# The Branch



2024

### BUNKERTOWN BRETHREN CHURCH-INDEPENDENT FELLOWSHIP



### GBSC CHOIR IN CONCERT AT BUNKERTOWN FRIDAY, MARCH 22 AT 7:00 P.M.



**COME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD**— Love Feast & Communion Service will be held on Sunday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC. Come and follow Jesus' example by gathering together to wash one another's feet, eat a simple meal, and share in communion. All believers and know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior are invited to gather around the table of the Lord. We are asking you to sign up if you are attending. This is a time for us to love one another, build relationships, and open ourselves to God's Holy Presence.

the Date

**UNDIVIDED CONFERENCE**— Saturday, May 4th. Young, old & in between are all encouraged to attend the "Undivided" Family Conference with the Lore Family. Start your morning off with breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and Conference begins 9:00 am.—12:00 p.m. Sign– up & registration paper at the Welcome Center.

## Relay For Life Rela

**Relay for Life:** 

It's time for Spring Cleaning! On Saturday, June 1st. the Bunkertown Brethren Church Relay for Life team will be holding a yard/bake sale at the church. 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 any evening from May 29th - May 31st and place them in the Family Life Center. You do not need to price the items because we will be asking for people to pay through a monetary donation. We will be setting up for the yard sale after 4pm on May 31st-June 2nd so if you wish to help, please feel free to do so. Any help on Saturday from 8am-3pm will also be greatly appreciated. In previous years, this was a HUGE fundraiser for our team. 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

### PASTOR'S CORNER...

As I study the impact of sin and the work of evil, Satan, and demons against God and God's Will, I am aware of the spiritual battle going on in the world. Paul tells the Ephesians "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. "As a Pastor and a son of a pastor, I have heard the stories of missionaries to faraway lands that have come face to face with evil forces in extreme instances. The effort to spread the gospel message is spiritual warfare in dark and evil places. I can see the efforts in our country to accuse and harass the saints. It is obvious to me that Satan is a powerful force working against the Church. I see him trying to harass believers in little ways. He tries to defeat us with accusations and divide us with "differences of opinion". What must we do to convince believers that the instruction in verses 13-18 of Ephesians chapter 6 is crucial to our survival? How many will fall because they have disregarded scripture? Let us be diligent and faithfully apply the scripture to our Christian walk as we seek the Lord and as we grow in His Grace.

Pastor Wes

### Sunrise Service

### Sunday, March 31 @ 7:00 am.

Come & Celebrate the joyous Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Church lawn, weather permitting. Fellowship breakfast following. All are welcome!



HE IS RISEN



### 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.

Mar 1 Num 14-15, Ps 90 Mar 2 Num 16-17 Mar 3 Num 18-20 Mar 4 Num 21-22 Mar 5 Num 23-25 Mar 6 Num 26-27 Mar 7 Num 28-30 Mar 8 Num 31-32 Mar 9 Num 33-34 Mar 10 Num 35-36 Mar 11 Deut 1-2 Mar 12 Deut 3-4 Mar 13 Deut 5-7 Mar 14 Deut 8-10 Mar 15 Deut 11-13 Mar 16 Deut 14-16 Mar 17 Deut 17-20 Mar 18 Deut 21-23 Mar 19 Deut 24-27 Mar 20 Deut 28-29 Mar 21 Deut 30-31 Mar 22 Deut 32-34, Ps 91 Mar 23 Josh 1-4 Mar 24 Josh 5-8 Mar 25 Josh 9-11 Mar 26 Josh 12-15 Mar 27 Josh 16-18 Mar 28 Josh 19-21 Mar 29 Josh 22-24 Mar 30 Judg 1-2 Mar 31 Judg 3-5

### 2024 Scripture Memorization / Prayer Vigil Missions / Missionaries

Matthew 28:19-20
Ephesians 6:12
Matthew 24:14
Isaiah 6:8

### MARCH MESSAGES

March 8– Our God is an Awesome God.....Ezekiel 1:25-28 March 10- Jesus is Better......Hebrews 8:7-13 March 17– The Beginning of the End......Ezra 1:1-8 March 24- Dying to Self.....Esther 4:10-17 March 31 He is Risen.....Mark 16:1-16

### Our Church Family

### Remember those with Health- Related issues..

Gary & Ethel Lentz Austin Parker Bruce & Bonnie Campbell Lawrence Benner Lawrence Fronk Colleen Fronzt



### 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**— Doug Shellenberger -Answers in Genesis

**ELECTIVE 2-** Dave Hummel- Explore the Bible! This class is Genesis and 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 ■ Post Grad. & Young Women's Bible Study

\*If you want more information contact the church secretary .



During the month of MArch 2024, the Ministry Fair will highlight ministries of the church. Please stop by these displays to learn more about the ministries on display.

