

Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – noon

Sunday School – 9:15am
Morning Worship – 10:30am

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1—Luanne Stevens
3—Lionel Berkebile
4—Thomas Wade
5—Mike Gnagey
9—Nick Rizzo
10—Shirley Karmendy,
Roy Shaffer
15—Gloria Shaffer,
17—Patrick Hoffman
20—Charles Figard
21—Joyce Phillips,
Missy (Plows) VanGosen
24—Dolores Kish
25—Keith Coleman
26—Terry Phillips,
Steve Karmendy
29—Cathi Lynn
30—Tim Warshel, Stacy Lehman

PURPOSE STATEMENT

“Linking young and old together to share the gospel and transform the world one life at a time.”

VISION STATEMENT

“Relying on the Holy Spirit to develop mature disciples in a Christ centered environment that welcomes and encourages all people to actively participate and contribute to the life of the Church.”

CORE VALUES

- 1) **Biblical Teaching**
- “The Word of God from Genesis to Revelation is our foundation and authority.”
- Matthew 7:24-27; II Timothy 3:16-17
- 2) **Fervent in Prayer**
- “Prayer is not the last step but our first step.”
- I Thessalonians 5:17, Luke 5:16
- 3) **Christlike Service**
- “Following the example of Christ who washed His disciples’ feet, we embrace service as our lifestyle.”
- John 13:1-17, Luke 10:30-37, Mark 10:45
- 4) **Authentic Discipleship**
- “Maturing to be like Christ through committed relationships and the unity of the Spirit.”
- Luke 2:52, Hebrews 10:23-25
- 5) **Radical Generosity**
- “As God’s stewards, with excellence we give more than we take that Christ may be glorified.”
- Luke 6:38, I Corinthians 10:31, Romans 12:1-8
- 6) **Faithful Witness**
- “We love and live to show and tell the world the gospel of Jesus Christ.”
- Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 4:19-20
- 7) **Genuine Fellowship**
- “Value and pursue life together to worship, serve and encourage one another as the beloved family of God”
- Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 4:1-6



Upcoming Sermons:

Series: "The Race Marked Out For Us"
3/2 – “We give more than we take” – Core Value #5
3/9 -- "We love to tell the story" -- Core Value #6
3/16 -- "Pursuing Life Together" -- Core Value #7

February’s Offerings

2-2-25	\$3,014.00
2-16-25	\$4,519.35
2-23-25	\$2,761.00
Total	\$10,294.35

Amount needed to meet the budget	\$11,532.28
Difference	(\$1,237.93)



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

<p>PRAYER CONCERNS</p> <p>SHORT TERM</p> <p>Los Angeles wildfires Jocelynn & baby Lindsey Boyer Carrico family Marie Chippie Audrey Coleman Ella Colson Sharon Custer Barb Dax Eric Frazier Ernest Jerin Creig Gindlesperger David Grata Donald Hoenstine Paul Hofecker family Brett Hoffman Kevin Kiser Brenna Mackall Martinazzi family Michelle Thiel-Craig Tracy & baby Max Rick Roman Lucy Santichen Andrew Shroyer Vern Walker family Jeff Yates family</p> <p>MISSION WORK</p> <p>Ben & Jessi Bock & Family, Spain</p> <p>Andrew Metcalfe, Samaritan's Purse</p> <p>Rumbavu CBC, Rwanda, Africa</p>	<p>LONG TERM:</p> <p>Jocelynn Berkebile Pauline Blough Ryan Creager Gary Caputo Wesley Donelson Sarah Fuska Donna Greig Larry Hartman Ann Hoffman Donna Johnson Tyler Kalp Elizabeth Karalfa AJ Kniss Jean Krug Ardyth Laney Chester Mickey Richard Manges Mac Newman Doug Phillips Tammy Plows Ansley Stigers Cherry Thomas Timothy Wade Thomas Wade Pastor Erica Wellner Matt Wilson - deployed</p>	<p>LONG TERM –CANCER:</p> <p>Bryan Custer Dale Teresa Freeboy Jess Harclerode Jack John – Amy Berkey's uncle Joni Jim Kormanik Mike Delene Pluta Diane Podolak Bev & Tom Pomroy Ryan Pritt Rick Roman Debbie Shoemaker Susan Simmonds Pastor Val Tina Yinkey Roxanne Van Gosen</p>
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CBC Regional Church prayer partner
 Within the region, our prayer partner church is Farmington Bethel CBC.



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

“But God...” These two words make all the difference in the world! Without them, we would be lost in our sin and eternally separated from God. With them, we discover the heart of our God and the depth of His love for us. Because of

these words, we have life in Christ. In your life, what are the circumstances and situations that you need to speak the words, “BUT GOD” to? Your back may be up against the wall. There may be a relationship in your life that is distant or broken. You may be overwhelmed and bombarded with anxiety. You may be at your wits end not knowing what to do or what direction to take. Maybe you are facing a health crisis. Maybe you are concerned for a loved one and are praying for their salvation. You may be trapped by your circumstances or be enslaved to a sin. Whatever you may be facing, remember and proclaim these two words over your life: BUT GOD!

In Genesis 50:20, Joseph said to his brothers, “You intended to harm me, **but God** intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”

On the way to making such a statement, Joseph endured years of slavery and prison which all started with the jealousy and hatred of his brothers who beat him and sold him into slavery in the first place! But Joseph, rather than being controlled by the sinful plans of his brothers instead chose to put his faith in the Lord saying “But God”. Joseph’s life hinged on those two words!! He said, “I am in a mess, but God! I am a slave, but God! I am in jail, but God!” Your life hinges on these two words too! Joseph believed in the Lord’s plan for his life and not the sinful intent of his brothers. Joseph lived knowing that what he was facing was bad, BUT GOD was bigger than his problems and the crisis he faced and He had a greater purpose!

In response, I ask you to look at Joseph’s attitude and ask: Do I trust God, like Joseph did? In faith am I saying that even in the hardships, the sufferings and in the all of the above which has happened to me – am I saying in faith with Joseph: “**but God...**” Do I trust that He has a purpose, a plan, a hope and a future for me?

You may be in the midst of a storm with no end in sight. Along the way, Joseph did not know what ups and downs and hardships his life would take. **But, he did know God and he trusted God’s heart and he walked by faith in Him as he faced the future in the face of unanswered questions about the present. He faced His problems with a “but God” attitude!**

Remember brothers and sisters in Christ that we know God’s heart and have seen the fullness of His plan in Christ!! Ephesians 2:4-5 says, “**But God**, because of His great love for us, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.” Things were bad for us as we were dead in our sin and transgressions and verse three even says that we were objects of wrath!! **But God...** This is the story of our life in Christ. Again, I ask you, in your life what are the circumstances and situations that you need to speak the words, “BUT GOD” to? Whatever you are facing right now might be bad, **BUT GOD!**

Lastly, in considering our church purpose statement, I challenged all of us back in January to be intentionally praying for “one life at a time” in 2025. Who is that one (or maybe two or three) people you have been praying for to come into a saving relationship with Christ? Keep praying! They may seem distant from coming to faith in Christ, BUT GOD! They may seem shut off to the gospel, BUT GOD! Continue to be faithful in prayer and look for ways to share the gospel because we serve a resurrecting God who brings dead sinners to life in Christ!

In Christ’s love, Pastor Mark

INTERCESSORY PRAYER -The power of prayer is vitally important in our individual lives as well as within the life of our church family and community. In an effort to make our church's prayer group more effective and efficient, starting immediately, please contact Gayle Denk, Prayer Group Administrator. You may either call (and leave a voice message if she doesn't answer) or text her at 814-244-4005. **Gayle will be sending any prayer concerns or praise announcements she receives ONCE a day at 7:00 p.m.** The only exception to this would be in the case of an emergency, then the concern would be communicated as soon as possible. This new format is being implemented in order to be sensitive to the time needed to communicate these messages by the prayer group administrator as well as to help in reducing the amount of notifications each prayer group member receives throughout the day. If you are not a part of our intercessory prayer group and would like to join, please contact Gayle. You are able to choose the format in which you would like to receive the notifications either by voice, email or text.

***"Pray continually."* 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

College Student of the Month

Our College Student for the month of March is Joe Denk. He will be graduating from UPJ this spring. We ask you to lift him up in prayer and encourage him in some special way for the month of March as he finishes his college studies and decides whether he will go onto graduate school or look for employment in his field of study. Joe's address is 510 Sugar Maple Drive, Windber, PA 15963

SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars NOW to attend a Soup & Sandwich luncheon after morning worship on MARCH 30 celebrating the recent renovation of the Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP HALL TABLES

We are excited to announce that we have purchased new tables for use in our Fellowship Hall. To make room for these, we will be storing the current tables under the stage as spares. However, we would like to inform the congregation that there are several old tables already stored under the stage that are no longer needed. If anyone is interested in these tables, contact the Stewards.

Ministry to Single Parents

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." – Psalm 34:8

We have a ministry to support single parents and caregivers by providing prepared meals and building relationships within our church family. Church members can prepare and freeze meals, placing them in the youth room freezer. Single parent families can pick up meals after morning worship or have them delivered by a church member. For more information, contact Dave & JoAn Oatman at (814) 421-3436. May this ministry help those who receive meals to taste and see that the Lord is good!
Thank you!

Bella Gift Cards

Bella gift cards are available to purchase as a fundraiser for the United Churches of Windber. To purchase a card contact Mary Lou Berkebile (814-467-5206), Carol Caputo (814-467-9048) or Pastor Mark Murchie (814-467-8460)

Covenant Brethren Church Annual Meeting

The CBC 2024 Annual Meeting & Worship Conference will be from July 17-19 in Greensboro, NC. We are able to send 3 delegates to represent our church. Travel and hotel expenses are covered. The meeting and conference is a great time of discovering what God is doing within our denomination and is an enriching time of fellowship and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are interested in representing our church family at the meeting, reach out to Pastor Mark. Thanks!

Thursday Night Fellowship & Bible Study

Join us in the library every Thursday this month @6:00 as we continue to grow in Christ and study the book of Acts together. Discover Christ's kingdom mission for us, His church, and the presence of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us to empower us to accomplish His will and grow in our love for Him!

ACTS 29 Youth Group

We will be meeting from 6:00-8:00 at our church on March 2nd and 9th and we will be at Rummel on March 16th and 23rd. We will be back here at our church on the 30th. We may look to do the Escape Room one of these nights if it is available. Looking forward to seeking Christ together on Sunday nights!


CHILDREN'S
EASTER
PROGRAM

Easter Children's Program
 Practice for the Easter Program will begin on Sunday, March 2 from 4:30pm-5:30pm. We will also practice on March 16 & 30 at that time and we will plan to have a dress rehearsal on Saturday, April 12 with the program being on Palm Sunday, April 13. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby and contact Emily Hoffman if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sunday Service During Lent
 Starting March 9th and continuing through the Lent season, music will begin playing at 10:25 before the service starts at 10:30. During that time, we ask that you quietly sit, pray and prepare your heart for worship and refrain from conversation as we take time to meditate on the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks!



Windber Community Lenten Services
 All are invited to come and worship Christ together on Wednesday's at 7:00pm.
 March 5: Good Shepherd, Penny Koontz, Ash Wednesday
 March 12: Rummel COB, Dan Shaffer, "Jesus, Who Serves"
 March 19: Calvary GMC, Mark Murchie, "Jesus, Who Shares"
 March 26: Scalp Level CBC, Abby Shaffer, "Jesus, Who Shepherds"
 April 2: Life Church, Come and see! "Jesus, Who Sacrifices"
 April 9: S.S. Peter & Paul, Miles Zdinak, "Jesus, Who Saves"
 The Offering for the services will go to support Pastor Erica Wellner of Calvary and Trinity GMC and her continuing medical expenses as she is going to be having kidney transplant surgery soon.



EASTER FLOWERS

Anyone wishing to purchase flowers for the Altar for Easter Sunday, April 20th, please fill out the form below and return by **April 7th**

The cost is \$12.50 each

Please return the form along with payment to the Church office, place it in the offering plate or give to Chuck.

NAME

IN MEMORY OF _____

OR

IN HONOR OF

NO. OF **LILIES** (5 bloom) _____ \$12.⁵⁰

NO. OF **TULIPS** (6 bloom) _____ \$12.⁵⁰

NO. OF **HYACINTHS** (3 bloom) _____ \$12.⁵⁰

All flowers have a green foil wrapped based.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 Please make check payable to
 Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

PLEASE REMEMBER THE DEADLINE IS:
April 7th
THANK YOU

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church
Summary Report by Month
January 2025

	Jan 25
Income	
Deposit	
Envelopes	7,090.00
Interest	1.95
Misc.	
Initial Offerin	372.00
Total Misc.	372.00
Sunday School	123.00
Total Deposit	7,586.95
Transfer	
Mem Fund MM	5,397.47
Total Transfer	5,397.47
Total Income	12,984.42
Expense	
100 Outreach	
105 UNITED CHURCHES	250.00
115R WINDBER PANTRY PACKS	700.00
Total 100 Outreach	950.00
200 Executive	
201A SALARY	3,416.66
201B RETIREMENT HOUSING	480.00
201C PENSION	1,259.50
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	26.72
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	200.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	966.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	483.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	439.22
209 MUSIC MINISTRIES	50.00
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	354.00
Total 200 Executive	7,675.10
300 Nurture	
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	51.97
307 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	307.42
Total 300 Nurture	359.39
400 Witness	
403PT MISC	250.00
Total 400 Witness	250.00
500 Stewards	
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	200.17
501PT	36,138.60
502 CLEANING SUPPLIES	89.21
503 INSURANCE	2,341.75
505 FUEL OIL	950.00
506 ELECTRICITY	349.49
507 TELEPHONE	238.75
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	123.91
509 OFFERING ENVELOPES	328.00

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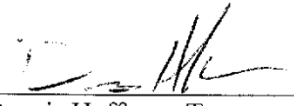
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Summary Report by Month
January 2025

