

Fall Adult Sunday School Options

No sign-ups this time, attend the class of your choice. (DISC is closed to new members)

The **DISC class** taught by Eric Reamer continues to meet in the Sonroom. This is the final quarter of a yearlong discipleship class. See Eric for opportunities to join a future DISC class.

Steve White will teach a class in the main gathering on the **gospel of Luke** that will also be livestreamed.

Brian Keister will be teaching a coed walking class using the **going deeper sermon discussion**. The class will meet indoors in a room to be announced during inclement weather. Put on your best walking shoes to participate in good exercise and discussion about sermon topics.

Eli Mast will teach a zoom class on **Brethren Beliefs**. Join in the live discussion about the distinct beliefs of the Church of the Brethren.

Information for joining the livestreamed and zoom classes will be available via email and Facebook each week.

Eli Mast for the Adult Sunday School Team

Celebrate Baptism



On Sunday, August 9 we received 8 new members through baptism at the Keister pond.

Baptized were: **Claire Everitt, Cora Everitt, Coy Gemberling, Ethan Hoover, Miriam Hoover, Adelaide Kline, Kaleb Sauers and Jane Smith.**

Please welcome and support these new members.

A Different Way of Collecting

As most of you know this past May we were unable to have our annual "Fill Jane's Van" collection for **Children's Aid Society (CAS)**. Time has passed and the Mission Ministry Team wanted to check to see if there was something that we could still do to help.

We reached out to CAS and we have set up a **collection on Sunday, September 13th and 20th**. Please bring any items in to the Main Entry and place them in the marked tub by the Mission table. If you have any questions, please contact Jo Hurst.

The list of items that are needed are:

Baby Wipes
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper



Disinfecting Wipes (Clorox or Lysol type).

The disinfecting wipes are currently not easy to find, but the other items are a definite need!

Prayer is also a definite need as they strive to meet the need of children in their care.

This will not be as exciting as Filling Jane's Van, this year, but please consider what you can do to help!

Vicki Bastian, Mission Ministry Team



The most thrilling thing about heaven is that Jesus Christ will be there. I will see Him face to face.

Billy Graham



Griefshare

The more time we spend in God's Word, the more we come to know, love and cherish God Himself.

David Jeremiah

Have you lost someone close to you by death? Likely you have experienced many different feelings and emotions. Would you like to move forward to a **new normal**? Griefshare is a Christian based program to help grieving people find a way to **cope with the grief** we are experiencing. The format for our time together consists of watching a video of many persons sharing their time of grief and how they found strength to move forward, there is also a time for personal sharing as well. At no time will anyone feel forced to share or made to feel uncomfortable. One of the goals of Griefshare is to **love and support** each other and **find God's strength** for each day.

I would like to invite anyone to attend and there may be someone that you know who may benefit from Griefshare, please invite them to attend or perhaps come with them. We welcome anyone, this could be a way to reach out to our non-Christian friends.

We will **begin** on **September 8th** at **6:30 pm** meeting in the Sonroom.

Please join us,
Jim Brubaker

Upcoming Young Adult Events

Thursday, August 27

Wing Night, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, September 2

Game Night, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, September 10

Movie Night, 6:30 – 9 pm

Tuesday, September 15

Game Night, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Thursday, September 24

Wing Night, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pastor K

Join an Upcoming Discipleship Class

We are nearing the end of our first year long discipleship class and the group has learned some meaningful things about following Jesus. We are all called to be disciples and to make disciples but the truth is, many are not fulfilling that command of Jesus.

If you would like to explore in greater depth what making disciples looks like there are two upcoming options. A class will **begin** on **September 12th** on Sunday evenings from **7-8:15 pm**. The class will last approximately nine months. We have four spots remaining for this class.

Then in **December** we will **begin** a **nine month Sunday school class** which will be similar to the current DISC class. There are about 10 spots remaining in that class.

If you'd like to join one of these classes, or if you have some questions, please see Pastor Eric.

Pastor Eric

Upcoming Youth Events

Sunday, August 23 - **Pond Night**, 4 - 6 pm
(1 adult roast hot dogs & Smores)

Friday, August 28 - **Drive in Movie**, 8:30 pm
(Alexander's Terrible, No Good Day).

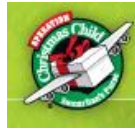
Sunday, September 6 (Labor Day Weekend)
YaYA Meeting, 6 - 7:30 pm. NO PIT

Friday, September 11 - **Drive in Movie**, 8 pm

Sunday, September 20,
Cherry Run Bike, 1 – 5 pm.

Friday, September 25, (CMT Pond evening),
Drive in Movie, 8:30 pm

Pastor K



Operation Christmas Child

Please Keep up the Good Work!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed donations even while we were not meeting for worship. The Mission Ministry Team is so happy for your generosity! There will continue to be a bin in the narthex for now and a bin is always in the main entry for your donation.

Here is the updated list of what we need for the shoeboxes. Please consider how you can help us meet our goal for these shoeboxes!!

Bar Soap - 227
Chap Stick - 184
Colored Pencils - 128
Coloring Books - 270
Combs - 319
Crayons - 279
Hair Items - 110
Plain Paper Pad (5X8) - 154
Play Doh - 120
Ruled Tablet (5X8) - 79
Rulers - 139
Scissors (KID) - 133
Washcloth - 322

Thank you for being a part of spreading the love of Jesus all around the world!

Vicki Bastian for Mission Ministry Team



When you don't know what the future holds, remember Who holds the future. God's fulfilled prophetic Word gives assurance from the past, peace in the present and hope for the future.

Unknown

PIT – Youth Ministry

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“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” Ecclesiastes 1:2

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings.” Romans 8:26

When we can't predict what the next week will look like, let alone the next month or school year, it is easy to succumb to “The Teacher's” viewpoint that all is meaningless. For those going back to school this is especially poignant. We ask for prayers for the students and parents, and teachers, as they navigate these uncertain decisions. Even if we don't know what to pray - just spend some time “with them in our minds toward God.” “God be present to us all in these times as we face fears from all sides. Let this be an opportunity to draw close to you. Amen.”

Pastor K, Peace

Thank You & Please Keep Them Coming!!!



The response has been wonderful in “Feeding the Bin”! Please bring your gently used clothing, shoes and any linens without fillers (no pillows or comforters, please) and place them in the **Community Aid bin**.

Just a reminder that currently the bin is only emptied once a week, so if the bin is full, kindly hold your donation for another time. Remember that your contributions help us pay for the shipping costs of the **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!**

Vicki Bastian for Mission Ministry Team

Are You Using the Correct Email List?

Members, friends and attendees of the Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren (BVCOB) are invited to participate in email lists to communicate with the church family. Listed below are the email addresses to be used when sending an email.

Prayer List (prayer@bvcoob.com) is used to share **prayer concerns and updates**.

News List (news@bvcoob.com) is for **BVCOB church-related news and announcements** only. Emails to this list are normally generated from ministry team leaders and those who are planning events and activities.

Share-Ads List (share-ads@bvcoob.com) is used to provide a forum for sharing **news-worthy info** not directly associated with the church that might benefit our church family. Examples: giveaways, used appliances, vegetables from your garden, yard sales, for sale items, etc.

Email List Etiquette

1. Avoid using backgrounds and graphics in your messages to the email lists.
2. Stay on topic. Lists have a specific purpose and should be used accordingly.
3. Include a subject. Messages without a subject line will be rejected as spam.
4. Do not send attachments, solicitations or advertisements, except as permitted.
5. Do not forward chain letters, email petitions or virus warnings.
6. Replies to a message will go directly to the sender of the message. **Please do not reply all.**
7. To contact the church office, email churchoffice@bvcoob.com.

