



### Scalp Level

#### Covenant Brethren Church

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#### Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri 9 am – 12

**Sunday School – 9:15am**

**Morning Worship – 10:30am**

#### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Scott Denk

2—Norma Creager

3—James Livingston

4—Wendy Gnagey, Bill Creager,  
Andrew Podolak, Shelley Metcalfe

5—Jodi Gindlesperger

6—Shirley Deyarmin

7—Edward Lynn

10—Shauntay Belton

14—Amanda Podolak

16—Ed Fisher

18—Denny Hoffman, Natilee Belton

26—Luke Woodley

29---Vicki Hasse

#### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2—Patrick & Grace Hoffman

3—Kevin & Lori Kiser

4—Keith & Linda Coleman

8—Jeff & Diane Deyarmin

10—Ed & Chris Fisher

11—Jim & Suzy Hoffman

17—Keith & Jodi Gindlesperger

19—Jeff & Linda Walker

### 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.

#### July Offerings

7-7-24 \$2,236.00

7-14-24 \$2,056.00

7-21-24 \$3,135.00

7-28-24 \$1,185.00

**Total \$8,612.00**

Amount needed \$11,742.68  
to meet the budget

Difference (\$3,130.68)

#### August Offerings

8-4-24 \$1,947.00

8-22-24 \$1,970.00

8-28-24 \$4,520.00

8-25-24 \$1,704.25

**Total \$10,141.25**

Amount needed \$11,742.68  
to meet the budget

Difference (\$1,601.43)

#### Upcoming Sermons:

9/1 – “Labor that counts” -- Psalm 90

9/8 -- Backpack Blessing Sunday

New Series: “God & Government”

9/15 – “A drop in the bucket”

9/22 – “Our hope is in nothing less...”

9/29 – “Voting with a clear conscience”

# IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

<p><b>PRAYER CONCERNS</b></p> <p><b>SHORT TERM</b></p> <p>Baby Noah                      Doug Bruce                      Richard Burkett                      Jerry Bush                      Aubrey Cook                      Gary Caputo                      Bryan Custer                      Lynn Deanor                      Mary Dorich                      Baby Evelyn                      Dick Feightner                      Karen Fluder                      Debbie Geisel                      Donna Johnson                      Kasey Kick                      Carol Kohler                      Dawn Miller                      Isaac Miller                      David Oatman                      Kathleen Otto                      Tammy Plows                      Chris Shuster                      Bev Stein                      Jakeson Utz                      Thomas Wade                      Becca Williams</p>	<p><b>LONG TERM:</b></p> <p>Jocelynn Berkebile                      Pauline Blough                      Ryan Creager                      Wesley Donelson                      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                      Ansley Stigers                      Cherry Thomas                      Timothy Wade                      Pastor Erica Wellner</p> <p><b>MISSION WORK</b></p> <p>Ben &amp; Jessi Bock &amp;                      Family, Spain</p> <p>Andrew Metcalfe,                      Samaritan's Purse</p> <p>Rumbavu CBC, Rwanda,                      Africa</p>	<p><b>LONG TERM –CANCER:</b></p> <p>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 &amp; Tom Pomroy                      Ryan Pritt                      Rick Roman                      Debbie Shoemaker                      Susan Simmonds                      Pastor Val</p> <p><b>Ministry of the Month:</b>                      Peniel Residential Drug/Alcohol                      treatment center</p>
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## **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,  
Psalm 46:10 says, “BE STILL & KNOW THAT I AM GOD.”

“BE STILL...”

Have you done this today? This week? Why is it so hard to stop and be still?

Another way of putting this is “STOP STRIVING”. Stop living and depending on your effort. Stop striving in your own power. Stop resisting the call to slow down and know God. Stop fighting against what God is doing in your heart but rather surrender in stillness before Him. Know that He is God. Know that He loves you. Know that He has the greatest plans for you. Know that He is your refuge. So stop striving, but rather rest in Him and in His strength!

Yet another way of phasing this in English which the Hebrew words are meant to capture is “LET GO” or “RELEASE”. Let go of your control. Let go of your life. Let go of your burdens and troubles and give them to Him. Let go and release everything to God knowing who He is. Be still and remember that He is your refuge and strength. Let go of your strength and trust in Him. Know that He is God.

Again, slow down and hear the words...“BE STILL”

“BE STILL...& KNOW THAT I AM GOD.”

This verse does not tell us to be still for stillness’ sake. Remember that it is a focused stillness. You are to be still in order to know that the Lord is God. To focus your heart on Him. To meditate on His nature, His power and His authority. To wonder at His love. To delight in His character. To recenter your life in view of the simplest fact: HE IS GOD. In the stillness, all else becomes irrelevant in the intimate knowledge of who He is! All the problems, all the troubles, all the strivings get swallowed up in His presence. Be still and know Him!

Will you take time daily to BE STILL?

Will you take time daily to STOP STRIVING?

Will you take time daily to LET GO and RELEASE?

Will you take time daily to KNOW THAT HE IS GOD??

This fall, every Sunday morning at 10:30 is a purposeful opportunity for all of us to come together in Christian fellowship and to BE STILL together and know that He is God. Join us!

Thursday night bible studies at 6:00, the Men’s group this fall, Sunday school, women’s fellowship and more – all of these are times to stop and let go of the busyness of life and to come together in community in order to be still and know that He is God. Join us!

As a church family, let us be still and know that He is God!

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Mark



## **BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY**

Join us on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** as we invite our children/youth/teachers to bring their backpacks to morning worship. We will encourage, pray over and bless our children/youth/teachers as they begin another year of academic study.

*"Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,*

*"Is not wisdom found among the ages? Does not long life bring understanding?" Job 12:12*

On **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22**

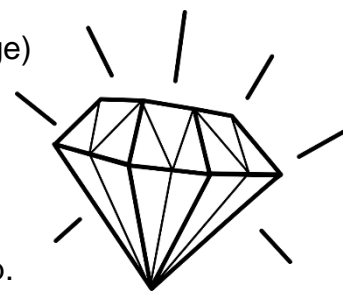
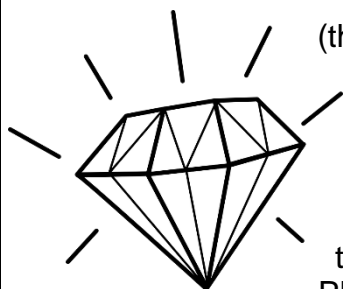
we will be honoring our **GOLDEN GEMS**

(those of our church family who have reached 80 years of age)  
during morning worship.

A salad &  
sandwich luncheon  
will follow.

Mark your calendar **NOW**

to take part in this special recognition and time of fellowship.  
Please sign up as **SOON** as possible and plan **NOW** to attend!



*"Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained in the way of righteousness." Proverbs 16:31*

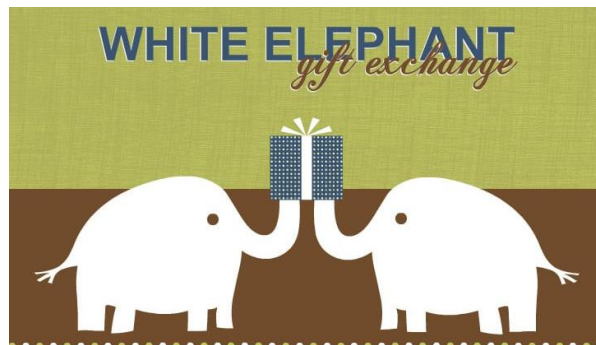
**To the ladies at Taufer House, Coventry, Orchard Point, and Oasis:**

Our Women's Fellowship of the Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church are inviting you to another luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on:

**Date:** September 30, 2024

**Time:** 1pm

**Luncheon:** Pot Luck (cold/hot drinks provided)



Bring a covered dish to share, as well as a friend, and a "white elephant" for our "no-pay auction" sale. We have held this "auction" for several years and found it to be an enjoyable way to spend some time. So please sign up and meet our friends and new friends who have come to live in our different communities.

**This is for WOMEN ONLY. Please make reservations by contacting:  
Wanda Custer at 467-5044 or Marilyn Berkey at (252) 764-1930**

**Mark your calendars NOW for....**



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16**  
**11:00am- 3:00pm**  
**(3 years old thru 5th grade)**

**Ministry to Single Parents**

*"Taste and see that the Lord is good."*

– Psalm 34:8

The challenges of raising kids today are immense and are even more challenging for single parents. Our goal is to come alongside and be a measure of grace to single parents and caregivers of children. We wish 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.

**Thursday Night Fellowship & Bible Study**

Starting on Thursday, September 5th, we will have Bible study every Thursday @6:00. We will be studying Ecclesiastes and following a Right Now Media study by Pastor Jonathan Pokluda. Our fellowship meals in September will be on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @5:00. Looking forward to seeing you there for good food and fellowship and time together in God's Word and growing closer to Christ. All are welcome! Come join us!

**Bella Gift Cards**

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

**Men's Small Group Study this Fall: Tuesday Nights, 6:00**

All men are invited to join our men's fall bible study which meets on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:30 in the fellowship hall. We are doing the study, *Play the Man*, a series by Mark Batterson. In a culture who has lost its definition of manhood, God's word remains clear. We must understand what it means to be a man of God, spur one another on to pursue Biblical manhood and pass it on to the next generation. Men, don't pass this study up! God is calling you to be His man in a confused culture. Will you join us? Our first meeting will be on September 17<sup>th</sup> and will last for 8 weeks. Even if you can't make it every week. come to the ones you can.

**ACTS 29 Youth Group**

We will be starting our Sunday night meetings on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 @ Rummel COB. We will be here at our church on September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00. 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>



08/01/24

**Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church**  
**Summary Report by Month**  
 July 2024

	Jul 24
<b>Income</b>	
Deposit	
Envelopes	7,512.00
Interest	1.77
Misc.	
Donation for Outreach	1,000.00
Total Misc.	1,000.00
Sunday School	100.00
Total Deposit	8,613.77
Total Income	8,613.77
<b>Expense</b>	
100 Outreach	
101 COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH	750.00
102 REGION 3 CBC	500.00
103 CAMP HARMONY	750.00
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	1,000.00
Total 100 Outreach	3,000.00
200 Executive	
201A SALARY	3,333.34
201C PENSION	1,232.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	26.13
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	200.00
201F - CBC ANNUAL MEETING	425.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	924.00
204 OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	14.30
205 POSTAGE	272.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	462.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	452.23
208 PULPIT SUPPLY	75.00
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	314.00
Total 200 Executive	7,730.00
300 Nurture	
302 FLOWERS/DEATHS & BIRTHS	40.00
Total 300 Nurture	40.00
400 Witness	
403PT MISC	722.77
Total 400 Witness	722.77
500 Stewards	
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	177.00
503 INSURANCE	2,341.75
504 PROPERTY TAXES	1,227.59
505 FUEL OIL	950.00
506 ELECTRICITY	254.67
507 TELEPHONE	229.19
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	116.75
Total 500 Stewards	5,296.95
Total Expense	16,789.72

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Scalp Level Covenant Brethren Church  
Summary Report by Month  
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Jul 24

Net Income

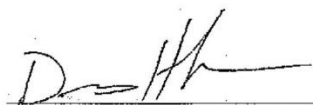
-8,175.95

BALANCE

37,090.71

SAVING ACCOUNTS

Deacon Fund	2,631.66
General Fund MM	31,631.53
Memorial Fund MM	15,170.71
Model Wealth Portfolios	35,967.12
Raymond James	17,821.96
Maintenance Fund	20,365.28
Jim & Denise Hayes Youth Fund	11,930.82



Dennis Hoffman, Treasurer

08/01/24

**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	2,250.00	3,000.00	-750.00
102 REGION 3 CBC	1,500.00	2,000.00	-500.00
103 CAMP HARMONY	2,551.00	3,000.00	-449.00
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	1,400.00	1,300.00	100.00
108 UPJ CAMPUS MINISTRIES	300.00	300.00	0.00
115G LENTEN SERVICE	367.00		
115GG PRECIOUS LIFE	500.00		
115J COMPASSION HOUSE	1,020.00		
115K WINDBER FOOD PANTRY	900.00		
115PT PASTOR MARK SUPPORT	1,988.00		
Total 100 Outreach	14,326.00	11,150.00	3,176.00
200 Executive			
201A SALARY	23,333.38	40,000.00	-16,666.62
201B RETIREMENT HOUSING	480.00	480.00	0.00
201C PENSION	3,696.00	4,930.00	-1,234.00
201D DISCRETIONARY FUND	182.91	2,500.00	-2,317.09
201E TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,400.00	2,400.00	-1,000.00
201F - CBC ANNUAL MEETING	500.00	500.00	0.00
201G CONTINUING EDUCATION	34.87	1,000.00	-965.13
202 MODERATOR	0.00	35.00	-35.00
203 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	6,468.00	11,100.00	-4,632.00
204 OFFICE SUPPLIES/EXPENSES	27.30	1,000.00	-972.70
205 POSTAGE	680.00	1,100.00	-420.00
206 CUSTODIAN SERVICES	3,234.00	6,360.00	-3,126.00
207 PAYROLL TAXES	5,266.97	2,800.00	2,466.97
208 PULPIT SUPPLY	150.00	450.00	-300.00
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.	25.00	400.00	-375.00
212 MISC.PT RESTRICTED ACCOUNT	0.00	0.00	0.00
213 PAYROLL PREPARATION	902.00	1,000.00	-98.00
Total 200 Executive	53,150.49	94,855.00	-41,704.51
300 Nurture			
301 MUSIC	0.00	25.00	-25.00
302 FLOWERS/DEATHS & BIRTHS	40.00	100.00	-60.00
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	192.42	900.00	-707.58
306 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS	0.00	600.00	-600.00
307 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	0.00	500.00	-500.00
307PT - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	114.75		
308 SPECIAL OCCASIONS GIFTS	31.97	350.00	-318.03
309 SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY	0.00	200.00	-200.00
310 PROGRAMING	72.15	1,300.00	-1,227.85
311 MISC.	0.00	100.00	-100.00
311PT-MISC	82.28		
312 PROGRAMING	313.82		
Total 300 Nurture	1,682.39	4,900.00	-3,217.61
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



	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
403PT MISC	996.58	0.00	996.58
Total 400 Witness	996.58	1,400.00	-403.42
500 Stewards			
501 REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	2,853.98	4,000.00	-1,146.02
502 CLEANING SUPPLIES	63.97	700.00	-636.03
503 INSURANCE	7,771.75	9,100.00	-1,328.25
504 PROPERTY TAXES	2,491.66	2,300.00	191.66
505 FUEL OIL	7,590.00	16,000.00	-8,410.00
506 ELECTRICITY	1,973.01	2,600.00	-626.99
507 TELEPHONE	2,156.00	3,000.00	-844.00
508 WATER AND GARBAGE	973.25	2,000.00	-1,026.75
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	26,172.35	40,000.00	-13,827.65
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	97,146.85	152,655.00	-55,508.15
Net Income	<u>-97,146.85</u>	<u>-152,655.00</u>	<u>55,508.15</u>

**SCALP LEVEL COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH**  
**CHURCH BOARD**

**August 19, 2024**

The Church Board met at 8:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024. The following members were present: Zach Denk, Norma Creager, Wanda Custer, Audrey Coleman, Dave Oatman, Joe Denk, Kevin Kiser, Denny Hoffman and Pastor Mark.

Absent: Mary Lou Berkebile, Lionel Berkebile, Carol Caputo

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

Minutes from the June 17, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Received the June and July Summary Report by Month and the 2024 Budget Report to date. Offerings have been down over the summer months.

**NURTURE COMMISSION:** Norma Creager

1. Commission met on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.
2. Designated September 22<sup>nd</sup> as Golden Gem Sunday to honor them during morning worship followed by a sandwich & salad luncheon.
3. Backpack Sunday will be September 8<sup>th</sup> – invitations will be sent out this week to children, college students and teachers.
4. Planning to meet with members of the Women's Fellowship in October to organize/clean out the Kitchen and Aide Room.
5. Working on getting biographies for College Student of the Month which will be lifted up in October/November and February/March.
6. Excited to have the nursery staffed for morning worship beginning Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Childcare will be provided during the same time as Children's Church. We are excited for this and ask that you continue to pray for this program.
7. Beginning in September there will be a monthly "Kindness" inserts in the bulletin. Each month will be a short devotional and kindness challenge.
8. Completed job descriptions for Mother's Day and Father's Day.
9. Thank you to Adele Madera for directing Vacation Bible School. Thank you to all those who taught, led, donated and prayed. There were 48 different children who attending during the week with \$301 raised for Camp Harmony scholarships. Praise be to God for the good turnout.

**WITNESS COMMISSION:** Audrey Coleman

1. Discussed Praise In The Park and some ideas that have been shared for the future like having signage at the Park. Served around 240-260 meals. Thoughts are to reduce the amount of food and drinks purchased for next year. Date for next year is August 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Reviewed their portion of the 2025 Budget. It will remain the same.
3. Discussed some other things for around the holidays. Will do Treat or Treat and Operation Christmas Child. Will check with New Day to see if they have any needs.

**STEWARDS COMMISSION:** Joe Denk

1. Held a work night in July that went well. Thank you to everyone who helped.
2. Met with Jonathan Boyer from Integrity Coatings to discuss resurfacing the floor in the fellowship hall and other areas downstairs.

**DEACON REPORT:** Denny Hoffman

1. Nothing to report.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Mark

1. It was a joy to baptize Anthony Harris and Piper Hoffman and to receive Unk & Gayle Donelson as members on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the Deacons for helping with that service.
2. Attended the CBC Annual Meeting & Worship Service in July. It went well and was a good time of worship. The denomination continues to grow especially internationally.
3. Praise to God and thank you to the Witness Commission and Chuck Madera for a good day at Praise in the Park.
4. Looking forward to beginning fall opportunities for fellowship: Bible Study, Thursday Night Fellowship and Men's Bible Study will begin in September.
5. Will have a Men's breakfast this Saturday morning. All men of the church are invited to attend.

<b><u>June 2024 Statistics:</u></b>	14	Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
	2	Prayer Meeting
	2	Bible Studies (taught or attended)
	3	Taught Sunday School
	4	Church related meetings & events
	1	CBC Region Three Board Meeting
	1	Community Events
	1	VBS all week (June 17-21)
	1	Funeral
	Numerous calls, text messages and emails	

<b><u>July 2024 Statistics:</u></b>	29	Visits (home, or hospital etc.)
	2	Prayer Meeting
	5	Bible Studies (taught or attended)
	4	Taught Sunday School
	2	Church related meetings & events
	9	Communion
	1	CBC Region Three Board Meeting
	2	Baptism
	1	Attended CBC Annual Meeting & Worship Meeting, July 18-20
	Numerous calls, text messages and emails	

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

Viewed a RightNowMedia video “Return to Disciple Making” Session 4 with a brief discussion to follow.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Still need to fill the pulpit for October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup> when Pastor Mark is away.
2. Reviewed the proposed Purpose Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values to be included in the Church Constitution.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Commissions should have their proposed portions of the 2025 Proposed Budget to Denny by the end of September.
2. Looking for delegates to attend the Region 3 CBC Annual Meeting at Bermudian Church on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Executive Committee approved a donation to Run Home Camps in the amount of \$1,000.00.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING** will be held on Monday, September 16, 2024.

Closing prayer by Denny.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by: Deanna Hoffman, Church Clerk