

TODAY

Sunday, December 17

9:00 AM—Worship

10:30 AM—ABFs, YBF,
Sunday School Christmas Program*

6:00 PM—Oasis Home Group Christmas Event*

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, December 19

9:15 AM—Southern End Strollers*

Wednesday, December 20

6:40 PM—Youth Group*

7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting*

Thursday, December 21

6:30 PM—Men's Discipleship Hour*

6:45 PM—Band/Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 PM—Elder Meeting

Saturday, December 23

7:00 AM—Men's Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM—Worship

6:00 PM—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*

*See inside pages for more details



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The Weekly

December 17, 2023



ORDER OF SERVICE

"IN THE BLEAK MID WINTER" — TONE CHIMES
"MANGER CHILD MEDLEY" — HANDBELLS

WELCOME

ADVENT READING — ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11; LUKE 1:26-38

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

PRAYER — TOM HUBBARD, ELDER

"LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING" — CHOIR
"ROSE OF BETHLEHEM" — CHOIR

Children in grades K-3 are dismissed for Junior Church

MESSAGE – PASTOR CHRIS LENHART
CHRIST OUR SAVIOR IS BORN: "JOY" (ISAIAH 8:1-18)

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

"HALLELUJAH CHORUS — CHOIR

OFFERING (MINISTRIES FUND)

Please place your tithes & offerings in the boxes at the doors as you leave. See back page for info about giving from home.



CALVARY MONUMENT BIBLE CHURCH
LOVING, LIVING, LEADING FOR GOD'S GLORY

Growing in a greater love for God and a greater love for each other.

ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

December Memory Verse: Luke 2:11 (ESV)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Prayer Meeting - Online and in the Building - Wednesdays, 7:00 PM

Join us in the building or use the link to join on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82782291398>. Meeting ID: 827 8229 1398.

Beginning Dec. 27, there will be a new Zoom link & meeting ID: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198667797>, Meeting ID: 891 9866 7797

If you purchased a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please take it home after the service today. Look for your name on the card in the plant. See the insert for all the names.

2023 Giving Reminder: Please note: any tithes and offerings that you want to appear on your 2023 giving statement must be received in the church office no later than Sunday, Dec. 31. Checks mailed must be postmarked by Dec. 31. Monies received after that date will appear on your 2024 statement. Thank you.

2024 Youth Bible Quizzing will soon begin. Bible Quizzing is fun and rewarding and available to anyone from 8th grade to age 20. Matches are on 8 consecutive Sunday evenings beginning Jan. 21, followed by two exciting tournaments. Practices are every Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon beginning in early January. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Darrell Rishel. Quizzing will be on Luke 1-15. **The sign-up deadline is Dec. 17.**

New ABF—Kitchen Conversations

A new ABF—Kitchen Conversations—is open to all ages and will begin the first Sunday in January. We will meet in Lefever Hall on the kitchen side (Side A). Pastor Jim and Karen will lead round table discussions (literally and figuratively!) on various topics and Bible Passages. Grab your favorite beverage from the café and join us!

Southern End Strollers - Tuesday, Dec. 19, 9:15 AM

Southern End Strollers meets at CMBC every other Tuesday morning. Mothers of stroller-age children are invited to come out to pray and connect with other moms.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Morning Worship Service, Sunday, Dec. 24, 9:00 AM

Service only - no Sunday School, YBF, or ABF. We will have preschool classes & Jr. Church.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sunday, Dec. 24, 6:00 PM

We'll enjoy a selection of Scriptures, a time of reflection celebrating Jesus the Light of the World, along with an orchestral ensemble accompanying our carols & Christmas songs, and carols by candlelight. This year's service will not be livestreamed, so please make plans to join us live at CMBC! We will all enjoy the service together - no childcare.

New Year's Eve Morning Worship Service, Sunday, Dec. 31, 9:00 AM

Service only - no Sunday School, YBF, or ABF. We will have preschool classes & Jr. Church.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Save the Date for the 2024 Women's Retreat: April 19-21, Black Rock Retreat

PARADISE KIDS

Sunday School Christmas Program - TODAY, Dec. 17, 10:30-11:30 AM

All children preschool-6th grade are invited to attend our Sunday School Christmas program, "The Christmas Light" during the Sunday School hour. Children should be dropped off and picked up in their regular classrooms.

The Children's Ministry is collecting brown paper bags and the brown/white packaging paper from your packages to start creating VBS props. Place your donations in the bin in the lobby.

No Awana 12/20 or 12/27 - Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

CMBC YOUTH

YBF (Youth Bible Fellowship) for grades 7-12 - Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room

Youth Christmas Party - Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30-8:30, Youth Room

Youth are invited to an evening full of music, games, and more at this years CMBC Youth Christmas party. Come out to a night of fun and enjoyment as we celebrate Christmas and are reminded of its meaning.

