

***6th Annual Meeting
and Worship Conference***

GO -- MAKE -- BAPTIZE!!



**“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit.” - Matthew 28:19**



**COVENANT
BRETHREN
CHURCH**

**July 16-18,
2026
Pasquerilla
Conference Center
Johnstown, Pa.**

TABLE OF CONTENTS

ITEM	PAGE
Executive Board	2
Committees.....	3, 4, 5
Conference Participants	6
Thursday Worship Speaker	7
Friday Worship Speaker	7
Thursday Evening Worship	8
Friday Morning Business	9
Friday Afternoon Business	10
Friday Evening Worship	10
Saturday Business	11
2027 Budget.....	12
2025 Financial Report	13
Conference Exhibitors	14
Ballot	15, 16, 17, 18, 19
Covenant Brethren Church Congregations...	20, 21, 22, 23
Covenant Brethren Church Ministers	24, 25
Statement of Faith	26, 27, 28

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Grover Duling	Chair	groverduling@gmail.com
Scott Kinnick	Vice Chair	scotkin@hotmail.com
George Bowers	Secretary	gabowers@shentel.net
José Acevedo	Member	josejacevedo4@gmail.com
Larry Dentler	Member	pastorlmd51@aol.com
Jeremy Dykes	Member	jerdykes75@gmail.com
Jim Nolt	Member	jimnolt@covenantbrethren.org
John Prater	Member	thepraterr@gmail.com
John Swonger	Member	john@seamsllc.com

.....

Carl Brubaker	Treasurer	carmarbru@windstream.net
----------------------	-----------	--------------------------

To contribute to the support of the Covenant Brethren Church
ministries make your check payable to
“Covenant Brethren Church” and mail to:

Covenant Brethren Church
Attn: Carl L. Brubaker, CBC Treasurer
P.O. Box 22
Lititz, PA 17543

Online giving is available.
Go to covenantbrethren.org and click on “Donate”

REGISTRATION STATISTICS

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Congregations		81	83	84	
Delegates	85	120	124	146	
Non-delegates	173	166	169	170	
Total	258	286	293	316	
Pastors		71	73	75	

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

COMMITTEES

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Purposes:

- Develop and maintain a viable youth camping program
- Develop youth conferences
- Promote youth and children's ministries

Members: Craig Howard (2028-2) - Leslie Crissman (2027-1)
Mark Seese (2029-2) - Becky Leland (2029-1)

ANNUAL MEETING AND WORSHIP CONFERENCE PROGRAM PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS

Purpose:

- Plan and execute the CBC Annual Meeting and Worship Conference

Members: Grover Duling (2029-2) - Leon Alt (2026-1)
Jackie Edwards (2026-1) - Randy and Christy Cosner (2027-1)
Roy McVey (2027-1) - Matt Bernard (2028-2) - Jeremy Dykes (2029-1)

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 (2029-2)
Jeff Wray (2028-1)

DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATORS

Purposes:

- Works in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse, to inform local CBC congregations regarding disaster concerns across the nation.
- To develop response teams for clean-up and rebuilding projects in coordination with Samaritan's Purse.

Members: Angela Painter (2029-1) - Mark Teets (2026-1)

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH COMMITTEES

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

Purposes:

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

Members: Mike Rath (2027-1) - Craig Alan Myers (2027-1)
Larry Dentler (2028-2) - Musa Mambula (2029-1)
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 (2029-2)

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 (2028-2) – Stafford Frederick (2027-1)
Mark Jones (2027-1) – John Collins (2028-2)
Scott Kinnick (2026-1) - Dwayne Heck (2029-1)

POLICY AND POLITY-LEGAL

Purposes:

- Work to make sure CBC is in line with all necessary legal requirements
- Monitor and update policy and polity
- Provide legal guidance for churches

Members: Craig Alan Myers (2026-1) - Jim Nolt (2028-2)
Carl Brubaker (2028-1)

COVENANT BRETHREN 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 (2029-2) - Nancy Bowers (2029-2)
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) - George Bowers (2029-1)

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) – Carl L. Brubaker (treasurer) (2027-1)
Fred Shank (2027-1)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

- Matt Bernard** Media/Sound Coordinator
Oak Dale CBC, WV - Central Allegheny Region
- Joe Brown** Saturday Morning Devotion Leader
Pastor – Faith CBC, Salix, PA - Region 3
- Christy Cosner** Pianist
Oak Dale & Brick CBC, Keyser, WV - Central Allegheny Region
- One Family** Worship & Praise Team
Joe & Brandy Wingfield, Matt & Holly Layman, Kendal Layman
- Donita Keister**..... Break-Out Session Presenter: ‘**Church & Youth Ministry**’
Associate Pastor, Buffalo Valley Congregation - Mifflinburg, PA
- Tim Kent** Friday Morning Devotion Leader
Minister, Welch Run CBC, Mercersburg, PA
- Carmen M. Mercado Arce**..... Friday Afternoon Devotion Leader
Pastor – Montesion In Les Marias – Puerto Rico Region
- Tom Nelson** Head Usher
Collinsville CBC; Collinsville, VA – Blue Ridge Region
- Jim Nolt**..... Friday Afternoon – Order of the Day/Prayer
Deacon – Chiques Church, Manheim, PA
- Jose Calleja Otero** Thursday Evening Keynote Speaker
Regional Elder, Puerto Rico Region & Break-Out Session Presenter
- Susan Roupe** Head Teller
Collinsville CBC; Collinsville, VA – Blue Ridge Region
- Lee Smith** Friday Morning – Order of the Day/Prayer
Pastor, Mt Joy CBC – Region 3
- Joe Sullivan** – Eder Financial Break-Out Session Presenter
‘Pastor Tax Law’ & ‘The Treasurer and Church Finances’
- John Swonger** Friday Keynote Speaker
Pastor, Knob Creek CBC, Johnson City, TN – Southern Region
- Marvin Wade** Friday Afternoon Devotion Leader
Pastor, Beaver Creek CBC; Floyd, VA – Southern Region
- Brandy Wingfield** Chorister
Barren Ridge CBC: Waynesboro, VA – Blue Ridge Region
- Ed Weaver**..... Saturday Morning – Order of the Day/Prayer
Three Springs CBC; Blain, PA – Susquehanna Region

THURSDAY WORSHIP SPEAKER

Jose Calleja Otero

He has been the bishop for the Puerto Rico Region for the past eleven years. He is also an ordained minister and pastor of CBC's Vega Baja congregation.

During his years in ministry, Jose's ability has been to serve in different areas such as; pastor, elder, professor, church janitor, translator, preacher, delegate and even writer.

His first book, *Spiritual Detox* was recently published in March 2026. Jose has been in the Puerto Rico Brethren movement since he was 11 years old and knows very well the history and heritage of the movement on the island.



FRIDAY WORSHIP SPEAKER

John Swonger

Psalms 128:1-4 says, "Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you eat of the fruit of the labor of your hands, you will be happy and it will go well for you. Your wife will be like fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, for so shall a man who fears the Lord be blessed."

I have served and feared the Lord for many years, and living in His goodness and grace, I am abundantly blessed. My name is John Swonger. I currently serve on the CBC executive board, Southern Region board, and serve as pastor at Knob Creek CBC in Johnson City, Tennessee. I am also owner of a manufacturing business there.



I have been married to my lovely wife Ruth for 35 years. God entrusted to us 2 beautiful daughters, and subsequently 2 wonderful sons-in-laws, and 2 amazing grandsons, 6 and 1. We live on a small farm where we raise horses and hay.

To God be the Glory for His bountiful mercy and blessings!

John Swonger — CBC Executive Board

COVENANT BRETHERN CHURCH

Sixth Annual Meeting and Worship Conference July 16, 2026

REGISTRATION OPENS 12 p.m.

Pre-Conference (Break-out Sessions) Thursday afternoon

1. Pastor Tax Law..... 1-2 p.m.

Main Hall - Presenter: Joe Sullivan - Eder Financial.

2. Conference Theme: Matthew 28:18-20 2-3 p.m.

“GO - MAKE - BAPTISE”

Main Hall - Facilitator: Grover Duling

Presenters: Jose Calleja Otero & Scott Kinnick

3. Ministry with Children, Youth and their Families..... 3-4 p.m.

Main Hall - Presenter: Donita Keister - Buffalo Valley Church

We will share ideas for growing and sustaining an atmosphere in our churches of welcome & discipleship with children and youth along with parents.

4. The Treasurer and Church Finances..... 4-5 p.m.

Main Hall - Presenter: Joe Sullivan - Eder Financial

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Gathering Music “One Family” 6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

Welcome, Opening & Prayer Grover Duling

Hymn Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner

Introduce Speaker Scott Kinnick

Speaker José Calleja Otero

Message: THE GREAT COMMISSION

Hymn Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner

Celebration Offering..... Carl Brubaker

(While offering is being received, One Family will sing)

Closing Remarks Grover Duling

Closing Prayer José Acevedo

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

Sixth Annual Meeting and Worship Conference

July 17, 2026

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 8:15 a.m.

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

Welcome & Opening Remarks Roy McVey & John Prater

Opening Prayer Jeremy Dykes

Congregational Singing "One Family"

Devotion Tim Kent

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

Welcoming of Samaritan's Purse Representatives, Brian Greshem & John Kim

and New CBC Disaster Coordinator, Angela Painter

Break 10:25 a.m.

Congregational Singing "One Family"

Ministerial Leadership Committee Larry Dentler & Mike Rath

ORDER OF THE DAY..... Scripture, Hymn, Prayer - Lee Smith 11 a.m.

Policy and Polity - Legal Committee..... Jim Nolt

Stewardship Committee Carl Brubaker & Grover Duling

PRESENTATION OF 2027 BUDGET Grover Duling & Carl Brubaker

CBC Anniversary Sunday George Bowers

Announcements & Prayer..... Roy McVey

LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Regional Elders meeting in "Board Room" 1 p.m.

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

Sixth Annual Meeting and Worship Conference July 17, 2026

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Gathering Music	“One Family”	1:15 p.m.
DEVOTION	Marvin Wade	
Congregational Singing	“One Family”	
ORDER OF THE DAY		1:45 p.m.

Election of Executive Board Members - Jon Prater

INTRODUCING EVERENCE FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP.....

Nevin Dulabaum - Eder Financial

Chad Horning, Jesse Maust - Everence Financial

Prayer Committee

George Bowers

BREAK

2:40 p.m.

Congregational Singing

“One Family”

ORDER OF THE DAY ... Scripture, Hymn, Prayer - Jim Nolt.....

3:05 p.m.

Ministerial Training Committee

Mark Jones

Public Relations, Publications, News Articles Committee

Craig Howard

Executive Board.....

Time of Question & Answer,

Facilitator - Grover Duling

DEVOTION.....

Carmen M. Mercado Arce

CBC - Looking Forward

Larry Dentler

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Roy McVey

DINNER & FELLOWSHIP.....

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

BRF DINNER.....

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Gathering Music

“One Family”

6:30 p.m.

Welcome, Opening Remarks & Prayer.....

José Acevedo

Worship in Song

“One Family”

Introduce Speaker

Scott Kinnick

Speaker.....

John Swonger

Message: “Who ... Me A Disciple”

Hymn.....

Brandy Wingfield & Christy Cosner

Offering for Missions & Outreach

Carl Brubaker

(While offering is being received, “One Family” will sing)

Closing Remarks & Prayer

Jon Prater

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.....

Compliments of Eder Financial

Time of Fellowship with Friends and the Making of New Friends

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

Sixth Annual Meeting and Worship Conference July 18, 2026

SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION

FELLOWSHIP TIME	<i>Coffee & Doughnuts by CBC</i>	8 a.m.
Prayer Gathering	Led by Prayer Committee	8:15 a.m.
Gathering Music	“One Family”	8:45 a.m.
Welcome, Opening Remarks, Prayer	Grover Duling	
DEVOTION	Joe Brown	
Opening of Business Session	Grover Duling	
(Election results - tie-breaking vote if needed)		
Adult and Youth Fellowship Activities Committee	Craig Howard	
Youth Presentation		
BREAK		10:15 a.m.
Congregational Singing	“One Family”	
Church Planting & Evangelism Committee	Mark Jones	
ORDER OF THE DAY	Scripture, Hymn, Prayer - Ed Weaver	10:50 a.m.
Program Planning & Arrangements Committee	Roy McVey	
A Time of Sharing from the Conference Body	Jim Nolt, facilitator	
<i>“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness and shall sing of Your righteousness.” (Psalm 145:4 – 7 NKJV).</i>		
Congregational Singing	“One Family”	
Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Grover Duling	
A “Sending” Prayer	Roy McVey	

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

2027 Board Approved Budget

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH				
General Fund	2025	2025	2026	2027
	Budget	Actual	Budget	BUDGET
INCOME				
Donations - General Fund	\$181,778.00	\$196,569.51	\$209,000.00	\$ 230,000.00
Annual Meeting-Registrations	\$25,000.00	\$47,668.90	\$30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Other Conferences	\$ -00.	\$ 2,941.50	\$ -00.	\$ 3,500.00
Background Checks/Ministry Training Fees, other	\$10,050.00	\$ 8,459.75	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Interest/Investment Income	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 7,074.04	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
INCOME TOTAL - General Fund	\$222,828.00	\$262,713.70	\$247,500.00	\$ 279,500.00
EXPENSES				
MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT Expenses				
Mission tithe (10% unrestricted Gen Fd giving)	\$18,178.00	\$17,553.26	\$20,900.00	\$ 23,000.00
Missions, Outreach, Evangelism (supplement missions)	\$10,862.00	\$20,373.64	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Church Planting	\$10,000.00	\$16,300.00	\$30,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
International Travel	\$10,000.00	\$20,530.64	\$25,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Domestic Travel (Bd members mileage/lodging)	\$20,000.00	\$16,435.60	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Regional Development Grants	\$40,000.00	\$ -00.	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Ministers Training/Licensing, Ordination, Stipends	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,463.50	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,850.00
Conferences/meetings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,144.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,500.00
Ministry Development - subtotal	\$116,540.00	\$97,800.64	\$129,250.00	\$ 146,350.00
OFFICE OPERATIONS Expenses				
Bank fees/Wire transfer fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,384.64	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,700.00
Background checks	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 378.50	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
Business insurance	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,476.49	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,100.00
Legal Counsel/Annual Audit	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 418.88	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Marketing/Publications	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,883.77	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Office Furnishing/Supplies	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,615.82	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Rent Lease	\$14,500.00	\$13,596.33	\$15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Technology -Website - Internet - Equipment	\$ 3,200.00	\$13,767.24	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Office Operations - subtotal	\$33,700.00	\$39,521.67	\$42,000.00	\$ 44,050.00
PERSONNEL Expenses				
Administrative Assistant	\$16,500.00	\$ 8,229.00	\$11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Admin Asst - Travel	\$ -00.	\$ 4,277.70	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 7,000.00
Payroll Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 629.51	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00
CBC Newsletter Editor	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,930.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 3,000.00
IT Director	\$12,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Treasurer/Financial	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,514.90	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,750.00
Possible Additional Staffing Needs				\$ 10,000.00
Personnel - Subtotal	\$42,400.00	\$34,081.11	\$42,750.00	\$ 50,600.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	\$25,000.00	\$53,736.32	\$30,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 5,188.00	\$ 104.27	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES - General Fund	\$222,828.00	\$225,244.01	\$247,500.00	\$ 279,500.00

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

2025 Financial Report

<u>General Fund</u>						
December 31, 2024 Balance					\$	187,003.80
Income - General Fund 2025						
	Donations-General Fund -unrestricted			\$	175,532.51	
	Donations-General Fund -restricted			\$	21,037.00	
	Annual Meeting Registrations/other income			\$	47,668.90	
	Other Conferences - Women's			\$	2,941.50	
	Fees-Ministry Training, background chks, et			\$	124.50	
	Interest/Investment Income			\$	7,074.04	
	Resale items - income			\$	3,080.74	
	Other income (Grant reimburse,membership books, misc)			\$	5,254.51	
	TOTAL INCOME				\$	262,713.70
Expenses - General Fund 2025						
	Tithe to Mission Fund			\$	17,553.26	
	Missions Outreach Evang			\$	20,373.64	
	Church Planting			\$	16,300.00	
	Annual Meeting Expenses			\$	53,736.32	
	Other Conferences - Women's			\$	3,144.30	
	Training Stipends/Background checks			\$	3,842.00	
	Regional Grants			\$	-00.	
	Travel Expenses			\$	36,966.24	
	Accounting, Legal fees			\$	418.88	
	Bank, Money Transfer fees			\$	2,384.64	
	Insurance			\$	2,476.49	
	Marketing/Publications			\$	2,883.77	
	Office Supplies/equipment			\$	3,615.82	
	Rent			\$	13,596.33	
	Internet, Website, IT equipment/expenses			\$	13,767.24	
	Employee Expenses			\$	33,451.60	
	Payroll expenses			\$	629.51	
	Resale items, other expenses			\$	104.27	
	TOTAL EXPENSES				\$	(225,244.31)
December 31, 2025 Balances - General Fund					\$	224,473.19
+++++						
<u>Mission Fund</u>						
December 31, 2024 Balance					\$	39,036.34
Income - Mission Fund 2025						
	Mission Tithe from General Fund			\$	17,553.26	
	Total Donations to Mission Fund			\$	91,142.69	
	Interest			\$	22.90	
	TOTAL INCOME				\$	108,718.85
Expenses - Mission Fund 2025						
	Total Grants to missions (Designated/Undesignated)			\$	124,175.79	
	TOTAL EXPENSES				\$	(124,175.79)

CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

— *Staffed by Darlene Tayler*

A Christ-centered character & leadership program for girls

5 to 18 years of age. americanheritagegirls.org

35 Tri-County Parkway; Cincinnati, OH 45246 513-771-2025

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

— *Staffed by Sharon Hollar & Jennifer Kirkland*

503 Morgantown Avenue, Fairmont, WV 26554

304-534-8010 www.covenantbrethren.org

BRETHREN MUTUAL AID

— *Heather Riffel, Client Service Manager*

— *Naomie Nichols, Customer Service Agent*

3094 Jeep Road; Abilene, KS 67410

800-255-1243 maa@maabrethren.com

BRETHREN REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP

— *Eric Brubaker* www.brfwitness.org

P.O. Box 543, Ephrata, PA 17522

EDER FINANCIAL

— *Joe Sullivan, Business Development Director*

1505 Dundee Avenue, Elgin, IL 60120

800-746-1505 • 847-695-0200 www.ederfinancial.org

EVERENCE FINANCIAL

— *Chad Horning, Chief Strategy and Investment Officer*

— *Jesse Maust, Director of Retirement Plan Services*

800-348-7468 www.everence.com

HARVEST USA FOUNDATION

— *Jim Barr, Director of Ministry Partnerships*

715 Twining Road, Ste 200; Dresher, PA 19025

215-482-0111 www.harvestusa.org

KIRKLAND IMAGE

Sharon Hollar & Jennifer Kirkland kirklandimage.com

527 S Main St, Woodstock, VA 22664 540-335-3939

SAMARITAN'S PURSE MINISTRIES

— *Brian Greshem, Senior Region Director of Church Engagements*

bgreshem@samaritan.org

— *John Kim, Church Engagement Team* jkim@samaritan.org

— *Trey McDonald, Church Partnership Operation Christmas Child*

tmcdonald@samaritan.org

TRAIL LIFE (boys)

— *Staffed by Jonathan Martino & Wolf Pusch*

Christ Centered Outdoor Adventure www.traillifeusa.com

10612 Augusta Rd, Belton, SC 29627 864-498-2638

2026 BALLOT

You will vote for two

Darrell Barr



I finished High School in 1969 and joined the Air Force Reserve. I Was discharged in 1975. In 1972 I married Carolyn, and she continues to tolerate me to this day. That same year I started working for Woolco on their management training program. I worked for them for three years when I resigned to move to Southeast Kansas. My wife's family farm in this area and we always talked about moving there at some point. I started working as an apprentice carpenter for two of my uncle's and we formed a corporation. I retired from carpentry in 2007 and started helping my wife's family on the farm and still do.

When we moved to rural Girard, Kansas, Carolyn and I started attending the Church that she grew up in, The Osage Church of the Brethren. This was a slight change for me as I had grown up in the United Methodist Church. I joined the Osage Church in 1976 and have been a part of it to this day.

In a couple of years, I was asked to lead the singing during worship and still do. It wasn't long before I was asked to teach the Sunday School class that Carolyn and I attended, and that class is now the "Old Folks Class" or more formally the Path Finders. I no longer consider myself the teacher but more the facilitator.

As a part of our journey with the Osage Church Carolyn and I were selected as Deacons. I also served on the Western Plains District Board as a member of the Witness Committee for three years and the Chair for three years. After a year off the Board, I was re-elected and served for three years as the Chair of the Transformation Training Team. Our main function was to organize an event we called "The Gathering" as well as schedule Pastor training events. The Gathering was an event where all the congregations would come together for insight sessions, music, worship and fellowship. This was not a part of District Conference, it was its own event.

Also, while Carolyn and I were a part of the Church of the Brethren we were trained as On-Site Coordinators for disaster relief and serve in New Orleans for two weeks and Nashville for two weeks.

I believe it was around 2009 that I felt the call to train as an Ordained Minister. I felt it was a call to help serve in the disaster situations. I finished the Church of the Brethren Trim program in 2014 and was formally Ordained in June of that year.

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.

Carolyn and I would bring reports of our thoughts about those meetings to the Osage Church and after a long and arduous struggle with the Western Plains District the Osage Church separated and became members of the Covenant Brethren Church.

2026 BALLOT
You will vote for two
Joe Brown



My name is Joseph Brown and I am currently serving as Senior Pastor of Faith Covenant Brethren Church which is a plant or new start. We are the only CBC in Adams Township. I grew up in a small town of Salisbury in Western Pa. My greatest desire is to serve Jesus as Lord and Savior completely and wholly while bringing others to Christ. If I am elected to a position on the Executive Committee, I hope to be an asset to those I serve.

I have served in the Western PA District COB in the following positions: Gifts Discernment (Chair), Outreach and Service (Chair), Standing Committee, Executive Committee and have also served as Project Director for two disaster projects in PA consisting of Hyndman flood project and Salisbury tornado project. I also served as temporary Chairperson for Region 3 Executive Board and assisted churches desiring to come into membership of Region 3 CBC I also served on the Regional Circle. I am currently serving as Vice Chair of Region Three CBC, Chair of Prayer Team for Region Three and am one of the Regional Elders for Region three.

For my hobbies I love to carve bowls, build some furniture and enjoy hunting and fishing.

2026 BALLOT

You will vote for two

John Collins



John grew up in the small “furniture town” of Bassett, in Southwestern Virginia. He married Anna, his high school sweetheart, in 1984. John and Anna have four daughters and four grandchildren. He responded in repentance and faith in Jesus Christ in a Revival Meeting at Mount Hermon CoB on October 11, 1984. After much prayerful discernment he was licensed into the Gospel Ministry on December 6, 1992 and ordained into the Gospel Ministry on September 24, 2000. He pastored Pulaski First CoB from August 1, 1996 through January 31, 2006. John has pastored Rocky Mount First CoB (now Rocky Mount Covenant Brethren Church) since February 1, 2006. He has served on variety of Commissions and Committees in the CoB (two terms on the District Board and on the District Witness Commission), CBC (currently on the CBC Missions-Outreach-Disaster Support Committee and on the CBC Southern Regional Board and the Southern Regional Ministry Committee), and served on local ministerial groups in both Pulaski and Rocky Mount.

John has been involved with the “CBC Movement” since being invited to the Moorefield Gathering on August 19, 2017. He was involved in the Chambersburg Meeting on July 27, 2019 (also the Winchester Meeting on September 28, 2019 and the Woodstock Meeting on November 16, 2019) and was truly blessed to participate in our first Annual Meeting at Woodstock VA on October 23-24, 2020. He has attended every Annual Meeting since. He relinquished his ordination in the CoB and was ordained in the CBC on July 18, 2020.

His continuing vision for the church is for us to have a greater conviction to fully live out the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

2026 BALLOT

You will vote for two

Mark Jones



I have been married for 51 years, have two children and four grandchildren. I grew up in West Virginia, but as a child lived for a time in Colorado, Italy, and Japan. Back in 1980, while living in Pocahontas County, West Virginia, we met David and Laura Jean Rittenhouse and attended New Hope Church. It was through that blessed experience that I was introduced to the Brethren Church tradition, which I love. Much of my professional life was spent living in Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. Since 2000 we have lived in Hampshire County, WV.

