

## Remudian hurch The LIVING Letter

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among

"enabling every person to experience the living Christ in transforming ways"

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact

you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Colossians 3:15-17

August 4th, 2025

#### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship – In the Sanctuary

4 yr. old to 4th grade "Sunday Friends"

Children will be dismissed prior to the start of Pastor Gary's sermon.

**10:00 am** Coffee and social time in Shepherds' Hall

10:20 am \*Sunday School for children

\*Youth will meet in their Youth room, located downstairs

\*Adult Sunday school class

One class in TGP

One class in the Sanctuary

\*About Life Class group will meet in the room off of Shepherd's Hall

† The nursery is staffed during our worship service

t Live streaming of our Worship Service is available, on YouTube. It also stays posted there and on our website. Please remember to "like" and "subscribe" and you will be notified each time we post a new video.



Mission Offering



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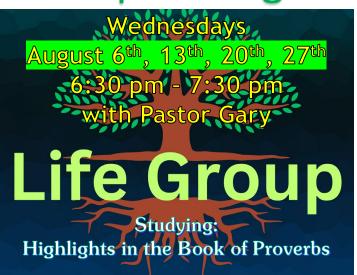
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## **Upcoming Events & Reminders**



"God's Closet" (of Children's Aid Society) is in desperate need of the following:

Diapers (Size 4 & up)
Wipes
Boys and Girls <u>new</u> underwear
Gently used boys clothing (infant & toddler sizes <u>not</u> needed)

Place donations in the receptacle at the Main Entrance (basement)



Have I not commanded you?
Be STRONG and COURAGEOUS
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the LORD YOUR GOD
will be with you wherever you go.
Foshua 1:9

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING & SUPPORT!

from your Witness Commission

Annual Meetings & Worship
Conferences 2025

Please be in prayer for our delegates for the upcoming conference:

CBC Susquehanna Annual Meeting & Worship
Conference: October 11
at Ridge CBC
Brett Miller, Kathleen Eisenhart, Barb Stern,
Pastor Gary & Bob Meck



#### October 12 – 15: Bermudian Church 2025 REVIVAL SERVICES

Guest Evangelist: Pastor Stafford Frederick



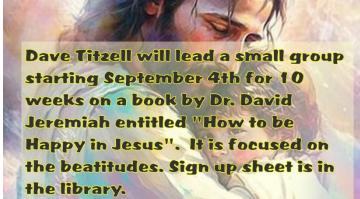
#### BERMUDIAN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> More details coming











On August 10, Matthew Hershey will be presented as the candidate for our Associate Pastor position.

He will preach at our worship celebration. After worship, there will be a time for questions and answers.

Following that sharing, there will be a congregational business meeting in order to vote on his candidacy.

After the meeting, we will gather in the Gathering Place for lunch. Please plan on attending this very important day.

Pastor Gary will be out of the office on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for a leadership conference.

He will also be out of the office on August 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.







#### **Bearing Fruit For Jesus!**

Surely the presence of the Lord was in that place! Those words sum up the 5th Annual Meeting and Worship Conference of the Covenant Brethren Church held July 17-19 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC. This worship celebration was a mountaintop experience for the 316 registered adults and youth who attended with the theme of Bearing Fruit for Jesus from John 15:1-17.



Participants engaged in moving worship led by the music ministry of One Family and



passionate Biblical messages from Brothers Will Graham and Craig Alan Myers. Orders of the Day provided devotional times with Scripture, music, and prayer. During worship on Friday evening, participants presented eternal fruit offerings to God by hanging grape clusters on the crosses.

The various committees provided updates, and 54 congregations were recognized that had been received into the CBC family in the past year. In addition, 23 newly credentialed ministers were introduced.

Pastor George Sikhila, Regional Elder from Tanzania, shared a video greeting, and Sister Honorine Dusabimana from Rwanda helped to introduce the African congregations and reported on what Jesus is doing through CBC in Rwanda and Uganda.





The CBC Youth Conference was held simultaneously, and 23 young people presented a powerful skit on the Goodness of God. Throughout the week, they also studied knowing God and packed items donated by conference attendees into over 200 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Preconference sessions were presented on the conference theme, the newly published CBC Church Membership materials, and Harvest USA's mission and resources to help congregations be sexually faithful. Ethics Training was also provided for ministers. All of these, as well as every session, are available to view at www.covenantbrethren.org.



Participants learned of a new prayer initiative of Sister-to-Sister that partners CBC congregations in the continental US with international churches for mutual prayer and encouragement. If your congregation would like to participate, email Sister Suzanne Clarke at hsuzanneclarke@yahoo.com to choose a congregation or to learn more.

In addition, CBC Anniversary Sunday was announced to be held on October 19th, 2025, and resources were distributed. More information will be shared later but churches should begin planning their celebrations now.

CBC's partnership with Samaritan's Purse was affirmed with the presentation of goods for Texas flood relief, and the Executive Board was privileged to tour the SP hangar at the

Greensboro airport. In addition, Sister Lynne Rienstra shared updates on SP, and Brother Grover Duling announced that CBC has donated more than \$300,000 to Samaritan's Purse since our partnership with them began in 2022.



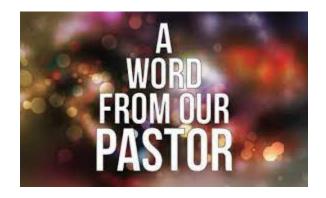
Brothers Jonathan Prater of Virginia and Jose Acevedo of Puerto Rico were called to serve on the Executive Board as the terms of Brothers Craig Alan Myers and Stafford Frederick came to an end. Conference exhibitors offered support services, and Eder Financial provided ice cream each evening while Brethren Mutual Aid Agency blessed participants with coffee and donuts each morning.



Much good fruit of worship, praise, love, service, and more was produced for Jesus at the 2025 Annual Meeting and Worship Conference of the Covenant Brethren Church. Stay tuned to learn where and when next year's AMWC will be held!

Submitted By George Bowers, CBC Executive Board Secretary.

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# CBC 2025 Annual Meeting and Worship Conference Report

Dave Titzell shared.a report on the CBC 2025 Annual Meeting

The theme for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Worship Conference was Bearing Fruit for Jesus

John 15:1-17

Jim Kauffman, Dave, and Mary Titzell were our delegates. Pastor Gary also represented us as a voting Pastor. Dorothy Kauffman, Mark, and Emily Lipsitz were also in attendance as non-delegates.

Thursday, we attended a very good Bible study led by George Bowers on John 15:1-17.

The keynote speaker on Thursday was Pastor Will Graham, Franklin Graham's oldest son and Billy Graham's grandson. What a great message!

Great music and worship throughout the conference led by One Family. This group consisted of 2 sisters and their husbands. Lots of original music, many familiar hymns, and other music.

Friday evening dinner was sponsored by Brethren Revival Fellowship. We had a delicious meal and we were blessed with a wonderful message by Brother Carl Brubaker.

Keynote speaker on Friday evening was Craig Alan Myers, a CBC board member and also the Pastor of Blue River Covenant Brethren Church, Columbia City, Indiana, since 1990. Another great message.

Many inspirational devotions and prayers throughout the conference.

The focus of the CBC conference is worship and fellowship, not the business of the Church.

Of course, we also had reports from all the commissions and voted for 2 new board members on Friday. (Jose Cevedo and Jonathan Prater were elected).

#### **Registration Statistics:**

84 Congregations New Ministers 2025 17 Total 207

145 Delegates New Congregations 54 Total 196

170 Non-Delegates

316 Total

75 Pastors Offering \$24,089

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