 4 leafed "luck" variety is the stuff of Celtic pagan origin)

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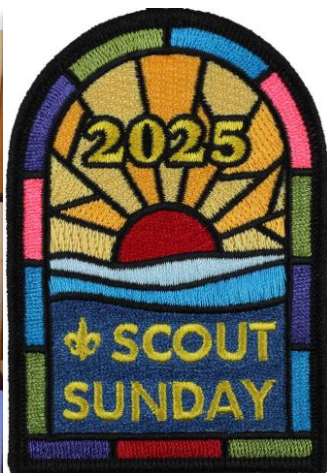
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Sharing Some Love



A valentine's party was held for the Primary Sunday School class (grades 1-3) and hosted by the Doers Sunday School class.





Boy and Girl Scouts and their leaders from the church and from the community lit the altar candles and presented the colors to start the 10:15 Worship Service at Center Bethel on Scout Sunday

Looking for conference delegates!

Anyone interested in being a delegate to represent the Center Bethel Church and attend the **Allegheny Region Conference (ARC)** in Mt. Pleasant, PA on **May 16-17, 2025** should contact Pastor Jason (412) 417-6272 or email jasonkramer@zoominternet.net

If you are interested in attending or representing the region as a delegate at the historic **CGGC Triennial 200th Anniversary** in Harrisburg on **July 15-17, 2025** should contact Pastor Dean hay or Pastor Phil Scott via the phone **724-832-3746** or email: admin@ar.cggc.org

On **March 7-9, 2025** is **The Flourish Conference** (National Women's Conference) you can find more information and registration at cggcwomen.org



To help support
Youth Ministry
Center Bethel
Church of God

When: Saturday March 8th - Noon to 3PM

Where: Center Bethel Church of God

Fellowship Hall

428 RuffsDale-Alverton Road, Alverton, PA



All Donations will be used for Youth Ministry activities and missions

BOWLING

The Men of the Mt. Pleasant Church of God have invited the Men of Center Bethel to join them in a "friendly" bowling fellowship event the 1st Saturday of the month @ Mount Pleasant Lanes



It is hoped this will become a monthly gathering

Cost: \$11 for 3 games + 10 min warmup + shoe rental



BACKPACK MINISTRY

Sustaining School Children in Our Community



The Center Bethel Food Backpack Ministry currently helps nearly 75 of our community's children each week by providing weekend meals. We are looking for donations of food items and funds to purchase food for future backpacks and keep this important ministry going.

For details please contact **Kim Semon** on ways to help.





How Important That God Forgave All Our Sin Debt?

John Chapter 13 & 1 John 1:7

The Good Samaritan parable shows I can't meet its requirements & Matt. 18:24 proves I can't buy salvation. Psalm 19:12 says I can't discern my sins, let alone confess them. Jesus said in John 13:8-10 we can't have any part with Him without a complete bath. He said He's God, in John 10:27-30, and Heb. 6:18 says it's impossible for Him to lie. He promised in Mark 3:28-29 that all sins are forgiven but one. It's unbelief in Him, to have provided Eternal Redemption for sins per Hebrews 9:12; 28 and 10:10-29. Rom. 3:19-25 says God reckons us righteous when we place faith in Jesus' blood. Rom. 5:10 & 17 says by reconciling to God by His death, we're saved by His Life. We aren't "unreconciled" when we sin again, since He promises eternal intercession for believers in Heb. 7:24-25. Heb. 6:11-20 says He's the anchor that gives sure hope for eternal redemption. He demonstrated in Luke 22:32 & Matt. 11:2-11 that He intervened to perfect the faith He authored (Heb 12:2) to Peter and John the Baptist!

He rose after His last supper in John 13:1, viewing His departing this world. Having loved His own, He wants to show believers how He loves us to the end! It was the eve before the Passover Feast. The next day He would die the death that validated the new covenant in His blood that took away man's sin penalty forever per Hebrews 9:16 to 10:10-17. Matthew 26:26-28 reveals the men eating and Jesus serving bread and wine representing His blood of the covenant that He would pour out for the forgiveness of sins. He began washing and drying their feet, saying you don't understand, but the washing I do now means nothing, until you see that the blood I will shed tomorrow is for the eternal cleansing of the world's sins. You, who see, will no longer walk in the "dark" regarding My work of redemption. We're to see thru the eyes of His imputed Life, that gives "light" (John 1:4 and 1 John 1:7), that His blood is washing our steps clean daily until we stand before Him sharing His Glory by Grace! The deceived who think they're not sinners (1 John 1:8 and 10) are calling God a liar and the Truth (Jesus) is not in them. His Grace is for them also, if they see and confess their need for His redeeming blood (Vs. 1:9) Then we're all cleansed into fellowship, as one, with joy complete per 1 John 1:3-4!

