



Interested in Baptism?

We are planning to have a baptism service in the pond during our church picnic on **Sunday, July 31st**.

If you are interested in being baptized or have some questions you'd like to have answered, please contact one of the pastors. We would welcome the chance to speak with you about this very important step of obedience to Christ.

If you have children or youth who are interested, please contact Pastor Donita and Pastor K. as they can set up appointments with your children.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Come Fellowship & Celebrate

The **All-Church Picnic & Baptism** is scheduled for **Sunday, July 31**, from **12 - 4 pm**. The event will be held at the Keister's farm and pond.

The church will be providing roasted pig, paper products, beverages and the ice cream machine. You can bring a covered dish and dessert to share and feel free to bring your bathing suits and fishing gear.

There is a sign up in the Main Entry, if you can join us. Hope to see you there!

Holly Lehman
Special Events Coordinator



Flawed?

Summer Quarter Sunday School: How Can We Be Fully Faithful When We're Fully Flawed?

The Adult Sunday School Summer Session is in full swing. Please join us even if you missed a week or two!

We will be continuing to talk about topics surrounding the question "How can we be fully faithful when we're fully flawed?"

Each week there will be a different guiding question, as well as a different facilitator. We will tackle timely questions such as:

- What do I do when God's people are enemies of each other?
- What is God's role in war and politics?
- David was a liar, adulterer, and murderer...so why is he a hero of our faith?
- What does God want my legacy to be?

These studies from 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, and Psalms are intended to be **relational** by helping us build Christian friendships. **Experiential** activities and discussions will increase our learning. Finally, these studies are **applicable**, equipping us to be doers of God's Word, not just hearers.

Discussions will be held in the Main Gathering Area. No sign-ups are necessary.

Please join us for conversations that will help us grow in our faith.

Stacy Reitenbach
and the Adult Sunday School Team

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.



James 3: 13



Camp Eder Corner

Last call for summer camps! Remember our church pays a large portion of tuition for our campers! Camp Eder camps are for Elementary children through, and including High School youth.

Register online at campeder.org. If you are a regular attender here at Buffalo Valley COB, \$280 of your tuition will be paid by the church! There are also scholarships.

Please note that Pastor K will be the Camp Pastor for Week # 5. He'd love to have you join him that week! We have at least 10 BVCOB campers already registered for basic and specialty camps. Check out the sign in the main entry for carpool purposes.

Any questions, contact **Fay Richard**, BVCOB Camp Rep at 570-716-2442

Westernport...Here We Come!



We continue to prepare for our week in Westernport, MD from **July 9 - 15**. We will be ministering to the children through a Day Camp, where they will learn about Jesus with **Bible story** time with Pastor Eric, have interactive time with Linda Miller at the **Imagination Station**, **Craft time** led by Stacy Mast, have their **hungry bellies fed** by the kitchen crew, spend **time with the shepherds** and be **loved** by all the team.

What a blessing to be a part of a team that is willing to serve and love the little ones that are hungry in so many ways. Please take time to pray for the 27 people on this team as we serve and reach out in Westernport.

Vicki Bastian, Team Leader



Hey Church Family

Have you checked out the link www.bvcob.com/occ recently? If you have, then you know that we no longer need bandanas, and we only need 7 more matchbox cars! But there are still many, many items to fill our boxes. There are fun things like **Silly Putty** (5Below has them for \$1), **Tennis Balls** (bulk order from Amazon), **Playdoh** (Walmart), **Sticker Packs** (Dollar Tree), **Marbles Pouches** (Dollar Tree), **Hackey Sacks** (Amazon or Oriental Trading Company), **Jump Ropes** (Walmart), and **Adult Playing Cards** ("two-fer" packs at Dollar Tree).

And as always, cash donations are great! Please earmark your money envelope "OCC" and place it in one of the black boxes in the back of the sanctuary, and the Operation Christmas Child (OCC) committee will do the shopping for you.

Happy Shopping and thanks for your participation!

Cowell Gemberling for OCC Project



Did you buy your gift cards?

GOD'S SEMINARY

Whatever you are right now, God is giving you experiences that are training you for future service. It may be over a long period of time or only a few minutes, but He equips us with whatever we need to serve Him.

Think of your circumstances today as God's seminary.

Major Ian Thomas

From Your Lead Pastor,



The Invitation is Mostly About Being With Jesus

What is most important to you regarding an invitation? Is the event or activity the most important or is the person or persons that are going to be with you more important? I think this would change for us depending on the event and/or the company with us. At times, the event might be so special that you would not care if you went by yourself. At other times, what is really important to you is the company you are with...the event doesn't really matter.

I hope that one thing you have seen in these invitations of Jesus is that Jesus is inviting the people to be with Him. In the first invitation to be "fishers of men" Jesus is inviting these men to be fishers with Him. Jesus is not sending these men out to fish without Him. In the second invitation to come to Jesus to find rest, the focus is not simply on the rest, but the "coming to Jesus" part. The key is being yoked to Jesus. The third invitation is to Peter to take a walk on the water. But the important thing is not to simply walk on the water...as amazing as that would be. Rather, Jesus asks Peter to come to Him while walking on the water.

We simply cannot miss the importance of this. For the follower of Jesus, the event that we are invited to might be amazing. We might be invited to experience a supernatural healing. We might be invited to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit in an emotional and powerful way. We might be invited to come alongside someone and meet their needs in a supernatural way. I could go on.

Most of the time the life of the follower of Jesus is not filled with miraculous or special events. It's just not like that. I don't think it was like that for the disciples either. Sure, there were amazing moments but there were more mundane moments of walking and sleeping and chopping wood.

However, in all those mundane moments, Jesus was present. This is the real important part of the invitation. The most important part of the invitation, as amazing as it may be at times, is not the event. The most important part of the invitation is the invitation to be with Jesus.

In actuality, this is the way it should be. If the invitation were more about the event, we would

clamor for a more and more intense and emotional event. Like an addict who needs more of his substance to get high, we would feel the need to move from one experience to a more amazing experience...feeding 5,000 one time would be great but next time it has to be 10,000!

Jesus invites you to be with Him. Jesus invites you to be with Him. Jesus invites you to be with Him. Do you get the point? I cannot stress this enough. Please spend time with Jesus. Please get alone with Him. It might be awkward at first. It might seem boring at first but if you stick with it, you will be enraptured by His presence. Take Him up on His invitation!

God Bless, Pastor Eric



Giving Hope & Encouragement

Thank you to all those who donated socks for Dwell Orphan Care. Because of your generosity, we were able to give 533 pairs of socks that will be used by children in the Foster Care System.

These donations have now become part of the recently opened Columbia County Hope Chest Foster Closet that will be shared with families and children in the county. Socks as well as other clothing items will be given to children as they enter into Foster Care or move on to a different placement. The Foster Closet is a great way to not only tangibly help children and families, but also to provide dignity in difficult situations.

Please continue to lift Dwell up in prayer and look for more opportunities to serve and give in the future.

Alicia Showers



What is your attitude?

If giving is merely to a church, a ministry, or a needy person, it is only charity. But if it is to the Lord, it becomes an act of worship.

Larry Burkett

A "Psummer" of Psalms

We will continue the Invitations to/of a Lifetime series until July 10th. After that we will begin a "pseries" of messages focused on the psalms.

Each week we will look at a psalm and attempt to find the "psignificance" of how the psalm applies to our lives. In the psalms we have more of an inside look at the thoughts and feelings of the writer.

It is our hope that you will "psee" yourself and be able to hear the Holy Spirit's leading in your life.



God Bless,
Pastor Eric

Men's Ministry

Backyard Bash & Quoit Pitch

Saturday, August 6th

4:00 – 8:00 pm

Steve & Fay Richard's House

More Information & Sign-Ups to follow in July.

See Men's Ministry Board for Details.

Solid Rock International

Please remember to keep Jason and Nicole Hoover and family in your prayers as they serve with Solid Rock in the Dominican Republic.

Vicki Bastian
Mission Ministry Team Leader



"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works."

~Ephesians 2:8-9

Summer Day Camp Continues

Dates: June 15th through July 20th
(Wednesdays)

Time: Pre-K 9 am to 12 Noon
K - 5th grade 9 am to 4 pm

We are excited to offer this event to the public again. Preregister your child @ <https://bvcob.com/camp-sign-up/>

All children are welcome to attend. Please fill out a helping hand on the Children's Ministry table if you can help at any point during the summer.



Fireside Friday's

This event is outdoor at the Keister pond.
Everyone is welcome.

Bring your favorite ingredients to share in the fun of mountain pie making. There will be hotdogs, smorgasbord for mountain pie making, smores to roast on the fire along with refreshments and snacks. Activities will include yard games, bounce house, fishing. We hope to see you there.

Dates: **June 24th, July 29th & August 26th**
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Angela Zimmerman for Children's 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@bvcob.com) is used to share **prayer concerns and updates**.

News List (news@bvcob.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@bvcob.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@bvcob.com.

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



Time to Clean Out!



Bring all your metal to the open trailer, including aluminum cans for recycling. **The price of recycling cans is currently up!** If you have any questions about any items, please talk with Jake Myer.

Don't forget to "Feed the Bin"! Bring your gently used clothing and shoes and place the bagged items in the bin.

Thank you for supporting the bin and recycling! The money received helps pay the shipping costs of our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Vicki Bastian, for Mission Ministry Team

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2022

July 31 – Church Picnic/Baptism



August 6 – Men's Backyard Bash

September 16 – 17 – District Conference

October 2 – Love Feast

November 6 – Church Council Meeting

November 26 – 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