



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 September John 13:34-35 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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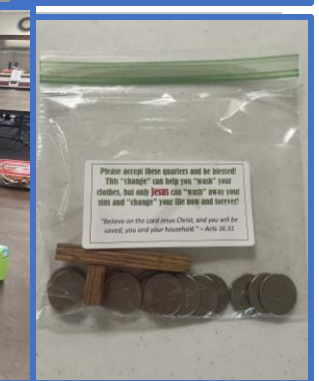
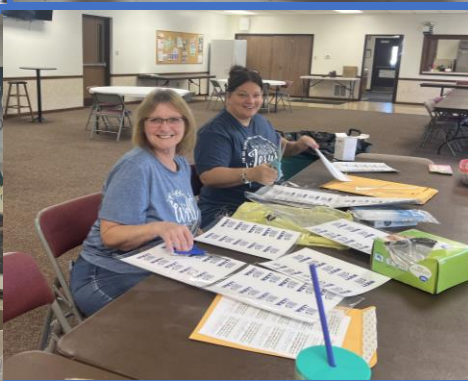
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"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" - *Ephesians 1:15-16*



Dear Center Bethel Family,

We really cannot thank you enough for all the prayers, cards, gifts and outpouring of love that this church family has expressed to us recently during this Pastor appreciation month and for some of the birthdays of our children. We truly have been so blessed to have been able to help lead and care for this congregation. Thank you for your love, patience, and support as we figure out how to be a pastoral family here. May God be glorified in all that we do together as a church family. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Pastor Jason and the Kramer family



Be sure to check out the bulletin board in the fellowship hall to check out what is going on with our missionaries around the world. Please also pray that we might send some of our young and young at heart people from this church on an ACTS Team 2026 mission. You can find more information out about these and other opportunities to be involved in missions.

<https://cggc.org/ministry-areas/global-reach/missionary-detail/acts-teams/>

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Center Center Bethel COG wants to invest in strong marriages and will show that commitment by sponsoring ONE married couple to attend the upcoming Weekend to Remember Event by paying their event fee to attend the local Pittsburgh or Hershey Event (\$350+ value)! (some hotel expense funds may also be available if needed)

If you would like to be considered for this opportunity scan the QR code or visit the website below to register to be a candidate.

<https://forms.gle/GhQKYqevuSYt7f1d9>

This opportunity is for a MARRIED couple only and both must agree to commit to attending the event sessions. Please direct any questions or concerns about the Weekend to Remember to Pastor Jason



Nov. 7-9 - Cranberry, PA

Feb. 6-8 - Hershey, PA

Other dates and locations nationwide
Special rates for active military



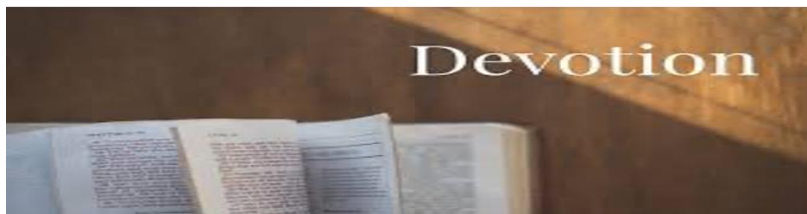


YOUTH
SUNDAY



1ST
YOUTH
GROUP
MEETING





"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**

Losing Our First Love

October 2025

Revelation 2:4

A warning to the church of Ephesus to renew her first love for God. Paul wrote in Eph. 3:1-9 of God's Grace given him by revelation, revealing the mystery of Christ, not known for generations, now revealed by His apostles in the Spirit. Specifically, Gentiles are now fellow heirs; members of the body, and partakers of the promise and unfathomable riches "in Christ," thru the Gospel. Ephesians 3:13-19 says, for this reason, Paul prayed for God to grant us the power, by faith in Christ's Spirit within us, to comprehend the total dimension of His Love for us so we may be filled with all of God's fullness!

Eph. 1:4 says God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him! Hebrews 10:10-17 fulfilled this, saying we have been sanctified by the offering of Jesus' body once for all. He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified and remembers their sins no more as Heb. 9:12 and 28 recorded. In Mark 3:28-29 and John 16:7-9 Jesus said the Holy Spirit, when He comes, will convict us that every sin will be forgiven, but unbelief in Him. Hebrews 3:12-4:11 says Israel's evil sin (unbelief in Him- 1 Cor. 10:1-4) stood between her and the Promised Land. Heb. 4:12-13 says nothing is hidden from Jesus, the word of God. He sees if we're resting in Him today! Hebrews 10:26-29 says to go on sinning, in unbelief, tramples under foot the blood of Jesus that sanctified us. It insults His Spirit of Grace and leaves us with the eternal sin and God's consuming fire.

Eph. 1:5-7 says by His Grace, God chose us "in Christ," foreknowing we would believe "in Him" (per John 6:64) to be adopted as sons thru Jesus blood redemption; lavished on us by the kind intention of His will. Vs's 1:13-14 says our destiny is fulfilled "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, given as a pledge (promise) of our inheritance, to the view of God's possession to praise His glory! The Gospel of 1 Cor. 15:1-6 says Christ died for our (flesh) sins. Then was buried and raised on the third day. He revealed Himself to over 500 people at one time, proving there can be resurrected life for us, with Him, after death. Romans 8:2 says there's no condemnation for those who are in Christ and 8:8-11 and 8:37-39 promise that the same Spirit that raised Jesus will raise us from the dead, and nothing can be found in all creation that can separate us from the Love of God, in Christ!

Eph. 2:1-10 says we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh as children of wrath. But God, rich in mercy, and great love for us, even when dead in our sins, made us alive with Christ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the Heavenly Places "in Christ." Note carefully- God sees future tense, now, as present tense in His eyes. We're to claim this, also, as our set eternal position with God thru trust "in Christ." It applies to all the "in Christ" promises. Eph. 2:8-10 says we're saved by faith in His Grace. Even our faith is a gift from God! Hebrews 12:2 says fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith. Eph. 3:21 says to God be the glory in the church, and in Christ, to all generations forever. Ephesians 4:30-32 tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom we were sealed for the day of redemption. Let bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, malice and slander be put away. Be kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as God "IN CHRIST has forgiven us!"

1 John 4:10 and 17-18 say "This is love, that God sent His Son to be the satisfaction for our sins. His Love is perfected with us, so we may have confidence in the day of judgment." "There is no fear in Love; but (His) Perfect Love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment" - that Jesus satisfied in Vs. 10. Our first Love (honeymoon) may be over but the Holy Spirit thru 1 John 4:19 reminds us that "We love God because He first Loved us in Him!" - dbenna710@gmail.com



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

Known Birthdays *this month...*

10/1- Charley Fox
Connor Clawiter
10/2- Esther Ulery
10/3- Breann Poole
10/4- Bill Shaffer
10/5- Brooke Kramer
10/6- Ruth Ann Poorbaugh
10/8- Gail Shaw
10/14- Tanner Schwartz
10/15- Kaleb Kramer
10/16- Mary Helinski
10/18- Barry Nagy
10/18- Donald Swank
Charmaine Smith
10/21- Crissy Grimm
10/24- Kayla Snyder
10/26- Karen Johnson



Known Birthdays *next month...*

11/1- Bob Frey
11/4- Susan Summy
11/6- Mark Hixson
11/8- Bobby Bibby
Brenda Johnson
11/11- Trish Cancino Fierro
11/12- Chris Kline
Hope Mailloux
Michelle Bibby
11/13- Suzie Kramer
11/16- Janet Dillinger
John Shaw
B.J. King
11/19- Wayne Sullenberger
11/21- Linda Poorbaugh
11/24- Judi Schomer



Known Anniversaries:

