

Your Voice Is Important

Please plan to attend the **Fall Council Meeting** on **November 1st** following worship at 12 pm.

On this year's agenda:

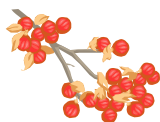
- The 2027 proposed budget
- A recommendation to sell the parsonage.

Since the last council meeting we have worked to gather more information for you to consider in regard to the parsonage. Please take a moment to view the site map in the main entry that shows our current property and what we are proposing to sell. We also have information about what the property may be worth, the commission to sell it, an independent estimate of what it would cost to improve the house, as well as the cost to have it surveyed. We have also made an appeal for anyone in our faith community who may be interested in using it for a ministry to step forward with a proposal. To date no one has come forth. We are also meeting with Limestone Township to make sure there are not any legal barriers to our proposal.

At our last meeting we agreed that any decisions would require an eighty percent approval and that will remain in force.

Our desire is to reach consensus on what is best with regards to the parsonage. We appreciate your input and pray we can listen well to one another.

Brian Keister,
Ministries Coordinating Team Chairperson



Dominican Republic Mission Trip

We are planning to head back to Los Toros and LaMayita to serve with the Los Toros Church of the Brethren's efforts to serve a poor church planting/school effort in LaMayita.

We will leave on **Saturday, January 23rd** and return on **Saturday, January 30th**. The cost for each participant is \$500 which covers the room and board and other expenses while we are there. The recommendation again this year will be for \$30,000 as part of our mission budget. I can vouch personally that this is money well spent and that we are making a difference by our continued support of the Los Toros Church of the Brethren.

The group is starting to come together, but we still have room for you! If you are interested in being a part of this group, please see Pastor Eric or contact Kurt Ilgen, our Mission Ministry Team leader.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



New Church Email

Please update your church directory and contact lists with **bvbfoffice@gmail.com**



In honor of **Adoption Awareness Month**, during November we are **collecting** Christmas gifts for Dwell's Hope Chest Foster Closet to support local foster and adopted children.



We are collecting **basketballs** and **jewelry bead kits**. Please bring items to the Dwell bin in the Main Entry from November 1 – 22. If you have any questions, please see Alicia Showers.



Remember the New Name

Remember we are now **Buffalo Valley Brethren Fellowship**. Please write all checks to Buffalo Valley Brethren Fellowship or BVBF.



Wednesdays
October 7 – November 18

Meal served: 5:30 - 6:15 pm
Buffet-Style Meal
\$6/person \$20/family



We will be looking for volunteers to help prepare the soup on Friday, November 27th and to make and serve the soup on **November 28th**. Please sign up on the Men's Ministry board.

We are also trying something different this year and looking for donations to help offset the cost of the soup ingredients. An email with a sign-up will be sent out with specifics about what ingredients we need and where they need to be purchased.

Thank you for your help in making this a great event! If you have any questions, please contact Kurt Ilgen or Zach Showers.

Zach Showers for Men's Ministry



CHURCH CALENDAR

For the complete view of the current official calendar including facility in use items visit the church website, www.bvcob.com.



Firm Foundation Sermon Series

We are continuing in our sermon series titled, "Firm Foundations". I am using a workbook that I studied through many years ago by the same title. This material is used by Ethnos 360 missionaries as they begin to teach the Bible to people who have never heard about Jesus. The sermon series will last approximately one year and will go from Genesis through the ascension of Jesus. If you engage with this material through the sermons, email sermon group or Facebook sermon group you will have a comprehensive grasp on important aspects of the Christian faith.

This series is designed to encourage and build up new Christians and more mature people as well. Here are the topics for the next few weeks:

October 25 th	Jesus' First Sermon
November 1 st	Born Again
November 8 th	John 3:16
November 15 th	Why Miracles? Mark 2
November 22 nd	Jesus calmed storm
November 29 th	Feeding of 5,000
December 6 th	Jesus casting out demons

Don't forget to engage with the sermon group on Facebook or via email to get more out of the time we are spending together on Sunday mornings.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, November 1

11:00 am - Potluck Brunch

12:00 pm - Church Council Meeting





Youth News

Upcoming Events for Youth

October 25 - Youth 5 – 7 pm (shopping to fill
Operation Christmas Child boxes)
November 1 - TBD
November 8 - Youth Bonfire/cookout 5 – 7 pm
or Corn Maze
November 15 - Planning Meeting
November 22 - Youth 5 – 7 pm
November 29 - TBD
December 6 - Knoebels Drive-thru light show
(Leave church around 4:30 pm?)
December 13 - Planning Meeting
December 20 - Christmas Party 5 – 7 pm
January 1 & 2 (Fri-Sat) - Lock-In 8 pm – 8 am

Reminder: All upcoming events and details can be found on the **Band app**. If you need an invitation to the app or have any questions, please contact any one of the youth leaders.

Taco & Talent Night

On October 11, our youth had the opportunity to share their many talents while everyone enjoyed a delicious taco dinner. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our youth and make the evening a success! We even had a special guest appearance from **Pastor Eric**, who treated us to a lovely song. (*He may even sing it for you if you ask!*)

Looking Ahead

As we get closer to the end of the year, our youth are beginning to plan what will be one of our biggest events of the year—the **Youth Lock-In!**

The lock-in is a fun overnight event where we try to stay awake all night while enjoying games, activities, food, fellowship, and plenty of time together as a youth group. Youth are encouraged to invite friends as well!

Between now and then, be sure to check the **Band app** for details about our other upcoming fall activities, including the **bonfire/corn maze** and our **Knoebels Drive-Thru Light Show** in December.

Thank you again to everyone who continues to support, encourage, and pray for our youth ministry. We are grateful for our church family and all that you do to help make these opportunities possible!

