



News From the Grove

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Cement or Submit?

Many years ago, I was asked by a teenager to speak during a chapel service at a Christian high school. When I asked the teen what the theme was, I was sure I heard her say “cement.” Strange theme, I thought. When I questioned her, she clarified, and I discovered that she had said “submit.” However, I went with the theme of cement, and what follows is what I shared that day.

I am here to talk to you about cement; how the packaged cement is made, how it is mixed and its uses.

1. To make the powdered cement, the stuff in this bag, raw materials are ground together (limestone, clay, shale or slag). This product is blown into a huge kiln. At the bottom end is a flame that reaches temperatures between 2800 and 2900' F. The raw product enters the top of the kiln and as it moves down, it is dried and heated. As it gets nearer and nearer the flame, CO² is given off and, in the area closest to the flame, it is fused into something called a clinker. This clinker leaves the kiln and is quickly cooled and then ground into a fine powder. This powder is packaged and ready to be used.

When I submitted my life to Jesus Christ, he took all of my raw imperfect self and began to change me. He introduced me to the fire of the Holy Spirit who “burned” all the impurities from me. The closer I am to His intense flame, the more I am fused to Him. He transforms me, He lovingly purifies me. I am like that powdered cement in the bag; ready to be picked up and used.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Cor 5:17

2. No carpenter or mason worth their salt is going to pick up a bag and use it just like that. There is a recipe to be followed. The powder must be mixed with sand and coarse aggregate. Depending on the use of the cement, the mixture can be altered to produce different strengths and durability. Once mixed, water is added; just enough to wet the mixture. Too much water makes a very weak concrete.

When I was young, I would go to work with my father, who was a carpenter. He would mix cement in a shallow trough using a garden hoe. Occasionally, he let me mix it. I'd plug away at it, but I never did a very good job; it was hard work. My father would take over and mix, and mix, and mix, adding water if needed, sometimes more sand. When that cement was just right, he would then use it for whatever purpose at hand; laying block, patching a crack, setting posts. He knew exactly how much cement he needed for the job, he knew what kind of cement would be the best, and he never rushed the job.

When I submit to my heavenly Father, he begins mixing and changing me. He puts His Spirit in me, He adds just the right gifts, just the right ratio because He knows what He is going to use me for and what it will take for strength and durability. In the baptismal water, I died with Christ and I rose to new life. I submit to the mixing/changing process – it is hard work – I can't do it. My Father must take over, mixing, mixing, getting me just right for whatever purpose He has for me. This preparation takes time. God mixed Moses for 80 years before He used him! And the whole process can begin again and again throughout life.

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Happy

Birthday!!!!!!

April

- 2 Josiah Frenchak
- 2 Rebecca Mason
- 3 Jennifer George
- 5 Susan Neff
- 6 Ronda Mace
- 6 Kristina Fix
- 8 Kara McRae
- 8 Ashton Anway
- 11 BC Andrews
- 12 Jessie Myrtle
- 12 Carolyn Tusing
- 14 Gary Meeds
- 17 Alisa Eberly
- 18 Daron Dodson
- 18 Kathy Wakeman
- 21 Lily Bowers
- 22 Elijah Frenchak
- 25 Kyle Foltz
- 26 Dawson Lear
- 27 Kay Townshend
- 28 Lilly Tharp
- 30 Lilah Wilkins



We regret missing any birthdays or anniversaries this month. Please contact Dawn Baker with additions or corrections.



**30th Annual Shenandoah District
Disaster Response Auction**
Friday & Saturday, May 19th and 20th, 2023
Rockingham County Fairgrounds
*"Our faith and deeds are putting God's Word
into action."*

Anniversaries:

- April 15 Mr. & Mrs. Darrin Markley
- 19 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Williams
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Galen Kohne
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel Dirting
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Minnick



We continue to live stream our services on two separate platforms for those wishing to worship from home, please visit our **Face Book** and **YouTube Channel!**

Simply search:

"WakemansGroveChurch"

Sunday School begins at 10:00AM—Please join us!

Morning Worship Service begins at 11:00AM



GREAT COMMUNITY GIVE

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, April 19th** for this year's *Great Community Give!*

Last year, we did a very successful Great Community Day exceeding our \$8K goal by \$12K. In just one day, we raised over \$20K for program supplies, upgrading program equipment, a big tent, and more! We'll be announcing this year's project and goal in February, as well as ways that you can be involved in helping to make 2023 even better.

Plan now to be part of this online event!