Jesus told Peter, in John 13:8, he could have no part with Him if he refused foot washing. John 13:10 (via John 15:3) says we're clean (bathed) by believing the word He spoke in Matthew 26:28. Yet we need the daily foot washing by His blood to be completely clean (for the rest of our earth life) as in 1 John 1:7 There we see the "light" of what Jesus' blood is doing.! Peter said in John 13:37 that he would lay down his life for Jesus (the greatest love "service" anyone can do per John 15 12-17) to have part with Him. In Vs. 13:38, Jesus shows Peter how soon he would need His "foot washing!" John 13:10 means when we first trust we've been washed of past sins by His blood- we must continue to walk daily, by faith, that His blood is cleansing every sin we step in, on our journey to eternity with Him. Col. 2:6 says: "Just as you received Jesus (by faith) so walk in Him!

John 13:12 pointed to this. When leaving home daily, it's inevitable our feet will pick up worldly sins. Vs. 13:14 says to learn from our teacher, whose blood redeemed us from all our sins as Ephesians 4:31-32 confirms. We're to be kind with forgiving hearts, as His, without grieving the Holy Spirit who sealed us for the day of redemption (by His foot washing). In Vs. 27 of Matt. 18:21-35 Jesus words draw us to Matt. 5:22 where He said a single sin, as small as name calling, will condemn us to hell if we choose Moses Law over God's Gift of Grace thru Jesus' blood. Matt. 5:29-30 adds (in effect) we'd have to amputate every body part that could conceivably cause our babies to sin the moment they're born. John 13:20 says "Truly, truly, I say to you, He who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me, receives Him who sent Me. What a privilege to be sent by the Son of God with news that's too good to resist. dbenna710@gmail.com

Birthdays this month...

3/1- Amy King
 3/2- Shirley Branthoover
 Joanne Dillinger
 James Stangroom
 3/3- Stephanie Hixson
 3/6- Elaine Echard
 3/7- Will Bibby
 3/8- Mary Ann Nagy
 3/9- Frank Stoner
 3/12- Jeff Hough
 3/13- Lisa Echard
 3/14- Karen Hough
 Kathi White
 3/15- Rob Bibby
 Jim Rowe
 3/18- Joan Neff
 Cassady King
 3/19- Jayden Huber
 3/20- Dave Fox
 3/23- Jeff Ritz
 3/25- Kara Hutter
 Kevin Echard
 3/26- Michelle Nagy
 3/28- Hailey Huber
 Aria Medina
 3/29- Merle Crouse
 Jessie Boruszewski
 Eva Rodriguez

Missionary Birthdays:

3/4 -Haley Day
 3/16- Ross Ayers
 3/22- Toni Thumma

**Anniversaries:**

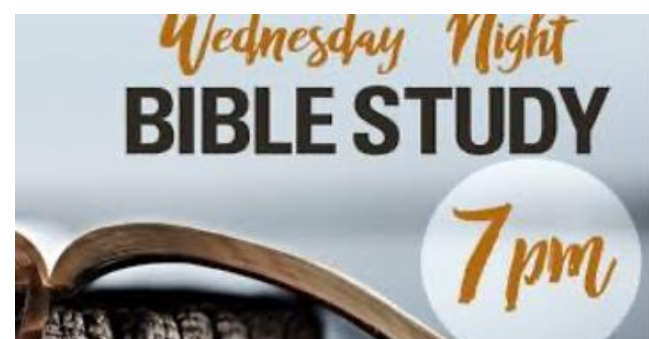
3/15- Dale & Charmaine
 Smith 40th

Missionary**Anniversaries:**

3/14- Rod & Mila Ayers



Ladies! join us on Saturday, May 24th @
 6pm in the Center Bethel Church Fellowship
 Hall for an evening of food, fellowship, fun,
 and games!



