



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 November

1 Chronicles 16:34 NIV

**“Give thanks to the
LORD, for he is good;
His love endures
forever.”**

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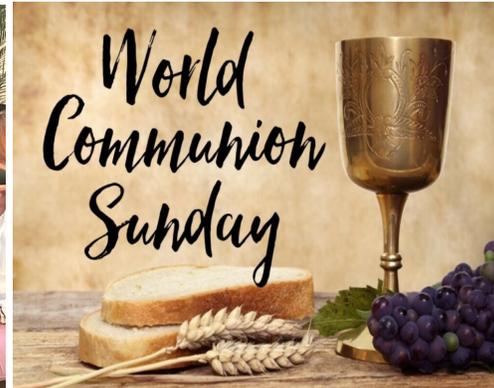


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Center Bethel celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's Supper and Foot washing recently.



We also celebrated the baby dedication of baby Maverick Clawiter!



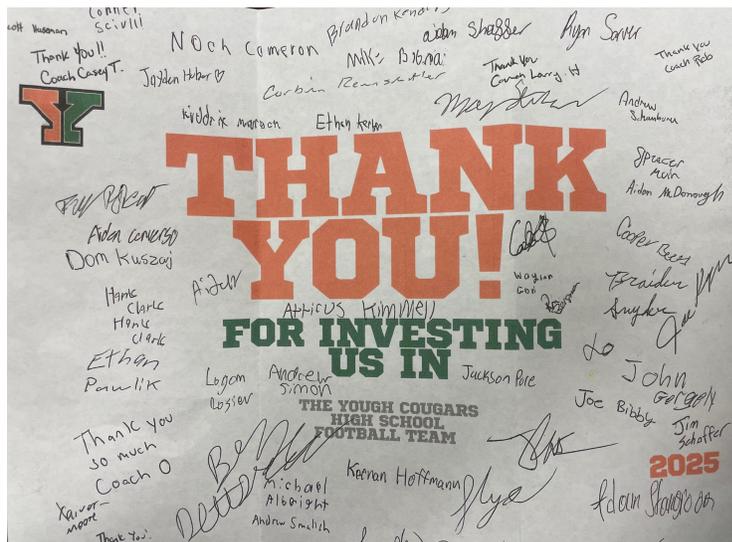
"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers" - Ephesians 1:15-16



Dear Center Bethel Family,
 Thank you for all your prayers that have comforted us, your cards that have uplifted and encouraged us for so long (Tom loved looking at them.) I thank you for your care and love you shared to my family & me during this sad and overwhelming loss of Tom. Thank you for the work at the (funeral) luncheon, the food fed hearts and souls. Thank you for the beautiful bouquet and gifts. They truly brought comfort. I do not have words to express my deep affection and love for so much.
 Thank you,
 Judi Schomer & family

Dear Center Bethel Church,
 On behalf of the Yough gridders Football Booster Organization, we'd like to thank you for your generous support in the feeding of our athletes. Our athletes are blessed to have you support their athletic endeavors this 2025 season! ...Your concern for our players is acknowledged not only by the board, but our players, coaches, and families. They would like to send a heartfelt "Thank you" to each of you. Please find the enclosed note from our team.

-The Yough Gridders Football Boosters, The Yough Football Team, Shannon Bibby, President



Dear Pastor Jason and the Center Bethel Church,
 Our Arrow of Light (AOL) Cub Scout Den would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for welcoming us into your church and helping our scouts learn about their duty to God. We are also deeply grateful for your ongoing support of the food backpack program and allowing our scout pack to be a small part of that mission. Your kindness, generosity, and commitment to serving others sets a shining example for our scouts to follow. Thanks! -- AOL Den, Scout Pack 151, Scottdale, PA



JR HIGH
FALL
RETREAT



A4G 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

The Narrow Gate to Heaven

November 2025

Matthew 7:14

Matthew 7:7 says “Ask, and it’ll be given you.” Luke’s version says in 11:9-10- “seek, and you’ll find; knock, and it’ll be opened to you. Everyone who asks, receives.” Vs’s. 11-13 says suppose one of us fathers, being evil, is asked by a son for a fish, we won’t give him a snake will we? Then, how much more will our Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit, if we ask Him! Somehow Matthew 7:12 missed the Holy Spirit’s role as Jesus ended His sermon on the Mount by reminding us, that in everything, treat people the same way we want them to treat us (if we choose Moses Law over God’s Grace). Since the law is impossible for us to keep, He’s offering His Holy Spirit to save us from God’s curse on it. 2 Corinthians 3:3 thru 4:4 reveals this.

In Matt. 7:6 Jesus asks us not to throw His Holy pearls of wisdom to swine, for they will trample them under their feet and tear us to pieces. It leads to Matthew 7:13-14 “Enter thru the narrow gate that leads to life and few there are that find it; for the gate is wide that leads to destruction and there are many who enter thru it! Matthew 7:15-20 says we’re known by the fruit borne thru us. Ones reborn by God’s gifted Spirit, bear baby Christians by sharing the Gospel (just as cats bear kits, not pups)! In Matthew 23:13-15 Jesus told false teachers they bear fruit for Satan by shutting off the Kingdom of Heaven from people. They won’t enter the Gate of God’s Grace, nor allow ones who want to. They travel land and sea to convert a stranger to Moses Law and make more sons of hell like them!

Israel chose Moses Law over Abraham’s covenant of circumcision 430 years after it was ratified (and God’s anger considered destroying them in Ezekiel 20:10-13 and 24- 25). It offers salvation to all who circumcise the last shred of hope in their hearts that man can add one small deed of his own to God’s Divine Plan of Salvation by Grace. His plan is a gift that came thru Isaac’s Seed (Jesus) who arrived some 400 years after Israel chose Moses Law. In John 10:1-8 and 10:27-30 Jesus said He’s the Gate to Heaven, and false teachers steal his Glory and rob God of His Grace, but no one will snatch us from Their hands! Matt. 7:21-23 says ones who do the will of His Father (believe in Him, per John 6:40) will enter Heaven. Those whose “gate” requires self works will plead their good deeds, only to hear God say I never knew you!

Matt. 5:24-27 says we must build our house on Jesus, the only Rock of our Salvation, per Psalm 62.2. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 that “According to the Grace of God given me, like a wise builder, I laid a foundation. We must build carefully upon it, for no man can lay a foundation, other than the one laid, which is Jesus Christ! He tells us in John 14:1-6, the eve before His crucifixion, “Don’t let our hearts be troubled; believe in God, and also in Me. In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; If it were not so, I would have told you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you may be also. You know where I’m going. I’m the way, the truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but thru Me! Many resent being told that Jesus is the only way, but those who embrace Him will find God’s Greatest Gift ever -in Him! For His Glory I write. 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...

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11/1- Bob Frey
11/4- Susan Summy
11/6- Mark Hxson
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 Birthdays next month...

12/2- Jeff Love
 Noah Clawiter
12/5- B.J. Olsen
 Amy Clawiter
12/7- John Helinski
12/9- Antwaan Smith
 Adam Huff
12/10- Donna Ottenberg
 Josh Schwartz
12/11- Barbara Hixson
 Chad Long
12/12- Anna Catherine Staggers
12/13- Camella Long
12/14- Pat Bryner
12/15- Heather Collins
 Sylarah Durant
 Logan Clawiter
12/17- Jeff Johnson
12/18- Kayia Smith
12/19- Dorothy Kring - 100
 Mia Usher
12/20- Elmer White
12/21- Tyler Olsen
 Becky Rodriguez
12/23- Ruth Fox
12/24- Paul Fess
12/25- Brian Boruszewski
12/28- Sharon Hixson
12/30- Hannah Hutter
 Connie Coch
 Lorraine Miller



Known Anniversaries:

11/9- Bill & Rebekah Gaut
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

12/2- Ron & Kathy Frey
12/5- Chris & Paichat Kline
12/8- Buck & Linda Lantz
12/12- Don & Janet Dillinger
12/13- Chris & Kim Semon
12/21- Eric & Jennifer Poole



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/>



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 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!

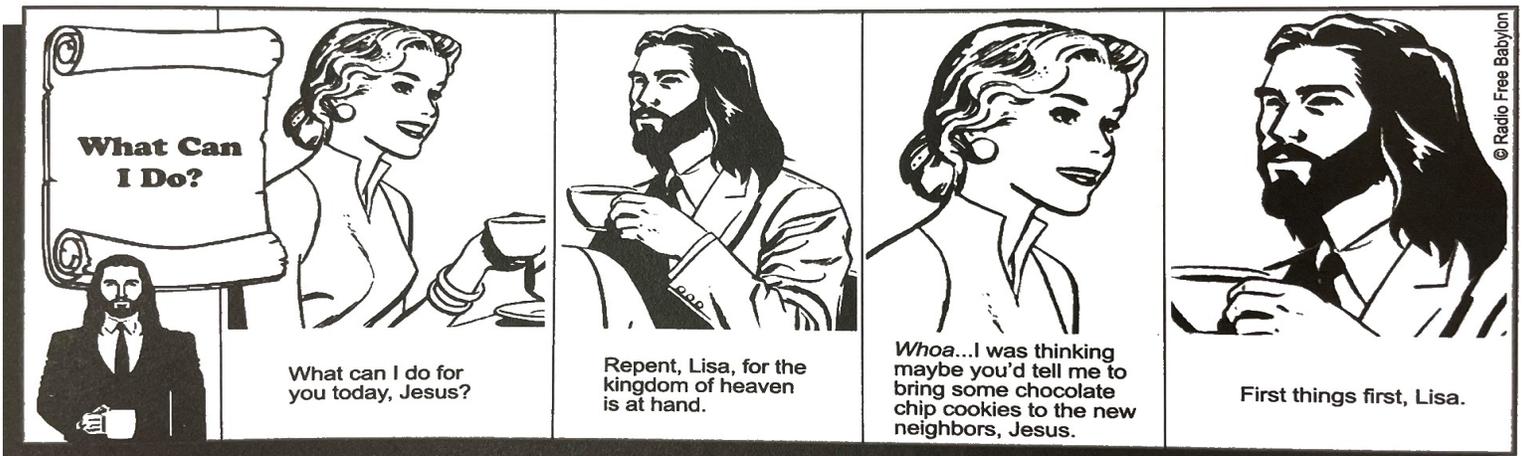
Center Bethel church offers Online Giving as an additional option to support our ongoing mission and ministries. Our church is a spiritual home for each of us and it relies on our time, talent, and treasure to fulfill that mission and keep the spiritual home operating. Online Giving helps support the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

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

PLEASE VISIT THE ONLINE GIVING SITE BY VISITING THIS LINK:

WWW.OSVHUB.COM/CBCOG/GIVING/FUNDS

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



"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/>



If you are not already getting the CBCOG prayer chain emails in your email box, you can signup by going here:

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

HELPERS NEEDED!



PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILDREN JOIN US FOR

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

DECEMBER 13, 2025
600P-830P

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Need to get some Christmas shopping done? Maybe a date night? Bring your kids to CBCOG! We will be hosting a movie night with pizza, popcorn and hot cocoa for the kids!

NO COST- PLEASE REGISTER BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR CALL/TXT MICHELLE BIBBY 724-963-8207 MBIBBY81@GMAIL.COM




SPONSORED BY THE WELL WATERED WOMENS MINISTRY GROUP!



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

YOU ARE INVITED!



Saturday Nov 22nd 12 - 2pm

Center Bethel Church Fellowship Hall, Alverton PA




Let's Go Caroling

HAYRIDE

Wednesday Dec. 17 @ 7PM

Meet in CB church parking lot (Weather permitting)

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



COMING SOON!

Help Fill the Pantry!

Your generosity feeds families in need.

We're collecting nonperishable items to support our new Blessings Food pantry. Every can, box, and bag makes a difference. Together, we can fight hunger this season.



Matthew 25:40

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."





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Learn More: cbcog.org

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Bible Studies every Wednesday @ 7 PM for all ages
- Penny Pile Sunday, & Donut Fellowship hosted by the Tri-C Sunday School class- Sunday Nov 2
- Youth Group meeting- Sunday Nov 2 from 3-5 pm
- Dartball Alverton @ Bryan Monday Nov 3
- Ad Council & Commission Meetings- Tuesday Nov 4
- Scrapbooking Ministry- Friday Nov 7 & Saturday Nov 8
- Sr High Fall Retreat @ CSM- Friday Nov 7- Sunday Nov 9
- Sharpening Stone Men's Ministry- Saturday Nov 8 @ 8am
- Well-watered Women Group -Saturday Nov 8 @ 10am
- Dartball New Hope @ Alverton- Monday Nov 10
- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes due- Sunday Nov 16
- Dartball Alverton-@ TMC- Monday Nov 17
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner – Nov 22 from 12-2pm
- Dartball Alverton @ Everson Monday Nov 24
- Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wed. Nov 26 7pm
- Hanging of the Greens decorating party- Saturday Nov 29@9am
- Youth Sunday & 1st Sunday of Advent- Sunday Nov 30



December's Men's Breakfast is at HillBillys in Donegal, PA on Sat. 12/13 8AM

*All 4 God Youth Group Meetings -

Youth Group meetings will be Sunday Nov 2nd from 3-5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. There will be **NO MEETING** Sunday Nov 16th.



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
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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!

KARAOKE

Christian SING-A-LONG

COME & WORSHIP WITH US!

POTLUCK - MUSIC - WORSHIP

17 JANUARY
CENTER BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD

6PM-9PM



...from Pastor Jason

3 "Other R's"

-Pastor Jason Kramer

Education in America has certainly come a long way and deviated far astray from their original intent of its establishment in the "colonies". Schools were first established to teach reading and that reading was particularly targeted specifically at reading the Bible. The Puritans promoted the need for people to be able to read the Bible on their own for their own personal salvation. This concept of education was morphed and industrialized later by school leaders like John Dewey and Horace Mann to include more disciplines and better provide students the basics of the 3 R's of **R**eadin, (w)**R**itin', and (a)**R**ithmetic somewhere in the 1800's.

Today, public education has largely abandoned the idea of reading the Bible in school. In fact, the Bible is often now considered hate speech and is missing from many schools and libraries. The focus of education is clearly no longer focused on understanding Scripture or even on the 3 R's. Instead, there is much energy, effort, and expenditure (of tax dollars) employed to teach a myriad of courses, disciplines, philosophies, and technologies. While these public school course offerings may help prepare students for the challenges of this natural life and the modern workforce, they do not prepare students for the realities of the Christian life nor the eternal life beyond this one.

It is time to make sure that all of us, (not just our kids) are reading the Bible. We should be promoting the importance of the 3 R's of: **R**espond to the Gospel, **R**epent of your sins, and be **R**eborn. As followers of the Way, we should make sure that all are getting good teaching about the **R**esurrection of Jesus, the **R**apture of the church, and the **R**eturn of Christ.

However, one thing I did learn in school is that in the alphabet **P** comes before **R**. So, as we consider the R's let us not forget the P's first: **P**ray for our people, schools, church, community and nation, **P**repare our hearts and minds for obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit, and **P**articipate in the ministry and mission fields that God has made for each one of us.

As we explore opportunities (like LifeWise.org) to engage the youth of our community, I covet your prayers for God's leading, for laborers of the harvest to carry out developing ministries and for willing youth participants and permitting parents. †

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

women's MINISTRY

Well-watered Women:

*November 8th 10am @ CB

* December 6th 10am @ CB

2026 Women's Flourish Conference

March 6&7 @ Grand Point Church,
Chambersburg, PA

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Oct 16&17 @ Parkwood COG,
Fort Wayne, IN



HELP WANTED AT CB:

Communication Coordinator / Secretary – 10-12 hours per week

-- We STILL need some ministry help! STILL 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 TODAY!

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