When we moved to Hampshire County, we started attending Tearcoat COB. I was called to serve in the local church, and later to serve the West Marva District COB in various capacities. I have been involved in the Covenant Brethren Church since the beginning and serve on several CBC committees and in the Central Allegheny Region leadership. I am pleased to be a member of three churches, serving as leadership at two.

I am encouraged by the old saying, “God does not call the equipped; He equips the called!”

2026 BALLOT
You will vote for two
Brian Mackie



Brian is forty-seven years young. He grew up just outside of Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife Karen met at COB Annual Conference in Des Moines, Iowa in 2006 and married in 2007. They are the proud parents of three children: Peter, Saida, and Asher. Brian has pastored the White Branch Covenant Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Indiana for the last sixteen years.

He is an Upper Elementary teacher at Surety Christian Academy in Richmond, Indiana. As he responded to God's call to ministry he received a B.S in Secondary education from Central Michigan University, a M. Div. from Bethany, and a D. Min from Anderson University, in Indiana

Brian along with the family enjoys square dancing. Their three children make great "callers." Brian has given of his talents over the years by proving not only pastoral leadership, but also serving in leadership roles with the YMCA in New Castle, Indiana, the local ministerial association and the Henry County Pregnancy Care Center in New Castle, Indiana.

How Brian feels about the Covenant Brethren Church is best said in his words: "Upon leaving the Annual Meeting and Worship Conference of 2024 at Chiques Church in Manheim, Pennsylvania I knew I had found my spiritual home. I truly enjoyed the time of worship and fellowship that we shared together. I love what God is doing through the Covenant Brethren Church, its mission, and purpose. I resonate with the blend of modern evangelical and historic Brethren perspectives. I wholeheartedly support the 'Statement of Faith.' I am excited about the growth, especially in the international churches."

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
Cedar Bluff Church	5516 Wades Gap Rd., Boones Mill, VA 24065
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 22824
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

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Fairview	1101 Fairview Church Rd., Oakland, MD 21550-5904
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 Jesus Levanta al Caido	Barcelona, Venezuela
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
Kabamkendi-Kibaale	Uganda Africa
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
Leakes Chapel CBC	2334 Honeyville Road, Stanley, VA 22851

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Limestone	398 Culver Rd., Limestone TN 37681-2634
Little Pine	P.O. Box 34, Ennice NC 28623-0034
Maison du Potier	DRC Africa
Maji Ya Uzima Kikonde	DRC Africa
Malinde	Malinde Village, Fizi Territory, South Kivu Province, DRC Africa
Mana del Cielo 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 Cielo	Venezuela

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH CONGREGATIONS

Petersburg Memorial	14 Highland Ave., Petersburg WV 26847-1706
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
Rios de aqua Viva	Barcelona,Venezuela
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
DRC - Democratic Republic of Congo
GT - Guatemala
RW - Rwanda

DR - Dominican Republic
TZ - Tanzania
UG - Uganda
VE - Venezuela

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

CREDENTIALLED MINISTERS

Philip L. Adams	Steven D. Davis	Freddie L. Helsley
Royden E. Airesman	Ernest Dell	Austin Heltor
Dallas L. Bailey	Larry M. Dentler	Gary Hiler
Dakota Gatewood Baker	Tyler S. DePriest	Donald H. Hilton
Jesse Baker	Jaime Diaz	Patrick Himes
Melissa Barnes	William D. Doman Jr.	George David Hinton
Leo Barnes	William F. Dubel	William J. Horton Sr.
Darrell A. Barr	Grover G. Duling	Craig A. Howard
Timothy Bartholomew	Dennis R. Durst	Darren A. Howdyshell
Dale Baugus	Mark Durst	Gregory Howell
David Beebe	Rodney Durst	Douglas Hughes
David Bell	Jeremy H. Dykes	Bruce Jacobsen
Bradley A. Bennett	Gary Wayne Edwards	George Jones
Dale Bennett	Henry D. Elsea Jr.	Jeffrey B. Jones
James Andrew Berkebile	Janet W. Elsea	Robert M. Jones
Michael A. Bernard	Charles S. Estep	Donald J. Judy Jr.
Dale Bowers	Jonathan D. Farmer	Timothy D. Kent
George A. Bowers Sr.	John E Farmer	C. Scott Kinnick
Angel Bracero	Devin Ray Fink	John S. Kipp
Charles William Brown	Gary L. Firster	Linda Lambert
Joseph Brown	William R. Fitchett	Chris Leatherman
Carl L. Brubaker	Lerry Wynn Fogle	Roger Leatherman
J. Eric Brubaker	Timothy Craig Ford	Erica Painter Leeds
Kenneth Caplinger	Raven Foster	Gustavo Lendi
Lidia Santos Castaneda	Stafford Frederick	Steven W. Lowe
Shawn Champ	Larry D. Fultz	José Lucero Dutary
Sandford Christophel	Michael Lane Gallimore	Brian J. Mackie
Jorge E. Cieto Penalba	Edwin Garcie	Musa Mambula
Norma De. Cieto	Phillip J. Graeber	Jonathan C. Martino
Garry L. Clem	Seth B. Grebbien	Philip Matthews
George Brian Coffman	Gary Green	Jonathan Duke McCaffrey
Ronald D. Coleman	Charles R. Griffith	Scott McPeek
David Harold Collins	Jim Griffith	Roy A. McVey
John W. Collins	Karen Grossnickle	Norma Medina Aviles
Galen Matthew Combs	Harold J. Groth	James Medina Flores
Randy W. Cosner	Ivis P. Gutierrez	Delores C Menker
Melanie Cresanto	Libia Gutierrez	Harmon Mel Menker
Leslie Crissman	William Alan Hall	Carmen Mercado Arce
Jaircino Cifuentes Cubillos	B. Scott Harris	Neill "Mac" Miller
Pablo Cumplido	Dana J. Hart	Samuel Moon
Steven Davis	Dewayne Heck	Marian Morales Martinez
Leon Davis	Christopher G. Heinlein	J. Edward Morris

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH

CREDENTIALLED MINISTERS

Todd A. Mouser	Brody Scott Rike	Kimberly Therrien
Mattew Moushlian	Ricky Lee Ritchie	Richard W. Thomas
John M. Moyer	Edward Robbins	Andrew S. Thompson
John R. Moyers	Thomas L. Rowan	Roger D. Truax
Mark Daniel Murchie	Bradley Ray Runkle	Frank B. Turner
James F. Myer	Dwayne A. Runkle	Timothy Turpin
Craig Alan Myers	Edward William Rupert	Lewis Ponga Umbe
Roger K. Myers	Philip L. Ryder	Luis Humberto Velasco
Phillip J Noel	Alix Manuel Sable	Vargus
Jose C. Otero	Shandy Paul Sampson	Timothy L. Vaughn
Duane Edward Painter	Michael Saturday III	Marvin D. Wade
Homer Painter	Billy Craig Scruggs	George S Wanjala
Walter Palma Garcia	Mark L Seese	Douglas Edward Wantz
Theresa Rea Palmer	Phil Self	Steven Paul Waroe Aguilar
James A. Parker	Ronald G. Sherck II	G. Edward Weaver
Christopher M Payne	Randy L. Shoemaker	Ray (Ed) Weaver
Deborah L. Payne	Brian N. Simmons	Timothy Webb
Russell R. Payne	Melvin R. Smith	Allen Weldy
Diane Pence	P.V. Lee Smith	Nathan L. West
Donald Peters	Darrell Robert Spaid	Elva Jean Westlake
Jonathan A. Prater	William David Stewart	Bobby Wayne Whetzel
James Hebron Quesenberry	Earl F. Stovall	June Diann Whetzel
Michael Rath	Harry E. Strite	Gary White
Michael A. Reece	David Sutton	Eddie B. Wooten
Robert W. Reed	John C. Swonger	Jeffery A Wray
Todd Reed	Evelyn R. Tanco	Vernon E. Yoder
Norman L. Replogle	LaDeana M. Teets	Frank Paul Young
Lillian Reyes Ramos	Lindsey Mark Teets	David W. Ziler
Daniel Dean Rhodes	Mark Teets	Sherri Ziler
Robert Edwin Rice Jr	James Therrien	

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.

Continued

Covenant Brethren Church

Statement of Faith

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

Continued

Covenant Brethren Church

Statement of Faith

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

NOTES

[illegible]

[illegible]

