



God's News for Antioch

May 2026

Antioch Covenant Brethren Church

23502 Senedo Road, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

(540)459-3661

George Bowers, Senior Pastor

Life's Master Key

Schedule:

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Worship

**Nursery Provided &
Children's Church**

Senior Pastor: George Bowers

**Associate Pastor for Youth and Visitation:
Dale Bennett**

**Pastor Administrative Assistant/Clerk:
Rachel Buffington**

Treasurer/Bookkeeper: Kathleen Reynolds

Deacons: John Anderson, Chair

Don Sherman Jr., Co-Chair

Benny & Tammy Andes

Tim & Kathy Cooper

Norma Doman

Matt & Brenda Wendling

Noah & Amy Hepner

Diane Pence

Building & Grounds Chair: Jeff Jett

Pastoral & Worship Chair: Diane Pence

Finance Chair: Doug Doman

Discipleship Chair: Stephanie Chapman

Church & Family Fellowship Chair:

Ronda Mace

Mission & Witness Chair: Allen Bowers

Sunday School Superintendent:

David Sherman

Church Board Chairman: Bernie Adams

Church Board Co-Chairman:

Stephanie Chapman

Moderator: Barry Arey

The key lock mechanism is an amazing invention and has been incorporated into everything from automobiles to nuclear facilities. Imagine a world where keys would not be needed because everyone was honest. How much simpler life would be and how much lighter our pockets would be as well.

Most every building has its array of keys for exterior doors, interior rooms, storage closets, and even paper towel dispensers. Fortunately, life is simplified with master keys that are designed to open multiple locks. Such arrangements reduce the number of individual keys needed but even with such masters, it seems some additional keys are still necessary for rogue mechanisms not re-keyed to the master.

I have found that the Bible is a master key to life. Instead of requiring numerous different explanations for various aspects of the world, this one universal divine revelation fits all of life's locks. Let's look at a few areas of truth that can be opened and illuminated with this ancient yet eternally relevant book.

For starters, the Bible answers the origin question: where did we come from? We are clearly told that we are not soulless products of random chance operating over billions of years. Rather, we are unique creations of an all-knowing and all-powerful God who made us in His own image. We not only have eternal souls, but also capacities to learn, grow, love, be loved, think, and create.

Using the Bible's key to open the foyer of creation leads us into a whole building of other rooms that can then be accessed. We understand where the complexity of even the simplest lifeforms originated as well as the grandest schemes of the solar system and universe. It explains the scientifically unexplainable truths of music and beauty.

Geology is also unlocked through the Bible's pages. Genesis 6-9 describes how the earth was completely covered with water thus revealing how marine fossils ended up on the peak of Mt. Everest. It also helps us understand how hundreds of layers of sediment were laid down over several months and then

folded while still soft before hardening into rock. Rocks don't bend; they break. In addition, this worldwide cataclysmic event explains how we ended up with billions of dead things buried in rock layers all over the earth. Other attempts to describe the fossils paleontologists dig up all leave locked doors of contradictions.

The Bible key also opens the door of explanation for the earth's 7,000 different languages. Linguists tell us that there is no clear pathway of how all these evolved but rather seem to have "exploded" about the same time. Genesis 11 describes how, when, and even why that explosion took place.

Another room the Bible key fits is that of archaeology. As artifacts, skeletons, and cultures are dug out of the dirt, they all align with the Bible's record. It's amazing how many theories have been rewritten to correspond with God's Word following archaeological discoveries.

The mysteries of history also begin to make sense as we view human nature from a Biblical viewpoint. Wars have occurred because humans are basically sinful. As such we lie, cheat, steal, and kill until something changes our hearts. Even external laws, while they may suppress wicked behavior, are powerless to eliminate the rebellion, sin, and selfishness within every human being.

The Bible key unlocks the chambers of relationships, morality, government, philosophy, justice, life, and ultimately death. Universities were first established by Christians to use the Bible's universal master key to open every aspect of truth rather than to repudiate God. There are many other rooms for which the Bible's key is also the perfect fit.

Read it daily to access this amazing tool to unlock life's meaning, purpose, and outcome for ultimately the Bible key opens heaven's door. It tells us of God's own Son who died to forgive our sins and transform our hearts. Allow Jesus to open true life and eternity for you.