For more information, go to
<https://www.greatcommunitygive.org/>

Dear Church Family—

I just wanted to take a moment to offer my sincerest gratitude for your tremendous support as I pursue my seminary education. It's an incredible blessing to have your support financially, but it has also been a great joy and delight to be able to move back home and worship with you all this year. The opportunity to greet you on Sunday mornings and once again feel part of this community, has been a tremendous encouragement during this period of study, and is worth more to me than any dollar amount. With your support in my life and in my studies, I can gleefully declare that my cup runneth over. Thank you for your blessings.

Love,

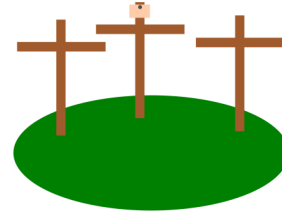
Dakota Baker

Let Us Help You!

For the past several years the Deacons have budgeted money to assist with the payment of anyone who needs to attend counseling at the Family Life Resource Center (800-655-2055) in Harrisonburg. The FLRC offers counseling in marital problems, divorce, parent-child relationships, addictions, etc. If you need help to pay an insurance co-pay or if you do not have insurance for counseling, please consider letting this fund help you. You would sign a release of information form which would give permission for a bill to be sent to the church. This will all be held in strict confidence. The cost for counseling is \$120 for the first session and \$90 for each succeeding session. The Church will cover 80% of the patient's responsibility up to five visits. Please contact the church office to arrange for services.



The Deacons are always available to give assistance in any way — be it financial aide, visitation in homes, hospitals, meals, anointing services, etc. Sometimes things happen of which the Deacons are not aware. So if you know of anyone in the congregation or community who needs assistance, please let one of the Deacons know. The Deacons names and phone numbers are printed in the bulletin each week. Don't hesitate to call!



Bow the Knee Easter Production **April 7 and 8—7:00pm**

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES- April 9

7:00 am Early Service w/Dakota Baker

8:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

7:00pm Bow the Knee Easter Production

All services will be live streamed on our Face Book & YouTube Channel—"Wakemans Grove Church"



Be a F.R.O.G!

**Fully Rely on
God!**

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER?

Sweet Potato Casserole

In Loving Memory of Dottie Couch

Pg. 55 in The Grove Cookbook "Family Favorite Recipes"

3 C. mashed sweet potatoes

1/2 C. sugar

2 eggs, beaten

1 tsp. vanilla

1/2 C. milk or Half & Half

1/4 tsp. nutmeg

1/4 tsp. cinnamon or to your taste

1/2 C. butter

TOPPING:

1/2 C. brown sugar, packed

1/4 C. flour

2 1/2 T. butter

1/2 C. chopped pecans—to be sprinkled over top—may leave nuts off if you so desire, almonds are also good on this dish.

Mix all together and pour in ungreased casserole dish.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes (uncovered). I like this better than any recipe I have and I have several. However, this is more work, but nothing is good unless you work at it and put love into it.

Simple Fruit Dip

Submitted by Tonya (Myrtle) Ketterman

Pg. 9 in The Grove Cookbook "Family Favorite Recipes"

1—8 oz. cream cheese, softened

1 T. vanilla extract

16 oz. marshmallow fluff

Mix softened cream cheese—use mixer if possible then add marshmallow fluff and vanilla. Enjoy with fresh fruit.

Cookbooks make wonderful gifts! They are available on the Information Table located in the vestibule of the church. Cost of Cookbooks = \$8.00 each. Please see Sharon Foltz or Dawn Baker to purchase.

CBYF Report

The CBYF enjoy getting together every Wednesday through Youth Club. We spend the first part of our evening fellowshiping and playing games. Eating together with the rest of Youth Club is a highlight of our evening. Then we gather for our Bible study time. Through Youth Club this year we have been visited by the various parts of leadership in our church. The kids have questioned what each group does and how they can be a part. It has been interesting to see them evaluate their own strengths and weaknesses in order to determine where they would fit best.

Another thing that we have been working on in Sunday School and Youth Club is learning the books of the Bible. We have used several methods to become better acquainted with them. One is stacking cups with the names of the books on them. The other is a card game which allows us to play go fish or war with cards listing the various books. Each is quite entertaining - both to watch and to play!

We have taken time during our fellowship to prepare care packages for our church friends in college. Thank you to the congregation for your support of this project! We are working on our last one for this year as finals are coming up at the end of April. We will need: Ramen noodles, Individual cereal containers, Gum, Candy, Index Cards, Post-It Notes, Packages of mechanical pencils, Highlighters. Please have items to the church by Sunday, April 16. We are getting ready for our trip to Momentum this summer. We have 4 teens signed up so far with 3 more possible. Our little group is growing! Closer and in number! Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for our trip.