10/1- Elmer & Kathi White
10/4- Charles & Lauren McGill
10/5- John & Jennifer Helinski
10/6- B.J. & Amy King
10/7- Barry & Michelle Nagy
10/8- Shawn & Denise Schwartcz
10/20- Greg & Candy
Sullenberger
10/27- Rob & Linda Bibby
10/29- Matthew & Amy Clawiter

11/14- Donald & Ashley Swank
11/15- Dave & Ruth Fox
11/18- Jeff & Karen Hough
11/20- Jerry & Barbara Hixson
11/28- Bob & Penny Frey
11/30- Jeff & Linda Poorbaugh

INNER LIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:6 NIV

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CBCOG.org



Shoe boxes due @ CB by Nov.16th



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 a 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!

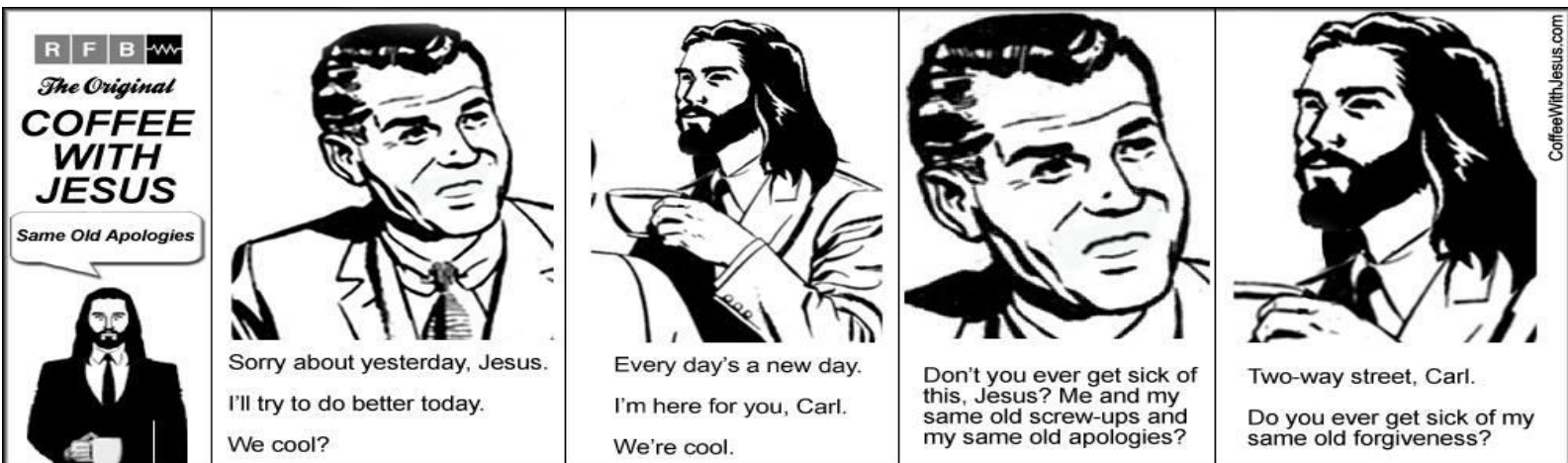
Center Bethel church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries. Our church is a spiritual home for each of us and it relies on our time, talent, and treasure to fulfill that mission and keep the spiritual home operating. Online Giving helps support the 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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"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/>



Center Bethel Church Drug & Alcohol Prevention Pledges



Here are some of our teens that have pledged to stay drug and alcohol-free until graduation enrolled in the Center Bethel Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program. Participants must take a pledge to remain clean and sober and recommit to it yearly as well as attend church and youth activities to stay eligible. This program was pioneered and first implemented and financially supported by the Caring Christians Sunday School Class in the 1980s and has helped to keep many teens drug, tobacco, and alcohol-free during their formative years. The program was adopted by the Ad Council in 2017 to continue to positively influence the lives of our teens.

Join us to celebrate

Children's CHRISTMAS PLAY

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with music, storytelling, and a beautiful reenactment of the Holy Night. Audience participation encouraged!!

14 DEC | 10:30AM

Center Bethel Church of God



Debbie & Denise and the Created to Praise Choir offering up praise to God during Sunday services

Worship
MINISTRY



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Bring Your Bible to School Day- Thursday Oct 2
- Sharpening Stone Men's Ministry hoagie sales- Saturday Oct 4
- Penny Pile Sunday, & Donut Fellowship hosted by the Caring Christians Sunday School class- Sunday Oct 5
- Youth Group meeting- Sunday Oct 5 from 3-5 pm
- Dartball Alverton @ CUMC Monday Oct 6
- Ad Council & Commission Meetings- Tuesday Oct 7
- Well-watered Women Group -Saturday Oct 11 @ 10am
- Dartball UP @ Alverton- Monday Oct 13
- Scrapbooking Ministry- Friday Oct 17 & Saturday Oct 18
- Youth Group meeting- Sunday Oct 19 from 3-5 pm
- Dartball Lutheran @ Alverton- Monday Oct 20
- Jr High Fall Retreat @ CSM- Friday Oct 24- Sunday Oct 26
- Dartball Alverton @ St John Monday Oct 27
- Bible Studies every Wednesday @ 7 PM for all ages
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Nov 22nd 12-2pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wed. Nov 26 7pm



Saturday
Nov 22nd
12 - 2pm



Center Bethel Church Fellowship Hall, Alverton PA

We will be looking for roasted turkey and desserts for this outreach event



***All 4 God Youth Group Meetings -**

Youth Group meetings will be the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month during the school year from 3-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.



We are continuing to positively impact students and we are relying on donations of food items and funds to purchase food for future food backpacks and keep this important ministry going for children in need. For details, please contact **Kim Semon** on ways to help.



Christmas Greetings



If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to your Center Bethel friends, put your message in the Christmas box in the room at the top elevator door, email the church office at office@cbcog.org, or mail to:

Center Bethel Church of God
428 RuffsdaLe Alverton Rd
Alverton, PA 15612.

*Deadline to submit your greeting is November 30.
Christmas Greetings will be published in the bulletin and December Newsletter.*

Save the Date!

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...from Pastor Jason

“Home-going”

There is excitement and joy in all of the *Homecoming* events in the local schools and even the Back to Church Sunday events that are on-going. There is always lots of pomp and circumstance as well as the joy of seeing old friends returned to visit in our midst. We get to spend a little time with folks we haven't seen for awhile returned to the stadiums and churches for a quick visit. As pleasant as these brief reunions are, this has me thinking about the “big homecoming” that all believers should be looking forward to one day. That Homegoing to our heavenly Father. Hebrews 13:14-16 (NLT) reminds us:

“for this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come. Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to His name. And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.”

So, as we enjoy the temporary reunions and then continue to live our natural lives, and make our plans in our current homes, in the here and now, be very sure to devote even more time preparing for the eternal future that awaits. In comparison to eternity, we are only going to inhabit this place for a few more minutes. Don't get too attached, shackled, or burdened by or bonded to the things of this world! Do not become conformed to it (*Rom 12:2*). Give thought to what the will of God is for you in this short life and let God sanctify you and grow you spiritually. Look forward to that great “home-going” some day, in that place that Jesus is preparing for us who believe (*John 14:3*). In the time remaining here, let us not grow weary of doing good (*Gal 6:9*) and let us tell others about Jesus and what awaits us as he told us to (*Acts 1:8; Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15*). That home is going to be plenty big enough (*Rev 21:16*), let's not go there alone, Let's try to help fill it up by telling others all about it! Then...what a day, glorious, **homegoing day** that will be, reunited with those who have gone before us as we are also joined by those who are just coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior! So, don't be discouraged about this present darkness we may be in, but instead, to the greatest extent and with the greatest sense of urgency, shine the Light into the darkness and keep your eyes toward heaven, and keep your joy of His salvation (even in your deep sorrows) as we prepare for the return of the One True King!

-Pastor Jason Kramer

women's MINISTRY

Well-watered Women:

*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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