Blessings,

George



It is almost time!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates are June 7th-10th

Time is from 6 pm to 8:30 pm

We will need lots of helpers for Vacation Bible School.

If you would like to help, contact Pastor Dale at 540-325-4128.

Many hands make light work and we could use your hands!

Matthew 9: 37-38

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

John 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members:

If you would like to become a member at Antioch by baptism or transfer or have questions, please see Pastor George or Pastor Dale. We plan to do this again in June with baptisms in Stoney Creek at the Edinburg Mill weather permitting.

If you would like to dedicate a child to the Lord, we plan to do this in June.

Library News

Members are recommending specific titles for the Antioch Library. If you have in mind a book or resource you would recommend to other members, drop a note in the Book Donation box explaining why you recommend it (or just talk with Laura Brown, Ashley Bowers, or Tony Turley). You can check the online catalog, too, in case the library already has a copy.

Help us secure these titles: If you're willing to donate your lightly-used copy of one of the following, that would be a tremendous blessing.

* Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age by Rosaria Butterfield

* Joy Unspeakable: Power and Renewal in the Holy Spirit by D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

* Side by Side: Walking with Others in Wisdom and Love by Edward T. Welch

Please drop your copy in a Book Donation box in the Fellowship Hall or in the Antioch Library (Room 3). Those who want to help us purchase recommended books for the library can place a donation in an offering envelope labeled "Antioch Library."

Sharing of Gifts and Worship Leadership:

If you are willing to lead worship, lead music, or share a gift during worship contact Sister Amy Hepner of the Pastoral and Worship Commission.

Newsletter:

If you have information for the church newsletter, please send it to Sheryl Jett. Please send her all birthdays and anniversaries so we can recognize those in the church newsletter. Please email her at: theboys@shentel.net or put it in her mailbox at church.

Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley Mother's Day Concerts coming up in May!

Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley, a 35-member professional choir under the direction of artistic director Scott Zane Smith, presents their spring concert, "The Wonderful World of Broadway" on May 9-10, at Linville Creek Church of the Brethren in Broadway. Our one-hour concert consists of an inspiring collection of Broadway favorites. Concerts both days are at 3 p.m. Celebrate the joy, heart and magic of Broadway with Chordially Yours this Mother's Day weekend! For more information, find us on Facebook, @Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley.

Antioch Church Financial Summary – 1st Quarter 2026

March 31, 2026

Total Income (General)		\$118,459.35
Total Expenses (General)		\$103,332.08
Net Income	+	\$ 15,127.27
Amount paid on Debt 1st QTR		\$ 40,221.22
Amount to pay on Debt		\$206,823.03

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REMINDER REGARDING CHARITABLE GIVING RECEIPTS FOR THOSE USING THE ANTIOCH PAYPAL LINK ON THE WEB PAGE:

Please make sure you print the receipt from PayPal to use for your charitable giving receipt for income tax purposes. The donations given using the PayPal link are not included in recording that is done from tithes and offerings collected during the regular church offering.

Antioch Little Duckling Preschool continues to enroll children. If you or someone you know is interested, have them call the Preschool at 540-459-9486. The preschool is always looking for donations of stickers, crayons, craft kits (35), treats, and paper products. If you would like to donate to the preschool scholarship fund. Checks can be sent to the church or added to the offering. In the memo line it can be earmarked for the scholarship fund. Blessings, Amy Babcock, Director/Teacher, Antioch Little Ducklings

Ongoing needs of Family Promise include:

Peanut Butter	Jelly	Deluxe Macaroni & Cheese
Breakfast Bars	Spray Cleaner	13-gallon kitchen trash bags
Paper Towels	Toothpaste	Tampons
Adult Body Wash		

Donations may be dropped off at our Family Center, 781 Spring Parkway, Woodstock, VA
Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SPREAD THE WORD

Please spread the word! Antioch's Sunday Worship Services are available on YouTube and you can find them by typing YouTube into your browser and then searching for AntiochCBC. Past services and Bible Studies are there as well. In addition, you can find out more information about Antioch at www.antiochcbc.org including upcoming events, sermon note sheets, ministries, mission opportunities, children's activities, Antioch's history, how to meet Jesus, and much more!

Sign Your Child Up For Free Bible Classes!

Weekday Religious Education Classes are being held this school year and are open to all 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Go to www.Biblebreak.com and click on Sign Up! Share with your friends and spread the word! All 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome but every participant needs to register and have a signed permission slip. See Pastor George or Dale for any questions.

Join Antioch's Choir!

The Antioch Choir practices are on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. and the group will lead worship and provide sharing of gifts for services once a month on the 4th Sundays. If you are interested in joining the Antioch Choir or have questions, please contact Nancy Bowers in person or at gabowers@shentel.net.

Meals Ministry Opportunity!

Would you be willing to provide a meal for a church family in need? A Meals Ministry team is being formed to help church members when a need for a meal(s) arises due to a surgery or extended illness. We would like to comprise a list of people who would be willing to provide a meal if called upon. You don't have to be a "Betty Crocker" in the kitchen to help out. A casserole, soup and salad, or a pizza and salad, etc. can easily feed a family. Could you pick up a rotisserie chicken, some potato salad and rolls and drop it by someone's house if called upon? Are you comfortable calling DoorDash? Please prayerfully consider if you could lend a hand and be a part of this outreach. Please contact Leslie Helsley by text or phone at 540-325-7127 or by email at slbcbj@yahoo.com and she will be able to answer your questions and get you on the list. You can also call Yvonne Ryman on her cell 540-333-4035 or by text. We recognize that many in our church are already addressing this need but are hoping to reach others who may also have a heart for this ministry. A sign-up sheet will also be available on the table in the fellowship hall.

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Antioch's Theme Verse for 2026:

Pastors George and Dale and the Antioch Church Board invite you to memorize, meditate, and live out the following verse for 2026. It will be our "Theme Verse of the Year" and this will be special emphasis in worship, sermons, outreach events, etc.

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. John 15:16

AWE

AWE is looking for a bass singer and more musicians. We've been praying for you! If you sing bass, play an instrument, and would like to worship with AWE, we'd love to have you. We practice on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary. Join us for our lively, fun time of fellowship and worship. Questions? Reach out to any AWE member.

Church Nursery Help Needed

Nursery volunteers are needed for both services. Please, if you are able, consider volunteering in the nursery.

Disaster Work:

Samaritan's Purse is constantly looking for volunteers to go on Disaster Mop up and rebuild trips. See Pastor George if you are interested in either.

Blue Ridge Region CBC has a Samaritan's Purse mission trip for rebuilding in Burnsville, North Carolina from 5/31 through 6/5. We will be taking our van to accommodate those interested in helping with this project. We have room for 6 men and 2 women. We have only received interest from 3 men thus far. It has been difficult getting a group trip approved and we don't want to let this opportunity pass us by. Anyone interested in the trip, contact Gary Wingfield at either email at gwingfield12@gmail.com or by phone at 540-942-3139.

Prayer Meeting

Call to Prayer - come together to lift our hearts in prayer and seek God's guidance and will for our church, community and beyond. We meet on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m. in classroom #1 (new basement).

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20

Help with Pregnancy

If you or someone you know is facing an unexpected pregnancy, our church is here to help. Please contact either Pastor George or Pastor Bennett or a deacon.

Need Volunteers for the Sound Booth on Sundays

Interested in serving your congregation? Antioch is looking for volunteers to help in the sound booth on Sunday mornings. No experience necessary. Training will be provided for anyone high school or older. Please reach out to Alfio at alfio.vasta98@gmail.com.

Worship Course to Be Offered at Antioch

The Blue Ridge Region CBC is sponsoring a Ministerial Training Program on "Worship" beginning in mid-April. It is eligible for Continuing Education credit or for CBC ordination purposes. The Worship module is a 4-session course. It pairs pre-recorded video segments featuring Brother Roger Myers with reading assignments from A.W. Tozer's teachings in Worship - The Reason We Were Created (available from Amazon and other sources). Weekly in-person sessions to discuss the week's assignments will be held at Antioch Church, tentatively scheduled for Saturdays from 10 am to noon on May 2, 9. It is open to anyone and anyone who is interested should email Brother Tony Turley at ajturley@yahoo.com. For more details or any questions, don't hesitate to email Tony or text him at 540-313-5238.

Gospel Music and Trips Update

Go to SONshineMinistriesVA.org to find out more about other concerts and bus trips as well as a listening schedule for WBTX and ministries sponsored by SONshine Ministries.

Bus Trip - Friday, June 12, 2026; or Friday, July 17, 2026 - Joshua at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA - BRAND NEW SHOW! BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, JOSHUA is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected help emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua's trust in God's plan is put to the ultimate test.

Experience one of the most redemptive stories of the Bible as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Cost: \$215 all-inclusive. Includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, ticket to the show, delicious buffet meal and a packed lunch on the way home. Call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211, Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236 or email dustinkline@gmail.com.

An Afternoon of Worship Presented by CleanWater of Virginia featuring Chris Tomlin, with Special Guest Cade Thompson.

The Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival® is excited to announce GRAMMY, Billboard Music and Dove Award-winning artist Chris Tomlin will headline the 2026 Contemporary Christian Concert, presented by Clean Water of Virginia, on **Sunday, May 3, 2026**, at the James R. Wilkins, Jr. Athletics & Events Center at Shenandoah University. Doors open at Noon, show begins at 2:00 pm. Special early-bird ticket pricing is now on sale. Ticket prices range from \$20 to \$95 and are available for purchase at www.thebloom.com.

Bus Trip - Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - Washington, DC Tour

Join George Bowers, Jean Kelley and Dustin Kline as we travel to Washington, DC to explore our country's Christian heritage and take in the sites of the city. This is a great trip for adults AND kids! We will arrive in DC around 8:00 a.m., and should arrive home around 7:00 p.m. More details coming soon!! Note: This tour does include a significant amount of walking, as most of the monuments and stops are outdoor locations. The motorcoach will transport us to each location, as needed. Call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211, Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236 or email dustinkline@gmail.com for more details or to sign up.

June 18 - 20, 2026 -- Ark Encounter, Creation Museum and Riverboat Dinner Cruise - Williamstown, KY

Come see the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum!! Join us on this 3-day, 2-night trip as we travel to the Ark Encounter, featuring a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel will amaze visitors young and old. Ark Encounter is situated in beautiful Grant County in Williamstown, Kentucky. We will also take time to see the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky, a 75,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that allows you to venture through biblical history, stunning exhibits, botanical gardens, planetarium, plus more. Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations with breakfast, a day at the Ark, and plenty of time at the Creation Museum. Reservations must be confirmed by May 5th!

Cost: Varies depending on the number of people per room. Download the flyer by clicking the link above, or call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211 or Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236.

Bus Trip - September 30 - October 4, 2026 - National Quartet Convention in Pigeon Forge, TN

Join us on this unforgettable trip to the National Quartet Convention, held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. You'll get to enjoy all of the phenomenal concerts and events at NQC, plus have the flexibility to come and go as you please to enjoy any of the other endless entertainment/dining options Pigeon Forge has to offer. The National Quartet Convention is the largest multi-day Southern Gospel event of the year, and features top-notch groups in the industry from all over the country, and beyond. You can enjoy great gospel music all day into the night if you'd like, or just enjoy the evening concerts and selected daytime concerts. We are leaving on Wednesday, September 30th and returning home on Sunday, October 4th. You have tons of events/concerts to choose from each day and an extended concert with lots of your favorite artists/groups each evening. This is a great way to see all of the big name groups in person, many of which you don't get to see in this area. Prices are very reasonable and vary depending on the number of people per room. A detailed flyer will be available soon. Call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211, Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236 or email Dustin for details or to sign up.

Bus Trip - Tuesday, November 10, 2026 - Winter Wonderland (Christmas Show) at the American Music Theater in Lancaster, PA

Step into the magic of the season with Winter Wonderland, American Music Theater's 2026 Christmas Show! From a charming Bavarian village to the festive North Pole, this dazzling production features stunning sets, gorgeous costumes, and live performances of your favorite sacred and secular holiday songs. With their sensational cast, live orchestra, and even a visit from Santa, it's a joyful experience for the whole family--and a holiday tradition for all! This is a great show!! And be sure to bring the kids along!! Discounted pricing for kids age 3-12. Cost: \$175 all-inclusive. Includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, ticket to the show, delicious buffet meal and a packed lunch on the way home. Call Jean Kelley at 540-476-5211, Dustin Kline at 540-810-6236 or email Dustin for details or to sign up.



How Can I Be Saved?

