

*5th Annual
Meeting and Worship Conference*



**COVENANT
BRETHREN
CHURCH**

July 17 - 19, 2025

Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, North Carolina



Bearing Fruit for Jesus

John 15:1-17

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COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH COMMITTEES

ADULT AND YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Purposes:

- Work to develop and maintain a viable youth camping program
- Work to develop youth conferences
- Develop men's and women's fellowship programs
- Work to promote youth and children's ministries

Members: Mark Seese (2025-1) - Ruth Swonger (2026-1)
Craig Howard (2028-2)

ANNUAL MEETING AND WORSHIP CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose:

- Plan and execute the CBC Annual Meeting and Worship Conference

Members: - Grover Duling (2025-1) - Leon Alt (2026-1)
Jackie Edwards (2026-1) - Randy and Christy Cosner (2027-1)
Roy McVey (2027-1) - Matt Bernard (2028-2)

CHURCH PLANTING AND EVANGELISM

Purposes:

- Encourage the development of new Covenant Brethren Churches and to be a supportive resource for those churches and individuals contemplating outreach through creation of new local congregations.
- Help to revitalize existing congregations that need help, and to work to grow the Kingdom of God. All with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Members: Scott Kinnick (2027-1) - Mark Jones (2028-1)
Karen Grossnickle (2026-1) - Darren Howdyshell (2025-1)
Jeff Wray (2028-1)

EDITORIAL

Purposes:

- Develop the CBC Statement of Faith
- Called to service as needed

Members: Mike Rath (2025-1) - Roger Myers (2028-2)

COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH COMMITTEES

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Purposes:

- Consider churches for covenant agreement
- Provide accountability for all ministers and congregations
- Consider potential candidates for license/ordination

Members: Craig Alan Myers (2027-1) - Mike Rath (2027-1)
Larry Dentler (2028-2) - Musa Mambula (2025-1)
Roy McVey (2026-1)

MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Purposes:

- Develop a ministerial training program
- Manage the delivery of training courses
- Work to develop CEU opportunities including scheduled ethics training for pastors and churches
- Assign mentors for pastors-in-training

Members: Craig Alan Myers (2028-1) – Roger Myers (2027-1)
Musa Mambula (2026-1) - Mark Jones (2025-1)

MISSIONS, OUTREACH, DISASTER AND SUPPORT

Purposes:

- Develop a viable missions and outreach program working in conjunction with existing agencies as much as possible
- Develop a disaster support program working with existing agencies as much as possible

Members: Grover Duling (2025-1) – Stafford Frederick (2027-1)
Mark Jones (2027-1) – John Collins (2028-2)
Scott Kinnick (2026-1) - Dwayne Heck (2026-1)

POLICY AND POLITY-LEGAL

Purposes:

- Work to make sure CBC is in line with all necessary legal requirements
- Continue to work with 501c3 process
- Provide legal guidance for churches

Members: Craig Alan Myers (2026-1) - Jim Nolt (2025-1)
Carl Brubaker (2028-1)

COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH COMMITTEES

PRAYER

Purposes:

- Develop and publish monthly prayer topics to be distributed through our CBC website, Facebook page, and the Mailchimp listings
- Be available to lead devotions and prayer at all CBC meetings

Members: George Bowers (2028-2) – Roy McVey (2026-1)
Larry Dentler (2025-1) - Nancy Bowers (2025-1)
Suzanne Clarke (2027-1) – Darrell Barr (2028-2)

PUBLIC RELATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, NEWS ARTICLES

Purpose:

- Develop publications to promote CBC
 - write news articles for the website and Facebook page
 - develop an online CBC news page

Members: Craig Howard (2026-1) – Matt Bernard (2028-2)
Camille Howard (2027-1) - Stafford Frederick (2025-1)

STEWARDSHIP

Purposes:

- Write and develop a yearly budget for affirmation at the CBC Annual Meeting and Worship Conference
- Work with the publications committee for fund raising
- Budget for the technology needs at CBC headquarters
- Develop a communication and awareness plan of the financial needs for CBC

Members: Grover Duling (2028-2) – Jim Myer (2026-1)
Carl L. Brubaker (treasurer) (2027-1 - Fred Shank (2028-2)

STRUCTURE AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Purposes:

- Work with the ongoing needs to enhance the CBC structure
- Work to support new regions of CBC churches

Members: Scott Kinnick (2026-1) – Craig Howard (2025-1)
George Bowers (2028-2) - Musa Mambula (2027-1)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

- Jim Barr** Break-Out Session Presenter: “*Sexually Faithful Church*” - Director of Ministry Partnerships for “*Harvest USA*”
- Matt Bernard**Media/Sound Coordinator
Program, Planning & Arrangements, Oak Dale CBC, WV, CA Region
- Mike Bernard** Friday Morning – Order of the Day/Prayer
Pastor - Hazelton, Shady Grove & Clifton Mills CBCs, CA Region
- George Bowers** Break-Out Session Presenter: Bible Study
Secretary, CBC Executive Board, Pastor - Antioch CBC, BR Region
- Nancy Bowers** Friday Afternoon “Let Us Pray”
CBC Prayer Committee, Antioch CBC, BR Region
- Joe Brown** Timekeeper
Pastor – Faith CBC, Region 3
- Paul Brubaker** Presenter: “Ethics Training”
Author/Writer “*The Bread Basket*” BRF Witness - Middle Creek Church
- Christy Cosner** Pianist
Oak Dale & Brick CBCs, CBC Administrative Assistant, CA Region
- Henry Elsea**Friday Afternoon Devotion Leader
Pastor - Barren Ridge CBC, BR Region
- One Family** Worship & Praise Team
Joe & Brandy Wingfield, Matt & Holly Layman, Kendal Layman
- Bruce Jacobsen**Saturday Morning – Order of the Day/Prayer
Pastor – Mt. Pleasant CBC, Region 3
- Ann Jones**Head Teller
Saint Luke CBC, BR Region Board Member
- Roger Myers** Friday Morning Devotion Leader
Pastor - Brandts CBC, Susquehanna Region
- Tom Nelson** Head Usher
Collinsville CBC, BR Region
- Craig Scruggs** Saturday Morning Devotion Leader
Pastor - Melvin Hill CBC, Southern Region
- Lee Smith** Break-Out Session Presenter: “*Why Teach A Church Membership Class*” Pastor - Mt Joy CBC, Region 3
- Brandy Wingfield** Chorister
Barren Ridge CBC, BR Region

THURSDAY WORSHIP SPEAKER

Will Graham

BILLY GRAHAM EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

William Franklin Graham IV

Executive Vice President and Evangelist

William Franklin Graham IV (Will) is the third generation of Grahams to proclaim the Gospel under the banner of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The grandson of Billy Graham and the oldest son of Franklin Graham, Will has shared the hope of Jesus with more than one million people across six continents since beginning his evangelistic ministry in 2006.

“I’m not trying to be the next Billy Graham; I’m just Will Graham,” says the ordained minister. “I have a burden in my heart to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If that’s to an arena full of people or one person on the street, I will do whatever God is calling me to do.”

In addition to his evangelistic outreaches, Will serves as Executive Vice President of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, giving leadership to all aspects of the organization that his grandfather founded in 1950.

In 2018, Will portrayed his grandfather in the Universal Studios biopic *Unbroken: Path to Redemption* (about Olympian and World War II hero Louis Zamperini). Also in 2018, Will’s first book – a devotional titled *Redeemed: Devotions for a Longing Soul* – was published by Thomas Nelson, featuring stories centered on the life-changing power of a relationship with God. A DVD Bible study curriculum (and accompanying book) based on *Redeemed* was released in May 2019.

Will graduated from Liberty University in 1997 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Religion and in 2001 graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree.

Will and his wife, Kendra, have two daughters, Christine Jane (CJ) and Rachel Austin, and a son, William Franklin Graham V (Quinn).



FRIDAY WORSHIP SPEAKER

Craig Alan Myers



Craig Alan Myers, of Churubusco, Indiana, has been pastor of the Blue River Covenant Brethren Church, Columbia City, Ind., since 1990.

A 1990 M.Div. graduate of Ashland Theological Seminary, he also holds a B.A. degree from The Pennsylvania State University, and did additional graduate work at West Virginia University. He was elected to the Gospel ministry in 1985 and ordained in 1991 at the Asher Glade Covenant Brethren Church, Friendsville, Maryland.

He is chairman of the Brethren Revival Fellowship and is assistant editor of its publication, the BRF Witness. He has served on the Executive Board of the Covenant Brethren Church since its genesis in 2019. He served in denominational and district leadership positions. He has written a commentary on Philippians, teaches at Brethren Bible Institute, and was a regular panel member/host of the TCT Television Network program, “Ask the Pastor.” He is president of the Whitley County, Indiana, Ministerial Association, and is a frequent revival and Bible conference speaker. He has been the Covenant Brethren Church representative on the Brethren Encyclopedia Board of Directors since 2022.

Myers is married to Laura, and they have four adult daughters, all of whom are active in the church.

COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH

Fifth Annual Meeting and Worship Conference

July 17-19, 2025

REGISTRATION OPENS.....12 p.m.

Pre-Conference (Break-out Sessions) Thursday afternoon

1. ***Ethics Training*.....1-4 p.m.**
Auditorium #2 - Presenter: Paul Brubaker
 Required for licensed and ordained ministers
 who have not had this training in the last five years.
2. **Bible Study - John 15:1-172-3 p.m.**
Victoria Ballroom - Presenter: George Bowers
 We will examine types of Jesus' fruit that believers and
 congregations can produce as well as how fruit production can be
 maximized through the church's roots, trunk, limbs, and leaves.
3. **Harvest - USA3-4 p.m.**
Victoria Ballroom - Presenter: Jim Barr
 The Sexually Faithful Church: What Does It Look Like
 and How Does It Help Its People?
4. **Why Teach A Church Membership Class..... 4-5 p.m.**
Victoria Ballroom - Presenter: Lee Smith
 Why should a church have membership classes? What importance do
 such classes have and how should you go about doing them? This ses-
 sion seeks to answer these questions. We shall review the new "Chris-
 tian Essentials Class" resources provided by the denomination.

Thursday Evening Worship

Gathering Music *"One Family"* **6:15 - 6:30 p.m.**
 Welcome & Opening Remarks..... *Grover Duling*
 Litany & Prayer *George Bowers*
 Hymn *Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner*
 Introduce Speaker *Grover Duling*
Speaker *Will Graham*
Message: A Message of Hope With Will Graham
 Hymn *Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner*
 Celebration Offering *Carl Brubaker*
(While offering is being received, One Family will sing)
 Closing Remarks *Grover Duling*
 Recognition of Lynne Rienstra
 Prayer *Stafford Frederick*

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Friday Morning Business Session

Fellowship Time *Coffee & Doughnuts*.....8 a.m.
Compliments of Brethren Mutual Aid Agency
Time of Fellowship with Friends & the Making of New Friends

Prayer Gathering *Led by Prayer Committee*8:30 a.m.
 Gathering Music.....*"One Family"*8:45 a.m.
 Welcome & Opening Remarks.... *Jeremy Dykes & Roy McVey*9 a.m.
 Opening Prayer*Jim Nolt*
 Congregational Singing *"One Family"*
 Devotion..... *Roger Myers*
 Opening of Business Session *Grover Duling*
 Regions' Covenant Circle *Bruce Jacobsen*
Order of the Day 9:45 a.m.
 Recognition of New Congregations and Pastors..... *Scott Kinnick*

REPORTS FROM CBC COMMITTEES

Mission, Outreach & Disaster Support..... *Dwayne Heck,*
Scott Kinnick & Grover Duling
 Report from our African Congregations

Break..... 10:25 a.m.
 Congregational Singing *"One Family"*
 Ministerial Leadership Committee*Craig Alan Myers*
Order of the Day Scripture, Hymn, Prayer 11 a.m.
Mike Bernard

Policy and Polity - Legal Committee.....*Jim Nolt & Craig Alan Myers*
 Stewardship Committee.....*Carl Brubaker & Grover Duling*
PRESENTATION OF 2026 BUDGET..... Grover Duling
 Structure & Regional Development Committee.....*George Bowers*
& Scott Kinnick

"CBC Anniversary Sunday" *George Bowers*
"Let Us Pray".....Roy McVey
LUNCH & FELLOWSHIPNoon - 1:30 p.m.

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Friday Afternoon Business Session

Gathering Music	<i>“One Family”</i>	1:15 p.m.
Devotion.....	<i>Henry Elsea</i>	
Hymn.....	<i>Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner</i>	
Order of the Day		1:45 p.m.
Election of Executive Board Members - <i>Grover Duling</i>		
Prayer Committee	<i>George Bowers</i>	
<i>“Sister-to-Sister”</i>		
Break		2:40 p.m.
Congregational Singing	<i>“One Family”</i>	
Order of the Day	Scripture, Hymn, Prayer	3:05 p.m.
<i>Dewayne Heck</i>		
Ministerial Training Committee	<i>Mark Jones</i>	
Public Relations, Publications, News Articles Committee		
<i>Craig Howard, Stafford Frederick</i>		
“Let Us Pray”	<i>Nancy Bowers</i>	
Executive Board.....	Time of Question & Answer.....	
Facilitator/ <i>Grover Duling</i>		
CBC - Looking Forward.....	<i>Craig Alan Myers</i>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS - <i>Roy McVey</i>		
DINNER & FELLOWSHIP		4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Brethren Revival Fellowship Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Gilford Ballroom D and E

Keynote Speaker: Bro. Carl Brubaker

An offering will be collected to benefit the work and ministry of the BRF

Friday Evening Worship

Gathering Music	<i>“One Family”</i>	6:30 p.m.
Welcome, Opening Remarks & Prayer.....	<i>John Swonger</i>	
Soloist	<i>Brandy Wingfield</i>	
Introduction of Speaker	<i>Grover Duling</i>	

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Speaker *Craig Alan Myers*
Message: "Fruit That Endures"
John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-23

Hymn.....*Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner*
Offering.....*Carl Brubaker*
(While offering is being received, "One Family" will sing)

Closing Remarks & Prayer..... *Scott Kinnick*

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Time of Fellowship with Friends and the Making of New Friends

Saturday Business Session

Fellowship Time *Coffee & Doughnuts by CBC*..... **8 a.m.**

Prayer Gathering *Led by Prayer Committee* **8:30 a.m.**

Gathering Music *"One Family"* **8:45 a.m.**

Welcome, Opening Remarks, Prayer.....*Grover Duling*..... **9 a.m.**

Devotion..... *Craig Scruggs*

Opening of Business Session.....*Grover Duling*
(Election results and tie-breaking vote if needed)

Adult and Youth Fellowship Activities Committee*Craig Howard*

Youth Presentation *CBC Youth*

Break..... **10:15 a.m.**

Congregational Singing..... *"One Family"*

Church Planting & Evangelism Committee..... *Mark Jones*

Order of the Day Scripture, Hymn, Prayer **10:50 a.m.**
Bruce Jacobsen

Program Planning & Arrangements Committee.....*Roy McVey*

A Time of Sharing from the Conference Body...*Jim Nolt, facilitator*
"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
- Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

Congregational Singing..... *"One Family"*

Closing Remarks and Adjournment.....*Grover Duling*

Sending Prayer..... *Stafford Frederick*

CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

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www.ederfinancial.org

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— *Jim Barr, Director of Ministry Partnerships & Stewardship*
715 Twining Road, Ste 200; Dresher, PA 19025
215-482-0111

www.harvestusa.org

KIRKLAND IMAGE

— *Sharon Hollar & Jennifer Kirkland*
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LIFEWISE ACADEMY

— *Staffing to be announced*

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LifeWise Academy, PO Box 1179. Hilliard, OH 43026

lifewise.org

SAMARITAN'S PURSE MINISTRIES

— *Lynn Rienstra, South and Mid-Atlantic Regional Director*
— *Brian Gresham, Senior Region Director of Church Engagements*
— *John Kim, Church Engagement Team*

www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/crisis-and-disaster-response/

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Calvary CBC, Winchester, VA

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COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH

2026 Board Approved Budget

INCOME		
Donations - General Fund	\$ 209,000	
Annual Meeting-Registrations	\$ 30,000	
Background Checks/Ministry Training Fees	\$ 3,500	
Interest/Investment Income	\$ 5,000	
INCOME TOTAL		\$ 247,500
MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT Expenses		
Mission tithes to Mission Fund (10% GF donations)	\$ 20,900	
Missions, Outreach, Evangelism (to supplement missions as needed)	\$ 15,000	
Church Planting	\$ 30,000	
International Travel	\$ 25,000	
Domestic Travel (Bd members mileage/lodging representing CBC)	\$ 15,000	
Regional Development Grants	\$ 15,000	
Ministers Training/Licensing, Ordination, Stipends	\$ 5,000	
Conferences/meetings	\$ 3,350	
Ministry Development - subtotal		\$ 129,250
OFFICE OPERATIONS Expenses		
Bank fees/Wire transfer fees	\$ 2,000	
Background checks	\$ 750	
Business insurance	\$ 3,250	
Legal Counsel/Annual Audit	\$ 1,500	
Marketing/Publications	\$ 8,000	
Office Furnishing/Supplies	\$ 3,500	
Rent Lease	\$ 15,000	
Technology -Website - Internet - Equipment	\$ 8,000	
Office Operations - subtotal		\$ 42,000
PERSONNEL Expenses		
Administrative Assistant	\$ 11,000	
Admin Asst - Travel	\$ 8,150	
Payroll Expenses	\$ 850	
CBC Newsletter Editor	\$ 2,750	
IT Director	\$ 12,000	
Treasurer/Financial	\$ 8,000	
Personnel - Subtotal		\$ 42,750
Annual Meeting Expenses		\$ 30,000
Other Miscellaneous expenses		\$ 3,500
TOTAL Budgeted Expenses for General Fund		\$ 247,500

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

2024 Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>					
December 31, 2023 Balance					\$ 156,417.07
Income - General Fund 2024					
Donations-General Fund				\$ 191,344.35	
Annual Meeting Registrations				\$ 19,530.00	
Fees-Ministry Training, background chks, et				\$ 3,180.00	
Interest/Investment Income				\$ 2,487.70	
Other income				\$ 5,259.63	
TOTAL INCOME					\$ 221,801.68
Expenses - General Fund 2024					
Tithe to Mission Fund				\$ 19,134.44	
Missions Outreach Evang/church planting				\$ 21,029.59	
Annual Meeting Expenses				\$ 19,783.90	
Training Stipends/Background checks				\$ 1,884.45	
Regional Grants				\$ 31,377.50	
Travel Expenses				\$ 25,412.41	
Bank, Accounting, Legal fees				\$ 5,645.48	
Insurance				\$ 2,252.30	
Marketing/Publications				\$ 7,427.92	
Office Supplies/equipment				\$ 3,361.79	
Rent				\$ 13,596.00	
Internet, Website, IT equipment/expenses				\$ 11,681.98	
Employee Expenses				\$ 25,982.00	
Payroll expenses				\$ 916.62	
Net Expense - resale items				\$ 1,728.57	
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$ (191,214.95)
December 31, 2024 Balances - General Fund					\$ 187,003.80
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<u>Mission Fund</u>					
December 31, 2023 Balance					\$ 20,963.04
Income - Mission Fund 2024					
Mission Tithe from General Fund				\$ 19,134.44	
Total Donations to Mission Fund				\$ 221,586.98	
Interest				\$ 166.48	
TOTAL INCOME					\$ 240,887.90
Expenses - Mission Fund 2024					
Total Gifts to missions (Designated/Undesignated)				\$ 221,613.92	
Bank transfer fees and supplies				\$ 1,200.68	
TOTAL EXPENSES					\$ (222,814.60)
December 31, 2024 Balance - Mission Fund					\$ 39,036.34

2025 BALLOT
You will vote for two

José Cevedo



José is the son of a farmer and a social worker and was raised on a small tobacco farm near the town of Arecibo, located at the coast in the northern part of Puerto Rico. His elementary and middle school education was at a Catholic school.

In 1975, José married a Christian woman by the name Raquel, and a year later, after her daily prayers, the Lord answered Raquel's request and Jose became a new creature in Jesus Christ!

Since November 2019 José has been a member of the Montesion Covenant Brethren Church as a result of the closure of "Casa del Amigo" Brethren Church due to the impact of the pandemic. This church is located in the mountainous rural area of Puerto Rico and in a predominantly agricultural community. There is a full church program with services on Sundays, Bible School on Tuesdays, fasting and prayer services on Thursdays and Evangelistic services in the community every other Friday.

José is currently the CBC Regional Treasurer, the chair of the Regional Finance Commission and the chair of the Emergency Recuperation Committee for Puerto Rico. He is a member of the Christian Education and Spanish Growth Commission. In previous years he has served as District Moderator and Case Manager for emergency projects. He served on an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop and revise the Constitution and Bylaws of the Region.

2025 BALLOT

You will vote for two

Darrell Barr



In 1972 I married Carolyn, and she continues to tolerate me to this day. We eventually moved to Southeast Kansas (Girard, Kansas) near where Carolyn's family farm was located. We began attending the Osage Church of the Brethren where Carolyn grew up. I joined the Osage Church in 1976 and have been a part of it to this day. I was asked to lead the singing during worship and still do. I have taught Sunday School and served as Deacon

I have served on the District Board of Western Plains, the Witness Commission, and provided leadership for the "Gathering" where congregations came together for insight sessions, music, worship and fellowship.

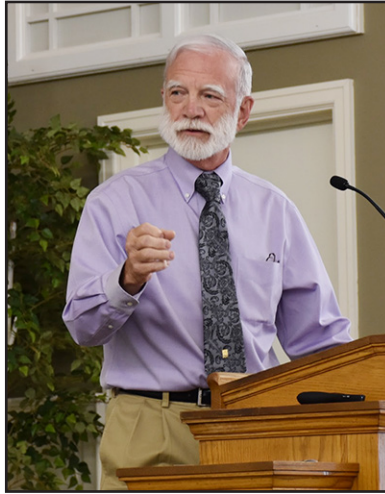
Carolyn and I served as On-Site Coordinators for disaster relief for the Church of the Brethren, serving in New Orleans for two weeks and Nashville for two weeks.

Carolyn and I attended our first Brethren Revival Fellowship meeting in 2019 and have been a part of the growth and Annual Meeting and Worship Conferences of the Covenant Brethren Church since that year. I applied to transfer my ordination from the Church of the Brethren to the Covenant Brethren Church in 2021 and was accepted August 16, 2021. I currently serve on the Prayer Committee.

In 2009 I felt the call to ministry. I finished the TRIM program in 2014 and was ordained the same year. I now am ordained in the Covenant Brethren Church serving on the Prayer Committee.

2025 BALLOT
You will vote for two

Mark Jones



I have been married for 50 years and have two children and four grandchildren. I grew up in West Virginia but spent a season in my professional life in Virginia. Back in 1980 we lived in Pocahontas County, W.Va. where we met David and Laura Jean Rittenhouse who introduced us to the Brethren Church tradition.

When we moved to Hampshire County, we started attending Tear-coat COB. I was called to serve in the local church, and later in the West Marva District COB. Over the years I have been blessed to be called to serve in various capacities.

I have been involved in the Covenant Brethren Church since the beginning. Currently I am an individual member. I serve on several CBC committees and I am in leadership of two churches in Hampshire County, West Virginia.

2025 BALLOT
You will vote for two

Jonathan Prater



Jon is the Lead Pastor of Mt. Zion CBC and serves as a Regional Elder for the Blue Ridge Region. He and his wife, Jess, live in Rockingham, Virginia, with their six children. He has held a variety of leadership roles within the CoB, CBC, and other Christian organizations including serving on staff, chairing committees and preaching/worship responsibilities.

He is deeply passionate about church revitalization and leadership development. His favorite verse is II Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

In his free time, you’ll find him playing music, co-hosting the Life on 11 Podcast, or cruising around in his Foxbody Mustang.

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Amazing Grace Worship Ctr.	Wakiso Dist. Kyadondo Co. Nabweru Subco., UG Africa
Antioch	23502 Senedo Rd., Woodstock VA 22664-3802
Asher Glade	P.O. Box 184, Friendsville MD 21531-0184
Barren Ridge	1790 Barrenridge Rd., Staunton, VA 24401-9263
Bashan	DRC Africa
Bayamon	P.O. Box 2178, Bayamon, PR 00960-2178
Beaver Creek	P.O. Box 723, Alcoa TN 37701
Beaver Creek	409 Ridgeview Rd NW; Floyd, Virginia 24091
Beree	DRC Africa
Bermudian	279 Bermudian Church Rd., East Berlin PA 17316-9151
Betel International	533 W Louise Ave., Morristown TN 37813-2116
Bethel	P.O. Box 44 Buchosa, Sengerama, TZ Africa
Bethlehem	DRC Africa
Blue River	3040 E 700 N., Columbia City IN 46725-9334
Bonde La Amani	Rungwa, Singida Region; TZ Africa
Bonde La Amani	Kalehe DRC Africa
Bonde La Baraka	P.O. Box 453 Sumbawanga, Rukasa, TZ Africa
Boones Creek	122 Bart Green Dr., Johnson City TN 37615-4608
Bowden Family Worship Ctr.	P.O. Box 28, Bowden, WV 26254-0028
Brake	P.O. Box 183, 176 N Mill Creek Rd., Petersburg, WV 2847
Brandts	8003 Brandts Church Rd., St. Thomas PA 17252-9517
Brick	1191 Lunice Creek Hwy, Maysville, WV 26833
Brookside	P.O. Box 12, Aurora WV 26705-0012
Bushenyi Gakenke	Rwanda Africa
Caimeto Carretera	842 Caimito, San Juan, PR 00926
Calvary	578 Front Royal Pike, Winchester VA 22602-7316
Canaan	TZ Africa
Capon Chapel	3400 Little Cacapon Levels Rd., Points WV 25437-4509
Castaner	P.O. Box 34, Castaner, PR 00631-0034
Center	2266 County Lane Rd., Champion, PA 15622-3086
Center Hill	2039 Freeport Rd., Kittanning PA 16201-7431
Centro De Orientacion Cristiana	Venezuela
Cibitoke	Burundi, Africa
Clifton Mills	2640 Clifton Mills Rd., Bruceton Mills WV 26525-6336
Collinsville	P.O. Box 328, Collinsville VA 24078-0328
Columbia Furnace	P.O. Box 129, Edinburg VA 22664-0129
Community Mission	50 Coffmantown Rd; Woodstock, Virginia 22664
Covington Community	P.O. Box 8381, Covington WA 98042-8381
Cristo El Senor	P.O. Box 2251, Vega Baja, PR 00694-2251
Cristo Nuestra Paz (Yauecas)	P.O. Box 1015, Castaner, PR 00631-1015
Curryville	1535 Curryville Rd., Curryville PA 16631-0005
Danville	20510 McMullen Hwy SW, Rawlings MD 21557-4114
Dry Run	P.O. Box 189, Dry Run PA 17220-0189
Ebeneza	P.O. Box, Dar es Salaam Mbop, TZ Africa
Elk Run	1599 Scenic Hwy., Churchville, VA 24421-2127
Erwin	106 Highland Ave., Erwin TN 37650
Ewing	1357 Frog Level Rd., Ewing VA 24248
Fairview	1101 Fairview Church Rd., Oakland MD 21550-5904

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Faith	9 Wesley Drive, Johnstown, PA 15904
Farmington Bethel	526 Elliottsville Rd., Farmington PA 15437-1181
Frostburg	1 Beall St., Frostburg MD 21532-1720
Gatumba	Burundi Africa
Gacurabwenge	Rwanda Africa
Gahenerezo	Rwanda Africa
Gethsemane	Bukavu, South Kivu Province, DRC Africa
Gitega	Burundi Africa
Gitsimbi	Rwanda Africa
Greenmount	4881 Greenmount Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22802
Guaymate Iglesia del Asento Alto	Guaymate, Dominican Republic
Hainamisa Comunote de Christ	Hainamisa, Dominican Republic
Harman	P.O. Box 1, Harman, WV 26270-000
Hawthorne	104 Hawthorne Church Rd., Johnson City TN 37601-3636
Hazelton	4289 Cuzzart Rd., Bruceton Mills WV 26525-5812 Holy
Temple Church of God	Klakiso Dist. Kyadondo Co. Gombe Subco. Kikleebwa Village UG
House of Miracles	TZ Africa
Iglesia Cristiano El Shaddai	104 Hawthorne Church Rd., Johnson City, TN 37601
Iglesia Evangelistic Cordero de Dios	Bolivariano; Anaco, Anzoategui - Venezuela
Iglesia Evangelica Nuevo Comienzo	Paso Blanco, Panama
Iglesia Retugio de Paz y Restauración	Barinas 5201 Barinas - Venezuela
Iglesia Jesucristo El Camino	37 Belinda Dr., Hendersonville NC 28792-9205
Iglesia Misionera Cristo Viene	Trujillo 3150, Trujillo - Venezuela
Iglesia Misionera Cristo Viene	Av O, Valencia; Carabobo - Venezuela
Iglesia Misionera Fuente Inagotable	Anzoategui; Las Corobas, Anzoátegui - Venezuela
Iglesia Restauracion	Newport, TN
Iglesia Trono de Jehová	Barinas 5201; Barinas - Venezuela
Jackson Park	100 Oak Grove Ave., Jonesborough TN 37659-1028
Jerusalem	DRC Africa
Jordan Run	4237 Jordan Run Rd., Maysville WV 26833-
Joyful	2524 Garrett Shortcut Rd., Garrett PA 15542-9103
Kabere Muzanze	Dist. Kimonyi Sec. Bupamipa Cell Kabaya Village, RW
Kabonga	JWG9+QHC, Kiremera, Gitega - Burundi
Kapernaum	TZ Africa
Karongi	Karongi Dst, Gitesi Sector, Ruhinga Cell, Muramba Village, RW
Kasangati Busika	Kampala, UG Africa
Kayogoro	Burundi Africa
Kibwanyi-Mubende	Uganda Africa
Kidaho	Rwanda Africa
Kinogo	Rwanda Africa
Kiruma-Mubende	Uganda, Africa
Kiruri	Burundi Africa
Kiryankonzi-Kiboga	Uganda Africa
Knob Creek	2591 Knob Creek Rd., Johnson City TN 37604-2106
Knobley	324 Feaster Lane, New Creek WV 26743-9018
La Javilla Comunidad del Cristo	La Javilla; Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional – Domin. Republic
Limestone	398 Culver Rd., Limestone TN 37681-2634
Little Pine	P.O. Box 34, Ennice NC 28623-0034 Maison du Potier DRC Africa

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Maison du Potier	DRC Africa
Maji Ya Uzima Kikonde	DRC Africa
Malinde	Malinde Village, Fizi Territory, South Kivu Province, DRC Africa
Mana del Ciolo Brisas del Mar	Barcelona, Anzoátegui - Venezuela
Maple Spring	P.O. Box 24, Eglon WV 26716-0024
Maranatha	DRC Africa
Maranatha	P.O. Box 44 Buchosa, Sengerema-Mwanza, TZ Africa
Melvin Hill	555 Melvin Hill Rd., Columbus NC 28722-8534
Midway	2855 Caney Valley Rd., Surgoinville TN 37873-6211
Mill Creek	1401 Coxe Rd., Tryon NC 28782-879
Ministerio Internacional Centro Cristiano	Barcelona, Anzoategui - Venezuela
Ministerio Uncion Apostolica	1148 Allensville Rd., Sevierville TN 37876-1747
Miracle Fishing	3 Ave 2-42 zone 2, San Lucas Sacatepequez, GT
Mishiha	Burundi Africa
Mlima Wa Karmeli Igunga	TZ Africa
Mlima Wa Makimbilio	Tabura, TZ Africa
Mlima Wa Moto	TZ Africa
Mlima Wa Utukufu	TZ Africa
Mont Jinai	DRC Africa
Montesion (Rio Prieto)	P.O. Box 535, Las Marias, PR 00670-0535
Moscow	866 Nash Rd., Mt. Solon VA 22843
Mount Carmel	9618 U.S. Hwy 221, Scottville NC 28672
Mount Joy	494 E Main St., Mount Pleasant PA 15666-1683
Mount Pleasant	4152 Mt. Pleasant St. NW, North Canton OH 44720-5562
Mount Zion	483 Mountain Dr., Moatsville, WV 26405-8542
Mount Zion Linville	10589 Mount Zion Rd, Linville, VA 22834-2620
Mountain Dale	946 Cuzzart Mountain Dale Rd., Bruceton Mills, WV 26525
Mountain Valley	5110 Ottway Rd., Greeneville TN 37745-8546
Moxham	536 Grove Ave., Johnstown, PA 15902-2632
Mugeramar	Burundi Africa
Mukamira Nyabihu	RW Africa
Musanze	RW Africa
Muyange Nyanza	Burundi Africa
Nakaseke Kapeeka	Nakaseke, Bendegere, UG Africa
New Beginnings	10629 Harmony Rd., Myersville MD 21773-8313
New Beginnings	4158 Wades Gap Rd., Boones Mill VA 24065-4038
New Haven	P.O. Box 1208, Sparta NC 28675-1208
New Life	P.O. Box 123, Bridgewater VA 22812-2521
Newport	408 Newport Rd., Shenandoah, VA 22849-3011
Ngurumd Ya Ushindi	TZ Africa
Ntahangwa	Burundi, Africa
Nyarunazi	Burundi, Africa
Oak Dale	37 Oakdale Rd., Scherr, WV 26726
Old Furnace	188 Old Furnace Rd., Ridgeley WV 26753-9823
Osage	794 W 540th Ave., McCune, KS 66753-6127
Pan Del Ciolo	Venezuela
Petersburg Memorial	14 Highland Ave., Petersburg WV 26847-1706

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Philadelphia	DRC Africa
Pine Grove	5792 Oakland Sang Run Rd., Oakland MD 21550-7792
Pipe Creek	26 N Pipe Creek Rd, Union Bridge, MD 21791-9049
Piscine de Bethesda	DRC Africa
Pleasant Hill	343 Pleasant Hill Rd., Blountville TN 37617
Pleasant Hill	790 Williams Crossroads Way, Fairmont WV 26554-8048
Pleasant Ridge	2507 Pleasant Ridge Rd, Needmore, PA 17238-9009
Pleasant Valley	3150 Brethren Church Rd., Jonesborough TN 37659-3971
Red Creek Bethel	14076 Dry Fork Rd., Davis WV 26260-8100
Retornó de Cristo Mateo 5:9	Venezuela
Ridge	1095 Ridge Rd., Shippensburg, PA 17257-9714
Rocky Mount	405 Tanyard Rd, Rocky Mount, VA 24151-1567
Rubavu	Rubavu District, Western Province, RW Africa
Rugombo	2260 Bujumbura, Burundi, Africa
Rutsiro	RW Africa
Saa Ya Ukombozi	TZ Africa
Sabele	Sabele Village, Fizi Territory, South Kivu Province, DRC Africa
Samaria	TZ Africa
San Luis Comunidad de Cristos	San Luis, Dominican Republic
Scalp Level	270 Hoffman Ave., Windber PA 15963-2368
Shady Grove	P.O. Box 111, Bruceton Mills WV 26525-0111
Shalom-Geita	TZ Africa
Shalom Kilyamasundu Rukasa	Rukasa, TZ Africa
Shiloh	1789 Shiloh Rd., Moatsville, WV 26405-8339
Shippensburg	253 E Garfield St., Shippensburg, PA 17257-2034
Spindale	128 Sterling St., Spindale NC 28160-2479
St. Luke	3250 Back Rd., Woodstock VA 22664-3410
Stone Bridge	11917 Snug Harbor Ln., Williamsport, MD 21795-3155
Sugar Ridge	2012 E. Wilson Rd., Custer, MI 49405-9749
Sunnybrook	104 Corpus Christi Dr., Bristol TN 37620-6413
Sunnyside	9182 Northwestern Turnpike, New Creek WV 26743-4627
Tearcoat	48 Dunkard Church Rd., Augusta WV 26704-8581
Tenga	Burundi, Africa
Three Springs	P.O. Box 8, Blain PA 17006-0008
Tire Hill	P.O. Box 286, Tire Hill PA 15959-0286
Trinity	1543 Hwy 75, Blountville TN 37617-5139
Upendo	TZ Africa
Victory	P.O. Box 463, Usa-River, TZ Africa
Welsh Run	11500 Welsh Run Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236-8539
West Goshen	1200 Berkey Ave., Goshen IN 46526-2214
White Branch	2044 N County Road 900 E, Hagerstown IN 47436-6505
White Pine	7063 Purgitsville Pike, Old Fields, WV 26852
Wiley Ford	P.O. Box 7, 22 Springfield St., Wiley Ford WV 26767-0007
Zion Hill	P.O. Box 111, Columbiana OH 44408-0011
BR - Burundi	DR - Dominican Republic
DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo	TZ - Tanzania
GT - Guatemala	UG - Uganda
RW - Rwanda	VE - Venezuela

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Covenant Brethren Church

Statement of Faith

The Brethren movement began under the leadership of Alexander Mack, Sr. in 1708 in Schwarzenau Germany as a natural outgrowth of the Anabaptist and Pietist movements following the Reformation. Circumstances have often required us to declare to the world and to other Christians what we understand the Word of God to teach on various subjects. In order to inform those who might desire to know more particularly what we understand the Scriptures to teach, we set forth the following summary on basic topics.

BELIEFS

1. The Bible¹ We believe the original writings of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments are fully inspired by God, and are without error and completely trustworthy. We believe that God has faithfully preserved His Word throughout all generations and that it is fully authoritative and final. We believe it is our ultimate source for all information about Almighty God, the world He has created, and is our sole rule of faith and practice.

2. God² We believe there is only one Almighty God eternally existent in three distinct, co-equal and co-eternal Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth and sinless life, and in the sin-pardoning value of Christ's shed blood and death on the cross. We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection from the tomb, His ascension to glory and His personal and visible return to the earth. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling a Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

3. Salvation³ We believe that all people are created in God's image. Because of Adam's disobedience to God's command, Adam and all people have fallen into sin, have a sin nature, and are separated from God. God, who is rich in mercy, has made one provision for the salvation of people, which is faith in the substitutionary sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the satisfactory payment for sin. The gospel is the good news that God will receive to Himself all persons who, with penitent heart, confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead: of the believer to the eternal blessedness of the saved, and of the unbeliever to the eternal suffering of the lost.

4. The Church⁴ We believe that all persons who have received God's gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ constitute the Church. The Bible defines the Church as those who have been called out of the world to be God's special people, the Body of Christ and the Bride of Christ. The mission of the Church is both external and internal and includes both word and deed. Externally, the Church is to proclaim the saving grace of Jesus Christ to a sinful humanity and to impact its community for the glory of God as His representatives in the world. Internally, the Church is to teach believers the whole counsel of God which includes encouragement to live a holy life and accountability to one another.

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AFFIRMATIONS WE STRIVE TOWARD

(With Congregational Liberty)

1. We affirm the importance of daily devotions for the individual, and family worship in the home.⁸

2. We affirm the importance of taking care of the fatherless, widows, poor, sick and aged, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.⁹

3. We affirm that believers are called to live a life of non-conformity to the standards and behaviors which characterize the world.¹⁰

4. We affirm that divorce is outside the original plan of God. When marital problems arise God's plan is for confession of sin, repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation.¹¹

5. We affirm seeking peace in human relationships and oppose the taking of human life by all forms of violence.¹²

6. We affirm a lifestyle characterized by godly self-control. We oppose a lifestyle characterized by intemperance and ungodly living.¹³

7. We affirm that believers should settle all disputes in a godly manner, seeking counsel from the church whenever problems in relationships arise. We oppose going to secular courts, especially against our Christian brethren.¹⁴

8. We affirm that a believer's word should always be an expression of truth. We oppose the taking of oaths as a means of verifying one's truthfulness.¹⁵

9. We affirm that believers should live lives characterized by openness and honesty. We oppose memberships in organizations requiring secrecy as a condition of membership.¹⁶

10. We affirm that believers are to be good stewards of all the resources, skills, talents, and other abilities with which God blesses them. Such blessings should be utilized for His glory and the good of others. We oppose all activities which tend to waste and misuse what God has entrusted to the believer's care.¹⁷

11. We affirm that believers are to be modest in their appearance as a testimony to their faith in Christ. We oppose extravagant or immodest appearance.¹⁸

12. We affirm that all believers are called by God to a life of ministry. We also affirm that God calls and sets apart individual believers to fulfill specific servant-leadership roles and responsibilities for the good of the congregation. We affirm that congregations have a responsibility to identify, encourage, and assist those whom God has chosen for the set apart ministry and to aid and support them in their work.¹⁹

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PRACTICES

The Brethren, since our founding, have embraced distinctive practices and perspectives on practical living as a result of their study of the Word of God. We practice baptism of penitent believers by trine immersion.²⁰ We practice footwashing²¹, love feast²², communion²³, and the Christian greeting.²⁴ We practice proper appearance in worship²⁵, anointing for healing in the name of the Lord²⁶, and the laying on of hands.²⁷

CONCLUSION

The Word of God is our ultimate authority for faith and practice. These summary statements are presented to the reader for their careful consideration and study, and in the hope that they clarify our understanding of how the teaching of God's Word can be effectively lived in daily life. May these beliefs, affirmations, and practices undergird and guide us as we covenant together to honor God, to love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and to live as ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ in this world until He returns.

1 Psa. 119; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:19-21

2 Gen. 1:1-2; Deu. 6:4; Isa 43:10-11; Mat. 3:16-17; Mat. 28:19; Luke 3:21-22; Acts 5:3-4; John 8:58; John 10:30; 2 Cor. 13:14

3 Gen 1:26-27; Gen. 9:6; Isa. 59:2; Gen. 3:1-24; Rom. 1:18-32; John 3:14-21; John 14:6; John 19:30; Acts 4:12; Eph. 2:8-10; 1 Tim 1:15; Tit. 3:4-7; Mat. 25:31-46; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:20-26; Acts 1:11; 1 Thes. 4:13-18; Rev. 20:4-15; Rev. 21:1-22:5

4 1 Cor. 1:2; 1 Cor. 12:12-27, Eph. 4:12; Rev. 21:9; Mat. 28:19-20; Rom 12:1-2; Eph. 1:4; Eph. 5:27; Mat. 18:15-20

5 Biological refers to the chromosomes: a man has one X and one Y chromosome; a woman has two X chromosomes. This cannot be changed by surgical procedure.

6 Gen. 1:27-28; Gen. 2:18-25; Deu. 5:18; Mat. 5:27-28; Mat 19:3-9; Mar. 10:1-12; Rom. 1:26-27, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 18-20]; 1 Thes. 4:3 Heb. 13:4

7 Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:7; Psa. 139:13-16; [Jer. 1:5] Psa. 116:15; Exo. 20:13

8 Eph. 6: 18-20; Philp. 4:8, 9

9 Acts 6:1-7; Luke 10:30-37

10 Rom. 12:1-2; Jam. 4:4; 1 John 2:15-16

11 Deu. 5:18; Pro. 19:14; Mat. 5:27-28; Mat. 19:3-9; Mar. 10:1-12; Heb. 13:4

12 Exo. 20:13; Mat. 5:21-22, 5:43-44; Mat. 7:12; Rom. 12:18-21; Rom. 13: 8-10

13 Pro. 14:29; Pro. 15:18; Pro. 16:32; Gal. 5:19-26; Eph. 5:18; Tit. 2:2-3; Jam. 1:19-20

14 Mat. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 6:1-9

15 Pro. 10:19; Mat. 5: 33-37; Eph. 4:25; Jam. 5:12

16 2 Cor. 6:14-18

17 Gen. 1:28; Mat. 5:16; Mat. 25:14-30; Rom. 12:17; Rom. 14:12; 1 Thes. 5:21-22; Heb. 4:13; 1 Pet. 2:11; 1 Pet. 4:10

18 Rom. 14:13; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; 1 Tim. 2:8-10; 1 Pet. 3:1-6

19 Acts 14:23; 20:17; Phil. 1:1; 1 Tim. 5:17; Titus 1:5; Jam. 5:14; Luke 10:7; 1 Cor. 9:4-14; 1 Tim. 5:17-18; Acts 18:3-4; 20:33-34; 28:30-31; 1 Cor. 9:18; 2 Cor. 11:8-9; 12:18; 1 Thes. 2:9; 2 Thes. 3:7-12

20 Mat. 28: 19; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:1-4; Gal. 3:27

21 John 13:1-20; 1 Tim. 5:10

22 Luke 22:20; John 13:4; 1 Cor. 11:17-34; Jude 12

23 Mat. 26:26-30

24 Acts 20:37; Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thes. 5:26; 1 Pet. 5:14

25 1 Cor. 11:2-16

26 Jam. 5:13-18; Mark 6:13

27 Acts 8:17; 19:6; 1 Tim. 4:14