In His Service,

Adam & Krist Zirkle, Advisors



Library News

“Books of the Month” Selections:

Hope For Your Tomorrow by Francis Welch

When someone you love dies by suicide, the emotions are so overwhelming, they can be crippling. Devastation, anger, humiliation and more in addition to all the other "normal" feelings we have at the loss of a loved one. The pain can be traumatic for survivors of suicide. Author Francis Welch has been in grief ministry for many years and has walked with many people through the darkest times of their lives. The love and compassion he shows people comes from his strong relationship with God. I know many of us have lost beloved family or friends to suicide and this book offers courage in walking forward and hope for the future.

The Secrets of Wayfarers Inn (Some lighter reading 📖)

This is a series of books by various authors about a group of three friends who purchase a historic hotel in Marietta, Ohio, and renovate it into a B&B and soup cafe. They learn it was once a stop on the Underground Railroad and baffling things begin to happen. Someone or something is trying to scare them away. So the adventures begin!!

This is a boxed series of four books best checked out all at once and read in order though each book could be read as a "stand alone".

Enjoy!!

Barbara Garber, Librarian



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TENDERLOIN Supper

APRIL 22, 2023
4:00 pm - until

DINE-IN: FREEWILL OFFERING
CARRY-OUT: \$13 PER MEAL

To benefit community outreach ministries

MENU

Tenderloin
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Sauerkraut
Green Beans
Coleslaw
Cake



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THE GROVE NURTURE COMMISSION PRESENTS

LEARN Salvation History

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Wakemans Grove
Church of the Brethren
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13TH 2023
9:00am-11:30am

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY
Refreshments will be provided.

The **BIBLE** tells the story of **GOD'S PLAN** to save human beings from sin and bring them to eternal life. The history of that saving plan as told through the **SCRIPTURES** is called **SALVATION HISTORY**; scripture points toward the **GREATEST** turning point of all in salvation history: the birth, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of **JESUS THE MESSIAH**.

Pastor Deb Horst will lead us through an engaging and fun morning of learning.
BRING YOUR BIBLE!



Surrendering The Secret

An Abortion Healing Bible Study

You're not alone.

Many women suffer silently from the heartache of a past abortion. *Surrendering the Secret* helps post-abortive women find restoration and hope through God's forgiveness, grace, and love. Join other women as you walk together on a life-changing journey of healing.

**8-WEEK BIBLE STUDY
STARTING
APRIL 13 - 6:15PM**
Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center

Contact Stacey
scpc4u@gmail.com
253.797.5451
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...*Continued from front cover*

When I submit my life to God, I have placed myself in the Master Carpenter's hands.

3. Cement is used for a wide variety of things. It can be molded into virtually any form or shape. It can be made into a wide variety of colors and textures. Once set, it is very strong and durable. Under normal conditions, concrete grows stronger as it grows older. Concrete columns built by the Egyptians 3,000 years ago are still standing.

It can be delivered to a job site in its wet form and poured directly. It can be poured into forms and shaped in one place and taken to another place. There is slip form, which is a continuous pour as the form moves, as in making highways. It can be sprayed for making swimming pools, canal linings, or curved surfaces. It is premade in shapes that are used to build structures. And for utmost strength, it is reinforced with re-bar.

Any person who submits their life to Jesus Christ begins like a bag of powder; full of potential. God has a wide variety of things for each of us to do. Through His creative hands He can mold us into virtually any form or shape. We come in a wide variety of colors and textures, we can be taken somewhere and God pours us directly into a situation. He can mold us here and send us there. He can spray us into seemingly impossible places. But the one thing we all have in common is that God is using every one of us to build the church (Eph 2:19-20). We are reinforced with the Holy Spirit, laid on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ! We grow stronger as we grow in faith, and we shall stand for all eternity.

The Carpenter awaits. He has a purpose for your life. He is loving, He is patient, He is gentle, He will take His time as He carefully mixes, mold, pours, and shapes you. His ultimate goal is to mold you into the likeness of Christ. See Him standing before you; He is holding out His work-worn hands. Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, to submit, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.

Will you *submit* and *cement* yourself to Jesus Christ?

I'm praying for you! - Pastor Deb



News from



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🌸🌸🌸 Spring Festival 🌸🌸🌸

Saturday, April 29 • 7 am – 2 pm (rain or shine)

Enjoy all the Spring Festival classics—games, yard sale, auction, petting zoo, lots of good food, and so much more—plus several new activities including a climbing tower and an inflatable bounce house and obstacle course.



Our very own **Elenor Bauserman** has agreed to represent The Grove in the Kiss the Cow Contest. Donations can be placed in the Kiss the Cow can in the vestibule. Let's raise as much money as possible to ensure Elenor gets to pucker up for the pretty Miss Moo!

Scheduled Events

7:00 am – 9:30 am	Fishing Contest
7:30 am – 10:00 am	Pancake Breakfast
8:30 am	Hike-a-Thon <i>(can be completed at camp or off-site!)</i>
9:00 am – 11:30 am	Dunk the Dunkard
9:30 am – 1:30 pm	Activities for all Ages (petting zoo, mini golf, bounce house, high ropes, & more!)
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Kiss the Cow Contest (Come support Elenor!)
11:45 am – 2:00 pm	Auction

Summer Camp Information

"Fruitful Faith: A Spirit-Filled Life"

Brethren Woods offers a variety of summer camp options: day camp, overnight camp, half-week, and full week! Registration is available online or by mail and is currently OPEN. Detailed information about each camp is available on the Brethren Woods website. The fees listed are by registration or postmark date (by March 31/by May 1/after May 1). The Church will pay 50% of the camp fee; however, additional financial assistance is available. *If your child wants to go to camp, we will make it happen!* Please see Meredith Bauserman for any assistance with Summer Camp.

Summer staff and volunteers are still needed! Open positions include Lifeguard, Crafts Director, Maintenance and Kitchen Assistants, Jr. Staff, and a Challenge Course Facilitator. Apply on the camp website under the SERVE tab.



Great Community Give

Wednesday, April 19 • 6:30 am – 8:00 pm

Brethren Woods is participating in the upcoming Great Community Give. This is an annual fundraising day for nonprofits in the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Area sponsored by The Community Foundation. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to upgrade the Pine Knob outpost area and add a new woodburning stove to provide heat and hot water for camp's main retreat facilities. Early Online giving begins April 5th. Several match and challenge incentives will open at various times in the day. Visit camp's profile page for more information and to donate:



<https://www.greatcommunitygive.org/organizations/brethren-woods-camp-retreat-center>



Easter Story

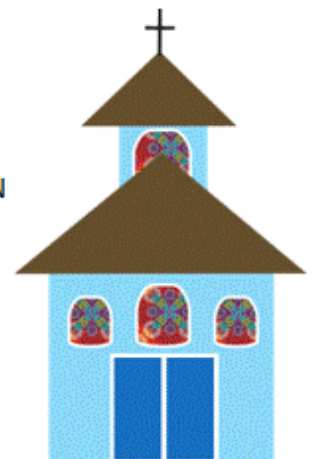
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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8 Prayer Breakfast 2 Easter Egg Hunt—bring your own baskets
2 PALM SUNDAY 6 Love Feast & Holy Communion	3	4 7 Nurture	5 9 Piecemakers 4:30 YC Ends 6 Worship Commission 7 Prayer Mtg 7 Bow the Knee Rehearsal	6 9:30 Morning Bible Study	7 7 Bow the Knee Production	8 7 Bow the Knee Production
9 HAPPY EASTER! 7 Early Service 8 Breakfast 9 SS 10 Worship 7 Bow the Knee Prod.	10 7 Executive Committee	11 7 4-H Meeting	12 9 Piecemakers 6 Witness Com 7 Youth Band/ Prayer Mtg 8 Adult Choir	13 9:30 Morning Bible Study	14	15
16 12 Fellowship Lunch—pizza following service (Special) Guests: SV Teen Challenge	17	18	19 9 Piecemakers 7 Youth Band/ Prayer Mtg 8 Adult Choir	20 9-3 HIS Group 9:30 Morning Bible Study	21	22 4 Tenderloin Supper
23/30 12 Soup/Sandwich Luncheon 1 Spring Congregational Business Mtg	24 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	25	26 9 Piecemakers 7 Youth Band/ Prayer Mtg 8 Adult Choir	27 9:30a Morning Bible Study	29	29 7 Spring Festival at Camp BW— 11:30 Kiss the Cow Event



Bow the Knee—A Dramatic Easter Production

Friday, April 7—7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8—7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 9—7:00 p.m.

Refreshments following each performance.

Directed by Libby Rocco

Barbara Strong, Accompanist

Featuring a large cast & choir

and

Dakota Baker as Jesus, Son of God

Nathaniel Dirting as Anthony

Baby Bottle Boomerang *THANK YOU!*

Dear Friends at Wakemans Grove,

Thank you for supporting the SCPC once again! Your Baby Bottle Boomerang raised **\$2,535.79!** Your compassion is a blessing to our community! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to reach out with truth & Christ's love to all who enter our doors.

Sincerely, Lisa, *Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center*

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*Christ
is
Risen!*