OASIS

Oasis Home Group Christmas Event - Sunday, Dec. 17, 6:00-10:00 PM, CMBC

Meet at the new Cafe and Lefever Hall! Hot food, fellowship, games, etc. Questions - see Jenna Rishel. All high school seniors are invited to join us.

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Men's Discipleship Hour - Thursday, Dec. 21, 6:30-7:30 PM

A time of prayer, study, and community for the men of CMBC. Light refreshments provided. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris (clenhart@calvarymonument.org).

CHURCH BUSINESS

REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF 12/10/23

In-Person Worship Service Attendance	296
ABF, YBF, Sunday School Attendance	206
Service Livestream views	83
Weekday Activities	161

Offering Report (Ministries Fund)

Checks, cash & online giving: \$22,980.56

FAMILY NEWS

In the Hospital/Rehab: Ernie Lantz, John Marsh

Thank you

I want to thank all who prayed for me, and for the plant and delicious cookies. I am home and doing well. —Charles Braungard

Thank you for all your prayers. My oral surgery went well last Thursday. Please continue to pray for healing and that my bone graft will not be rejected. —Beth Stoltzfus

Thank you for the cards, emails, and kind words given to us in the loss of our brother, Ralph Stoltzfus. —Donald & Debby Stoltzfus, Robert & Pauline Stoltzfus

Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born

JOY

Isaiah 8:1-18

Pastor Chris Lenhart – December 17, 2023



Introduction	<u>Further Study</u> Isaiah 1-9
5 Enduring Reasons for Abiding Joy	
New Life (1-4)	2 Kgs. 16:10-16 2 Chron. 26:5; 29:12-13 Is. 7:14
Gentle Waters (5-8)	Ps. 23:2-3
Steadfast Presence (9-10)	Ps. 23:5 Matt. 1:22-23
Strong Tower (11-15)	Prv. 18:10
Confident Hope (16-18)	Is. 40:31 Heb. 2:13
Next Week: "Love" (Isaiah 8:19-9:7)	
Follow along with today's sermon using your smartphone. Download the "CMBC" app (search for "Calvary Monument" in your app store) and click on "Sundays" at the bottom of the screen.	

Advent: Christ Our Savior is Born

Is. 8:1-18

<h1 style="text-align: center;">JOY</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><u>Read the Text</u> – Isaiah 8:1-18</p> <p><u>Questions for Reflection & Discussion:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the distractions that often keep us from recognizing the work of God, the life and joy that he is providing and producing all around us? 2. How did the names of Isaiah’s sons serve as signs and symbols to King Ahaz? How do both names provide both a chime of hope and a tone of warning? 3. What is it in 8:5 that the people rejected (think beyond the figure of speech)? And what did their rejection mean for their future security? 4. Why is it important for the Christian community to come together and regularly rehearse the concept of “Immanuel” God with us? What should this practice produce within our congregation? 5. Take some time to reflect with your small group, or journal about the sources in your life that are contributing to a lack of peace and joy. What voices are disturbing the peace? What attitudes, habits, and or behaviors are robbing you of joy? How can you change your postures, attitudes, and behaviors to better embrace and reflect the glory and hope of Christ in these areas? <p><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation & Application:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another? 3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life? 4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u> Isaiah 1-9 2 Kgs. 16:10-16 2 Chron. 26:5; 29:12-13 Is. 7:14 Ps. 23:2-3 Ps. 23:5 Matt. 1:22-23 Prv. 18:10 Is. 40:31 Heb. 2:13</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u> Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>

The poinsettias decorating the church today are given in memory of our loved ones.

Please take the poinsettias you purchased home after the service today. Look for your name on the card in the plant.

