



The Church Tie Newsletter

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

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CHURCH PICNIC AT CAMP SONRISE MOUNTAIN

Memory Verse for September

Galatians 5:14 NIV -

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

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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*

thank you

Dear Pastor Jason and Center Bethel Family,

I really want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, and thoughts for as I had both of my knee replacement surgeries. I had quite a few hard days, but God is good! I am feeling good and I hope to see you all soon. To God be the glory!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Kramer



Elders of Center Bethel busy making crosses to give away





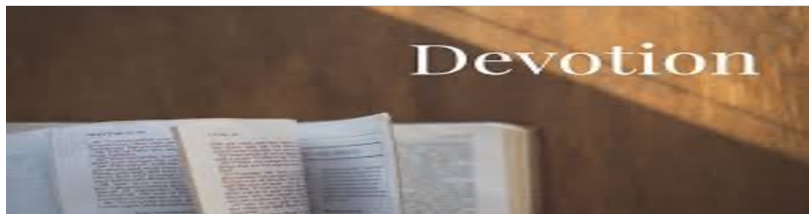
PASSING
OUT
POPCORN @
PICNIC IN
THE PARK



Free
Popcorn
CENTER BETHEL YOUTH GROUP



SWIMMING
DAY AT
FLATWOODS
POOL



"Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" -**2 Timothy 2:15**

We'll All Face God's Red Sea

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EXODUS 14:13-30 -15:1-3

1 Peter 1:1-13 says Prophets of old searched to know the time and persons that the Spirit of Christ intended to hear what they wrote. It reveals they were serving us. Thru them, we see the price Israel still pays for rebelling against nearly all God asks! Three covenants assure our salvation. The Passover of Exodus 12:14 and 12:21-24 is the first. It called for Israel to rest (trust) in the death angel to "pass over" her children, which she did. The second is Exodus 31:12-16's promise, so God will prove in the end, that it's HE who sanctifies us (by Jesus' blood in Hebrews 10:10-17). He's been our Sabbath Rest for salvation since the creation.

Ezekiel chapter 32 speaks to Abraham's covenant of circumcision, the third statute. Here he rants against the nations who don't have circumcised hearts- and Israel is the worst! We're to circumcise any assumptions in our hearts that God will accept any help in His plan of salvation. The first time, Abe and Sarah used Hagar, to "help a little," rather than resting in God's Divine intervention to create life in her barren womb. Today we're to trust that the child born of Mary 2,000 years ago by immaculate conception was a gift from God, sent to redeem us from all our unrighteousness so we can have Eternal Life. Jeremiah 17:19-27 says trying to enter "New Jerusalem's" judgment gate, without complete Sabbath Rest, offers nothing but a kindled fire!

Like us, Israel largely ignored God's promise to rest in Jesus until there's no "way out." Her greatest crisis, on the way to the Promised Land, was crossing the Red Sea. Exodus 14:13-30 to 15:1-3 paints the picture. Pharaoh's army charged to annihilate them when they didn't follow the "finger" that moved the cloud that morning. Chaos reigned until Jesus' "finger" intervened to dry up the riverbed. Moses said don't fear, stand still and see the Salvation of the Lord, which He will show you today. And you'll see these Egyptians no more.

He ordered Moses to lift his rod and stretch his hand over the sea to divide it as a great wall to hold the water till Israel passed. Then, He hardened the Egyptians hearts to follow. The Angel of God, who was Jesus, per 1 Cor. 10:1-4, went from before Israel, and moved behind them. The pillar of the cloud left their faces and turned black to hide Israel from Pharaoh and his army. Moses lifted his hand and Jesus made the sea go back by a strong wind to make a shield to cause the sea to dry up over night. The rest is history. When Pharaoh and his army were all on the dry seabed, Jesus released the water and destroyed them all.

The "Red Sea" is our death bed. Our last chance to rest in Jesus to lead us to the Promised Land. We hear His call, but our nature resists. Read Hebrews 4:9 "There remains a Sabbath Rest for God's people." Vs. 4:11 says, "Let's be diligent to enter that Rest, so none of us follow Israel's example of disobedience." Vs. 3:12 says they had evil unbelieving hearts that (in Heb. 3:16-19) provoked Jesus. They couldn't "see" Him in the star and cloud, and trusted Moses instead (John 5:39-47 & Duet. 18-19). Jesus swore they wouldn't enter His rest because of their unbelief. Heb. 4:13-14 reveals that He sees the thoughts and intentions of our hearts and minds and judges whether we're resting in Him, or not! Certain death is our "Red Sea." It's now, or never time-- to rest 100% in Jesus to hold back Satan's flaming arrows of doubt until we safely reach the other side. He's faithful forever! Praise His Power!

