

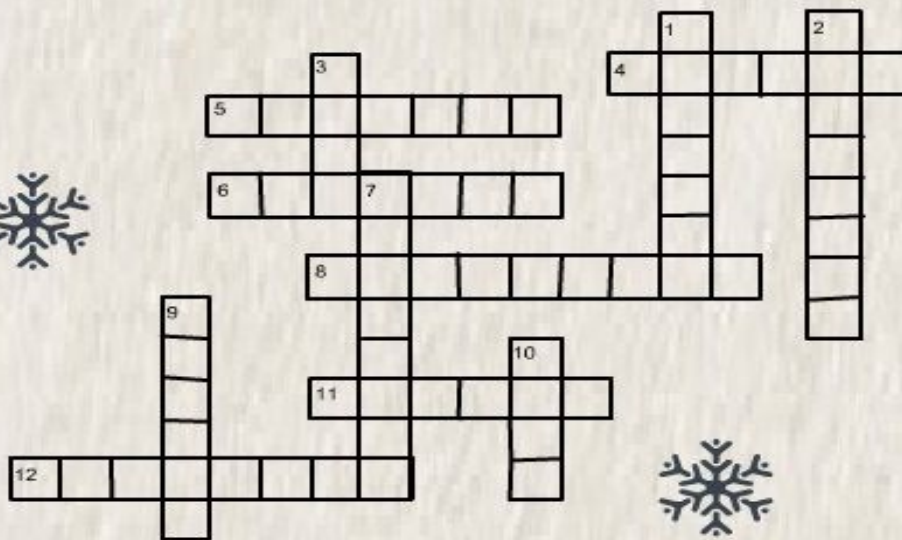
JANUARY

The Branch

2025

BUNKERTOWN BRETHREN CHURCH— INDEPENDENT FELLOWSHIP

Winter Crossword Puzzle



Down:

1. A large piece of woolen or similar material used as a covering on a bed or elsewhere for warmth.
2. The twelfth month of the year in the northern hemisphere usually considered the first month of winter.
3. Burning
7. A severe snowstorm with high winds.
9. Shake slightly and uncontrollably as a result of being cold.
10. Make or become liquefied by heat.

Across:

4. A covering for the hand-worn for protection against cold or dirt and typically having separate parts for each finger and the thumb.
5. A vertical channel or pipe which conducts smoke and combustion gases up from a fire or furnace and typically through the roof of a building.
6. A large floating mass of ice detached from a glacier or ice sheet and carried out to sea.
8. (of an animal or plant) spend the winter in a dormant state.
11. An outer garment extending either to the waist or the hips typically having sleeves and a fastening down the front.
12. Wood that is burnt as fuel.



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PASTOR'S CORNER...

I reflected on my ten years of ministry at Bunkertown Church this morning. It was in January 2015 that I preached my trial sermons at Bunkertown. On February 1, 2015, I preached the morning service, and the congregation voted to call me their pastor. My Pastoral call began officially on February 23, 2015. I thought about how the congregation has changed and grown over those years and how I have changed and grown over those years. My mind drifted back to the worship services, special meetings, Love Feasts, Cantatas, Sunday School classes, VBS programs, and more. I thought about how the Holy Spirit has worked in my life and has caused me to walk closer to Christ. I can see how my commitment to the Word and Prayer has strengthened over those years. I allowed myself to look at the testing we have been through such as the disengagement with the denomination and those who criticized our stance. I think of times that we have been attacked by Satan. I think about the Saints of the Body who have finished their race and have gone to Heaven. As I thought about what I had learned, I asked myself what my advice would be going forward. What aspects of the ministry should we focus on? I believe that Prayer Vigils have been a cornerstone of the ministry. I appreciate everyone who participates, and I encourage others to join in. Praying at home is acceptable, but I want to stress the added commitment that it shows to be purposeful at the church during this prayer time. Sunday School and Bible Study are two more cornerstones of the ministry. Sunday morning and evening sermons are a great way to worship and hear the Word, but the seeking soul will be drawn to deeper study with other believers. Sunday School and Bible Study classes are designed to educate believers in the Doctrines that are foundational to our Faith in Christ. Tithes and Offerings are a fourth cornerstone of our ministry. The Bunkertown Church is a blessed family of believers, and we have helped other believers and ministries locally and abroad. Our commitment to funding the ministries of the Kingdom is a testimony of our belief in Jesus. Prayer, The Word, Study, and Giving, are the things that should be primary in our teaching at Bunkertown. I am willing for the Lord to keep me at Bunkertown for another ten years and beyond if He ordains it and I am committed to these goals in Ministry. I would ask each of us to reflect on how we have grown and how God would have us commit to His work and will.

Pastor Wes



Deacons of the Month—Darlis & Merv Strawser, They are honored and humbled to serve as deacons at Bunkertown.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES FOR BUILDING FUNDRAISER The Bunkertown Church decided to not begin to excavate and build our new storage building until half of the approximately \$140,000 is raised to build the much needed facility. As of December 17th, 2024, \$33,839.70 is in the Building Fund which means approximately \$36,000 more is needed to be raised until excavation and building would begin on the new storage building to be located behind the church.