	Jan 25
Total 500 Stewards	40,759.88
Total Expense	49,994.37
Net Income	<u>-37,009.95</u>

BALANCE 10,111.52

SAVING ACCOUNTS

Deacon Fund	3,421.48
General Fund MM	34,800.78
Memorial Fund MM	7,876.56
Model Wealth Portfolios	36,644.23
Raymond James	27,959.20
Maintenance Fund	20,371.42
Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund	11,936.82


Dennis Hoffman, Treasurer

**SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH
CHURCH BOARD**

February 17, 2025

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on February 17, 2025. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Norma Creager, Wanda Custer, Mary Lou Berkebile, Amy O'Hara, Dave Oatman, Joe Denk, Scott Denk, Lionel Berkebile, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Absent: Audrey Coleman

Zach Denk called the meeting to order and Pastor Mark led us in prayer.

Minutes from the January 20, 2025 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received the January Summary Report by Month and the 2025 Budget Report to date.

NURTURE COMMISSION: Norma Creager

1. Kindness Challenge for the month of March is "Do Our Actions Even Matter?".
2. Whitie Miller painting has been moved from the Aide Room to the Youth Room. A plaque has been ordered to put on the picture.
3. The antique clock has been moved from the Aide Room to the Library.
4. Several dates have been set for cleaning the church kitchen: Friday, 2/21 and Saturday, 3/1.
5. Emily Hoffman will be directing the Palm Sunday Children's Program.
6. Adele Madera will direct Vacation Bible School with the theme "Wonder Junction". The date is TBA.
7. Worked on volunteers to head up Palm Sunday and Easter activities/programs.
8. JoAn Oatman is working on ways to expand the meal ministry.
9. A Soup & Sandwich fellowship meal will be held on March 30th following morning worship. This time will include a time of prayer over the renovated fellowship hall.
10. Thank you to Quinn O'Hara for agreeing to be on the worship leader schedule.
11. Thank you to the children for signing valentines that were delivered to residents at Windber Woods.
12. Encourage everyone to act on this month's Kindness Challenge.
13. Encourage everyone to pray for and encourage our college student of the month, Eryn Marsh.

WITNESS COMMISSION: Dave Oatman

1. Reviewed and reorganized the schedule for outreach collections.
2. Still discussing ways in which to use the fellowship hall. Will look into hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross in October or November.
3. Discussed the possibility of doing a Blessing Box outside of the church.
4. Discussed the possibility of putting together hygiene kits for the school.
5. Donations are being received this month for Kuddle Korner Daycare.

STEWARDS COMMISSION: Joe Denk

1. Will be working on putting the restrooms back together this week.
2. When the restrooms are completed the only outstanding work to be done in the fellowship hall will be installing the baseboard trim and putting a frame/lights around the mural.
3. Purchased new tables for the fellowship hall in the amount of \$1,699.60. The oldest tables are available for church members to take.
4. JWF donated their time & material to powder coat the restroom stalls. A thank you will be sent to them.
5. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the fellowship hall/restroom project. To date there have been 24 different people help who have donated approximately 240 man hours.
6. Discussed increasing the cost for non-church members to use the fellowship hall.

DEACON REPORT: Denny Hoffman

1. Nothing to report.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Mark

1. Thank you to Denny, the Stewards Commission and everyone who helped with the fellowship hall project.
2. Men's group is meeting on Saturday mornings to study the book of James which is going well.
3. Liam Mihalko will be volunteering with the youth group as a helper. He is currently volunteering at New Day and taking time to determine if the Lord is calling him into ministry.

January Statistics:	23	Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
	4	Prayer Meeting
	7	Bible Studies (taught or attended)
	4	Taught Sunday School
	2	Church meetings
	1	Church Event
	2	Ministry related meetings
	1	CBC Region Three Board Meeting
	3	Youth Group Meetings/Event
	1	Ministerium
	4	FCA
		Numerous calls, text messages and emails

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the reports.

Viewed a RightNowMedia video "Habitudes – The Art of Connecting with Others" with a short discussion to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Executive Committee approved a \$200 donation to Laurel Highlands FCA.
2. The CBC Annual Meeting will be held in Greensboro, NC. Our church can send up to 3 delegates. Registration deadline is April 15th.
3. Comments on the restructuring of Sunday morning worship:
 - Feel free to pass on videos of praise songs that have touched you to Pastor Mark or Chuck.
 - The announcement time will be at the end of the service. Please let Pastor Mark know of anything you would like announced by Friday and/or Commissions can feel free to go forward to make an announcement in the microphone. This will help eliminate the need for Pastor Mark to repeat the announcements.
4. If anyone notices that the microphones are not working on a Sunday morning, feel free to interrupt the service so that the problem can be resolved.

MARCH MEETING will be held on Monday, March 17, 2025.

Closing prayer by Denny.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk