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"Go ... Make ... Baptize"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Registration is now open for the 2026 Covenant Brethren Church Annual Meeting & Worship Conference which will be held July 16–18 at the Pasquerilla Conference Center in Johnstown, Pa.

This is a time for the Covenant Brethren Church to gather to worship and pray and seek the Lord's leading while endeavoring to build one another up in faith. A minimum of essential business will also be conducted.

This year's conference theme is "Go...Make...Baptize" and reminds us of the work Jesus directed us to do in Matthew 28:19, "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."

Our time together begins Thursday afternoon at 1:00 pm

with Pre-Conference Sessions. These four sessions provide opportunities to reflect and engage on important topics in church life. All attendees are welcome and encouraged to participate in these sessions as we prepare our hearts for worship and fellowship.

On Thursday evening, we are especially excited to welcome Pastor Lewis from Africa. Pastor Lewis is the first pastor CBC worked with overseas. This dedicated man serves God daily and has put himself in harm's way many times to complete the necessary work God called him to do.

Friday evening's message will be brought to us by Brother John Swonger, pastor of Knob Creek Covenant Brethren Church and a member of the CBC Executive Board. Bro John brings a heart for sound teaching and spiritual encouragement

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Churches in Action

All ages can help with outreach projects!

I wanted to share with about a project that a couple of our youth helped with. Our ladies group has several community outreach projects throughout the year. We enlisted a couple of our youth to help assemble and deliver care baskets to elderly and shut-ins in our community.

We assembled and delivered 14 baskets that contained a warm throw, apples, oranges, bananas, multiple cookies, chips, crackers, power bars, nutritional bars, juice, fruit cups, applesauce, pudding cups, etc. The youth also learned how to shrink wrap the baskets

Paulette Fultz — Ewing CBC



Family Night Fellowship

I wanted to share some things happening at Fairview. Early last fall we had a young man, Will Dixon, give his life to the Lord and was baptized.

Also, starting this year, we are having family night the first Sunday of each month. We share a meal and time of fellowship and then work on making kits and handmade items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, spearheaded by our senior youth.

Blessings

Sam Moon — Fairview CBC



CBC Miracle Fishing Church Update



The building project of the Miracle Fishing CBC Church in Guatemala is moving along nicely! The Miracle Fishing congregation is the only CBC church in Guatemala at present, but that will likely soon change. Their building project started about 2 years ago when members of a leadership team knelt on the newly purchased property and laid hands on the ground that would one day hold a new church building. They are seen above asking God to raise up a great congregation that would be the seed church for CBC in Guatemala and we look forward to what God will do!

Money for the project began to come in through the CBC mission fund and construction began. The cost is roughly \$53 per square foot which, according to Google, compares to \$160 – \$325 per square foot in the US, and at present the church is about one third complete. Guatemalans do not normally borrow money for building projects. They buy materials as money becomes available and then build as funding allows.



The structure they are erecting is not only being designed to handle their congregation, which has already grown well beyond the facility they currently use, but it is also planned to host a weekday program for local youth and perhaps even a Christian school. The congregation already gives great attention to its youth, involving them in many aspects of their church's ministry. They hope to expand with after-school programs and much more once their new building is finished.

It will also likely become the central meeting place for CBC in Guatemala. Other churches in the area are already expressing interest in joining CBC and Miracle Fishing Church will be the heart of that new region in Central America.



If you would like to help the Covenant Brethren Miracle Fishing Church complete its building, you and/or your congregation can send donations to:

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

Enclose a note or write "Miracle Fishing Church–Guatemala" in the memo line. For \$53 you can build a square foot of this new and exciting church! Let's work together to see this wonderful ministry move forward to the Glory Of God!

Submitted by Craig Howard – Publications Committee



A New Church Plant in the Dominican Republic!



A new Covenant Brethren Church congregation has been launched in the Dominican Republic, and it is growing! This new church plant is in Higüey, which is a city of approximately 415,000 people and they are already erecting a new building to accommodate current and future growth! The church is led by Brother Gustavo Lindi, a passionate pastor who is on fire and whom God is using to establish this congregation in a growing neighborhood that currently has no other Christian church. Bro Lindi dreams of sending out their own youth and adult mission teams to other parts of the world and of also addressing special youth ministry opportunities at home.



A view of the neighborhood being built next door as seen from the rooftop of the new church building.

The church is currently meeting in a large house with a pavilion. There are at least 200 potential families within walking distance of the new church and the area is growing. The congregation has begun a project to build a new church facility and youth center. They have drilled a well and plan to provide clean drinking water to anyone in need, as is the local custom. To date they have spent about \$90,000 on the new building but have run out of money. They estimate they will

need an additional \$59,000 to finish this project. Because they are committed to seeing this become a reality, they will eventually come up with that money, but it could take quite a while. At present, they are concentrating on preparing bathrooms, plastering ceilings and walls with cement, and installing doors, windows, and security bars. This work will require \$20,000.



The CBC Central Allegheny Region has already committed \$500 to this project. If other churches commit \$500 each, that would help to complete this phase of the project. If this is something you, your church, your region or your VBS would like to help with, please send a check made payable to:

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Write "Dominican Republic" on the memo line or include a note indicating that's what it's for. This is a tremendous opportunity for us to help this new church that has the potential of not only reaching its neighborhood with God's love, but of also ministering to refugees who are fleeing terrible conditions in Haiti. If you can't give \$500, any amount will make a big difference.

May God be glorified in and through this ministry of the Covenant Brethren Church!

**Submitted by
Craig Howard –
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and will lead us in reflection and worship as we continue seeking God together.

We are also excited to once again offer a CBC Youth Conference alongside the Annual Meeting & Worship Conference! This is a special opportunity for youth to dig into God's Word, grow in their faith, and build meaningful friendships with other young believers. Throughout the weekend, youth will participate in Bible study, worship, and Christ-centered activities designed to encourage and challenge them in their walk with Jesus.

The registration fee this year is \$100 for each delegate and \$75 for all others who attend. These fees help offset rising expenses. Youth under 18 are free and you can register and find hotel reservation details at <https://covenantbrethren.org/amwc/>. Hotel reservations must be made by June 16, using the link above. Online conference registration will close on July 3, but you may still register on site during the conference.

To help in your planning, we have worked with a local caterer who will provide a package of 4 meals for \$56. These include dinner on Thursday, breakfasts for Friday and Saturday, and lunch on Friday. Please pay for this plan when you register for the Conference. On Friday evening, the Brethren Revival Fellowship (BRF) will host a dinner for

conference participants. Seating is limited, so be sure to pick up your ticket at the BRF booth. There is no charge, but a love gift is appreciated to support the meal.

Please join us in praying for this gathering. Our hope is that it will be a time of refreshment and encouragement and an opportunity to worship together, grow in the Word, and be strengthened in our faith. We are eager to see how the Lord will work among us this July in Johnstown!

We encourage you to register soon at <https://covenantbrethren.org/amwc/> and invite others to come with you. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in His service,

*Annual Meeting and Worship Conference Program
Planning and Arrangements Committee*

