

Center Bethel Church of God exists to show our love for God through worshipping, ministering to one another, sharing our faith, fellowshiping, and developing mature disciples of Christ.



*"As for me and my house,
we will serve the LORD."
Joshua 24:15*

February



ELDERS SOUP PROJECT

February 11

The Elders will be making chicken soup again this year for distribution to our community. Soup will be available for you to take to give to a friend or neighbor in your community on Sunday morning, February 12th.



The Flourish Conference

March 3-5

at the University of Findlay

The keynote speaker for the Women's Conference will be Dr. Linda Draper who has been associated with our Women's Ministries for many years. The theme of the Conference is **Encounter, Equip, Empower, Engage to live boldly for God.**

If you are interested in attending you can go to www.theflourishconference.org for more information and registration forms.



A C T S

"Advancing Christ Through Service"

ACTS Teams are inter-generational, short-term mission trips designed to increase one's awareness of God and how He is at work in the world.

By serving in a different cultural context, team members discover how God calls them to make a difference in their own community and the world.

ACTS Teams scheduled for this year are as follows:

Nicaragua

March 22-29, Cost \$1400

Led by Caleb & Christina Acosta

Southwest, USA

June 20-30, Cost \$1100

Led by Kendall & Donna Hughes

Dominican Republic

June 22-29 \$1300

Led by Caleb & Christina Acosta

Kenya

July 11-21, Cost \$3000

Led by Nancy Boyer & Mike Grove

Bangladesh

October 16-24, Cost \$2600

Led by Travis Helm

If you would like more information about the scheduled trips please contact Jenn Schlumbohm at our General Conference Office at 419-424-1961 or e-mail her at jenns@cggc.org. Deadline to apply to go on one of these mission trips is April 1, 2023.



ARCTIC BLAST

Camp Sonrise Mountain

Arctic Blast for our youth will be held two weekends in February. For the Junior High group (grades 6-8), it will be February 3-5, and for the Senior High group (grades 9-12) it will be February 17-19. The cost for the weekend is \$100. Arrival times for both weekends are 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening and pick-up time is on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Deadline to register is January 23rd for the Junior High group and February 6th for the Senior High group.

Applications are available on the entryway table in the fellowship hall foyers or you can see Suzie or Jason for more details on both of these events.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The Altar Flower Calendar is still available for you to sign up for 2023. Flowers are \$30 for two vases which may be taken home after worship services and enjoyed in your home.

There are still a few Sundays still open including April 30, September 10, October 29, November 5, December 24, and December 31. You can see or call Donna at the office to sign up.



Bill Koch

(Husband of Connie Frey Koch and father of Nick Koch)

(Brother-in-law of Ron & Kathy Frey)

Judy Shaw

(Member of Center Bethel)

(Mother of Hope Mailloux & Shannon Hutter)



PODCAST

"Walking in the Spirit"

Just a reminder that on Thursdays you are invited to join us LIVE via Facebook or YouTube beginning at 6:00 p.m. for a time of weekly reflection, prayer, meditation on the Word, and devotion. (These sessions are also available as recordings on FB and YT after the Livestreams are over.

YouTube Site

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSnbPA-3HXKFARMENTmRQjg>

Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/CenterBethelChurchOfGod>

(You can Like or Subscribe to our pages to be notified whenever CBCOG goes LIVE)

To make prayer requests with your computer anytime through the week: www.cbco.org (Click the Walking in the Spirit link)

To go directly to the Prayer Request form for Walking in the Spirit from your computer: <https://forms.gle/9LF3gVF8Tn2CWCPY6>

We also invite you to watch and interact with LIVE prayer requests by typing in the CHAT in either YouTube or Facebook during the LIVE-STREAM of Walking in the Spirit.

We are now broadcasting a podcast each Thursday at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook and You-Tube for your convenience.



FOOD BACKPACKS

Our Food Backpack program for the children of Southmoreland schools is continuing. We are currently supplying backpacks for 39 children in our school district.

Listed below are food items you can donate. If you wish, you can donate money for supplies to be purchased. See Kim Semon for more information on this project.

Fruit, Pudding & Jell-O Cups

Cereal and Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Fruit Snacks

Mac & Cheese (boxes), Ramen Noodles, Knorr Rice Packets

Hot Chocolate

Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers

Soup, Pasta, Ravioli, Beefaroni (pull tab cans)

Peanut Butter (individual servings, Microwave Popcorn

Cookies or Pretzels (Individual servings)

Vienna Sausages



ALL4GOD YOUTH GROUP

All youth between the ages of 10 and 18 are invited to attend our meetings the first and third Sunday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will meet on only February 5th because of Arctic Blast on the 19th this month.

The All4God Youth Group was in charge of both worship services on January 29th which was Youth Sunday and did an excellent job.



Just a reminder, we are continuing to recycle used ink jets/toners. Bring your used cartridges and put them in the basket under the table in the room at the rear of the worship center. We are also still collecting old cell phones for recycling. Just give your old cell phone to Bonnie Cree or put it in her mailbox upstairs.



ONLINE GIVING

Share the Warmth.

Make an Impact.

Support our Ministries

This winter, act generously and experience the joy of giving.

Help sustain our church regardless of the weather. We offer Online Giving as an additional option to strengthen our church's community and support our ongoing mission and ministries. We value this spiritual home, which relies on our **time, talent, and treasure**.

Online Giving helps support our church by allowing you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device, or computer.

How does online giving benefit me and my church?

Donor Benefits

- **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- **Current**. A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services

- **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- **Flexible.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the church office.
- **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Church Benefits

- **Stabilize contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- **Direct Donations.** a simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store member account information.
- **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.

Visit our church website www.cbco.org. today to sign up and get started.

You can e-mail onlinegiving@americanchurch.com or call 800-348-2886, Option 2.



SCRAPBOOKING

Scrapbooking will be on February 24-25th. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. You can attend all or part of these sessions at your convenience.

Bring your photos and supplies and participate in this activity.



2/4 - Trudy Olsen

2/5 - Phil Sullenberger

2/10 - Gunnar McGill, Mark Strohm

2/11 - Dina Bechard

2/12 - Bob Baker, Tim Long

2/16 - Joe Bibby, Betty Sullenberger

2/22 - Susan Ottenberg, Martha Crouse

2/23 - Ron Frey, Sheree Sauter

2/25 - Catherine Ritz, Juan Rodriguez

2/28 - Sandy Danilchak

Missionary Birthday

2/20 - Kenda Kapaku, PO Box 11888, Lahaina, HI 96761



2/7 - Wayne & Betty Sullenberger, 64th

2/9 - Don & Doris Benna, 66th

Missionary Anniversary

2/8 - Everett & Mary Teller, Tsaille Community Church, PO Box 145, Tsaille, AZ 86556



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the electronic and paper newsletters is the 3rd Sunday of each month. Please submit any articles you may have to Donna by this date. Any articles received after this date will be held until the following month. You can give your articles to Donna, put them in her mailbox downstairs or e-mail them to the office. Thank you for your cooperation. This is necessary as she now has the paper copies and electronic versions of the Newsletter to publish by the last Sunday of each month.



WHAT DO WE GET WHEN WE RECEIVE JESUS?

John 1:12-13

February 2023

The two verses above say as many as receive Him, He gives the **right** to become **Children of God**, born not of blood or the will or flesh of man, but of God. He told Nicodemus in John 3:16 that God's Love sent Him so all who believe in Him will not **perish** but have Eternal Life. Genesis chapters six and seven demonstrates God's wrath against sin when He warns that unless we repent we will **all perish** like sinners of all ages.

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What else must we receive when we receive Jesus as the Son of God, in order **not to perish** for our sins? Romans 5:8 says before trying to make ourselves right with God, by **whatever** means we attempt, note that Jesus has already **died** for us. Romans 5:10 continues, "if while we are **enemies**, we reconcile to God by the death of His Son, **much more**, having been reconciled we **shall be saved by His Life!**"

What does Jesus' death **offer**? In Acts 10:34-48 Peter delivered his first sermon to Gentiles regarding the divine work of Christ's healing ministry, death on the cross and resurrection. As His disciple he witnessed it all and was solemnly instructed to testify, preaching that Jesus was appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. "Of Him, **all** the prophets bear witness that through His Name **everyone** who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." While Peter was yet speaking **all** who were **listening received the Holy Spirit's Indwelling.**

In Acts 13:26-41 the apostle Paul preached powerfully, ending with this, "Let it be known to you, brethren, that through Jesus, **everyone** who **believes** is freed from **all** things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. Therefore, take heed, so that the things spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you, Behold you scoffers and marvel and **perish**; for I am accomplishing a work in your days, **a work which you will never believe**, though someone should describe it to you." When pastors teach that Christ's blood has cleansed us from past, present and future sins, it goes over most folk's heads as if they're blaspheming. Remember, **JESUS** first claimed this in Mark 3:28-29. And Hebrews 10:26-29 reveals that the sin that causes men to **perish** is to call Jesus and His Father liars by refusing to RECEIVE the **blood of Jesus that cleansed us from all unrighteousness forever** per Hebrews 10:10-17 and 1 John 1:7-10.

Ephesians 1:13-14 tells how to receive Jesus, and the first four chapters give fascinating knowledge of the fullness we have **in Him**. 1 John 5:10-13 says "God's testimony is that He as **given** us Eternal Life, and this Life is **in His Son**. He who has the Son has the Life; He who does not have the Son of God does **not** have the Life. These things are written to you, who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, that you may **know** that you **have** Eternal Life." Revelation 7:13-14 says the **only** reason we will be led past God's judgment throne to our Shepherd, our Lamb of Life, is because we washed our robes white in His blood.

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