

The Branch

2023

Bunkertown Brethren Church— Independent Fellowship



is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
it keeps no record of wrongs
it does not delight in evil
it rejoices with the truth
it always **Protects**
it always **Trusts**
it always **Hopes**
it always **Perseveres**
Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

PASTOR'S CORNER...

Isaiah 55:11 "My word that comes from MY mouth will not return to ME empty, but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do."

We are already reading the February 2023 Newsletter. Instead of calling it a New Year's resolution we here at Bunkertown choose to call it a, Challenge for 2023. That challenge is to read through the Bible in one year. What's so significant about reading the entire Bible in one year if all we can say is, 'I read the Bible in one year?' The question is, 'have you experienced Jesus in your reading HIS Word and that it has transformed your life?

The verse I choose in Isaiah speaks to the fact that, when God spoke, nothing remains the same and HIS Word is not Empty. Not empty like when God spoke and a universe was created and HE said; it was good. Or when Jesus spoke and the Lepers were healed. When the blind man was able to see because Jesus said so. When Jesus called Lazarus from the dead, how many times did HE call Lazarus, ONCE. Even when a sinner asks for forgiveness, like the woman at the well. She was forgiven.

What happens to you when you read you're Bible? Does God speak to you and do you hear HIM? As you read your Bible, pray, listen to what God is saying to you.

Pastor Steve





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.

Feb 1 Ex 7-9

Feb 2 Ex 10-12

Feb 3 Ex 13-15

Feb 4 Ex 16-18

Feb 5 Ex 19-21

Feb 6 Ex 22-24

Feb 7 Ex 25-27

Feb 8 Ex 28-29

Feb 9 Ex 30-32

Feb 10 Ex 33-35

Feb 11 Ex 36-38

Feb 12 Ex 39-40

Feb 13 Lev 1-4

Feb 14 Lev 5-7

Feb 15 Lev 8-10

Feb 16 Lev 11-13

Feb 17 Lev 14-15

Feb 18 Lev 16-18

Feb 19 Lev 19-21

Feb 20 Lev 22-23

Feb 21 Lev 24-25

Feb 22 Lev 26-27

Feb 23 Num 1-2

Feb 24 Num 3-4

Feb 25 Num 5-6

Feb 26 Num 7

Feb 27 Num 8-10

Feb 28 Num
11-13



2023 SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION/ PRAYER VIGIL MARRIAGES / RELATIONSHIPS

1. John 13:34:35
2. Genesis 2:24
3. Hebrews 13:4
4. 2 Corinthians

FEBRUARY MESSAGES

February 5.... God's Will, God's Way..... Numbers 21:21-35

February 12....There Will Be Opposition...Numbers 22:1-6

February 19....God's Call.....Joshua 1:1-9

February 26....Redemption.....Joshua 2:1-15



Our Church Family

Remember those with Health– Related issues..

Gary & Ethel Lentz

Austin Parker

Maxine Kerstetter

Donna Jean Barth

Lawrence Fronk

Sandy Hunter

Lydia Grace Swartwood

Bruce & Bonnie Campbell

Lawrence Benner

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— Mike Swartz

Senior High— Sara Steele— Sara's class studies scripture through lessons that provide critical thinking, challenging students to consider personalities, character, and culture to better understand what scripture means and how it is meant to guide our relationships, our decisions, and our lives.

COLLEGE & CAREERS— Will be Joining the study of Revelations.

ELECTIVE 2- Dave Hummel- This class is studying Revelations.

ELECTIVE 3 - Pastor Steve—will be starting an adult class beginning Jan 8th. This Study will be in AIG and will parallel the sermons.

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—Book of John. ■ 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 ■
Post Grad. & Young Women's Bible Study

*If you want more information contact the church secretary .

CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

- 1- Benjamin Hummel
William McNeal
- 2- Cathy Miller
- 3 - Dee Heidler
- 4- Carl Reed
- 6 Mervin Strawser
Jimmy Noss
- 8- Tom Rigsby
- 9 - Rodney Knouse
Lily Carvell
- 10 - Tim Burris
Evelyn Swartwood
- 15 - Doug Shellenberger
Scott Steele
- 17 - Ryan Mitchell
Sam Landis
- 19- Erin Vrael
- 20 - Olivia Hummel
Jake Rohrer
- 21 - Bev Richmond
- 22 - Beau Stuck
- Ross Burris
Nick Noss
- 23- Kaitlyn Copeland
Aaron Miller
- 24- Kathy Sheaffer
- Jeff Freyermuth
Kyle Reichard
- Lois Varner
- Megan Aldinger
- Suzanne Hackenberry
- 26- Sandy Reed
Paisley Stuck
- 27- Racheal Swartwood