In Memory of

Given By

Fred & Thelma Homsher
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Jerry Anderson Rodger & Nancy Anderson
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Buck & Sally Buckwalter Troy Buckwalter
Tom Stephan Troy Buckwalter
Howard Combs The Combs Family
Pete Combs Elinor Combs & Family
Lee & Doris Brown Elinor Combs & Family
David Kauffman Carl & Beth Craddock
Lester Stoltzfus, Sr. Bill & Diane Daily
Pauline Stoltzfus Bill & Diane Daily
Lester Stoltzfus, Jr. Bill & Diane Daily
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Red & Emma Robinson. Bob & Emmajane Denlinger
Dad & Mom Benedict (*Clyde & Verdna*) Tom & Janice Denlinger
Mom Denlinger (*Kathleen*) Tom & Janice Denlinger
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Wilmer & Gladys Doutrich Ron & Gere Doutrich
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Marshall Ferguson (*husband*). Lois Ferguson
Linda Horton (*sister*). Lois Ferguson
Ben & Dot Eisenberger Dave & Dolly Fisher
Levi & Annie Fisher. Dave & Dolly Fisher
Carol (Jeanie) Nye Howard & Edie Hagans
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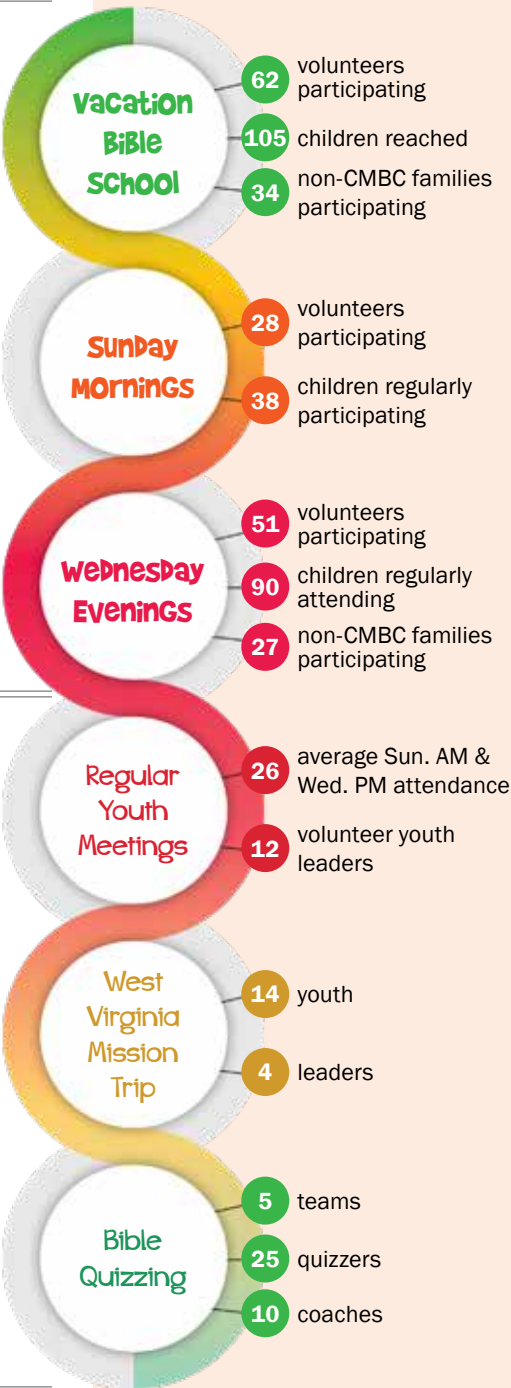
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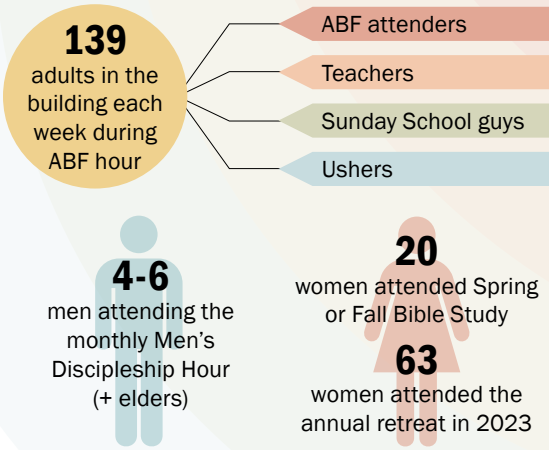
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Carol Bright The Lenhart Family
Hank Stauffer Jeff & Vickie Martin
Dave & Vera Martin. Jeff & Vickie Martin
My Husband Dale Murphy Audrey Murphy
Steven Stancliff Earline & Dennis Oberholtzer
Robert Parmer Grace Parmer
Christopher Rice Jill Rice
Gary Rineer Deb Rineer
Fred & Donna Appel. Deb Rineer
Cliff & Violet Rineer Deb Rineer
Bob Rutter Ella Rutter
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Blaine McFadden Allie Swann
Jim Tozier Marty Tozier
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Toby Yoder. Bea Yoder
Lester & Arlene Zimmerman Dave & Debra Zimmerman



CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY



ADULT MINISTRY



ADULT MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: OASIS YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

WHO	20 consistent attenders 4 members on a full-time ministry track 2 members attending Word Of Life
WHEN & HOW	Sunday AM ABF taught by teams Monthly Gathering besides Sunday AM Men's Gathering meeting every 3 weeks
SPECIAL PROJECT	Made 75 qts. of applesauce to distribute as a vehicle to talk about Christ (recently at The Factory)

MUSIC MINISTRY



Dear CMBC Family,

With 2023 nearly behind us, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on God's work in and through our congregation this past year. We hope that this infographic will provide a visual into the lives that were engaged, reached, encouraged, uplifted, and challenged by the gospel through the ministries of CMBC. We truly appreciate being in ministry partnership together with each and every one who calls CMBC their home church. It is your sacrificial love and generosity overflowing from within that make every one of our ministries possible and create spaces for us to pursue new, fresh, and exciting ministry opportunities. We are overjoyed to be partnered in ministry with such a vibrant congregation. Thank you CMBC!

Together in Jesus Name,
The Elders, Staff, and Pastors of CMBC

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

Through your faithful giving, CMBC’s monthly commitment of \$16,550 is fully funded to financially support 34 family units working around the world, with many other families and organizations supported through prayer.
Total annual giving: \$198,600

EUROPE	# of partner families: 9 \$ committed monthly: \$4,100
STATESIDE	# of partner families: 13 \$ committed monthly: \$6,950
WEST AFRICA	# of partner families: 1 \$ committed monthly: \$1,500
CENTRAL AMERICA	# of partner families: 2 \$ committed monthly: \$1,400



ASIA	# of partner families: 1 \$ committed monthly: \$200
WEST ASIA	# of partner families: 2 \$ committed monthly: \$1,000
MIDDLE EAST	# of partner families: 1 \$ committed monthly: \$1,000
SOUTH ASIA	# of partner families: 1 \$ committed monthly: \$100
PACIFIC ISLANDS	# of partner families: 1 \$ committed monthly: \$300

Map: Vecteezy.com

LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT SPOTLIGHT:
PARADISE ELEMENTARY GOOD NEWS CLUB
CMBC supports this club with monthly giving and with many volunteers from this congregation.

14 volunteers

spent 240 hours

preparing for 12 hours of club in 2023

for 65 children in grades 1-6

and 9 children asked Jesus to be their Savior!

Solanco Fair
41 volunteers staffed the CMBC booth & distributed...

300 pens with CMBC info

100 stickers

9 giant bags of candy

33 business cards

1000 seed packs with CMBC info

1900 glowsticks with Awana info

30 CMBC ministry flyers

\$4,879.78 donated to Cornerstone Reproductive Health

28 boxes of food collected at Thanksgiving for The Factory

15-18 participants & volunteers gather at our building each month for HVMI’s Bible Club

40 Harvest Host stays (some attended services)

THE GREAT GIVEAWAY

48 VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED BEFORE, DURING & AFTER

240 SHOPPERS SERVED

39 PEOPLE PRAYED WITH

216 HOT DOGS GRILLED

210 BAGS OF CHIPS GIVEN

1 TRUCKLOAD OF ITEMS DONATED AFTER THE EVENT

20 BOXES OF CLOTHES DONATED TO REFUGEES

PRAYER & CARE MINISTRIES

16 people on the “official” visitation team

42 plates of Christmas cookies delivered to CMBC widows & widowers in 2023

5 widowers attending the annual widower lunch

BASIS group for parents grieving the loss of a child meets monthly

23 widows attending the monthly Singled Out luncheon

43 Breeze online directory users added in 2023

CORPORATE PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

- Wednesday PM Prayer Meeting
- Saturday AM Men’s Prayer Group
- Sunday School, YBF, ABFs
- Elder/Staff/Ministry Meetings

PRIVATE PRAYER PROMPTS

- Intercessor weekly prayer sheet
- Prayer chain email/phone list
- Monthly prayer calendar
- Birthday/Anniversary lists

PRAYER CHAIN PATHWAYS

- Email any staff member
- Call the church during office hours
- Fill in the website prayer request form
- Fill out a pew card & drop it in the office dropbox or offering plate

BUILDING & GROUNDS

CAFE: completed and in use Sunday AM, Wednesday PM, and during week

OFFICE AREA: moved everything & everyone (except pastors) to make room for cafe

400 pounds of old carpet & glue removed from cafe area, offices & office hallway (approx. 25 lbs. still stuck to John’s boots)

HVAC: removed & disposed of old, inefficient oil systems & replaced with high-efficiency propane systems

9 headstone foundations installed

6 foundations/headstones repaired

8,000 pounds of scrap metal recycled for cash

540,853 acorns, walnuts and/or hickory nuts removed from parking lot (est.)

4,812,426,831 leaves removed from parking lot (est.), except for pile kept in Wayne’s parking spot