



Central Allegheny Region Newsletter

December 2025

A note from our Regional Elder

Sisters and Brothers of the Central Allegheny Region,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus. As we approach the Advent season, we need to focus on Jesus, the greatest gift that was given to all people and thank our God for His act of love. I pray you each have a Christ filled Christmas season filled with peace and rich spiritual blessings.

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Our Regional conference was very well attended and Danville Church was the perfect host. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time of worship and great fellowship while enjoying tremendous food. The necessary business was handled but the focus for the day was on our Lord. Thanks to all that helped bring this together.



I want to thank Craig Howard and all that helped plan and execute the Regional Picnic. We had more attendance this year than before, and it was filled with great fellowship.

National CBC Updates



Pastor Humberto, CBC Elder in South America along with National CBC representatives.

We were in Cucuta, Columbia. Recently CBC had a request from our Regional Elders in Panama and South America to provide a little money for a Christmas gift for the children in those 35 CBC churches. Our target was to raise \$100 for each church. Our region set out to raise \$1,500 of the \$3500 needed. Your regional board supported this cause with \$500. Brake church donated \$1,511 and Oak Dale gave \$500 bringing the total to \$2,511. With our goal being met and then

some, we won't be contacting additional churches for this cause. I will get to the rest of our churches next time.

After the last National Executive Board meeting approving more new pastors and churches, we now have 215 congregations in 12 countries on 4 continents. The total credentialed ministers are now 220 with 1 Emeritus pastor. With this said, Scott Kinnick and I will be traveling on November 28 to Barcelona and Madrid Spain with the purpose of visiting additional churches. To God be the Glory.



Did you know?

The CBC is encouraging Annual Church Reporting.

Each of our churches in the CAR should have received or will receive a letter from Christy explaining the CBC annual reporting process.

“Dear Covenant Brethren Churches,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus. I pray all is well with your congregation. Recently Matt Bernard sent all CBC churches in the US an email requesting the electronic submission of your church's annual report. The Executive Board, at their October meeting, approved this process. This reporting is necessary for our denomination to be equipped with the correct, up to date, contact information to serve the local churches properly. It can be done very quickly online, (approximately 5 minutes). We sent this request to the email address that was given to us when your church applied for becoming a member church. IF you did not receive it or cannot find it, please contact Christy with the right email and we will resend it to you. Your annual reporting must be done through the link provided in the email.

Blessings, Grover Duling, Executive Board Chair”

The email sent by Matt was sent electronically to make the process easier for your response. Just click on the link in the email and respond to the few simple questions. Please contact Rebecca for assistance if you have trouble with this.

Background Checks for CBC Leaders:

It has been our policy, and will continue to be our policy, to do a background check on all those individuals in the continental US applying for ministry credentials or those appointed/elected to leadership with CBC at the National Level. Recently the Executive Board made the decision not to require a second background check on these individuals. We will require mandatory self-reporting on any chargeable offense, misdemeanor level or above. This reporting will be directed to the Chair of our CBC Legal Committee, Bro Jim Nolt, and then possibly shared with the Executive Board chair as the need arises. Any such reports will be kept in **strict confidence** as the legal process works through the merits of the case. If the charges are found to be correct, then a hearing will be set including the individual and the Regional Ministerial Leadership Team and possibly the National Ministerial Leadership Committee. Appropriate action will be determined by these groups that will consider all the facts extending mercy and grace as much as possible. **Please keep in mind,**

We of the Central Allegheny Region churches/camps may continue to require background checks for folks serving in leadership positions as they deem necessary, or as required by law.

2026 Annual Meeting and Worship Conference



The CBC Annual Meeting and Worship Conference for 2026 will be held in Johnstown PA on July 16-18. We have just finished working out some of the details and locked down the Event Center:

Pasquerilla Conference Center, 301 Napoleon Street, Johnstown, PA

We have secured 130 rooms at the totally renovated Holiday Inn Downtown. I will share more information soon on the dates when registration will open for the Conference and when you are allowed to book rooms at the reduced rate. We are most fortunate to be able to secure this fine facility with lodging virtually next door.

