



The Branch

2025

BUNKERTOWN BRETHREN CHURCH— INDEPENDENT FELLOWSHIP

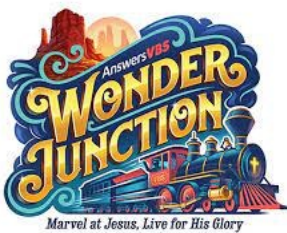
BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES FOR BUILDING FUNDRAISER

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 April 3rd, 2025, \$40,384.35 is in the Building Fund which means approximately \$99,015.65 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.



ATTENTION GRADUATES! On Sunday, June 8th all graduates from High School, Home School, Technical School & College will be recognized during Graduate Recognition Sunday. Please give a photo of yourself, info where you are graduating from and your future plans to our Secretary Lisa Krall ASAP. Thank you.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 2025, July 14-18 themed "Wonder Junction," is a fun-filled Old West adventure designed to teach kids about Jesus. It aims to help children understand the importance of Jesus's life, from his birth to his coming return, while also encouraging them to live for his glory. The VBS combines engaging activities like science experiments, crafts, and games with biblical truths, making it an interactive and memorable experience for children.

FROM OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

It's always the right time of year to think about operation Christmas Child. Keep your eyes peeled for great items for our young friends around the world. Soap, wash clothes, toothpaste, combs, pencils/ sharpeners, erasers, coloring books, tablets, balls, dolls, socks, hats, etc are items needed.



PASTOR'S CORNER...

Worldly Christians vs World Christians

Churches are a family of all interests, occupations, societal positions, and spiritual maturity levels. The Church's mission is to use the talents of all to accomplish the purpose of Christ for the church. The Spiritual maturity of the believers can be looked at through two broad categories. A worldly Christian is an individual who has encountered Jesus through the conviction of the Holy Spirit. This usually happens by the individual reading scripture, hearing a sermon, or by the personal witness of a friend. The person responds to the conviction with a spirit of remorse and asks Christ to forgive them of their sin. This person has received Christ and is born again but may continue in their close relationship with worldly desires. Paul says that they are people of the flesh in 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. Paul is talking to the Corinthian believers but admonishes them for their lack of Spiritual maturity. This person has been born again but needs to grow in Christ. The World Christian is the born-again believer who has begun to understand the scope of Christ's love for everyone. The worldly Christian is self-centered and could be said to be unconcerned that others are perishing. The World Christian has, through their understanding of Salvation, the Word, and Christ's Love, developed their own passion for the lost. Paul tells the Ephesians that as they mature in faith, they are no longer spiritual infants but can speak the truth in love. The World Christian, then, is the one eliminating self-centeredness and replacing it with Christ-centeredness. One of the challenges for a Church Body is to bring these two together in a way that uses both of their talents for the spiritual growth of the whole.

Pastor Wes



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.

2025 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL GODLY WIVES/ MOTHERS

May 1 2 Sam 5:1-10, 1 Chr 11-12

May 2 Ps 133

May 3 Ps 106-107

May 4 2 Sam 5:11-6:23, 1 Chr 13-16

May 5 Ps 1-2, Ps 15, Ps 22-24, Ps 47, Ps 68

May 6 Ps 89, Ps 96, Ps 100, Ps 101, Ps 105, Ps 132

May 7 2 Sam 7, 1 Chr 17

May 8 Ps 25, Ps 29, Ps 33, Ps 36, Ps 39

May 9 2 Sam 8-9, 1 Chr 18

May 10 Ps 50, Ps 53, Ps 60, Ps 75

May 11 2 Sam 10, 1 Chr 19, Ps 20

May 12 Ps 65-67, Ps 69-70

May 13 2 Sam 11-12, 1 Chr 20

May 14 Ps 32, Ps 51, Ps 86, Ps 122

May 15 2 Sam 13-15

May 16 Ps 3-4, Ps 12-13, Ps 28, Ps 55

May 17 2 Sam 16-18

May 18 Ps 26, Ps 40, Ps 58, Ps 61-62, Ps 64

May 19 2 Sam 19-21

May 20 Ps 5, Ps 38, Ps 41-42

May 21 2 Sam 22-23, Ps 57

May 22 Ps 95, Ps 97-99

May 23 2 Sam 24, 1 Chr 21-22, Ps 30

May 24 Ps 108-110

May 25 1 Chr 23-25

May 26 Ps 131, Ps 138-139, Ps 143-145

May 27 1 Chr 26-29, Ps 127

May 28 Ps 111-118

May 29 1 Kgs 1-2, Ps 37, Ps 71, Ps 94

May 30 Ps 119:1-88

May 31 1 Kgs 3-4, 2 Chr 1, Ps 72

1. Proverbs 31:10
2. Proverbs 14:1
3. Ephesians 5:22-23
4. Titus 2:4

MAY MESSAGES

Our Church Family

Remember those with Health– Related issues..

Gary & Ethel Lentz

Austin Parker

Bruce & Bonnie Campbell

Lawrence Fronk

Richard & Maxine Kerstetter

Janet McNeal

Peach Yeatter

Jerry Fronk

Tony Ebrisman

Jack & Edna Kerstetter

Dave Rheams



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

1-Terry Colyer
 3 - Betty Strawser
 Savannah Forry
 Steve Hooper
 4 – Gary Krall
 5 - Donna Hanawalt
 - Chris Kline
 Chelsea Boyer
 6 Jason Nally
 9- Sylvia Peachey
 Brad Noel
 14- Traci Brubaker
 Heather M. Colyer
 Jase Starsinic
 15- Christie Hockenberry
 16- Ryan Vrael
 17- Mildred Spade
 Parker Boop
 Mike Dressler
 19 - Galene Sellers
 20-Deedre Mitchell
 21- Kelsey Benner
 22 - Pauline Hummel
 23- Katie Stuck
 25 - Jason Stuck
 26- Mike Stuck
 Pearl Swartz
 27 - Tommy Hocken-
 berry
 28- Miles Burd, Jr.
 Cora Condran
 29 -Suzanne Zeiders



5- Ryan & Erin Vrael(19)
 9-Dennis & Sharon Yoder(87)
 10- Roy & Fran King (75)
 11 - Jason & Kim Stuck ('96)
 14 – Mike & Katie Stuck(10)
 17- Jeff & Judy Flanders(74)
 Rob & Cathy Miller(86)
 18 - Jim & Cara Shirk ('13)
 20- Brandon & Rachel Rowles (16)
 Preston & Arielle Casper (23)
 22- David & Mindy Spangler (10)
 26 - Gary & Ethel Lentz ('79)
 27- Matt & Suzanne Zeiders- (03)
 28- Sean & Jody Ehrisman(05)

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 GRACEFUL

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MAY HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
May 4	Chris Kline	Suzie Shallenberger	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Justin Reed	Pastor Steve Osenga
May 11	Donn Fritz	Suzie Shallenberger	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Pastor Steve Osenga
May 18	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl	Pastor Steve
May 25	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed	Pastor Steve Osenga

NURSERY

May 4	Infant-Bev Richmond/ Loise Varner Toddler-Debby Stanton/Sherri Sheaffer
May 11	Infant- Cyndee Noss/ Heather Reed Toddler- Bobbi & Emma LeFevre
May 18	Infant- Lily Carvell/ Cathy Miller Toddler- Pauline Hummel/ Amber Stahl
May 25	Infant- Jenn Rohrer/ Vickie LeFevre Toddler- Mandy & Izzy Brown

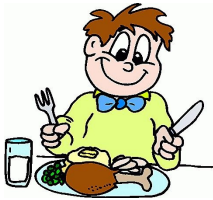
Ushers	Jason Stuck, Chief Merv Strawser, Beau Stuck
Greeters	Clint & Deedra Mitchel
Visitation Ministry	Deacons
Counting Committee	Kimi Fitzwater/Laurie Schrieber/ Cathy Shellenberger

WC SERVANTS

May 4	Teresa Forry/ Lisa Ritzman
May 11	Rodney Knouse / Kim Stuck
May 18	Gary & Lisa Krall
May 25	Greg & Heather Colyer

UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Breakfast



Saturday, May 3rd 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—

— Mark your calendars, Monday, May 12th 5:00 p.m.

Anyone 55 and older are welcome to gather for an opportunity of faith, food and fellowship. Meat will be provided bring a side dish or dessert .please sign up by March 2rd



Yard Sale:

Spring is here, and it is time for spring cleaning. On Friday and Saturday, June 13th and 14th, the Bunkertown Brethren Church will be holding a yard/bake sale at the church to benefit the American Cancer Society. If there are any items you wish to donate for this fundraiser, please feel free to let Jason or Kim Stuck know and/or drop them off at the church in the evening on June 10th or 11th and place them in the Family Life Center. You do not need to price the items, except baked goods, be-

cause we will be asking for people to pay through a monetary donation.

There will also be a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center for anyone wishing to make or donate baked goods or food items. Please have these items to the church by Friday evening, June 12th. Any of the baked goods or food items may be marked with a price.

We will be setting up for the yard sale after 5pm on June 10th, 11th, and 12th so if you wish to help any evening, please feel free to do so. We need help sorting through and organizing items. Any help on Saturday from 8am-3pm will also be greatly appreciated. The yard sale will end at 1pm; however, we will be donating any remaining items to the Labor of Love Thrift Store in Middleburg so we can use help packing these items.

In previous years, this was a HUGE fundraiser. We couldn't have done it without your help! All proceeds will go to help find a cure for cancer through the American Cancer Society.



SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY-

May 4 & 18

June 1,8,22

Sat. May 3rd Girls Devotions & Coffee at Stan's 8:00 a.m.



SNACK SCHEDULE

May 4—Pam Master, Cathy Varner, Amber Stahl, Olivia Ehrisman, Suzanne Zeiders, Noel Swanger

May 11— Sherri Sheaffer, Julie Wirth, Janet McNeal, Ruth Ann Apple, Kathy Sheaffer , Val Barge, Chris Metz

May 18— Galene Sellers, Robyn Burns, Rose Burd, Millie Colyer, Charlotte Swartz, Shirley Zeiders

May 25— Mindy Carvell, Haether Colyer, Roberta Dowling Katie Stuck, Heather Reed, Jim Haubert, Nancy Yorks



MISSIONS IN MAY

offering is Golden Years Ministry. April offering was BOM with an offering of 517.00 with one Sunday left to give.



THE June newsletter deadline is **Sunday, May 18th .** 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
Associate Pastor	Brad Noel
Secretary	Lisa Krall
IT Director	Justin Reed
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Amber Stahl
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Courtney Shearer & Vickie Stahl