



**"A Bible-Based
Brethren Church
in the
21st Century"**

**Annual Meeting and
Worship Conference
of the
Covenant Brethren Church**

*Antioch Church
Woodstock, Virginia*

October 23-24, 2020

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Friday Evening Worship

Registration opens 4 p.m.

Worship 6 p.m.

Fellowship Time

Gathering music "Antioch Worship Experience, AWE"

Welcome and Opening Remarks George Bowers/
Grover Duling

Opening Hymns Kevin Staggs

Opening Devotion Larry Dentler/Prayer Committee

Special Music Katelyn Bernard

Introduction of Speaker Scott Kinnick

Message William Wenger

"To Be a Bible-Based Brethren Church in the 21st Century"

Contemporary Hymn selections Kevin Staggs

Comments/Offering Jim Myer

Special Music "Antioch Worship Experience"

Closing Hymn Kevin Staggs

Closing remarks Grover Duling

Benediction Craig Myers

Fellowship time

Covenant Brethren Church
First Annual Meeting
Saturday Morning, 9 a.m.

Registration 8 a.m.

Gathering Music "Antioch Worship Experience, AWE"

Welcome and opening remarks George Bowers/
Grover Duling

Time for prayer Prayer Committee – Larry Dentler/
Roy McVey/Fred Roy

Congregational Singing Kevin Staggs

History of the CBC organization process ... Craig Myers/
Jim Nolt

Opening of Business Session Executive Board

Reports from sub-committees

Editorial Committee Eric Brubaker/Roger Myers

Legal Committee Craig Myers/Jim Nolt

Leadership Structure Scott Kinnick/Craig Howard

Missions Committee..... Grover Duling

Process for becoming a part of CBC Craig Myers/Jim Nolt

Question and Answer Time Jim Myer

Election of New Board Members.....Grover Duling

Offering Fred Shank/Jim Myer

Congregational Singing Kevin Staggs

Prayer for the Meal Roy McVey

Lunch and Fellowship 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Covenant Brethren Church
First Annual Meeting
Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 p.m.

Gathering Music "Antioch Worship Experience, AWE"

CBC Minister's Training Program Craig Myers

Congregational Singing Kevin Staggs

ORDER OF THE DAY, 2:10 p.m.

Brethren Benefit Trust presentation Nevin Dulabaum
& Lynnae Rodeffer (via Zoom)

Introduction of New CBC Ministers and Churches ...
Grover Duling/Scott Kinnick

Missions Presentation Grover Duling/Fred Roy

Vote on CBC Official Launch Date, closing remarks ...
Jim Myer

Consecration of new CBC Board members, new CBC
pastors and Churches Larry Dentler

Doxology/congregation (acapella) Kevin Staggs

2020 Nominees for New Members of the Executive Board



George Bowers

George Bowers gave his life to Jesus at Valley Pike Church of the Brethren in the 1970s and was licensed to the ministry there in the 1980s. He taught Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Leadership for 17 years and served as Pastor at Antioch bi-vocationally for seven years before moving to full time ministry in 2003. He is currently in his 25th year of ministry at Antioch. He has served as Moderator of the Shenandoah District, on Standing Committee, and Chair of Nominating

Committee. He has taught for the Christian Growth Institute and written for *A Guide For Biblical Studies*. He was a founder and is current President of Family Promise of Shenandoah County homeless ministry. He enjoys hunting, creating poetry and writes columns for three newspapers and has published several books. He and his wife Nancy have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.



Stafford Frederick

Stafford Frederick is a retired pastor and a member of Summerdean COB. He was Pastor at the Olathe Church of the Brethren 1987-2000; and at the Summerdean Church of the Brethren (Virlina District) 2000 - 2017. He served on the General Board COB; and on the Standing Committee of the COB. He is married to Linda, a retired registered nurse, and they have a daughter, Dawn Allen and her spouse Ashton and two grandsons.



Jim Nolt

Jim Nolt is a member of the Chiques Church in Manheim, PA where he has served as a deacon since 2003. Jim is married to Missie for 29 years and they have three grown children. Jim has also served on the ANE District Board and served as Chair of the Witness & Outreach Committee. Jim currently serves on the Legal Team for the Covenant Brethren Church.



Roger K. Myers

Roger was born in Hagerstown, MD to believing parents who were members of an Evangelical United Brethren (later United Methodist) Church in his early years. He was saved at the age of 8 during a Vacation Bible School held at a Baptist Church near his home. He graduated from Williamsport High School and studied Music Education during his college years. Upon graduation from Shepherd College he taught music and science at

Grace Academy in Hagerstown and also served as the Minister of Music at the Hagerstown Grace Brethren Church. It was then he began to sense God's call to ministry. He enrolled in Grace Theological Seminary in 1985 and graduated in 1989. During his seminary years he was called as the pastor of Millwood Chapel, a non-denominational rural congregation in Etna Green, IN. Upon graduation from Grace Seminary he was called as the pastor of the Waynesboro Grace Brethren Church and served there for 17 years. In 2006 he was called to minister at the Vicksburg Grace Brethren Church in Hollidaysburg, PA and served for 6 years. In 2013 he was called as the pastor of Brandts Church of the Brethren in St. Thomas, PA.

Roger has served two terms on the Southern Pennsylvania District Board and on the District Ministry Commission. During his ministry in the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches he served as the Chair of the District Missions Committee, was a member of the District Examining Board, and served as District Moderator from 2005-2006. Roger serves on the Editorial Team for the Covenant Brethren Church.

Roger and his wife, Lou Ann, have been married for 39 years. Roger and Lou Ann have one son, Caleb, who died in infancy. They are very thankful to the Lord for His faithfulness, mercy, grace, and provision for them throughout the years. They are excited to discover what the Lord will do in their lives and in His church in the years ahead.



John Swonger

John Swonger was born and raised in York County, PA. He lived in a small farming community just outside of New Freedom for 22 years. He accepted Christ as my Savior at the age of 13 and was baptized at the Glen Rock Church of Christ. He moved to Johnson City, TN, in July of 1990, where he attended Hawthorne Church of the Brethren. In 1991 he married my wife Ruth. They have two daughters Katie and Maggie, two wonderful sons-in-law and a precious new grandson. He has been a Tool & Die Maker for 32 years and own a small manufacturing business in

Greeneville, TN. They are very active at Hawthorne, where he is an ordained deacon and church moderator. Their church is their family, and they are very blessed to have worshiped there for over 30 years. The only change is the name, to Hawthorne Covenant Brethren Church. They still worship and serve the same God and believe the Bible is the "Authoritative Word of God." They hold true to Brethren values and teachings. He is very grateful and blessed to have been able to serve on the Legal Team for the CBC, and have had the opportunity to serve with brothers who want only to serve God. "I am a stronger person and have learned to love these individuals like a brother, because they are my Brothers in Christ. I am currently working with churches in the Southern Region that have voted to leave the COB and want to

transition to the Covenant Brethren Church. I want to continue to see the Covenant Brethren Church grow and hold true to the Scriptures and Brethren values. I attended the original Chambersburg meeting and have been a part of the “movement” ever since. My strength and guidance are in God the Father, and his Word. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me." Without Christ and His death on the cross all of this would be in vain."

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Your Executive Board of the Covenant Brethren Church extends its thanks to the Antioch Church for its gracious hosting and provision for our needs this weekend, and to all who assisted us in any way to hold this first Annual Meeting and Worship Conference.

*Grover Duling
James F. Myer
Eric Brubaker*

*Scott Kinnick
Larry Dentler
Craig Alan Myers*