- Don Benna dbenna710 @ gmail.com

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

Center Bethel COG

Prayer Chain

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/>

Known Birthdays this month...

9/1- J.J. Rodriguez
 9/3- Anna Helinski
 9/9- Jacob McGearry
 9/11- Lisa Shaw
 9/12- Ella McGearry
 9/13- Debbie Harrer
 Charles Miller
 9/15- Ethan Smith
 Matthew Smith
 Megan Ladd
 9/16- Ryan Usher
 9/17- Ronald Rodriguez
 9/19- Don Dillinger
 Eden Ladd
 9/20- Traci Usher
 9/22- Ernie Smith, Sr.
 9/23- Tom Schomer
 Zoey Nutter

**Known Anniversaries:**

9/4- Lee & Sue Kline
 9/20- Lon & Ruth Stangroom

Love Your Neighbor Day

Sunday, Sept 14, 2025

10:15 – 11:30AM

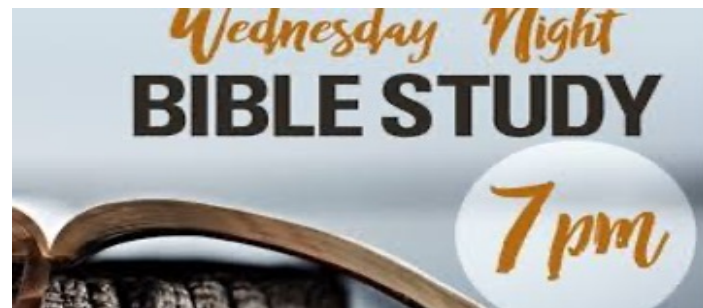
(in place of 2nd Worship Service that Sunday)

Center Bethel Church of God will

"BE the church of the community"

by going out into our local community to meet, share with, talk to, and express the love of Christ with our neighbors.

- Visit with neighbors in Alverton
- Prayer walk in the community
- Service Evangelism Project(s)
- Laundromat Blessing
- Little Jesus and "WHY?" cards
- Invite to "Back to Church" Day



BIBLE STUDIES START 9/17



Visit us online at
CBCOG.org

Welcome to our newly completed "Kids Korner" in our church Library! We now have books on the shelves for pre-schoolers through teens.

- For our little ones we have a variety of books from Golden Books, Bible stories, and well as Disney books, Sesame Street, Dr. Seuss and others.
- For our grade school and middle school youth we have a variety of books for them to read including Christian stories and Bible stories.
- For our teens we have a variety of books on Christian living, how to deal with being a new Christian and living in today's modern society.
- There are many novels, fictional books with a Christian basis, and new releases from authors like Pastor Jack Hibbs and Amir Tsarfati to name just a few.

Stop in now with your children and see what we have to offer. I'm sure we can find a book to suit yours or your child's interests.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Remember, the Library is always open and you and your children can come in and browse around at any time. - Donna, CB Librarian

(PS – we also still have many VHS tapes and VHS protective cases that you can have for FREE!)

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.

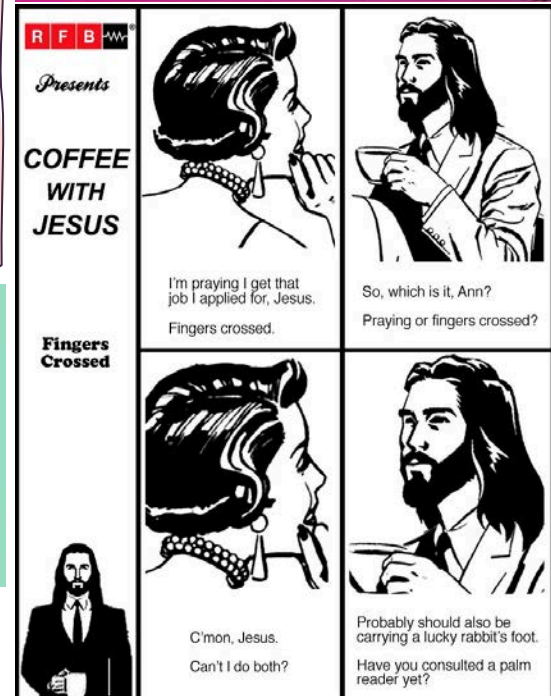
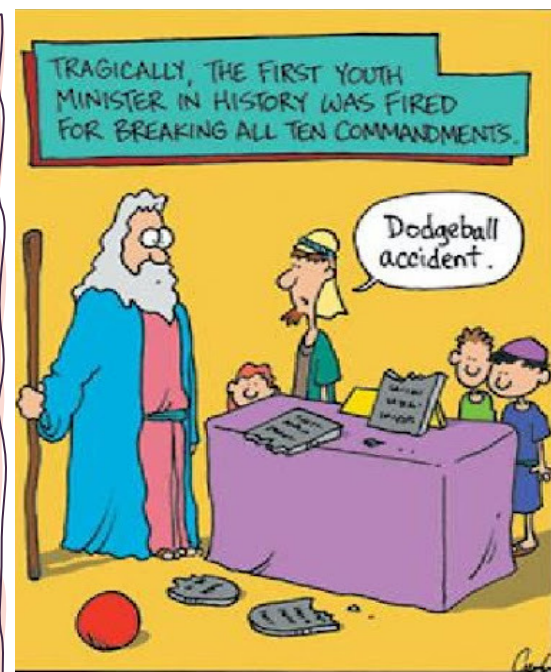
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SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