## **CELEBRATING THIS MONTH**

- 1- Rose Burd
- 2- Sandy Hunter
- 5– Felicia Martin

Justin Reed

Daisy Starsinic

6– Harry Bashore

Tyler Forry

Duncan Burns

- 7- -Ruth Ann Kahley
- 8 Alyssa Kerstetter
- 11 Hayley Barnes Andrew Stuck
- 12- Hudson McAlister
- 13- Michelle Duttry
- 14- Irene Peachey

15 - Pat Sierer MiLee Wynn

Jen Rohrer

- 16 Bruce Campbell Barb Shallenberger
- 18 Andrea Knouse
- 19- Christian Dressler
- 20- Dawn Strawser Judah Benner Fran King
- 21 Avery Mitchell Valerie Barge Cade Dressler
- 23- Lisa Krall
- 26- Mindy Spangler Mark Barge
- 27 Richard Strawser - Mandy Brown
- 28 Nicolas Hummel Nelson Peachey Josh Condran
- 30- Bud McAlister
- 31 Lawrence Benner



- 13 Scott & Sara Steele ('05)
- 14- Andrew & Heather Stuck
- 20- Jack & Edna Kerstetter
- 23 John & Shirley Bachman ('53)
- 25 Jon & Pauline Hummel ('06)
- 27- Danny & Heather Reed('99)
- Greg & Shirley Zeiders (76)
- 28- Nick & Cyndee Noss (15)
- 30 Mervin & Darlis Strawser ('68)
- 31- Gary & Lisa Krall (90)

Happy Anniversar



## MARCH HELPERS

	Instrumen- talist	Closing Hymn, post- lude	AV Techs	Worship Leader
March 3	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Ben Hummel, Nic Hummel, Justin Reed	Dave Hummel
March 10	Donna Fritz	Donna F <del>r</del> itz	Sam Lefevre, Levi Zeiders, Gibson French	Dave Varner
March 17	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed. Ryan Stahl Matt Heister	Jim Ritzman
March 24	Donna Fritz	Donna Fritz	Elly Heister, Justin Reed	Dennis Colyer
March 31	Chris Kline	Chris Kline	Justin Reed , Ryan Stahl	Tim Burris

## NURSERY

March 3	Heather Reed/ Cydnee Noss	
March 10	Teresa Forry/ Ruth Ann Kahley	
March 17	Heather Reed/ Louise Hummel	
March 24	Malia Snyder/ Heather Colyer	
March 31	Heather Reed/ Hannah BAshore	

Ushers	Jeff Wirth, Chief Ryan Vrabel Sean Ehrisman
Greeters	Neil & Gina Imes & Family
C/D Ministry	Les Snyder
Counting Committee	Harry & Hannah Bashore, Darvin & Teresa Forry

### WC SERVANTS

March 3	Teresa Forry/ Lisa Ritzman
March 10	Rodney Knouse / Kim Stuck
March 17	Gary & Lisa Krall
March 24	Greg & Heather Colyer
March 31	Todd & Heather Colyer

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Men's Breakfast



### Saturday, March 2nd 7:00 a.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 p at the Welcome Center

### SENIOR SUPPER-

- Mark your calendars, Monday, March 11th 5:00 p.m. Anyone 55 and older are welcome to gather for an opportunity of faith, food and fellowship. Meal will be provided, please sign up by March 3rd

### FROM OUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

It's always the right time of year to think about operation Christmas Child. Keep you r 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.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS @ 6:00 P.M.



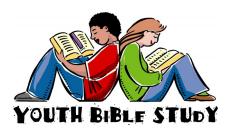




Friday, March 22– GBSC Choir Concert Mark Your calendar!! **DANIEL** at Sight & Sound Friday June 7th. Youth Camp in Nicolasville, Ky July 8-11

> Sunday Night Bible Studies 6:00 p.m.—7:30

March 3 March 10– March 17th





### SNACK SCHEDULE

March 3– Hannah Bashore, Janice Hornberger, Shirley Osenga, Evie Heister, Tricia Swartz, Sandy Hunter, Cathy Miller,

March 10– Louises Hummel, Jen Hummel, Pauline Hummel, Pat Sierer, Mandy Brown, Kelly Frymoyer, Georgia Wynn

March 17– Teresa Forry, Christine Hockenberry, Lois Varner, Hanna Peck, Jamie Shiffer, Kathy Lehman, Laurie Schreiber, Fran King

March 24– Bev Richmond, Cathy Shellenberger, Shannon Boop, Cara Shirk, Conniie Hesford, Lisa Ritzman, Connie Kerstetter

March 31– Sunrise Breakfast/ No fellowship time

**THE** April newsletter deadline is <u>Sunday, March 17th.</u> 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.—12:30a.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.

### MISSIONS

MARCH MISSIONARY

offering is Shepherd's Fold. February offering was Heartbeat Community Services with an offering of 1,326.00with one Sunday left to give.



### 2024 BOARDMEMBERS

Doug Kline Chair Neil Swartz- Vice-Chair

### **NURTURE COMMISSION**

Bill McNeal- Chair Hannah Bashore- Vice-chair Suzie Shallenberger– Secretary Heather Colyer

### STEWARDS COMMISSION

Gary Krall—Chair Andy Carvell– Vice Chair Pam Master– Secretary Dennis Colyer

Jeff Frymoyer

### WITNESS COMMISSION

Neil Swart-Chair Dave Brubaker- Secretary Kimi Fitzwater John Hall

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

Worship Ser- vice	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 teach- ers	Courtney Shearer & Vickie Stahl