*The official deadline for submissions to the electronic and print versions of the newsletter is the **3rd Sunday of each month**. Please submit any articles you may have to Amy by this date. Any articles received after this date will be likely held until the following month. Thank you for your cooperation. This deadline is necessary to get both the paper and electronic versions of the Newsletter published on time by the first week of each month. Please understand that the paper newsletter is an additional creation that requires more time, energy, expense, and distribution that often delays its distribution.*



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1. Just visit www.cbcog.org
2. click on the **Resources Tab**,
3. and enter your preferred email address in the space provided

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Ad Council Meeting – 7:15 pm - March 4th
- Sharpening Stone Men's Breakfast Meeting – March 8th 8AM
- Spaghetti Dinner - March 8th 12-3PM (*benefit Youth Ministry*)
- Well Watered Women Discipleship Group – Mar 29th - 10am
- Scrapbooking @CBCOG–Feb 28th -March 1st , May 30-31
- Scrapbooking @ Camp Sunrise Mt– March 27th – 29th
- Women's Prayer Breakfast – March 15th 9am
- Flourish Women's Conference (Chambersburg, PA) – March 7th-9th
- ARC Conference Sessions (Mt. Pleasant) – May 16th -17th
- Ladies Night Out—May 24th
- CGGC 200th Anniversary Triennial Conference, Harrisburg, PA – July 15th – 17th



All 4 God Youth Group Meetings – March 16 (no meeting March 2)

- Jr High (age 10-grade 8) will meet 2:30-4:00 pm
- Sr High (grades 9-12) will meet 4:00-5:30 pm
- Spaghetti Dinner Help- March 8th
- Youth Sunday- March 30th

March Dart ball schedule

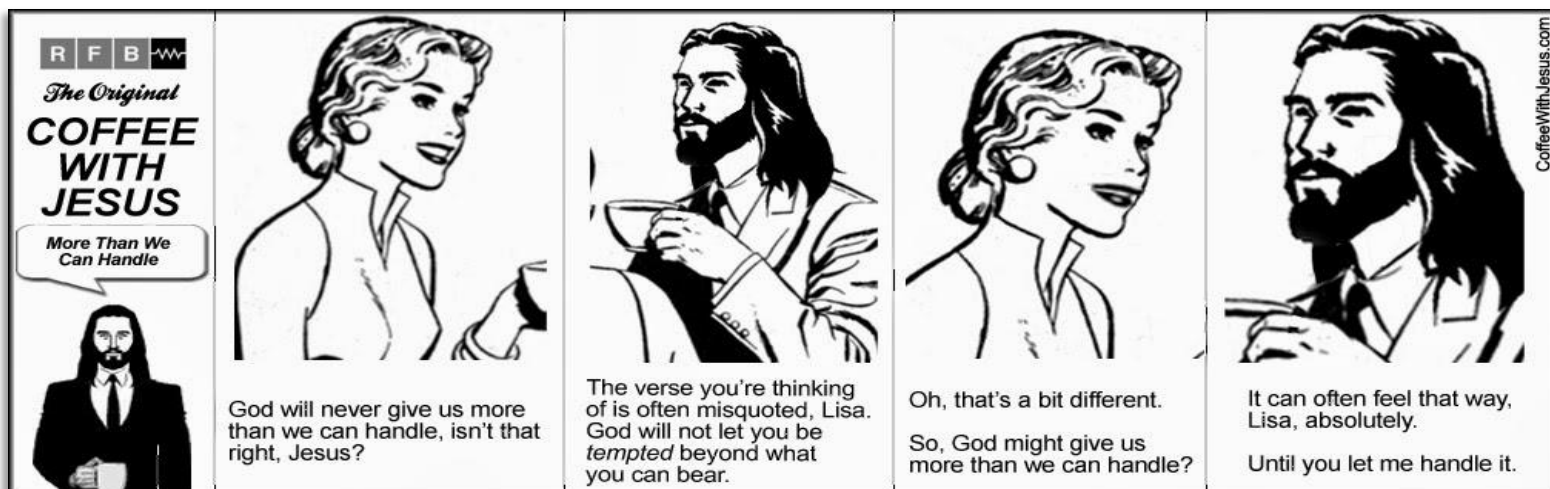
- March 3rd – Tyrone @ Alverton
- March 10th – Alverton @ UP
- March 17th – Playoff Round 1
- March 24th – Playoff Round 2
- March 31st – Playoff Round 3
- April 7th – Championship Round



FREE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG - STRAVAGANZA!