Brent Ulrich

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Team Leader

Missions Ministry Spotlight

Do you know that it is estimated that over 3 billion people on our planet have little to no access to a church community and as far as we know, have no access to God's written word? It may be that through the internet and supernatural means that God can reveal Himself and His word to these people but as best we can tell, they have little to no access. What can we do? We are told to go into all the world and preach the gospel. It's not likely that any of us will go to Nepal or Afghanistan or North Korea. Also, statistics indicate that a tiny fraction of money and personnel from the Church universal goes to these kinds of places.

We support a ministry named **Radical** which works with people in these hard-to-reach places. For 2027, the Mission Ministry Team is recommending we support a ministry called **Help the Persecuted** which does a similar thing. Both ministries resource and encourage pastors and Christian leaders who are in these hard-to-reach places. I encourage you to pray for people in these spaces. Pray that God would support and encourage those who often give up much of what this world has to offer if they choose to follow Jesus.

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



Your God is able! He is able to keep you, bless you, use you, and care for all you entrust to Him. The impact we make on the world doesn't depend on our ability, but on His.

David Jeremiah

From Your Lead Pastor,



Was It God or Was It Coincidence?

Some of you remember the old commercial for Memorex cassette tapes...yes, I know that cassette tapes are a thing of the past but the tag line for the commercial was "Is it Live or Is it Memorex?" The commercial postulated that the Memorex tapes had such high quality that one couldn't tell whether one was listening to a live performance or one that was recorded on a cassette tape.

Today I had to catch a plane from Harrisburg that departed at 6 am. I left my house at 3:15 am and arrived at the parking lot about 4:45 am. The shuttle from long term parking to the terminal was slower than normal. When I got to the TSA security line it was significantly longer than I expected. I had about 30 minutes before my plane was going to shut the door. The line moved slowly...very slowly. I heard my name announced over the PA system to get to my gate because the plane was soon leaving. I was still in line. When I got to the front of the line I had less than five minutes before the plane door would be shut. There were still several people in front of me with their luggage and I resigned myself that I might not make it.

Then the woman who was handling the TSA Precheck line motioned me to come to her. She put me through and there was no one in line for the luggage scan. I went right through, ran to the gate and made it on the plane. Now, was it coincidence that when I got to the front of the line there were no people in the TSA Precheck line and I was ushered in quickly or was it God who graciously made it happen?

Of course, I don't know. But tonight, as I was reflecting on my experience I was reminded of how many times God is actively involved in my life and I have no idea. Yes, there are many times when I ask God questions like, "Why am I wasting time looking for my keys?" or "Why did I have that flat tire at that time?" I'm not suggesting that God always acts in ways that insulate us from inconvenience or even worse. But God's word is full of times when angels step into the lives of God's people or when God orchestrates a circumstance. We know that to be the case because we read it. Often, the person involved at the time doesn't know it. I still think that happens today. I encourage you to be thankful when things like this happen. Be thankful when you get the parking space you need when it's raining. Be

thankful when your phone falls out of your pocket and you notice before you run over it with the lawnmower. Be thankful when it appears that God has protected you. Maybe it was coincidence but maybe it was God?

God Bless,
Pastor Eric



The key to forgiving others is to stop focusing on **what they did to you** and start focusing on **what God did for you**.



Camp Eder Corner

Summer camps have been finished for several months now and even the Fall Fest for 2026 is history. But there are still some retreats being planned and Christmas tree fun too! I also want to remind you that Camp Eder has cabins, lodges, long huts and Tree of Peace (hotel-style), for you to enjoy. They also offer day rentals for groups.

Our extended Richard family recently had a wonderful weekend experience in the beautiful setting of Camp Eder. Steve had gone camping since he was a child and we both counseled camps there. Our extended family has precious memories of going there for several weekends quite a few years ago. At a local family get together this summer, we started plans to go again!

In September, our group stayed at "Tree of Peace" and God's creation surrounded us. The two youngest (4 and 6 years) bonded together quickly, playing inside and outside. A short wagon ride to the huge playground, walking through the woods and swinging on the rope swings were highlights for those young "second cousins". The teenagers (and a few parents) enjoyed hiking to the moose tree (yes, there is a tree that looks like a moose), and they played basketball and other games. Inside, we ate yummy food all weekend, hooked up the computer/tv to watch the PSU football game, enjoyed games and meaningful conversations. Steve and I walked the prayer path where we saw the dedication of a bench that was funded by our congregation's 2002 Bible School. Awesome times!

Perhaps you'd like to make new memories with your family, friends, or youth group; check out the facilities at www.Campeder.org.

Any questions, contact Fay Richard,
BVBF Church Camp Rep at 570-716-2442



Outside Our Walls



The Mission Ministry Team would like to say THANK YOU! November is the month of Thanksgiving and we're reminded to give thanks in all things. Your continued support for missions is truly a blessing that we're grateful for.

Our Operation Christmas Child project will be coming to fruition and the boxes on their way to the Samaritan's Purse distribution center and eventually into the hands of a needy child. It's such a blessing to be able to share the Gospel with kids all around the world! Thank you Kelsey for coordinating all of the moving parts and thanks to all who have given.

Local mission opportunity~Annual Kettle Cook! Please come out for some soup...this event will be here soon, so jump aboard and grab some soup. Thanks for supporting local missions too! Thank you Jesus for being our example and Savior.

And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:20

For the Master,

Kurt Illgen, Mission Ministry Team Leader



The **Buggytown Work Camp** taking place **July 18 - 24, 2027** is accepting applications for free home repair for anyone who is elderly, a veteran, low income or disabled.

Information letters and applications are available at the welcome center.

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8:30 AM - Sunday school
9:45 AM - Worship Service