God has richly blessed our new denomination, Covenant Brethren Church, and I believe it is primarily due to the fact of our standing on the Word of God and the requirement we impose on all our membership to do the same.

Have a Christ filled Christmas season,

Grover



Camp Updates

Camp Galilee Marches Forward

A Trustee's Report



The last two years at camp Galilee have seen some incredible improvements. This is in no small part to the wonderful support that the camp has received from our CBC Central Allegheny Churches. We wanted you to know how your gifts have been used and what has been accomplished at Camp Galilee. I think the list will amaze and encourage you. So here we go:

- The beach got new sand
- The boat house floor was repaired, new shelves were built. New life preservers purchased.
- The pavilion down by the lake had the roof repaired and metal put over the ends.
- The caretakers house had new flooring throughout the house, a new refrigerator, stove, washer and dryer and the screen door replaced.
- The rec hall had a window repaired, counselors office door repaired, anti-skid material on the outside playground ramp.
- New light bulbs put in the rec hall converted to LED's
- Cleaned out the storage buildings of old mattresses and junk.

- Resurface the concrete steps that are used as a meeting point.
- Painted Stine House and added new steps.
- Boy's bath house got a new toilet and shower area for handicap, a new 36" door, repairs to the roof and fascia, repaired the hot water tank, replumbed one side of the shower house with PEX.
- Cleaned out the drain system.
- Rebuilt dividers in the girls bath house out of block.
- Painted water fountains.
- Ramp and hand rail going into the girls bath house.
- Floor repaired in the nurses quarters with a new hand rail and ramp.
- Repaired gas line and relocated propane tank.
- Replaced the washer in the main building for laundry.
- Repaired the dish sanitizer
- Upgraded the internet
- Moved to a larger, bear proof dumpster. (the bear is mad about that)
- Put up more no trespassing signs.
- Sealed and treated the picnic tables and campfire benches
- Did a huge upgrade to the entire electrical system of the camp involving every building.

As you can see, it has been a busy couple of years. The camp is looking better than ever and is better equipped to serve the Lord and the people of the Central Allegheny Region than it has ever been.

Our tractor just suffered a blown engine and we are praying for God's direction as to what to do about that. Should we fix it with a new engine or look for a new tractor. At the moment we don't have the money to do either but may in time.

Thank you for supporting Camp Galilee with your finances and prayers. All of this and the continued success of the camp would not be possible without you.

Submitted by Craig Howard – Camp Trustee Secretary

Camp Hope

Please hold the camp and myself up in prayer. The camps are over for this season and each camp was a huge blessing. The survey, which had never been done before, was finished in May and the new

deed completed. We are due to have the old strip mine repaired by the DEP in the next 1-2 years. We also applied for a grant through the DEP for updates at the camp. We need to replace our dorms with bathrooms inside each dorm which we have been fundraising for, we are a long way from having enough funds at this time. Then, if we get the grant we also want to remodel the dining hall and upstairs rec room, add an extra parking area, new pavilion and install hiking trails, playground equipment and other updates. God has recently blessed us with a Kawasaki Mule to use for maintenance around the camp. And we have a volunteer who has stepped up to do work for us at camp, God Bless Him. This year we were also able to have the old shower house removed to open up that area and are praying for new playground equipment in that space. May Gods hand be upon Camp Hope to bring about his purposes.

In His Service,
Jackie Henderson

Upcoming Regional Events

Pastor Banquet January 31st 2026

Spring Teams Meeting March 21,2026

Next Regional Executive Board Meeting January 4th via ZOOM.

Church News

A Note from the Regional Office

This month we have been blessed to be able to purchase some office equipment for our Central Allegheny Regional Office. Up until this point, the Region has owned a multifunctional printer and the Administrative Assistant has used her personal computer for Regional work. This month we have been able to

purchase a copier for higher volume production. The copier is used but in great condition and the church was gifted an excellent discount. This new copier will save time and money in the future. The Region has also purchased a new laptop for the Administrative Assistant to use for Regional work. Praise God for his continued provisions for our Regional work.

Shiloh Covenant Brethren Church Youth Sanctuary

Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26 NIV)

Shiloh Covenant Brethren Church, with Todd Mouser serving as the pastor since 2015, is located at 1789 South Shiloh Road in Moatsville, WV. Our church welcomes about 70 people each Sunday for worship service and Sunday school, and many attend the Wednesday evening Bible studies for adults and children, as well as the monthly men’s and women’s group meetings. The church hosts several additional fellowship activities throughout the year and is very involved in supporting the needs of those in the community. We have been blessed to see an increase in our congregation.

As our church continued to grow, more youth were being added, creating the need for additional space to accommodate the number of children in the classrooms. We were dividing the children by age groups and filling the available classrooms; we were using the fellowship hall for children’s worship service. Our space became

overcrowded, and we were limited with options to address the need for a facility for our children’s church.

Our plan for the building became one in which we would use the current open pavilion located beside the church. The structure could be enclosed and made into a building to serve as the children’s church. The plan was discussed by the board in May 2024, and the council voted on June 10, 2024, to proceed with the plan as funds became available. We created fundraisers and began seeking donations from the community. (Philippians 4:19)



Construction on our children’s church began in June 2024. The open pavilion was enclosed and roofed; walls, windows, flooring, heating/AC, etc. were added to make a building. As the transformation progressed, the

vision shifted from being a children's church to becoming a youth sanctuary. The building would resemble the sanctuary we use for adult worship services.

Throughout the construction process, we did encounter delays, challenges, and unforeseen costs, but these trials were met through prayers and perseverance; the devil did not win. We witnessed God's provisions and His goodness, and the building was dedicated on August 10, 2025. We now have a youth sanctuary for our young people to learn about God, good morals and values, how to contribute to society, and how to obey the Lord's teachings. (Zechariah 4:6)

Even though the youth sanctuary still needs some finishing touches, our young people are able to enjoy worship services in their own building. We see evidence of God's presence in the youth sanctuary as we have young people coming to the altar to be saved. This was a construction project for God's glory! Let Him be magnified! (Psalm 65:4)



We invite you to join us at Shiloh Covenant Brethren Church and to visit our youth sanctuary. We would love to worship with you.

Use the link below to view more about our church.

<https://shilohcovenantbrethrenchurch.com/>

Jesus, the Living Word of God

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” — John 1:1-2, 14 (NKJV)

On my trip to Israel a year ago, I had the opportunity to visit the birthplace of our Lord Jesus. The cave next door to His birthplace was the cave where St. Hieronymus, better known as St. Jerome, translated the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Word into Latin. Beginning around 300 A.D., it took him over 30 years to complete this labor-intensive task. Later, in the early 1600s, this version was the primary source to produce the English translation, known today as the King James version.



From the earliest manuscripts of the Gospel of John, we find one of the most profound declarations in all of Scripture—***Jesus is the Word (Greek: Logos)***. This truth carries immense weight. The “Word” was not simply

spoken by God—it was God. Before time began, the Word was written in the Mind of God.

When John writes that ***“the Word became flesh,”*** he is declaring that the eternal, all-powerful, living Word of God stepped into human history as a man—Jesus Christ. He did not come merely to teach about truth; He was truth in the flesh. As Jesus Himself said, ***“I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”*** John 14:6 (NKJV).

In a world where truth is often treated as relative or shifting, the coming of Christ stands as God’s eternal statement: there is only ***one truth—the living Word, Jesus***. Through His presence, His words, His miracles, and ultimately His sacrifice on the cross, Jesus showed us the heart and nature of God. He revealed that truth is not an idea or philosophy, but a Person who invites us into a relationship with Himself.

When we read Scripture, we are not just reading inspired words—we are encountering the living Word who continues to speak to our hearts. **As Hebrews 4:12 reminds us, “The word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword” (NKJV).** That living power is Jesus Himself, cutting through falsehood, revealing sin, and transforming lives with grace and truth.

Today, let us stand firm in this truth. The world may change, opinions may shift, but the Word remains the same—eternal, unshaken, and alive. Let us listen to His voice, follow His teachings, and live out His truth so that others may see the living Word through us.

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