



God's News for Antioch

June 2026

Antioch Covenant Brethren Church

23502 Senedo Road, Woodstock, Virginia 22664

(540)459-3661

George Bowers, Senior Pastor

Walking Talking Lighthouses

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

We are now deep into vacation season and many valley residents are heading to the beach for some fun in the sun. It's a great place to relax and recharge!

Many go to the Outer Banks and the ocean floor just offshore there is known as the graveyard of the Atlantic for on it lay an estimated 5,000 ships that ran into rocks which sunk them, their cargoes and their crews. Thousands of lives were lost at the bottom of the sea because they couldn't see the hazards.

Because the coastline was so dangerous, 5 lighthouses were built from Corolla to Ocracoke shining in the darkest nights warning sailors of the perils. Although most ships are now guided electronically, the lighthouses still remind us of the desperate need for light and what happens when there is none.

We live in the graveyard of the Shenandoah Valley for all around us friends, family, and coworkers are running aground on sin. Pornography, promiscuity, greed, bitterness, false gods of popularity and drugs, and more are sinking many who are dying without Jesus. But Christians have the light! We must shine Jesus and share His good news of forgiveness and new life. Our words, deeds, and entire lives need to be living, walking, talking lighthouses for Him!

Jesus told us not to put our lights under bushels but up on stands. The taller the stand, the further it shines. That's why lighthouses are tall! It would contradict the whole purpose of a lighthouse to put the light deep inside its base. Do we put Jesus on top Sunday morning and then go to work Monday and stuff Him down inside? We may be ashamed of Jesus depending on the crowd we're with, but Jesus said if anyone is ashamed of Him and His words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He returns. (Mark 8:38) Don't be that guy! Shine His light! Someone needs it, even if you

don't think so. If you know Jesus, you have the light that can keep people from wrecking their lives and their eternities.

A French scientist named Augustin-Jean Fresnel built a lens that magnified light enabling lighthouses to shine further and brighter than ever before. Because of its effectiveness, the Fresnel lens became known as the invention that saved a million ships. Is that not our calling; to save a million souls? Are we not to tell everyone about Jesus? Believers and churches should constantly be designing methods to shine Jesus' light brighter and farther.

We must shine Jesus' light that others may glorify not us, but our Heavenly Father. Although most lighthouses are beautifully painted, they weren't built to look pretty or glorify themselves. They were built to shine. And so were we!

Eventually lighthouses were erected all over the world and 18,600 of them still stand reminding Christians to shine Jesus' light wherever we may be for it is needed in all places! Are your home, workplace, school, and community brighter places because you're in them? The old song says, "Brighten the corner where you are." America is dark and getting darker and the whole nation needs Christians to be lighthouses. Turn up your lumens! The brightest lighthouse today is in France. It has 500 million candlepower or 6.3 billion lumens and can be seen 37 miles away. Oh, to be a lighthouse like that for Jesus!

Lighthouses never know how many ships they save, they just shine, and only in heaven will we learn how many people we helped. Some will ignore the light, some will even run from it, but our calling is to shine anyway. If you are not full of Jesus' spiritual light, come to Him today and connect to the ultimate Source. And if you are connected, ask Him to make you a walking talking lighthouse and to increase your luminosity to light your world for Him!

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.

Congratulations to....

Congratulations to Ella Richman who performed with the Central Symphonic Band at Carnegie Hall in New York!

Congratulations to Claire Ritenour, Reese Estep, Naveah Bailey, and Audrey Foltz who were recognized at the May School Board meeting for their involvement in W. W. Robinson's Positive Peer Leadership Team.

Congratulations to all of our graduates who were recognized in the worship services on May 17:

Preschool:

Emma Kibler - Antioch Little Duckling
Nolan Foltz - Antioch Little Duckling

Allen Rinker - Antioch Little Duckling
Lincoln Jones - St. Paul's Lutheran

Kindergarten

Clark Beaune - Valley Baptist
Skyler Winner - Valley Baptist

Banon Ritenour - WW Robinson

Elementary school

Walker Edwards - Valley Baptist
Sadie Copp - Homeschool
Claire Ritenour - W. W. Robinson
Reese Estep - W. W. Robinson

Kylie Sager - W. W. Robinson
Audrey Foltz - W. W. Robinson
Easton Cummins - W. W. Robinson
Naveah Bailey - W. W. Robinson

Middle School

Conner Richman - Peter Muhlenberg Middle School
Kayla Keeton - North Fork Middle School
Emily Copp - Homeschool
Savanna Rice - Peter Muhlenberg Middle School

Brayden Foltz - Peter Muhlenberg Middle School
Kenzie Sager - Peter Muhlenberg Middle School
Tanner Leland - Peter Muhlenberg Middle School

High School:

David Coulson - Central High School and Triplett Tech in Masonry and will be attending Rappahannock Community College this fall to pursue an Associates Degree in Liberal Arts.
Joseph Sherman - Central High School and Triplett Tech in HVAC and will be entering the work force.
Riddick McClelland—Wylie High School in Texas

College:

Jera Cook earned her Associates degree in Science from Laurel Ridge Community College.
Tiffany Lear earned her Bachelors Degree from EMU in PreMed Biology and Neuroscience and plans to gain lab experience before going into pathology.
Kaylee Yew earned a Bachelors Degree from UVA in Music.
Ben Walters earned a Bachelors Degree from VA Tech in Plant Science and will be working with Adam Marston at Adam's Apples on Walton Farm Road.
Ramsey Hoover earned a Bachelors Degree from JMU in Justice Studies and will be seeking employment with the government.

If one part of the Body suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
1 Corinthians 12:26

Thanks to all who helped with 2025-26 BLAST!

Pastors George and Dale would like to thank everyone who helped this school year with BLAST in any way. Whether you taught, supervised, cooked, drove, cleaned up, gave money, prayed, helped, or whatever, you helped to build Jesus in the life of these children. The average attendance from 23 nights was 98 of those in grades K-12! Throughout the entire time 169 children participated in at least one night of this vital ministry.

One major change this year was to use high schoolers as helpers with the various classes and we had 10 participate in this way. Here is the feedback from one of those high schoolers to Pastor Dale: "I just want to thank you for letting me help with blast. It truly was such an amazing experience to meet a bunch of people and help with the kids. You have an amazing program and I feel like I got closer to the Lord from it. I cannot put into words how blessed I am for everyone there. I hope to come back next year. Thank you again!!

So while we pray BLAST impacted the elementary and middle schoolers also, it perhaps had the most influence on the older students. May God be glorified and please begin praying for BLAST 26-27!



Attention Middle Schoolers **(And their parents!)**

Be on the lookout for **CREATION CAMP!** Pastor George leads this unique experience for children who have completed grades 5-8th. It is a day camp where children arrive at the church in the morning (usually around 10) and learn about some aspect of creation (mammals, fish, soils, trees, birds, space, rocks, etc). We find out what day of Creation Week God made whatever is being studied and we also look at Scriptures where this particular topic is mentioned. We also learn some basic facts and info about the topic with hands on props. After lunch, we try to take an afternoon field trip to learn more about whatever topic we studied that morning and return to church usually by 5pm, if not before.

Children cannot participate in Creation Camp unless they have turned in a signed permission slip. They will also need a water bottle and usually a packed lunch. Dates are to be determined and will be in the bulletin and/or announced in worship each week. Parents who have questions should let Pastor George know. We look forward to learning more about our Creator and about what He has made! Stay tuned to the bulletin and announcements!

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 on June 21 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 on June 7.

Library News

Antioch Library News: Matt Wendling and a few others recently donated items – along with their personal recommendations. More than 30 items in the library catalog now have “Notes” from your Antioch brothers and sisters describing why you should read the book. #CheckItOut

If you would like to donate a book, DVD or other resource, please write out why you believe others will benefit from reading it. Slip your recommendation between the pages and drop it off at the church. Any material that honors Christ is welcome.

Titles currently targeted: If you're willing to donate your lightly-used copy of one of the following, that would be a tremendous blessing.

- Disciplines of a Godly Man by Kent Hughes
- Because He Loves Me: How Christ Transforms Our Daily Life by Elyse Fitzpatrick
- The Eclipse of God by Erwin Lutzer

Cash donations are also welcome to help Antioch Library purchase new materials. Use an offering envelope and write in "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.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS REAL AND IT IS HERE IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY

HUMAN TRAFFICKING COMMUNITY SEMINAR

Sunday, June 14, 2026 ~ 2 PM

First Baptist Church-Woodstock

116 Lakeview Drive, Woodstock, VA

Who needs to attend? EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY!

The Blue Heat Community Outreach Group will be presenting education for anyone who might encounter victims of human trafficking or the traffickers in Shenandoah County. They will review the eleven types of human trafficking, the legal issues, internet dangers, health related issues, and more.

Blue Heat is a community outreach group dedicated to educating the community.

Middle Youth Lights

Middle Youth Lights will be volunteers to help with VBS “Growing in the Son” June 7-10 6:00-8:30pm. Please contact Sandy Clem at 540-481-0264.

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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

Upcoming Sunday School Opportunity!

There is a new Sunday School class starting focused on parents with young children. The goal of this class is to encourage Christian fellowship while strengthening biblical knowledge. The intent is to be a kid-friendly structure. If you'd like to learn more, we will have an interest meeting for the new Sunday School class on June 14th following the worship service or you can reach out to Madison Coffey or Jan Anderson.

AWE

AWE is thanking God for the addition of our bass singer, Darren Johnson. If you play na instrument and would like to join AWE, please call Amy Hepner at 540-323-0171. We'd love to have you.

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.

Meet the New Samaritan's Purse Disaster Coordinator

Greetings to everyone! Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Angela Painter, I am a member of Melvin Hill Covenant Brethren Church in Columbus, North Carolina. I have been appointed by the Executive Board as the Samaritan's Purse Disaster Coordinator. In this role I will be working with Samaritan's Purse to provide information about the Disaster Response Projects in process and as they are deployed. As the Covenant Brethren Church partners with Samaritan's Purse there are many opportunities and ways you can help. You can volunteer at a disaster site, provide monetary support and most importantly PRAY! Below is a link for the latest information on the Mississippi Tornadoes that occurred last week. Please remember the tornado victims and the volunteers as they assist with the cleanup.

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If you have questions you may contact me and I will assist you in any way that I can.

Angela Painter. E-Mail: angelapainter630@gmail.com

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.

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.

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, its 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
June Birthday People



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Happy
Birthday
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God Bless You!

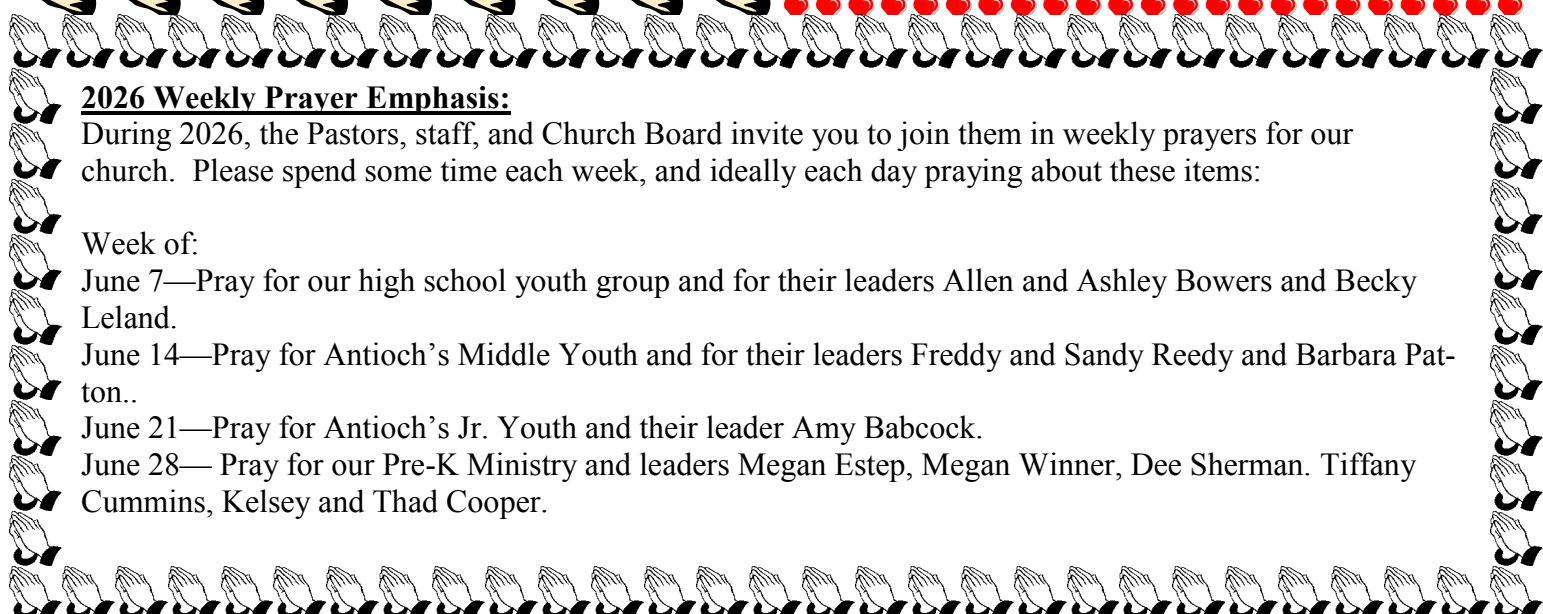


Celebrating Marriages for
the Month of June



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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:

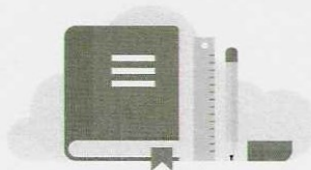
Week of:

June 7—Pray for our high school youth group and for their leaders Allen and Ashley Bowers and Becky Leland.

June 14—Pray for Antioch's Middle Youth and for their leaders Freddy and Sandy Reedy and Barbara Patton..

June 21—Pray for Antioch's Jr. Youth and their leader Amy Babcock.

June 28— Pray for our Pre-K Ministry and leaders Megan Estep, Megan Winner, Dee Sherman. Tiffany Cummins, Kelsey and Thad Cooper.



Hope for the Future

Education Scholarship Fund 2026-2027

The children of our sister CBC churches in East Africa must pay to attend school.

The financial burden puts these children at risk for not receiving the education they need to thrive. Some live in active war zones and school provides a haven and respite.

During the 2025-26 school year, the scholarship fund raised almost \$15,000 to provide education for many children in many different areas. And the need increases as the CBC continues to grow throughout East Africa in the countries of Rwanda, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda, and Malawi.

So what can you do to help?

Churches or individuals have the opportunity to contribute to the scholarship fund, becoming a partner in providing the funds required for a child's education.

Education prices vary from \$110-250 a year depending on the school and region. You can contribute any amount you choose to go into the scholarship fund. Your gift will be distributed by the CBC Regional Boards in the African countries as scholarships to the children with the most need. There are numerous children from each of the areas listed below who need sponsorship to attend school.

Detach bottom portion and send with your donation to the scholarship fund with checks made payable to Covenant Brethren Church by **August 16, 2026** to

Jessica Johnson, 1130 Lincoln Rd, Maryville TN 37804

Or contact us for more information or any questions at 865-659-0615 or ojessesue@gmail.com
Jessica Johnson, program coordinator and member Beaver Creek CBC in Knoxville, TN

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you **hope and a future". Jeremiah 29:11**



You can choose to designate your gift to be used in a **specific country** or **where needed most**.
School tuition ranges between \$110 and \$250 per year depending on the school and region.

_____The amount of your gift
Would you like to designate your gift to go to a specific country or to be used where it is needed most?

Your Name/Organization and Address and Email Address

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!

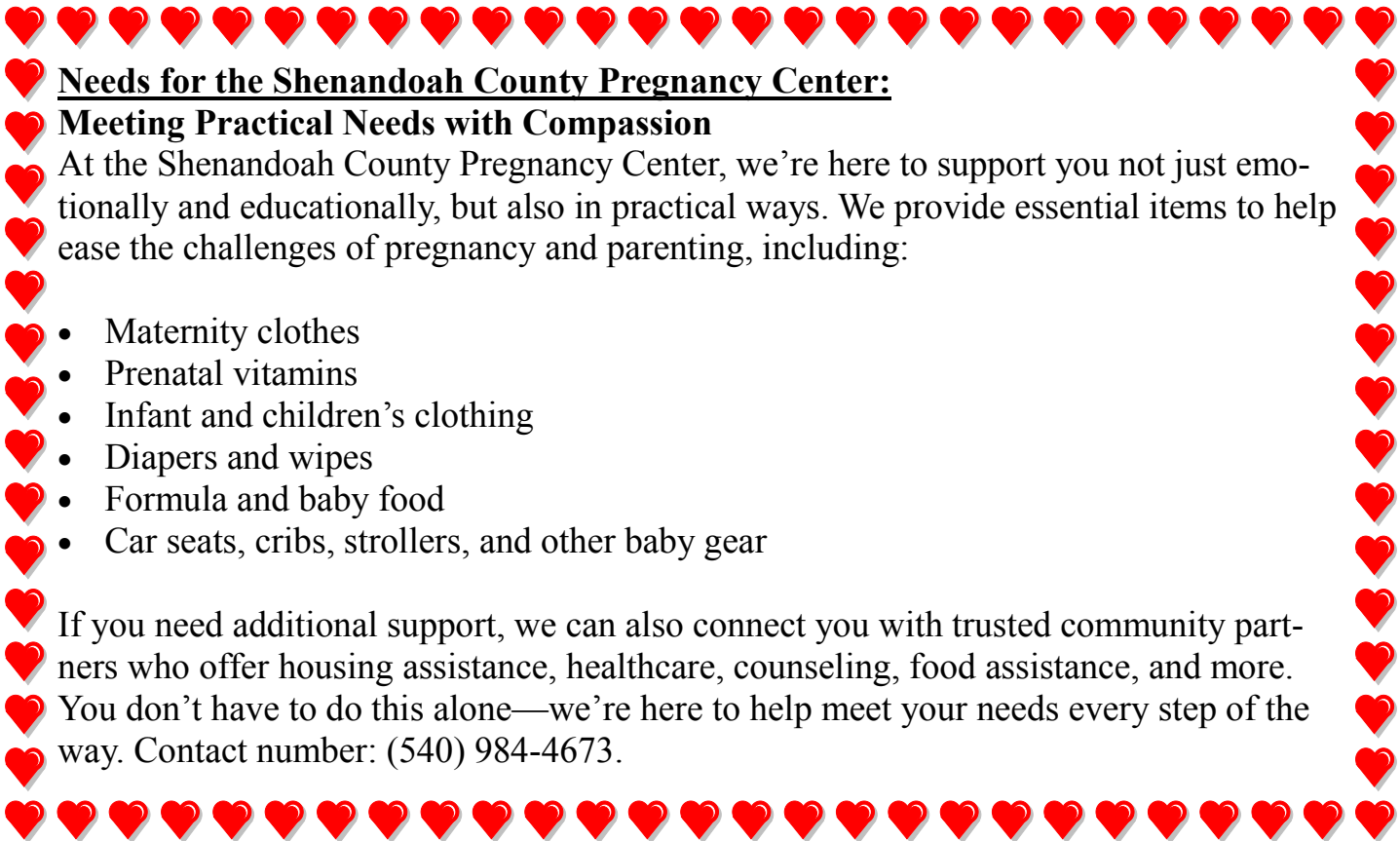
“Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord.”



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



Needs for the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center:

Meeting Practical Needs with Compassion

At the Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center, we're here to support you not just emotionally and educationally, but also in practical ways. We provide essential items to help ease the challenges of pregnancy and parenting, including:

- Maternity clothes
- Prenatal vitamins
- Infant and children's clothing
- Diapers and wipes
- Formula and baby food
- Car seats, cribs, strollers, and other baby gear

If you need additional support, we can also connect you with trusted community partners who offer housing assistance, healthcare, counseling, food assistance, and more. You don't have to do this alone—we're here to help meet your needs every step of the way. Contact number: (540) 984-4673.





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"



Summer CBC Camp is July 5th-9th

Registration deadline is June 7th so don't wait too long to register! The church will help with the cost of camp, but we need to know how many are going in order to see how much we can give. Registration forms are included in the newsletter and are also available on the table in the fellowship hall at Antioch. Camp will be held at Highland Retreat in Bergton this year.

To sign up online go to: <https://forms.gle/7Anixoaf5xMEFioA6>

Camp Store: The kids always love buying goodies from the camp store during the week. If you would like to help support our store, please see the wish lists below.

The kids pay for the items but donations from our wish list will help defray other camp costs. Thanks in advance for your support!

Jr. Camp Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/73XYP49UUK4?ref_=wl_share

Sr. Camp Wish List: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3PAC386FOEVUM?ref_=wl_share





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: _____



June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4pm, Grief Support Group 6:45pm, Bible Study	2 6:30pm, Youth Choir Practice	3 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Italian Touch	4 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	5	6 9am-1pm CCW Class
7 Child Dedications in worship 6pm, VBS	8 6pm, VBS	9 6pm, VBS	10 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Italian Touch 6pm, VBS	11 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice	12	13
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21 July Newsletter Items due to Sheryl Jett Baptisms at Edinburg Mill <i>Father's Day</i>	22 6:45pm, Bible Study	23 6:30pm, NWTF Faithful Call Meeting Puerto Rico Mission Trip	24 11:30am Men's Lunch at Ben's Diner, Women at Italian Touch Puerto Rico Mission Trip	25 <i>Custodians cleaning the church</i> 7pm, Choir Practice Puerto Rico Mission Trip	26 Puerto Rico Mission Trip	27 Puerto Rico Mission Trip
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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	Most Wednesdays resuming in the fall
Evening Bible Study	Most Mondays 6:45pm
Morning Bible Study	Most Wednesdays resuming in the fall
June 7-10	6pm, Vacation Bible School
June 23-30	Antioch Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
July 5-9	CBC Blue Ridge Regional Jr. & Sr. Camp
July 29	7-9pm, BLAST Pool Party
Aug 23 12-3pm	Church Board Planning Retreat
Sept 13	Worship in the Wild, picnic at Maurertown Park.
Sept 20	Sunday School Move Up
Oct 4	Sunday/Back to Church Sunday
Oct 18	Love Feast following worship.
Nov 22	CBC Sunday and Fellowship Meal
Dec 20	Community Thanksgiving Service 6pm. 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

Celebrating a Godly Legacy By Christian Fathers:

Proverbs 20:7: "The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him."

Psalms 112:1-2: "Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will be blessed."

3 John 1:4: "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

God's Canvas

George Bowers

May 2026

The sky is God's great canvas,
on which He draws and paints,
His masterworks of beauty
for the pleasure of His saints.
Sunrises grand and glorious,
each dawn a new skyline,
And every single sunset,
a masterful design!
At night He scatters light,
all through the Milky Way,
While sun and clouds and rainbows,
decorate the day.
With every day that passes,
my amazement just increases,
As I worship Heaven's Artist,
for all His masterpieces.