CENTER BETHEL CHURCH – ALVERTON, PA

Sat. APRIL 12th
11AM - 1PM



"Coffee with Jesus" is a (not so) comic strip that lets us imagine what a chat with Jesus over coffee in today's world might look like.



Just a reminder, we are continuing to recycle used printer and copier ink jet/toner cartridges. Bring your used cartridges and place them in the basket under the table at the rear of the worship center. Your old ink and toner cartridges help the church obtain paper and other needed office items. Thank you!



Visit us online at
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Library NEWS

Stop in today and see what our new Library has for you. We are continuing to expand our variety of books. We also have puzzles (300-1000 pcs.) for you to take home and enjoy putting together. Donations of your puzzles will also be appreciated to expand our selections. We will soon have a large supply of children and youth books available. Have your children/grandchildren stop in and see our variety of offerings. Books will be available for pre-schoolers through senior high youth. The Library is open all the time so stop in, select your book(s), sign the card in the back of the book, put the card in the return bin and take the book(s) home for **HAPPY READING!!!!**

~Donna, CBCOG Librarian

CBCOG ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for your continued support in the ministry at CB!

Center Bethel church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries. Our church is a spiritual home for each of us and it relies on our time, talent, and treasure to fulfill that mission and keep the spiritual home operating. Online Giving helps support the church by allowing those led to give to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer directly to the church ministries. Sorry for any inconvenience that linking a checking or savings account may cause in setting up your online account, but we purposely don't use credit card apps for giving because they charge both the church and the user a convenience fee and we also don't want to promote a giving option that may contribute to indebtedness to a bank or credit card.

SET UP YOUR REGULAR GIVING TODAY OR CONSIDER MAKING AN ADDITIONAL GIFT VIA THE ONLINE GIVING LINK ON YOUR SMART DEVICE.

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WWW.OSVHUB.COM/CBCOG/GIVING/FUNDS

or you can find a button on the CB church website www.cbcbog.org

CENTER BETHEL CHURCH
5TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY
EASTER
Egg-stravaganza!

APRIL 12TH - 11 AM-1 PM

FOOD- CRAFTS - GAMES - EGG HUNTS-
BIBLICAL PERSONALITIES-PHOTOS WITH LIVE BUNNIES

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET! FIRST 100 KIDS RECEIVE FREE GOODIE BAG!	-FACE PAINTING- 428 RUFFSDALE-ALVERTON RD, ALVERTON	FREE FAMILY EVENT! RAIN OR SHINE
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EGG HUNT TIMES BY AGE:
2 AND UNDER - 12 PM
3-5 YEARS OLD - 12:15PM
6-9 YEARS OLD - 12:30 PM
10 AND UP - 12:45 PM

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Jesus is the Reason!

Happy Easter



If anyone is interested in becoming a member of the CB congregation while learning about the Center Bethel Church of God, the Allegheny Region, and the Churches of God, General Conference Denomination or if you are considering in participating in a believer's baptism please contact Pastor. **Membership classes will be taught by the pastor and will take place during the Sunday School hour for a couple consecutive weeks for anyone wishing to officially join the church.**



We invite you to join the CB Church family for a time of fasting and prayer during the week of March 23rd. Watch your email for more details and encouragement.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Center Bethel Church of God
will be hosting the annual
Women's Prayer Breakfast on

Saturday, March 15th at 9am

Breakfast will be prepared by the Sharpening Stone Men's Group, Praise and Worship will be led by Becky Rodriguez, and our Guest Speaker will be Jamie Ingelido from New Stanton Assembly of God. She will bring a message titled "Choosing The Better" taken from Luke 10:42

Reserve your seat by contacting
Shannon Bibby at 724-972-5894 or
email office@cbcog.org

Jamie Ingelido is a Licensed Minister of the Gospel. She currently serves alongside her husband and fulfills the roles of Associate and Worship Pastor. She loves Jesus, her family, and her church. Following Jesus passionately and encouraging others to do the same is of highest priority in her life. Serving in the ministry for 20+ years, in many different roles, has been both her honor and privilege. She plans to continue to serve the Lord faithfully, wherever He may lead, until she is called home or raptured, whichever comes first.