Hospitality & Communications Ministry Team

(If you would like to join one of these lists or be removed from one of these lists, please contact the church office.)

From Your Lead Pastor,



Want to See Amazing Things?

Unfortunately many Christians go through life without really seeing God do amazing things. In a recent video I was watching I heard the statement "If you want to feel the presence of God, do something that scares you". I had to admit that I think this statement is true. I would say that the period of time where I experienced God's presence most was moving to NY to plant a church; which was a very scary time. There were times where if God didn't come through, I wasn't sure what I was going to do.

This week I skimmed through the book of Acts and listed the times that God did something supernatural; healing someone, shaking a building, having angels release people from prison, etc... In almost every case when God does something supernatural, it is directly tied to the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This happens in chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19. Could it be that we are not seeing God's supernatural activity simply because we are not telling people about Jesus? When is the last time you told someone how to receive Jesus Christ as Savior...for most people, a very scary thing to do?

If we are not looking to do something that requires the real activity of God then it should not surprise us when we don't see the activity of God. I exhort you to consider doing something "scary" for God...ask Him to show you something to do...to lead you in a certain direction and see what happens. It might be that He delivers you from suffering. It might be that He answers a prayer. It might be that He.... I don't know what He'll do but I think it would be amazing!

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Do You Get All The News You Need?

Contact the church office to receive:

Church News

news@bvcob.com

Prayer Concerns

prayer@bvcob.com

Share Ads

share-ads@bvcob.com

The Importance of Discipleship

I'd like you to ask you a question: "How many disciples have you made?" Jesus very clearly commanded us to "Go and make disciples", however, it has been my own personal experience and my experience in the church that very few people have really "made a disciple". Very few people have intentionally invested time in their lives to seeing even one person receive Jesus Christ as Savior and staying with that person for up to one year to help him or her become a disciple. Why is this so?

I think there are several reasons and we are going to look at some of those reasons in a **four week sermon series** starting September 13th. Here are the titles:

- September 13th: What is a disciple?
- September 20th: The Necessity of Submission and Love for the Disciple.
- September 27th: The Command to Make Disciples
- October 4th: The Heart of a Disciplemaker

I hope you'll join us either in person or online as we dive into discipleship with the goal of finding joy and fulfillment in **becoming and making disciples**.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

District Conference

Due to concerns about COVID-19, the Southern PA District Conference which was to be held at Buffalo Valley Church of the Brethren in September has been cancelled.



Let me remind you that this is God's universe and He is doing things His way. You may think you have a better way, but you don't have a universe to rule.

J. Vernon McGee



Please Bring Metal!



Are your soda cans piling up? Have you been cleaning out and find that you have metal items that no longer work or are of no use? Well...The Mission Ministry Team has a solution for you!

Bring your aluminum cans and any metal that you have, even appliances, piping, old metal ladders, car parts and even old tools can all be recycled.

There is a trailer by the shed where you can place your items. If you have any questions, please talk to Jake Myer.

Help support Operation Christmas Child by bringing in these items. The money from the recycling helps pay for shipping the shoeboxes.

Vicki Bastian for Mission Ministry Team

HOPING TO SEE IN 2020!



- October 4 – LOVE FEAST
- October 18 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
- October 23 & 24 – Children's Retreat
- October 23 – 25 – Fall Youth Retreat

- November 1 – Fall Church Council Meeting
- November 12 – Freebirds Sight & Sound Trip
- November 25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service
- November 28 – Kettle Cook

- December 24 – Christmas Eve Services



CHURCH CALENDAR

Please remember that the calendar in The Lamplighter is only a copy from the church events calendar. For the complete view of the current official calendar including facility in use items visit the church website, www.bvcob.com.

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8:00 AM - Worship Service
9:00 AM - Fellowship Time
9:20 AM - Sunday school
10:30 AM - Worship Service