



Region Three Newsletter

November/December 2024

## **The Sacrifice of Thanksgiving**

*Offer to GOD a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I shall rescue you and you will honor me. Psalm 50: 14-15 NASB*

It is November already. When this month comes around most of us think of a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving Day. But let us not forget to also be thankful for Veterans Day. What a joy it is to take time to give thanks for what we have, but as Christians we need to give thanks every day.

In the Old Testament the Israelites had a rather lengthy list to follow. There were Five offerings. One of those was the Peace offering, also known as the sacrifice of thanksgiving. Jesus changed that. Old requirements were replaced by the new, this allows us to worship with our hearts directly using our lips.

It is not always easy to be thankful. In tough times gratitude comes with great sacrifice. When we “don’t like this” we need to remember that GOD’s way is best, and He deserves thanks. Having a grateful heart give us the privilege of calling on GOD in days of trouble and the promise of HIS deliverance. Give GOD your offer of sacrifice of praise today. If you are finding this difficult to do, say this prayer:

Lord, today I want to thank you for being my GOD. Thank you for Your grace each day. Help me to remember that You are my deliverer. I give You all praise.  
AMEN

GOD BLESS and Happy Thanksgiving

Pastor Dan Rhodes, Moxham CBC

## Job Opening:

Region Three is searching for a Treasurer. Duties include: receive & deposit all donations, receive & pay all approved bills, prepare & present reports of the finances of the Region, attend monthly Zoom meeting of the Executive Board and Quarterly Zoom Meetings of the Stewardship Team. After prayerful consideration, if anyone has interest in filling this position, please contact Emaline Diehl, Stewardship Team Chair or any other member of the Executive Board.

## Region Three CBC Grant Application:

Region Three CBC will be allocating 10% of it's supporting/giving each year to outreach. As part of our outreach, we are announcing a grant program offering up to \$250.00 per church within our region for this coming year. Usage of these funds may include expenses for a vacation Bible school program, a church event, a church project or other financial need within Region Three Churches. If a congregation would like to apply for a grant please email Emaline Diehl, Stewardship Team Chair, at [diehl15538@verizon.net](mailto:diehl15538@verizon.net) for an electronic copy.

## Region Three Giving:

While preparing your budgets this coming year, please prayerfully consider including financial support for Region Three CBC to help grow God's Kingdom. Please make checks payable to "Region Three Covenant Brethren Church" and mail them to: Cheryl Gehr, 9528 Church Hill Road, Mercersburg, PA 17236.

## Subscribe to our Newsletter:

Pastors, please share this with your congregations. Signing up for our newsletter is easy. Simply go to the search bar on the internet and type in Region Three of Covenant Brethren Church. Click on the blue highlighted link and scroll down to the "subscribe to Region Three Newsletter". You will be added to our newsletter list and receive it directly added to your inbox every other month.

*Happy Thanksgiving*

*Region Three Covenant Brethren*

The leaves are falling, cold temperatures moving in, Wal-Mart already has Christmas stuff out and on display, and you know it is football season. Like many people, I watch the NFL games as long as I don't go to sleep in the process. I root for the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Indianapolis Colts but really root for individual players even when they play my teams.

Different players seem to get a lot of attention on the field and in the press box. Defensive players that get a lot of attention, are such a problem for teams that they devise plays to avoid them. Sometimes they have multiple players tasked with containing and removing them from play altogether. These players are destructive forces that tend to be a huge impact in the game.

While thinking about this it came to mind that the defensive players are really on the offensive, as they try relentlessly to disrupt or sack the Quarterback and the offense has to defend the Quarterback so they can reach the goal. I may be putting too much thought into this however, let's look at this from another view. The Quarterback for this team is Satan and he is always on the offensive toward God's children. We know from God's word that according to John 10:10a *The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy.* We as Followers of the risen Savior Jesus Christ, we are to continue to run the race, strive toward the goal, and never give up. We need to be destructive forces for the Kingdom of God.

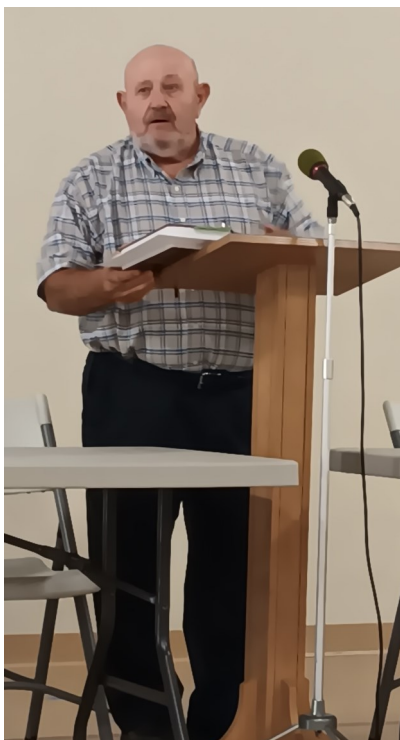
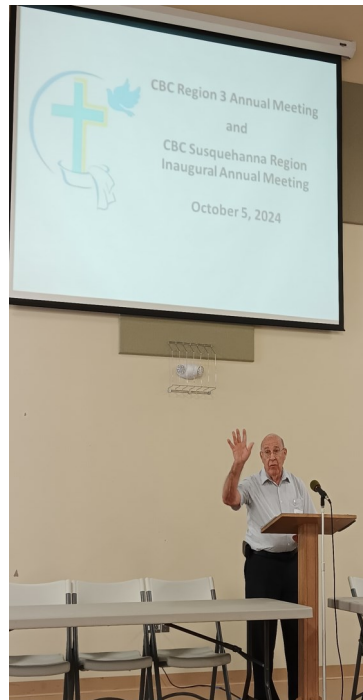
As mentioned earlier, those on the defense who are very good at what they do, get a lot of attention from the offense. My question to myself and to those reading this, in our efforts to build the Kingdom of God, do we get a lot of attention from Satan's offense? Are we being double teamed at every snap? Does he know who you are, your name, and how much of a force you are and you need to be dealt with?

Matthew 28:19-20 GO (*on the snap of the ball, my words*) ye therefore, and make disciples of ALL nations, baptizing into the name of the Father, and of the Son (*Jesus*), and the Holy Ghost: teaching them whatsoever I commanded you: We need to be Impact Players, but you need to be in the game. We know that there are forces that push back, so don't quit until the (whistle blows) Trumpet sounds.

Let's be Impact Players for the Kingdom of God!

Tim Vaughn  
Joyful

This year's Region Three Annual Regional meeting was held on October 5, 2024 at the Bermudian Covenant Brethren Church in East Berlin, PA. Attended by approximately 80 people from Region Three and the newly formed Susquehanna Region. Some business sessions were conducted. Three break-out sessions were offered including prayer, hospitality & outreach for those who wanted to attend. After an amazing lunch was served we all gathered together in the sanctuary for worship with Pastor Gary Firster and a message from Pastor Larry Dentler, and concluded with Bread & Cup Communion.







## **Featured Recipe:**

### Canning Red Beets

Beets

Sugar 1cup

vinegar 1 cup

Cut leaves off leaving about 1/2 inch stem

Wash beets, put them in a pot of water and cook until soft

After cooked run cold water over them, peel skin off

Slice beets and put in jars.

Heat on the stove: 1cup sugar, 1 cup vinegar and 2 cups water

Heat until boiling. If too sour and more sugar to taste

Pour the mixture over beets in the jars.

Put lids and ring on jars and place in canner

Fill canner with water till water covers jars

After water starts to boil, process for 15 min

LeAnn Vaughn