

REFLECTIONS June 2024

Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

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Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – 12
Thursday – Day off

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

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe there is only one Almighty God eternally existent in three distinct, co-equal and co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, without error & completely trustworthy.

We believe that all people have fallen into sin, have a sin nature & sin separates us from God.

We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, that He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for sin & rose from the grave conquering sin & death.

We believe that through faith in Jesus alone, our sins are forgiven and we receive eternal life.

We believe it is our calling as Christ's Church to share this good news and live holy lives.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling a Christian is enabled to live a godly life and empowered to go and share the good news

We believe in the sanctity of marriage and that God created one biological male and one biological female and blessed their union through marriage.

We believe in the sanctity of all human life from conception until death.

Last Month's Offerings

5-5-24	\$5,072.00
5-12-24	\$4,589.00
5-19-24	\$3,323.00
5-26-24	\$2,711.00

Total \$15,695.00

Amount needed \$11,742.68
to meet the budget
last month

Difference \$3,952.32

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3—Jill Gnagey
5—Marilyn Hadix
10—Madison Walker
11—Sharon Kelley
12—Kevin Kiser, Milo Hoffman
13—Quinn O'Hara, Carl Murchie
14—Scott Wilson
15—Nathan Walker
18—Joe Denk
19—Lori Kiser
21—Kaitlyn Walker
23—Sidney Warshel
24—Ruth Hindman, Lois Napora
26—Linda Coleman, Jason Reese
27—Piper Hoffman



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

7—Bill & Janet Hoffman
8—Chuck & Adele Madera
25—Nathan & Madison Walker

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

PRAYER CONCERNS

SHORT TERM

Deb Adams
 Baby Noah
 Doug Bruce
 Gary Caputo
 Bryan Custer
 Michelle Decker
 Lynn Deanor
 Mary Dorich
 Dick Feightner
 Geraldine Fetzer
 Sam Gindlesperger family
 Donna Johnson
 John Manges family
 Hilda Miller
 Isaac Miller
 David Oatman
 John Plows
 Tammy Plows
 Roxanne – D's friend
 John & Lisa Shaffer
 Chris Shuster
 Taylor Sunday
 Thomas Wade
 Pastor Erica Wellner
 Matt Wilson – deployed

LONG TERM:

Jocelynn Berkebile
 Pauline Blough
 Ryan Creager
 Wesley Donelson
 Ashley Floyd – study abroad
 Sarah Fuska
 Donna Greig
 Larry Hartman
 Ann Hoffman
 Tyler Kalp
 Elizabeth Karalfa
 AJ Kniss
 Jean Krug
 Ardyth Laney
 Chester Mickey
 Richard Manges
 Mac Newman
 Judah Pope
 Rick Roman
 Ansley Stigers
 Larry Sullivan Jr.
 Cherry Thomas
 Timothy Wade
 Julia Woodley

MISSION WORK

Ben & Jessi Bock &
 Family, Spain
 Andrew Metcalfe,
 Samaritan's Purse - Texas

LONG TERM –CANCER:

Terry Berkebile
 Bryan Custer
 Dale
 Teresa Freeboy
 Jess Harclerode
 Glenn Hundertmark
 Jack
 Jodi
 John – Amy Berkey's uncle
 Joni
 Jim Kormanik
 Mike
 Delene Pluta
 Diane Podolak
 Bev & Tom Pomroy
 Ryan Pritt
 Lisa Shaffer
 Debbie Shoemaker
 Susan Simmonds
 Pastor Val

Ministry of the Month:

Precious Life

CBC Regional Church prayer partner

Within the region, our prayer partner church is Center CBC which is near New Centerville, PA.
 Keep Pastor Homer Painter in your prayers as he leads their church family. Thanks!



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
What are you intentionally doing TODAY to grow closer to Christ? To know His heart? To know Him and follow Him? To walk in His purpose?
Not what are you doing tomorrow, or next week, but what are you doing TODAY?

In Scripture, Daniel served God presently. Daniel daily committed himself to three focused times of prayer, intentionally taking the time to kneel and face Jerusalem and seek the Lord. He didn't say tomorrow I'll pray, but he prayed TODAY. He was so intentional in his prayer life that even his enemies took notice. In fact, it was the only way that they could trap him! Daniel had so distinguished himself as a leader and scripture tells us that he had an extraordinary spirit – in other words, the supernatural presence of the Holy Spirit was upon his life! This reveals a clear connection between his intentional prayer life and daily intimacy with God! Do you see this connection in your life? Are you intentionally pursuing the Holy Spirit?

Now, as I mentioned because of Daniel's faith and abilities, his enemies were envious and hated him and wanted to get him killed so that they could rule. So, what did these enemies do? Knowing Daniel's unwavering faith and prayer life, they conjured up a phony law stating that everyone had to pray to the king for the next thirty days and if anyone didn't, they would be thrown into a lion's den! The king, blinded by their deceitful flattery, gave in to these enemies and signed the law. Only after did the king realize his horrible error! Take notice here...Daniel was known by what he intentionally did each day! He was known for his unwavering faith in God as shown by his prayer life. What are you intentionally doing TODAY? Does it reveal Christ to those around you? Does it reveal who your trust is in?

The story moves forward and after the law was signed, it says that Daniel "entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, AS HE HAD BEEN DOING PREVIOUSLY." (Daniel 6:10) Could Daniel have simply waited the thirty days and put off prayer to tomorrow? Perhaps. Or he could have maybe closed the windows and not been as public about his faith during those 30 days. Sure, he could have done that. But why should he put off to tomorrow what is faithful and right to do TODAY?

Each of us is given TODAY. We could put off prayer to another time. We could put off being a witness for our faith to the next day. We can put off getting into the word. We can put off serving that person. We can put off and put off and put off. However, if we do this, what we are intentionally doing is putting God off to the next day rather than delighting in Him and serving him TODAY. Are you putting off the Lord to tomorrow or putting on the Lord Jesus Christ TODAY?

Take note that a crisis did not change Daniel's commitment to intentionally seek the Lord – nor should it change ours! Busyness should not get in the way! Laziness should not! Nothing should get in the way of our relationship with the Lord. So I ask again, what are you doing TODAY to intentionally grow closer to Christ? Is there anything more important than this? You and I know the answer to this is 'no' but what does our lives say?

I encourage you to consider your life TODAY. Don't put it off! What are you intentionally and purposeful building into your day (and each day after) that draws you closer to Christ? This may mean you need to intentionally reorder your day and even deliberately cut some things out. But is anything more important than fellowship with the Lord? Let us be a church, like Daniel, who pursues Christ TODAY and reveals Him as Lord!

In Christ's love, Pastor Mark

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Bible School-

Join us at the Jungle Journey, Bible School June 17th-21st 9am-11:40am! Students age 3 through 6th grade are invited to join us on our epic cruise from Genesis to Revelation! We will make stops at the 7 C's of the Bible: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. (6th graders may be helpers if they prefer.) Registration forms are on the back table.



Sat, Aug. 10th 4-8pm

**WINDBER RECREATION PARK
160 Recreation Rd
Windber, PA 15963**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



**FREE FOOD, CHRISTIAN
MUSIC, GAMES, AND CRAFTS!**



Jungle Journey VBS
Scalp Level Church
June 17th – 21st
9:00 – 11:40am



Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Grade just completed: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Additional emergency contact: _____

List any known allergies: _____

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Upcoming Sermons:

Series: "Walk By The Spirit"

6/2 -- "Empowered for Life & Godliness"

6/9 – Guest speaker – Gary Rowles

New Series: "The Songs of Jesus"

6/16 – "What do you delight in?" – Psalm 1

6/23 – "No excuses!" – Psalm 19

6/30 – "Search me, try me, lead me!!" – Psalm 139

Wednesday Night Prayer & Devotion

We will meet on Wednesday June 26th @ 6:00 for prayer and a short devotion. All are welcome to join us to be encouraged, refreshed and to join in the ministry of prayer for our church and one another!

ACTS 29 Youth Group

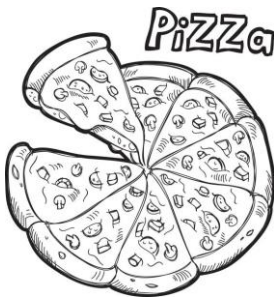
We will look to meet once a month over the summer for a few special events. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information and if you have not signed up for the Remind app to get announcements about upcoming events, here is the link: <https://www.remind.com/join/acts29yg>
Also, we encourage all youth to help out with VBS from June 17-21.

Covenant Brethren Church Annual Meeting

LAST CALL!! – The CBC 2024 Annual Meeting & Worship Conference will be from July 18-20 at the Chiques Church in Manheim, PA. Pastor Mark will be attending and we need two more to attend as delegates. Travel and hotel expenses are covered by our church. The meeting and conference is a great time of discovering what God is doing within our denomination and 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!

Bella Gift Cards

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



Camp Harmony Summer Camp Registration

Our church pays half of the cost for one week of camp for any child or youth who regularly attends church, Sunday School, or youth group. There are camps available for Pre-K through 12th grade. There is a flyer on the hall window with a schedule of dates. Register online at www.campharmony.org/summercamp

Please let Chuck know which camp you will be attending. There are bring a friend and sibling discounts available. If you need additional financial assistance or have any questions, call Adele (814) 288-1115 or the church office (814) 467-8460.

Baptism & Membership Classes

Pastor Mark is meeting with several individuals who are looking to join our church through reaffirmation of faith and baptism. We will look to hold baptism during Sunday morning worship sometime in June depending on everyone's schedules. We look forward to celebrating new life in Christ as a church family as we welcome these individuals into our church family. Thanks!

Ministry to Single Parents

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

This is a ministry to show the love of Christ by supplying a prepared meal for single adult families raising children and to build relationships in our church family.

Here is how it works: Anyone willing in the church is invited to prepare a meal that can be frozen and put into the freezer located in the classroom next to the downstairs men's restroom. From there, a meal could be picked up from the freezer by a single parent family after morning worship or taken by a church member to a family that is in this situation as an outreach from our church. If you would like to participate in this ministry, there is more information in the lobby or you can contact Dave & JoAn Oatman at (814) 421-3436.

PRECIOUS LIFE BOTTLES

In support of Precious Life of Johnstown, a pregnancy care ministry for young women, we will be hosting a "baby bottle" fund drive, beginning on Mother's Day, May 12th. Pick up your bottles in the lobby and return by Father's Day, June 16th with your donation. Please consider donating to this vital ministry that can truly help meet the needs of young women in crisis pregnancies.

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church
Summary Report by Month
April 2024

	Apr 24
Income	
Deposit	
Envelopes	8,760.25
Interest	1.30
Misc.	
Donation for Outreach	988.00
Total Misc.	988.00
Sunday School	147.27
Total Deposit	9,896.82
Transfer	
Jim and Denise Youth Fund	932.28
Maintenance Fund	1,328.00
Total Transfer	2,260.28
Total Income	12,157.10
Expense	
100 Outreach	
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	988.00
Total 100 Outreach	988.00
200 Executive	
201A SALARY	3,333.34
201C PENSION	1,232.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	26.13
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	200.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	924.00
205 POSTAGE	68.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	462.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	1,021.93
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	1,666.66
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	264.00
Total 200 Executive	9,198.06
300 Nurture	
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	48.15
312 PROGRAMING	100.00
Total 300 Nurture	148.15
500 Stewards	
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	1,064.68
502 CLEANING SUPPLIES	63.97
503 INSURANCE	2,341.75
505 FUEL OIL	1,328.00
506 ELECTRICITY	333.49
507 TELEPHONE	229.11
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	116.75
Total 500 Stewards	5,477.75
600 Deacon Bd	
602 DEACON FUND	396.00
603 MISC.	29.62

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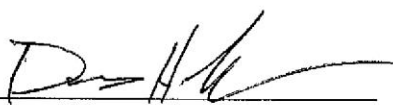
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Summary Report by Month
April 2024

	Apr 24
Total 600 Deacon Bd	425.62
Total Expense	16,237.58
Net Income	-4,080.48

BALANCE 29,459.49

SAVING ACCOUNTS

Deacon Fund	2,235.27
General Fund MM	31,619.60
Memorial Fund MM	15,166.91
Model Wealth Portfolios	35,825.78
Raymond James	17,562.62
Maintenance Fund	21,690.20
Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund	11,927.82


Dennis Hoffman, Treasurer

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Total 400 Witness	250.00	1,400.00	-1,150.00
500 Stewards			
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	2,233.96	4,000.00	-1,766.04
502 CLEANING SUPPLIES	63.97	700.00	-636.03
503 INSURANCE	4,596.00	9,100.00	-4,504.00
504 PROPERTY TAXES	1,264.07	2,300.00	-1,035.93
505 FUEL OIL	5,312.00	16,000.00	-10,688.00
506 ELECTRICITY	1,298.54	2,600.00	-1,301.46
507 TELEPHONE	916.14	3,000.00	-2,083.86
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	623.00	2,000.00	-1,377.00
509 OFFERING ENVELOPES	298.73	200.00	98.73
510 MEMORIAL FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00
511 MISC.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Total 500 Stewards	16,606.41	40,000.00	-23,393.59
600 Deacon Bd			
601 COMMUNION SUPPLIES	73.32	250.00	-176.68
602 DEACON FUND	396.00	0.00	396.00
602pt	250.00		
603 MISC.	99.72	100.00	-0.28
Total 600 Deacon Bd	819.04	350.00	469.04
Total Expense	61,332.20	152,655.00	-91,322.80
Net Income	<u>-61,332.20</u>	<u>-152,655.00</u>	<u>91,322.80</u>

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church

Budget

January through December 2024

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income	0.00		
Expense			
100 Outreach			
101 COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH	750.00	3,000.00	-2,250.00
102 REGION 3 CBC	500.00	2,000.00	-1,500.00
103 CAMP HARMONY	750.00	3,000.00	-2,250.00
104 BERKEY CEMETERY	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
105 UNITED CHURCHES	250.00	250.00	0.00
106 SCALP LEVEL FIRE CO.	300.00	300.00	0.00
107 NEW DAY INC / WINDBER	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
108 UPJ CAMPUS MINISTRIES	300.00	300.00	0.00
115G LENTEN SERVICE	367.00		
115J COMPASSION HOUSE	1,020.00		
115K WINDBER FOOD PANTRY	900.00		
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	988.00		
Total 100 Outreach	8,425.00	11,150.00	-2,725.00
200 Executive			
201A SALARY	13,333.36	40,000.00	-26,666.64
201B RETIREMENT HOUSING	480.00	480.00	0.00
201C PENSION	2,464.00	4,930.00	-2,466.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	104.52	2,500.00	-2,395.48
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	800.00	2,400.00	-1,600.00
201F - CBC ANNUAL MEETING	0.00	500.00	-500.00
201G CONTINUING EDUCATION	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
202 MODERATOR	0.00	35.00	-35.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	3,696.00	11,100.00	-7,404.00
204 OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	13.00	1,000.00	-987.00
205 POSTAGE	272.00	1,100.00	-828.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	1,848.00	6,360.00	-4,512.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	3,669.29	2,800.00	869.29
208 PULPIT SUPPLY	0.00	450.00	-450.00
209 MUSIC MINISTRIES	103.42	1,000.00	-896.58
210 YOUTH DIRECTOR/YOUTH MSTY	6,666.64	17,000.00	-10,333.36
211 CBC DELEGATES	0.00	800.00	-800.00
212 MISC.	0.00	400.00	-400.00
212 MISC.PT RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	588.00	1,000.00	-412.00
Total 200 Executive	34,038.23	94,855.00	-60,816.77
300 Nurture			
301 MUSIC	0.00	25.00	-25.00
302 FLOWERS/DEATHS & BIRTHS	0.00	100.00	-100.00
302PT HOLIDAY FLOWERS	235.00	0.00	235.00
303 WORSHIP SUPPLIES	600.00	800.00	-200.00
304 CHILDREN'S CHURCH	0.00	25.00	-25.00
305 SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES	144.27	900.00	-755.73
306 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	0.00	600.00	-600.00
307 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	0.00	500.00	-500.00
308 SPECIAL OCCASIONS GIFTS	31.97	350.00	-318.03
309 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY	0.00	200.00	-200.00
310 PROGRAMING	0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00
311 MISC.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
311PT-MISC	82.28		
312 PROGRAMING	100.00		
Total 300 Nurture	1,193.52	4,900.00	-3,706.48
400 Witness			
401 PROGRAMING	0.00	300.00	-300.00
402 RIGHT NOW MEDIA	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
403 MISC	0.00	100.00	-100.00
403PT MISC	250.00	0.00	250.00

SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

CHURCH BOARD

May 20, 2024

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Mary Lou Berkebile, Audrey Coleman, Carol Caputo, Dave Oatman, Joe Denk, Kevin Kiser, Lionel Berkebile, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Absent: Norma Creager, Wanda Custer

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

Minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Received the April Summary Report by Month and the 2024 Budget Report to date.

NURTURE COMMISSION: Mary Lou Berkebile

1. Met earlier in the month because some members were out-of-town today.
2. The older children's Sunday School class is learning "The Lord's Prayer" during the Month of May.
3. Made final preparations for Graduate Sunday presentation to honor our high school graduate, Micah Madera. There is a sign-up sheet for the fellowship meal, catered by Carlyn's Restaurant, that will follow morning worship. A basket will be put out for a free will offering for the meal.
4. A \$100 donation will be given to New Day Summer Camp program in memory/honor of Fathers on Father's Day.
5. Discussed the need for additional ushers.
6. Reviewed the clearances for those working with children/youth and those serving in the nursery this fall.
7. Updated the Job Description for Sunday School Superintendent.
8. Making plans for Backpack Sunday on September 8th.
9. Making plans to honor our Golden Gems with a sandwich, salad, cake luncheon following morning worship on a Sunday in September.
10. Planning a soup & sandwich luncheon following worship and Congregational Business Meeting on November 3rd.
11. Making tentative plans for another Kid's Fun Day on November 16.
12. Discussed cleaning out some various areas of the church with the guidance of the Women's Fellowship.
13. **THANK YOU:** To the children for the Mother's Day program and to Ashley Murchie for leading it; to Anne Murchie/Quinn O'Hara/Bella for distributing carnations on Mother's Day; to the boomwhackers and bell choir for music during the past year and looking forward to hearing more from them after the summer break.

WITNESS COMMISSION: Audrey Coleman

1. Talked about tentative plans to include church and Praise In The Park information cards with VBS information that is handed out to the children.
2. Will hold a Praise in the Park planning meeting on Thursday evening.
3. Collecting cleaning supplies for Kuddle Korner Daycare during the month of May.
4. The Precious Life Baby Bottle project will be held Mother's Day through Father's Day.
5. Looking forward to the Windber Faith Walk that will be held in September.

STEWARDS COMMISSION: Joe Denk

1. Thank you to Denny for repairing the toilet in the ladies' restroom.
2. Made plans to put the cross (which was given to us off of the Windber Woods building) on the side of the church on June 13th at 6:00 p.m. Thank you to Kevin for working on that project.
3. Will set up an outside work night for early July.

DEACON REPORT: Denny Hoffman

1. Nothing to report.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Mark

1. Looking to hold baptism and receiving of new members at the end of June.
2. Acts 29 will be finishing up at the end of May. There are 24 going to Sight & Sound on Thursday, May 30th.
3. Bible Study & Thursday Night Fellowship will take a break over the summer.
4. Planning to offer a time of devotion and prayer once a month over the summer months.

April Statistics:	29	Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
	3	Prayer Meeting
	7	Bible Studies (taught or attended)
	4	Taught Sunday School
	1	Communion
	8	Church related meetings
	1	Other ministry related meetings
	2	CBC Region Three Board Meeting
	1	Meeting with Dan
	4	FCA
	2	Thursday Night Fellowship
	1	Ministerium meeting
	4	Youth Group
	1	Ministry training
	2	Community Event
		Numerous calls, text messages and emails

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

Viewed a RightNowMedia video series Return to Disciple-Making – Session 3 “From Informing to Equipping” with a short discussion following.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Reviewed the proposed Church Constitution. Think and pray about the possibility of rewording/revising our vision statement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made, seconded and carried to make a \$500.00 donation to Precious Life from the General Fund.
2. Gary Roles will be filling the pulpit on June 9th while the Pastor is on vacation. Waiting to hear back from Nick Miller/Run Home Camp for July 21st.

JUNE MEETING will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024.

Closing prayer by Denny Hoffman.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk