



The Church Tie Newsletter

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

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Mother's Day @ CB

Memory Verse for June

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

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A special Mother's Day coffee bar was setup to honor all of our mothers and was open for all of the mothers, women, and young ladies of the church. Pictured above are a few that enjoyed it.

BAPTISM service

Praise God that we also celebrated a Believer's Baptism Service in May at CB with Beau Bibby, Joyanna Bibby, Raelie Olsen & Allison King. Here they are pictured before taking the plunge.

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"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" – *Ephesians 1:15-16*



The Branthoover, Moore, Hixson, Wilkins and Kramer families wanted to extend their thanks for your prayers, support, and help during the passing of their loved ones recently. Thank you to all who had any part in the funeral and funeral dinner preparations and teardowns or made food for those dinners. It was so appreciated.

In case I failed to thank each of you personally, I wanted to thank anyone who sent me birthday cards, gifts, or wished me well for my birthday. It was so appreciated but not necessary. Being a member of this church family everyday is gift enough 😊 Thank you for your love and kindness.

Thank you also for the prayers and concerns expressed for Julia during her recent health scare. God has certainly been good to us all. Thanks to God for his daily provision and protection for us all.

– Pastor Jason

The Southmoreland School nurses wish to thank everyone who helped to support, provide, pack, and deliver the food back packs given throughout the school year to our local elementary, middle, and high school students in need. Thank you for the difference you make in the lives of these little ones.

– Southmoreland School Nurses



Hoagie Sale Fundraiser



Streets of Scottsdale
Saturday June 14th

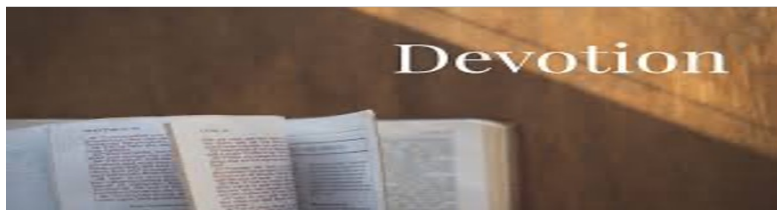


Hoagie making will begin at 6AM in the church fellowship hall, pre-orders will be available and distributed as well as on-the-street sales beginning after 9 AM.

All 4 God Youth Group

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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” -2 Timothy 2:15

The Cart Before the Horse

June 2025

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

We teach how to live the life before becoming Christians. Some say we're born again through water baptism, claiming that Acts 2:38 assures us that before we die, we will receive the Holy Spirit. Some say tithe, pray, read the Bible more and attend church until God judges us worthy. Or folks meet Jesus by watching the way we love and enjoy life. Confess our sins daily and say the Lord's Prayer before we fall asleep. Some keep Moses 10 Laws, or at least the 2 greatest ones, which fulfill the 10. None of these tell us when we "arrive." Only Christianity offers salvation as a free Gift of God's Grace- and we can receive it today, per 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:2!

Jesus, the Word of God per John 1:14, had John write 1:17 saying the Law was given thru Moses; Grace and Truth were realized thru Jesus. Verse 18 says He, coming from God, explains God to us. So, if Jesus brought Truth, there is a deceptive lie about the Perfect Law of Moses that Satan sells the world. Read 2 Corinthians 2:14 to 4:4 to get the picture. It says thanks to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests thru us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place, so we can be a fragrance of Christ, to God, among those being saved and those perishing; to the one an aroma from death (in this life) to the second death of Rev. 20:14, the other an aroma of life to life, as in John 11:25-26!

2 Cor. Ch. 3 says the Law on stone is a letter that ministers death to souls trying to meet it's demands; the Spirit of Christ gives Life to believers. The commands represent God's Perfect Holiness, thus guaranteeing hell for all seeking Heaven by them, since they can't provide proof on judgment day that they are literally as holy as God! Satan uses Proverbs 14:12 to deceive us. It says there's a way that seems right to man, but it's the way of death. Our inborn nature says the world doesn't give us a free ride, we must work for what we get. So, we struggle to meet the Law's impossible demands, and Satan encourages us to try a little harder, or just "do the best we can." 2 Cor. 3:14-17 says he keeps a veil over our hearts and eyes until we finally turn to Christ for freedom from the Law. And Romans 7:1-4 says we're now free to marry Jesus! His death and resurrection validated the New Covenant per Hebrews 9:15-17 to make this possible!

The Word of Truth says (Ephesians 1:13-14) we're included in Christ after listening to the message of Truth, the Gospel of our salvation- having also believed, we're sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of Promise (of John 14:16-19) given as assurance of our inheritance, in view of our final redemption God's own possession (Heb. 9:27-28) to the praise of His glory. 1 Cor. 15:1-6 says the Gospel is Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures (Mark 3:28), was buried, and raised on the third day, and appeared to more than 500 believers at one time. John 1:11-13 says He came to His own, and they did not receive Him. Those who did, He gave the right to become children of God. Jesus had Paul write in Acts 13:38-41 that thru His death, we are freed from all things from which we could not be freed thru Moses Law. We can heed or perish. Romans 5:10 assures that when we reconcile to God thru the death of His Son, we'll be saved by His Life! See the Light and choose Jesus' pure blood to cleanse us (1 John 1:7) or our filthy rags that can never mop up all our unrighteousness. For HIS Glory.

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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

If you are not already getting the CBCOG prayer chain emails in your email box, you can signup by going here:
<https://cbcog.cggc.org/projects/>

Birthdays *this month*...

6/1- Colt Burkholder
 6/2- Brody Grimm
 Spencer Smith
 6/4- Ron Trayter
 6/5- Lee Kline
 6/6- Stephen Rowe
 Rosemarie Collins
 6/7- Jeff Poorbaugh
 6/10- Kelly Shaffer
 6/10- Jennifer Helinski
 6/11- Eric Poole
 Scarlett Rodaheaver
 6/12- Derek Echard
 6/18- Tina Rowe
 6/19- Debbie Roeder
 Bob Grimm
 Stephanie Soddors
 6/20- James Beistel
 Pam Smith
 6/21- Buck Lantz
 6/23- Debbie Horrell
 Blake Clawiter
 6/27- Javier Camilo Cancino Fierro
 Matthew Rowe
 6/28- Ashley Tuttle
 6/29- Jason Baker
 Jack Danilchak
 6/30- Lori Bloomquist
 Ernest Smith (Mary)
 Greg Sullenberger

**Anniversaries:**

6/2- Mark & Diana Strohm
 6/3- Kevin & Lisa Echard
 6/11- Orin & Susan Summy
 6/20- Jesse & Stephanie Hixson
 6/21 Matt & Ashley Tuttle
 6/25- Ron & Sue Trayter
 6/29- Bobby & Shannon Bibby



Remember to support our CB campers and counselors at Camp Sonrise with prayers and mail:

June 8-14

Matt McGeary (counselor)

June 15-21

Addison Hixson

Zoey Nutter

Addison Ohler

Celina Rodriguez

June 22-28

Francesca Vidale

Julia Kramer (counselor)

June 29-July 5

Brody Nutter

Vivian Vidale

Camp Address:

**490 Caney Valley Road
 Markleysburg, PA 15459**

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<https://www.bunk1.com>

(However – this requires a subscription and \$\$\$ to use)



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The church library is active and open, but we still need some work done in the New and Old library rooms to make the new library fully functional. Please contact Donna or Pastor Jason on ways that you can help. Currently we need some shelving and displays attached to the walls and moved into position. Books will also need to be moved and reshelfed. We may also have to relocate a piano.

The goals are to get the new library fully functional and get the old library ready for its new purposes. Thanks for your continued support. Be sure to stop down and check out the progress in the library and also check out a book!

We also have copies of past Center Bethel newsletters, CGGC Mission Reports and most issues of the Tribune Review each week, in case you missed any news or need to get a picture.

~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.

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women's MINISTRY

Well Watered WOMEN

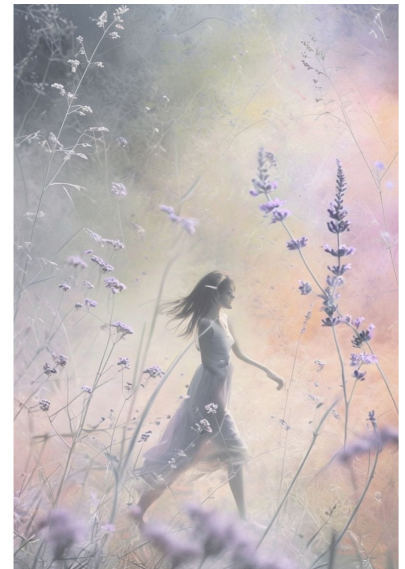
June 14th 10:00am

Our women's disciple making discussion group will review one of the most difficult gifts to give and receive...forgiveness.

We will talk about how we can extend and receive forgiveness in our every day lives according to the Word of God



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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

For anyone interested in becoming a member of the CB congregation please pick up a copy of "We Believe" and "Start" in the church entrance to review. We will have several membership sessions during Sunday School in June to get you ready to join. The primary focus will be on core beliefs, practices of the church, and any questions you might have (look at page 7 in We Believe). Secondly we will explore some church and denomination history. Hope to see you there!

SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

BE THE CHURCH

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



"For those who have fought for it, freedom has a taste that the protected will never know."

- Anonymous

John 15:13-

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Psalms 33:12-

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD..."



Upcoming Dates to Remember

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- *Graduation Sunday- June 1
- *New Member Classes- June 1 & 8 (9:15 in Worship Center – up front)
- *Christian Karaoke & Potluck Dinner- ~~June 7 @ 5pm~~ (rescheduled for Fall)
- *Well Watered Women Discipleship Group – June 14 @ 10am
- *Sharpening Stone Men's Ministry Hoagie Sale – June 14
- *Ad Council Meeting – June 3 @ 7:15pm
- Camp Sonrise Mountain - Week 1 June 8-14, 2025
- Camp Sonrise Mountain - Week 2 June 15-21, 2025
- Camp Sonrise Mountain - Week 3 June 22-28, 2025 -
- Camp Sonrise Mountain - Week 4 June 29 - July 5, 2025 -
- *Scrapbooking @ CBCOG– June 27-28
- *CGGC 200th Anniversary Triennial Conference, Harrisburg, PA – July 15– 17
- *Vacation Bible School– July 21-25 6-8 PM
- *Center Bethel Church Picnic at Camp Sonrise Mt. – August 24th

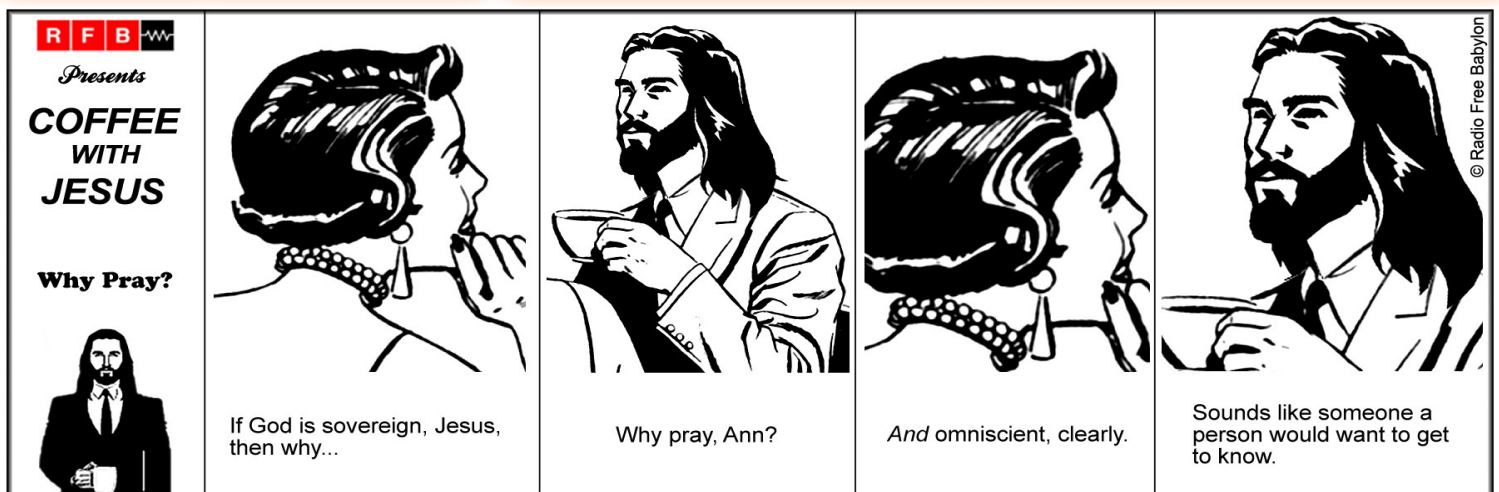


*All 4 God Youth Group Meetings –

Will resume meetings in September. Have a safe and most excellent summer break! We hope to see you in camp and hope that you have some divine appointments with God and sharing the Gospel!



Thanks for your generosity and support of the The Center Bethel Food Backpack Ministry. This project currently helped nearly 75 of our community's children each week by providing weekend meals during the school year. We are looking forward to continuing this in the Fall and we will be relying on 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.*



"Coffee with Jesus" is a comic strip that lets us imagine what a chat with Jesus over coffee in today's world might be like. - <http://www.coffeewithjesus.com/>

THE LAST WORD

...from Pastor Jason

Ten Little CHRISTians...

Ten little christlans standing in a line,
One disliked the pastor, then there were just nine.
 *Nine little christlans stayed up very late,
 One slept in on Sunday, then there were only eight.*
Eight little christlans on their way to heaven,
One took the low road, so then there were seven.
 *Seven little christlans singing and chirping like chicks,
 One disliked the music, then there were six.*
Six little christlans seemed very much alive,
But one lost his interest, now then there were five.
 *Five little christlans pulling for Heaven's shore,
 But one stopped to rest, so then there were four.*
Four little christlans, each busy as a bee,
One got her feelings hurt, then there were only three.
 *Three little christlans knew what to do,
 One had an affair and ran off, leaving only two.*
Two little christlans, our rhyme is nearly done,
Differed with each other, then there was one...

Are you part of the Building Crew or the Wrecking Crew?



...One little CHRISTian can't do much 'tis true;
Brought his friend to Bible study, then there were two.
 *Two earnest CHRISTians, each won one more,
 That doubled their number, then there were four.*
Four sincere CHRISTians prayed early and also late,
Each won another, then there were eight.
 *Eight little CHRISTians, if they doubled as before,
 In just a few short weeks, we'd have 1,024.*
In this little jingle, there is a lesson true,
You belong to the building, or to the wrecking crew.
 *So now this rhyme is over, which
 CHRISTian job will YOU continue to do ?*

*I saw and borrowed some of this from a 2025 ARC Conference speaker and thought that it was worth considering and sharing.
Let's keep less "I" and more "CHRIST" in being Christians!
Let's be force multipliers not ministry dividers!*



Communication Coordinator / Secretary – 10-12 hours per week

-- We need some ministry help! Looking to hire and train immediately! --
This staff position is integral for the proper operation of the Center Bethel COG. Coordinated, appropriate, and timely communication between the pastor, ad council, the ministries, the congregation, and the community is of utmost importance for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom. An ideal Communication Coordinator candidate must be well versed in the workings and activities of the church and preferably should be a regular attender of worship, active participant in classes, and church activities. See Jason for info

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**

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