Life Bible Verses: Exodus 33:15-16

"If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"



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Prayer Chain



women's MINISTRY

WELL WATERED WOMEN IS A NEW WOMENS DISCUSSION GROUP WHOSE FOCUS IS ON GROWTH AND MATURITY BY EXAMINING GOD'S WORD AND HOW TO APPLY IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES. FUTURE MONTHLY DATES OF OUR INFORMAL GATHERINGS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!



OUR FIRST TOPIC OF DISCUSSION WILL BE ON **PRAYER**. WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US SO BRING A FRIEND!

Saturday, March 29th
10:00a-11:30a

CENTER BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD IN THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL
428 RUFFSDALE ALVERTON RD.
ALVERTON, PA 15612

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED
CONTACT SHANNON BIBBY AT 724-972-5894
FOR MORE INFO OR EMAIL THE CHURCH AT
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www.theflourishconference.org

We have updated the Center Bethel Prayer Chain to make it easier to access on computers and smart phones. If you are not already getting the CBCOG prayer chain emails in your email box, you can signup here:

<https://cbcog.cggc.org/projects/>



...from Pastor Jason

Jesus: The LORD of ALL Accept NO Substitutes!

Colossians 2:6-10 – NLT

And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow Him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. ⁸ Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. ⁹ For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. ¹⁰ So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

There are so many things that compete for our attention each and every day. There is “stuff”, and there are activities, hobbies, and even people that, if we are not careful, we can fixate on and devote much of our time, treasure and talents towards. But as believers in Christ, we must not be mesmerized by the “shiny objects” of this life and this world. Our gaze should be fixed on Christ alone. This verse reminds us that our daily walk should be one that is constantly progressing towards and with Jesus.

WARNING! Here comes a profound statement: becoming a follower of the Way, requires “following”! It is not a one and done event. We must “continue to follow Him” in our obedience to His commandments, in response to His callings on our lives, and by engaging in His commission to “go make disciples” and “go be witnesses”. We must abide in and “grow” in our relationship with Yeshua, for apart from Him we can do nothing Scripture tells us. We have to be willing to “permit” our lives to “be built on Him”. He does not force our hand in the construction of our lives on the Cornerstone. We must choose whether we are more interested in following the sandy land of idols that the world cares about and the fulfillment of the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, or upon the Rock of our Salvation. We must reject the “empty philosophies”, “high-sounding nonsense” that idolatrous human thinking and from the spiritual powers we wrestle against tempt us with. It is only in Christ that we will ever be complete. Accept NO cheap temporary substitutes of this life. Follow Jesus: the eternal LORD of all.

~ Pastor Jason D. Kramer

How
are we doing?

Send us feedback on the
CBCOG Newsletter design, or
about the happenings of the CB
Church or *whatever* else is on
your mind regarding the
ministries at CBCOG

30 Pieces of Silver

A 30 pieces of silver offering will be collected this season and used for community outreach ministry. Watch for more details coming soon!



List of all the good works you
can do to get into heaven



The Center Bethel Church of God wants to ensure that our newsletter “followers” are first and foremost, followers of **the Way, Jesus Christ**. (John 14:6). We want you to know where you will be spending eternity, because eternity spent in the wrong place is unthinkable. The only two options are Heaven or hell.

Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The Bible also says that the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23). There is salvation in no other name, than Jesus (Acts 4:12). There is no other way (John 4:16), so believe and be saved! (Acts 16:31)

If you don't know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, the Bible says that **today** is the day of salvation (Acts 28; 2 Cor 6:2). Turn from your sinful ways and begin living with Christ as your Lord today. “All who call on the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved (Romans 10:13).

If you have made or would like to make a decision for Christ today, or if you have questions, or if you want to share a praise or prayer, please call, text, or email us today. We would love to pray a prayer of salvation with you.

--Pastor Jason Kramer

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