

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*

March



ELDERS SOUP PROGRAM

On Saturday, February 11th the elders made approximately 100 jars of chicken noodle soup to be shared with the community. Soup was taken by the congregation and distributed to their friends and neighbors on Sunday.

Thank you for sharing with your friends and neighbors!!!



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.



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m.

Our Women's Prayer Breakfast theme will be "Jars of Clay" Our guest speaker, Debbie Knowles, will speak on "Trusting God in Our Suffering" with scriptures from 2 Corinthians 4. She will speak on how the Lord is with us always, even in the deepest pit. Scripture examples will remind us of His constant presence.

Debbie has been engaged in Kingdom work for nearly three decades. She and her husband Tom have been pastoring at the Christian House Baptist Chapel for over 12 years. She has also worked for eight years with the youth and drama ministry at her church.

Debbie has a heart for women, especially those who struggle with low self-esteem and the destructive choices born of it, which is a large part of her personal testimony. She loves to see the Lord's transformational work as women receive Christ and realize that they are His beautiful masterpieces.

Plan now to attend to enjoy a delicious breakfast, praise and prayer time and an inspirational message from Debbie. Reservations are due by March 5th. Sign up sheets are available at the entryway tables or you can call the church office at 724-404-8052 or e-mail Donna at office@cbcog.org.



March 12

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour!



EASTER EGG HUNT & FUN DAY

Saturday, April 1

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We will be having our Easter Egg Hunt & Fun Day for the children of our church and community again this year. More details will be coming out soon.

Sharon Hixson needs help in several different areas for the Egg Hunt. Call or see Sharon for more information and if you would like to help.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

April 14-16

at Camp Sunrise Mountain

Guest Speaker: Susan Callaway

Cost \$125

If you are interested in attending, please contact Carrie Dix at cdix@campsonrisemountain.org or 301-746-5760.



ACTS

"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:

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.



CAMP NEWS

Dates have been determined for our summer youth camping season. They are as follows:

Week #1

June 11-17

(For grades 10,11,12)

Week #2

June 18-24

(For grades 8 & 9)

Week #3

June 25-July 1

(For grades 6 & 7)

Week #4

July 2-8

(For grades 3, 4 & 5)

Beginner Camp

July 14-16

(for grades 3 & 4)

More details will be out soon along with applications for your campers. Check your Sunday bulletins and next month's newsletters for details.



James Charles Rodriguez, III

Born February 17, 2023

7 lb. 5 oz., 21 1/2 inches long

Proud Parents:

J. J. & Eva Rodriguez



To the Family & Friends of Neva Ritz

(Husband Jeff)

(Children, Andrew & Tara)

(In-Laws, Nick & Catherine Ritz)



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.cbkog.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 March 5th and 19th.

Arctic Blast for junior high and senior high groups met at camp on separate weekends in February. We had a number of youth attend plus Jason & Suzie Kramer and Becky Rodriguez served as counselors.

The youth are busy planning for the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast afterwards. They will also be helping with the games for the Easter Egg Hunt.



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 not be held in March because of the Scrapbooking Weekend at camp on March 23-26th. See Becky Rodriguez if you would like to attend the weekend activities at camp.

Regular Scrapbooking will resume here on April 28-29th.



3/1 - Amy King

3/2 - Shirley Branthoover, Joanne Dillinger, James Stangroom

3/3 - Stephanie Hixson

3/4 - Tim Sauter

3/6 - Peggy Colon, Elaine Echard

3/7 - Will Bibby

3/8 - Mary Ann Nagy

3/9 - Frank Stoner

3/12 - Jeff Hough

3/13 - Lisa Echard

3/14 - Karen Hough, Kathi White

3/15 - Rob Bibby, Jim Rowe

3/18 - Joan Neff, Cassady King

3/19 - Jayden Huber

3/20 - Dave Fox

3/23 - Jeff Ritz

3/25 - Kevin Echard, Kara Hutter

3/26 - Michelle Nagy

3/28 - Cheryl Cooke, Hailey Huber, Aria Medina

3/29 - Merle Crouse, Jessie Boruszewski, Eva Rodriguez

Missionary Birthdays

3/4 - Haley Day, PO Box 195, Gamerco, NM 87317

3/22 - Toni Thumma, PO Box 176, Vanderwagen, NM 87326



3/15 - Dale & Charmaine Smith, 38th

3/16 - Charley & Lorraine Miller, 10th

Missionary Anniversary

3/14 - Rod & Mila Ayers, 8320 Highway 54, Curryville, MO 63339



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.



HOW IMPORTANT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT'S INDWELLING?

March 2023

He assures believers there's no condemnation in Him per Romans 8:1-2. Verses 23-27 says by faith we can trust Him for our final redemption. And when not knowing how to pray, we can trust that He intercedes for us according to God's will. Hebrews 7:24-25 says, as our permanent High Priest, He continues forever, to save forever, those who draw near to God through Him by always interceding for them. 2 Corinthians 3:17 says the Lord is the Spirit, and where He is there is liberty that freed us from sin's penalty per 2 Corinthians 5:17-19.

Romans 8:8-11 says, if we have only the flesh life, as John 3:3-6 says, we'll never please God or be able to see or enter His Kingdom. But we're in the Spirit if indeed He dwells in us, and His indwelling means our body is dead because of sins (God already sees the day it dies) but our Spirit is alive because of Righteousness. It's Christ's Righteousness, gifted to us as justification for our faith, when we trust His blood to redeem us per Romans 3:19-25! Ephesians 1:13-14 says "we're included in Christ after listening to this message of truth, the Gospel of our salvation - having also believed we're sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of Promise, given as a pledge of our inheritance with a view of the redemption of God's own possession (us) to the praise of His glory." 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 defines the Gospel as Christ dying for our sins, buried for three days and raised on the third day to give us His Life per Romans 5:10.

So our Salvation is all God's glory as the Holy Spirit is a Gift from Him. Acts 2:38 says, "be baptized (identified) with Jesus' name for forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 8:20 reveals Simon offering Peter money so everyone he laid hands on would receive the Holy Spirit. Peter rebuked him, saying "may your silver perish with you because you thought you could obtain this Gift of God with money! He is a jealous God who acknowledges no one who tries to enter His Kingdom by their own work." Visit Luke 18:9-14 and Matthew 7:22-23 to confirm this.

John 14:16-19 says the Holy Spirit, when received, dwells in believers forever. Luke 11:13 says God longs to gift Him to those who ask! 1 John 5:9-13 says God's testimony is that He has given us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son. He who does not have the Son does not have the life, and those who do not believe God, make Him a liar. Romans 8:31-39 says no one can bring a charge against God's elected believers and nothing will be found in creation anywhere that can ever separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Romans 10:8-10 says "the Word (Jesus - John 1:14) is near you, in your mouth and in your heart - that is the word of faith we're preaching; that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." Trust Jesus' blood to cleanse you from all unrighteousness per 1 John 1:7-9 and you will receive His Holy Spirit. He then gives peace and motivation to live out this life to serve and love God and others, through kind deeds with a new forgiving heart. It's based on gratitude for what God has done for us through Christ's death and resurrection.

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