It is very easy to have your sins forgiven, be saved, and go to heaven. There are three basic steps:

1. Admit. Admit to God that you are a sinner (that you have disobeyed Him and His plan for your life). Romans 3:23 "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

2. Believe. Believe that God loves you and that He sent His Son, Jesus, to take the penalty for our sin and to pay our price. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

3. Confess. Confess with your mouth that "Jesus is Lord" of all and that God raised Him from the dead. Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Just pray right now, tell God that you are a sinner, and ask Him to forgive you through Jesus' blood. Tell Him you want Jesus to be Lord, the Leader of your life.

If you have never prayed to God or it has been a long time it may be hard to know where to start. While you can tell God whatever is on your heart, the following prayer may help you get started if you don't know where to begin.

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner and I want to stop. I'm sorry for my sins and I'm asking you to forgive me because of Jesus' death on the cross. I believe Jesus is Your Son and I believe You raised Him from the dead. I want Him to save me and to lead me. Thank you for doing this. I give myself to you. In Jesus Name, Amen"

Now What?

If you have been saved and want to follow Jesus, begin to read His Word, the Bible, and pray every day. Begin attending a Bible believing church where you can grow in your faith and learn to be all that God has planned for you. We'd love to have you join us at Antioch but there are many wonderful churches. What is important is that you are involved somewhere. May God bless you as you serve Him.

Happy Birthday to our
May Birthday People



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Happy
Birthday
&
God Bless You!



Celebrating Marriages for
the Month of May



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Happy Anniversary!



2026 Weekly Prayer Emphasis:

During 2026, the Pastors, staff, and Church Board invite you to join them in weekly prayers for our church. Please spend some time each week, and ideally each day praying about these items:

Week of:

May 3—Pray for God to bless our Church Custodians, Richard & Dianne Funkhouser.


May 10—Pray that God would put in the heart of many to attend Sunday School and that all would respond and attend.

May 17—Pray that we would please God at Antioch in all that we do.

May 24— Pray that our campers this summer would sense God speaking to them and that they would respond.

May 31—Pray that God would put in the hearts of all members and many guests to attend Worship each Sunday





YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SECOND
ANNUAL WOMEN CONFERENCE

Divinely Favored

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, HEALING AND WORSHIP

May 2

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

HOSTED BY: NEW BEGGININGS CBC
AT
SKYCROFT CONFERENCE CENTER

9621 FROSTOWN ROAD
MIDDLETOWN, MD 21769
NELSON BUILDING ROOMS 3 & 4

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, PRAISE AND
WORSHIP, BREAK OUT SESSIONS AND
MEAL INCLUDED;
\$65 PER PERSON

Psalm 5:12



TO REGISTER
CONTACT:
KMOM4X@VERIZON.NET
OR
301-514-5625



2026 Blue Ridge Regional Conference

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 7:45 - 8:30 Registration/Light Breakfast
8:30 - 2:30 Conference

Location: Mt Zion Church
10589 Mt Zion Rd
Linville, VA 22834

Join us for a very special time to fellowship with other Covenant Brethren from our Blue Ridge Region, praise and worship God together and conduct some of the business of our church. There is **no charge** to attend and **lunch is provided**. Let's pack Mt Zion and worship the Lord together!

“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord.”



STAND. SEE. SURRENDER.

EXODUS 14:13-14

Registration ends July 15, 2026. Go to our website at blueridge.covenantbrethren.org or email blueridge@covenantbrethren.org for more details

Application on the next 4 pages



BLUE RIDGE REGION CBC SUMMER CAMP

JULY 5-9, 2026 (JR & SR CAMPS)
COMPLETED 3RD-12TH GRADES

TOPIC: FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT
PLACE: HIGHLAND RETREAT

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

Bible Study, Worship,
Games, Swimming,
Crafts, Recreation,
Fellowship, Etc.

"IN HIS IMAGE"



BLAST POOL PARTY

**29
JULY**

**7-9
PM**

**BRING A
FRIEND!**



Blue Ridge Region Covenant Brethren Church 2026 Summer Youth Camp Registration Form



Where: Highland Retreat, 14783 Upper Highland Dr., Bergton

When: July 5th, 6:00 pm through July 9th, 2:00 pm

Who: Junior Camp- Completed 3rd-7th grades
Senior Camp- Completed 8th-12th grades

Cost: \$180 per camper. Contact your camp representative for financial assistance.

Deadline to register is June 7th, 2026.

For your convenience you can register online at: <https://forms.gle/U5s6uSNjbhBdaV7F7>

Registration fees and paper copies of the registration form (if not submitted online), should be mailed to **Tammy Yoder at 993 Canterburg Rd. Stephens City, VA 22655**. Questions- contact Becky at beckyaleland@gmail.com or Tammy at tammydyoder@yahoo.com.

Things to note:

1. Check in is 6pm on Sunday, July 5th. Junior campers will check in at **Red Oak Lodge**. Senior campers will check in at **Mountain View Retreat Center**. **A copy of your insurance card should be brought to camp check-in.**
2. Check out is 2pm on Thursday afternoon, July 9th. Other arrangements can be made for pick up if needed. Please let one of the Camp Directors know before camp if there is an issue with pick-up times.
3. A list of medications must be provided at check-in to the camp nurse. All medications must be labeled with the child's name.
4. Money for the camp store must be turned in at registration. Leaders will hold on to the money and return any that is not used at check-out.
5. Junior campers are NOT allowed to have cell phones at camp. Senior campers are allowed to have cell phones ONLY DURING DOWN TIME.

What To Bring

Jr. Campers **ONLY**- bedding for twin size bed (Senior Campers bedding is provided.)

Towels for shower and pool

Toiletries

One piece (modest) bathing suit

Sunscreen

Bible

Pens/pencils

Reusable water bottle

Clothes for rain/shine and indoor/outdoor activities

Flashlight

Bug Spray

Notebook

Money for camp store

Shower shoes

Optional items to bring: camera, musical instrument, sports balls, fishing gear (**senior camp only**)

Registration Form

Camper's Full Name: _____

Gender (circle one): M F Age: _____ Grade completed by June: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Primary Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church Membership/Sponsoring Church: _____

T-shirt Size

Child: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-large _____

Adult: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-large _____ Other _____

Name of Person Picking Up Camper: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____ Phone# _____

Emergency Medical Contacts:

1. Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone #: _____

2. Name: _____ Relationship to Camper: _____

Phone #: _____

Insurance Information:

Company Name: _____ Policy or Group #: _____

Physician: _____ Office #: _____

*****Please attach a copy of your insurance card.*****

Code of Conduct

Please read over the following with your camper and sign, verifying that you both have read and agree to the following:

All (regardless of race, creed, color, or disability) campers, staff, volunteers and visitors are expected to abide by the following rules of conduct:

- Respect and compliance with event schedules by participating in **all** scheduled activities.
- Respect of **all** campers, staff, volunteers, and visitors.
- Respect of **all** property including camp, camper, staff, volunteer and visitor property; recognizing campers and their parents are financially responsible for any damages for which they are directly responsible.
- No immodest clothing for girls (no spaghetti/halter straps or bare mid-riff tops, no undergarments exposed, only one-piece bathing suits and only waste to middle finger tip shorts) or boys (no sagging pants, no undergarments exposed, only modest boxer type swim trunks and shirts worn at all times). Any clothes, jewelry or other personal belongings with messages that relate to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, sex and vulgarity are **NOT** permitted.
- If leaving the camp in provided transportation for a camp activity, it is prohibited to do anything that would compromise the safety of anyone or be distracting to the driver.
- Grounds for **automatic dismissal** include:
 - Possession or use of alcohol/drugs/tobacco/weapons/fireworks/lighters/explosives
 - Bullying, fighting, vandalism, or stealing
 - Sexual harassment or inappropriate sexual behavior
- Each camp director has the right at any time to send anyone home without refund or reimbursement if they are found in violation of this Code of Conduct or if they do anything that would jeopardize the testimony, reputation or safety of the Blue Ridge Region Camping Program or Highland Retreat.

I have read over the previous guidelines with my camper and understand each of the expectations.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

I, the camper, have read over and understand the rules of conduct and permission to participate in camp activities. I agree to abide by the stated personal limitations and code of conduct.

Camper Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Medical Information: Adequate disclosure of health history is crucial to our ability to provide a supportive, safe, and healthy environment for your camper. Please fill out this medical portion as complete as possible.

Please list **any medical conditions or limitations** including recent illnesses or operations.

Please list any **current medications**, prescription and over the counter: (all medicines **must** be in a **pharmacy labeled container** with the camper’s name accompanied by the detailed dosage and administration instructions.)

Please list **any allergies and description of reactions**, including medications, substances, and foods:

Date of last tetanus shot:_____

Medical, Photo, and Transportation Consent:

I, the undersigned, have legal custody of the camper named previously, a minor, and have given my consent for him/her to attend this camp and I hereby release Highland Retreat and the Blue Ridge Region of the Covenant Brethren Church, affiliated churches, their pastors, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability for injury, loss or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my child’s involvement. In the event that he/she is injured and requires the attention of a doctor, I consent to any reasonable medical treatment as deemed necessary by a licensed physician. In the event treatment is required from any physician and/or hospital personnel designated by the camp or camp staff, I agree to hold such person free and harmless of any claims, demands or damages arising from the giving of such consent. I also acknowledge that I will be ultimately responsible for the cost of any medical care should the cost of that medical care not be reimbursed by my health insurance provider or the secondary insurance of Highland Retreat. Further, I affirm that the health insurance information provided above is accurate at this date and will, to the best of my knowledge, still be in force for the child named above. I also agree to bring my child home at my own expense should they become ill or if deemed necessary by the camp director.

I understand that all photographs, video and/or audio taken during the camp week may be used for future promotional and report purposes via print, video and web. I understand that to exclude my child that I must submit a written request to the camp director prior to or at check-in of my child’s camp week.

Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Printed Name:_____



May 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please NOTE: Weekly Bulletin Announcements contain the latest info.					1	2 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
3 Deacon Meeting after service	4 4pm, Grief Support Group 6:45pm, Bible Study	5 6:30pm, Youth Choir Practice	6 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner. Women at Italian Touch 3:30pm, BLAST	7 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	8	9 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
10 <u>Mother's Day</u>	11 6:45pm, Bible Study	12	13 9am, Morning Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner. Women at Italian Touch	14 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	15	16 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
17 June Newsletter Items due to Sheryl Jett Graduate Recognition with Meal following service. Middle Youth to Seven Bends State Park after meal.	18 4pm, Grief Support Group 6:45pm, Bible Study	19 6:30pm, Youth Choir Practice Blue Ridge Region Board Meeting	20 9am, Morning Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner. Women at Italian Touch	21 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	22	23 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
24	25 6:45pm, Bible Study	26 NWTF Faithful Call Meeting	27 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner. Women at Italian Touch	28 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	29	30 8am, Weekly Prayer Meeting
31 Youth Sunday						

Dates for 2026 Antioch Ministry Plan God Willing

Every Sunday 10am Worship of Almighty God
Every Sunday 8:45am Sunday School to study
and apply God's Word.

BLAST and
PM Bible Study Most Wednesdays through
April 29

Morning Bible Study Most Wednesdays through
May 20

May 17 Graduate Recognition
with meal afterward

June 7-10 Vacation Bible School

June 23-30 CBC Youth Mission Trip

July 5-9 CBC Regional Jr. & Sr. Camp

July 29 BLAST Pool Party, 7-9 p.m.

Aug 23 Church Board Planning Retreat

Sept 13 Worship in the Wild,
picnic at Maurertown Park.

Sept 20 Sunday School Move Up Sun-
day/
Oct 4 Love Feast following worship.

Oct 18 CBC Sunday and Fellowship
Meal

Nov 22 Community Thanksgiving
Service 6pm.

Dec 20 Christmas Program

Executive Committee Meetings: 6:30pm:
July 13, Oct 12

Church Board Meeting Dates: 7:00pm:
July 13, Oct 12

Congregational Business Meeting Dates:
7:00pm:
July 27, Oct 26

Colossians 3:15-17-New International Version

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Impressed and Engraved

George Bowers

February 2026

Inscribe Your Word upon my heart,
Impress Your image on every part.
Etch Your will into my mind,
Till none of mine is left behind.
Engrave Your name into my being,
Knowing love that's joyfully freeing.
Chisel Your likeness into my soul.
Carve Your shape that makes me whole.
May I always bear your holy logo,
Incised o'rtop my selfish ego!

Honoring Mothers for Mother's Day

Proverbs 31:28: "Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her".