A suggested building fundraiser, which will run from January 1st, 2025 through December 31st, 2025, is totally a VOLUNTARY one. How it works is for each year of your Birthday and/or Anniversary, a person would put that amount of dollars in the offering plate designated for the Building Fund. Again, it must be emphasized this is a VOLUNTARY MONETARY CONTRIBUTION. Any questions, please talk to a member of the Nurture Commission. Thank you.



Read Through The Bible

Reading God's Word keeps us in contact with our Creator and Savior. God reveals His plan for all creation and specifically your life in the pages of Scripture. Through continuous Bible reading we become familiar with the history of the world and with the plan of Salvation and restoration in Christ, but we also learn how to live our lives each day through the practical application of Biblical truth. If you are not in God's Word, You cannot fully experience God's wonderful plan for your life!

Read the passages listed on the day they are associated with. If you miss a day, just move on to the current day. Trying to "catch up" may become overwhelming and cause you to give up. Start reading today and get ready to worship in the Word! If you would like a yearly copy, please ask Lisa to print you one out.

Jan 1 Gen 1-3
Jan 2 Gen 4-7
Jan 3 Gen 8-11
Jan 4 Job 1-5 J
JAn 5 Job 6-9
Jan 6 Job 10-13
Jan 7 Job 14-16
Jan 8 Job 17-20
Jan 9 Job 21-23
Jan 10 Job 24-28
Jan 11 Job 29-31
Jan 12 Job 32-34
Jan 13 Job 35-37
Jan 14 Job 38-39
Jan 15 Job 40-42
Jan 16 Gen 12-15
Jan 17 Gen 16-18 J
an 18 Gen 19-21
Jan 19 Gen 22-24
Jan 20 Gen 25-26
an 21 Gen 27-29
Jan 22 Gen 30-31
Jan 23 Gen 32-34
Jan 24 Gen 35-37
Jan 25 Gen 38-40
Jan 26 Gen 41-42
Jan 27 Gen 43-45
Jan 28 Gen 46-47
Jan 29 Gen 48-50
Jan 30 Ex 1-3
Jan 31 Ex 4-6

2025 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL VISION / MINISTRY

1. Ephesians 4:12
2. John 1:1-2
3. Ephesians 6:10-11
4. Ephesians 6:13-17

JANUARY MESSAGES

Jan. 5.....Jesus- I Am.....John 18:1-9
Jan. 12....The Blind See.....John 9:1-7
Jan. 19....The Good Samaritan.... Luke 10:25-37
Jan 26.....Count the Cost.....Luke 14:25-33

Our Church Family

Remember those with Health- Related issues..

Gary & Ethel Lentz
Austin Parker
Bruce & Bonnie Campbell
Lawrence Fronk
Richard & Maxine Kerstetter
Judy Flanders
Janet McNeal
Peach Yeatter
Roy King



Pray WITHOUT
CEASING

BUNKERTOWN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES , BIBLE STUDIES & ACTIVITIES

Children's Classes—Stephanie Freyermuth , Pauline Hummel, Jen French
Teaching a curriculum which is Answers in Genesis is produced by the founder of The Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The curriculum brings the Bible to life in the class.

YOUTH—

Jr. High— Gary & Lisa Krall **& Senior High**— Mike Swartz is teaching Answers in Genesis.

GRADUATE CLASS— Nick Noss & Davey Aldinger. Life Application lessons with scripture.

YOUNG ADULTS/ FAMILIES— Doug Shellenberger.

ELECTIVE 2- Dave Hummel- Explore the Bible! This is going through the Bible, encourages you to apply scripture to daily life.

ELECTIVE 3 - Pastor Steve— Teaching Answers in Genesis.

SENIOR ADULT CLASS— Dave Varner The class uses the Standard Sunday School Quarterly .

SMALL GROUPS—Small groups are the foundation structure of the church body and meet to study God's Word from discussion points of the previous sermon, spend quality time in prayer, and to provide accountability. Small groups meet the first & third Sunday evenings.

OTHER CHURCH MINISTRIES:

Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study, Monthly Prayer Vigil ■ Thursday morning Men's Prayer Group ■ Senior Supper ■ Young Family Night
Mentoring

KIDS MINISTRIES:

Family Resources ■ Nursery ■ Children's Church ■ Sunday School ■ AWANA ■ VBS
■ Volunteer - links for anyone that needs clearances

MEN'S MINISTRIES:

Men's Breakfast ■ Men's Bible Study ■ Men's Small Group

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES:

Women's Small Group ■
Women's Bible Study on Tuesday evenings

*If you want more information contact the church secretary .

CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

2 - Malia Snyder
3 - Rob Sierer
4 - Isabella Brown
Anna Ehrisman
7 - Alexea Frontz
Matthew Heister
13- Bonnie Rheam
14 - Jennifer French
- Julianne French
16 - Beverly Sausman
19- Lincoln Peoples
20- Tim Master
22 - Chris Brown
- Quinn Vrael
24- Neil Imes
25 - Austin Fitzwater
Luca Dressler
Ryan Heister
26 - Gary Lentz
Mick Dowling
27- Andrew Boyer
28 – Cathy Varner
29 – Alyssa Rohrer
31- Greysley Rowles



5 - James & Barbara Shallenberger ('67)
11- Lester & Marsha Botts(24)

Happy
Anniversary



JANUARY HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
Jan. 5	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Justin Reed	Pastor Steve Osenga
Jan. 12	Donn Fritz	Donna Fritz	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Pastor Steve Osenga
Jan. 19	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl, Matt Heister	Pastor Steve Osenga
Jan. 26	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed	Pastor Steve Osenga

NURSERY

Jan 5	Infant– Bev Richmond/ Lois Varner Toddler–Debby Stanton/ Sherri Sheaffer
Jan. 12	Infant– Cyndee Noss/ Heather Reed Toddler– Bobbi & Emma LeFevre
Jan. 19	Infant– Lily Carvell/ Cathy Miller Toddler– Heather Reed/ Amber Stahl
Jan. 26	Infant– Jen Rohrer/ Kim Stuck Toddler– Georgia Wynn/ Shirley Zeiders

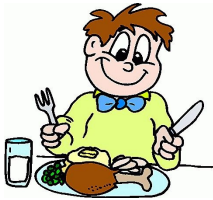
Ushers	Wayne Stanton, Chief Pam Master, Doug Kline
Greeters	Aaron & Bobbie LeFevre &
Visitation Ministry	Connie Hesford
Counting Committee	Leah Stahl, Amber Stahl / Kim Stuck

WC SERVANTS

Jan. 5	Teresa Forry/ Lisa Ritzman
Jan. 12	Rodney Knouse / Kim Stuck
Jan. 19	Gary & Lisa Krall
Jan. 26	Greg & Heather Colyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast



Saturday, January 11th at 7:00a.m. All men are invited to the men's breakfast to build relationships and gather for opportunities for faith, food & fellowship. Our hope is to bring men together for the glory of God. Please sign up at the Welcome Center

SENIOR SUPPER— SEE YOU ALL IN MARCH



SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY AT 6:00 P.M.

Jan. 5

Jan 12

Jan 26



January

January- now is here.
A fine new start
For a whole new year.

The snow comes down
In the dark of night.
When we awake,
The world is white.

In January,
When there's snow,
We get our sleds
And away we go.



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FROM OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

SUNDAY EVENINGS @ 6:00 P.M.



Jan. 5— Grand Prix Racing

Jan. 12— Bring a unique rock

Jan. 19— Bring a Flashlight

Jan. 26— Bring a Sword Or shield



MISSIONS IN JANUARY

offering is Ennaus University. December offering was Nigeria Missions with an offering of 450.00 with one Sunday left to give.

SNACK SCHEDULE

Jan. 5 Darlis Strawser, Kim Stuck, Sue truitt, Jen Rohrer, Megan Aldinger, Colleen Frontz, Kimi Fitzwater, Gina Imes

Jan. 12– Janice Hornberger, Hannah Bashore, Cora Condran, Evie Heister, Tricia Swartz, Sandy Reed, Cathy Miller

Jan. 19– Loise Hummel, Pauline Hummel, Jen Hummel, Pat Sierer Mandy Brown, Kelly Frymoyet, Georgia Wynn

Jan. 26– Teresas Forry, Christie Hockenberry, Lois Varner, Jamie Shiff-er, Donna McCardle, Fran



THE February newsletter deadline is **Sunday, January 19th.** The **DEADLINE** for the weekly bulletin is each Wednesday at noon.

Monday– 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday—7:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.
Wednesday– 7:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Thursday-7:00a.m.—12:00a.m..



JUST A REMINDER that the weekly bulletin is now available online. Go to the church website, click on the news tab, then look next to the worship icon.

2025 BOARDMEMBERS

Doug Kline Chair
Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

NURTURE COMMISSION

Heather Colyer– Chair.
Hannah Bashore-Vice-chair
Kim Stuck- Secretary
Jeff Wirth

STEWARDS COMMISSION

Andy Carvell—Chair
Jeff Frymoyer– Vice Chair
Pam Master– Secretary
Dennis Colyer
Chad Heister

WITNESS COMMISSION

Kimi Fitzwater- Chair
Neil Swartz—Vice Chair.
Dave Brubaker—Secretary
John Hall

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Social Time	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF MEMBERS

Pastor	Wes Stahl
Associate Pastor	Steve Osenga
Secretary	Lisa Krall
IT Director	Justin Reed
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Amber Stahl
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Courtney Shearer & Vickie Stahl