BE THE CHURCH

Q: What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A: Ruthless.

"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/>

More Church Picnic Moments...



Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Ad Council & Commission Meetings- Tuesday Sept 2
- Promotion Sunday, Teacher Appreciation, Penny Pile Sunday, & Donut Fellowship hosted by the Doers Sunday School class- Sunday Sept 7
- Dartball Everson @ Alverton- Monday Sept 8
- Sharpening Stone Men's Ministry Breakfast- Saturday Sept 13 @ 8am
- Love Your Neighbor Day- Sunday Sept 14 (*8am service only- 10:15am the gathered church will embark on a servant evangelism adventure - No 10:15 worship service*)
- Bible Studies begin on Sept 17th at 7 PM
- Dartball Alverton @ Hickory Sq- Monday Sept 15
- Scrapbooking Ministry- Friday Sept 19 & Saturday Sept 20
- Back to Church Sunday- Sunday Sept 21- invite someone to church!
- Youth Group meeting- Sunday Sept 21 from 3-5 pm
- Dartball Reformed @ Alverton- Monday Sept 22
- Well-watered Women Group -Saturday Sept 27 @ 10am
- Dartball Alverton @ Tyronne- Monday Sept 29



Wednesday night Bible Studies for all ages and choir practices will begin again on September -17th

*All 4 God Youth Group Meetings -

Will resume meetings on September 7th from 3-5 pm. Meetings will be the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month during the school year from 3-5 pm.



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.

TEAM PRAYER

FOR THE YOUGH COUGAR FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND FALL SPORTS ATHLETES, CHEER, AND BAND

This Yough event at Bruno Field in Herminie was organized by Shannon Bibby and led by COG Pastors Jason Kramer (CB) and Beth Dunlap (WN), local Methodist ministers, & student/athlete Brayden Snyder.





women's MINISTRY

...from Pastor Jason

“Boldness”

In Ephesians 6:19-20, after exhorting us to first put on the full armor of God, Paul prays for something that we all need to seek...boldness in speaking of the gospel.

*19...for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth **boldly** to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that in it I may speak **boldly**, as I ought to speak.*

In these, the closing days of time, we need now more than ever, more than any time in our lives, or in anytime of the history of the world to not be “ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). We need to be willing to be inconvenienced from “our lives” and willing to give up our very lives (and I am not just talking about lifestyle here) in order to tell the Truth to all in earshot about our LORD and Savior.

Though we live in times where it seems that fewer and fewer will “endure sound doctrine” (2 Tim 4:3) we need to press on for the cause of Christ. For we are not even near experiencing the persecutions that Paul endured, or contending with the same thorn in his side, or facing a certain death sentence as he was, and yet we who have been and remain free, remain silent too often. The only chains on most of us are those burdens that we have attached to our own mouths out of fear of retribution.

May we realize that we too are ambassadors of Christ and we too “ought to” realize the great opportunity and responsibility that Christ has given us to do NOW. May we be obedient and experience what the early church did in Acts 4:33 - “*With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all*”. I pray that the Chain breaker and Way maker will cause His Holy Spirit to fall fresh on us and give us His boldness to do His will.

-Pastor Jason Kramer

Well-watered Women:

*September 27th 10am @ CB

*October 11th 10am @ CB

Sisters of Strength Retreat:

@ Camp Sonrise Mt. - Oct 3-5th

HELP WANTED AT CB:

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 Pastor 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, so choose this day whom you will serve.

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 today 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). You are NEVER too far gone and you can NEVER out sin the power of His blood.

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 me today. I would love to pray a prayer of salvation with you. **--Pastor Jason**

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