- 10- Bob & Bea Goodhart (68)
- 20- Steve & Shirley Osenga(99)
- 21 Damian & Daisy Starsinic
- 28 - John & Sandy Hunter (?64)



FEBRUARY HELPERS

	Instrumentalist	Closing Hymn, postlude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
Feb. 5	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Caleb Eia	Dave Hummel
Feb. 12	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Dave Varner
Feb. 19	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed, Ryan Stahl, Matt Heister	Jim Ritzman
Feb. 26	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed, Kathryn Peachey	Steve Osenga

NURSERY

Feb. 5	Malia Snyder/ Heather Colyer
Feb. 12	Teresa Forry/ RuthAnn Kahley
Feb. 19	Shirley Zeiders/ Louise Hummel
Feb. 26	Heather Reed/ Cathy Shallenberger

Ushers	Jeff Ritzman, Chief Sean Ehrisman, Andrew Frymoyer
Greeters	Bob & Donna McCardle
C/D Ministry	Dave Bardell
Counting Committee	Mark & Lisa Peters/ Kimi Fitzwater



WC SERVANTS

Feb. 5	Merv & Darlis Strawser
Feb. 12	Rodney Knouse
Feb. 19	Harry & Hannah Bashore
Feb. 26	Greg & Heather-Colyer

UPCOMING EVENTS



Men's Breakfast

Will be held Saturday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome.

SENIOR SUPPER— No Senior Supper Until March!



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH EVENTS

YOUTH SMALL GROUP—Youth Small group February 5th & Feb 19th. Look forward to seeing you there.

COMMISSION REPORT



Nurture Commission

The Nurture Commission, comprised of the following individuals, Hannah Bashore, Chairperson; Teresa Forry, Vice Chair.; Suzie Shallenberger, Secretary; and Jeff Ritzman, ie responsible for taking care of the spiritual life of the congregation through music, worship, education and fellowship. The Commission oversees the Christian Education & Special Events Committee;

fills Worship positions;

Nursery Coordinator, Pianist/ Organist, Children's Church, Sunday School Teachers, Worship Leaders, Greeters, Welcome Center Servants, and Chief Ushers. The Commission Supports in— church ministries; AWANA, VBS , CD Ministry, Meals for Church Families in Need, Senior Citizens/ Widow Support Group, Women's, Men's & Fellowship Ministries, Floral & Library Committee.

Throughout this past year the Nurture Commission supported the following: Provision for a Senior Supper; Palm Branches for Palm Sunday; Easter Cantata/ Props; Mother's Day/ Father's Day/ Children's Day treats; Church Picnic; Graduation Gifts; Ice Cream Social; Pastor Appreciation Day; and Remembrance Sunday. The commission acquired the services of a local photographer as well as a local printing company to assist in the completion of the church board the acquisition of a new acoustic guitar/ drum set to enhance worship & praise.



February 4, @ 6:00 p.m. Come and enjoy fellowship and please bring a snack to share. We will be putting together Valentines for Widows of Bunkertown.



SNACK SCHEDULE

Feb5– Hannah Bashore, Janice Hornberger, Shirley Osenga, Evie Heister, Tricia Swartz, Sandy Reed, Ashley Eia

Feb 12– Louise Hummel, Jen Hummel, Pauline Hummel, Pat Sierer, Mandy Brown, Kelly Frymoyer, Georgia Wynn

Feb 19– Teresa Forry, Chistine Hockenberry, Lois Varner, Peach Yeater, Jamie Shiffer, Kathy Lehman, Laurie Schreiber

Feb– 26– Bev Richmond, Cathy Shellenberger, Shannon Boop, Cara Shirk, Connie Hesfrod, Lisa Ritzman, Rachel Rowles

MISSIONS

FEBRUARY MISSIONARY

offering is CPYM January offering was Emaus University an offering of with one Sunday left to give.



THE March newsletter deadline is **Sunday, February 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. –12:30 p.m.

Wednesday– 7:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Thursday-7:00a.m.—11:00 a.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.

2022 BOARD MEMBERS

Tim Burris- Chair

Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

NURTURE COMMISSION

Hannah Bashore - Chair

Teresa Forry- Vice-chair

Suzie Shallenberger– Secretary

Jeff Ritzman

STEWARDS COMMISSION

Gary Krall—Chair

Andy Carvell– Vice Chair

Pam Master– Secretary

Dennis Colyer

WITNESS COMMISSION

Neil Swart-Chair

Barry Stuck-Vice Chair

Dave Brubaker- Secretary

Kimi Fitzwater

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
Treasurer	Sue Truitt
Church Clerk	Sara Steele
Moderator	Dave Hummel
Preschool teachers	Annette Kantz- Lori Alderfer