



## CBC Region Three Newsletter

May/June 2025

### A Vacation Invitation from Jesus

Matthew 11:28

Ah, Summertime! It means vacation time. Students get a vacation from school. Employees take vacation from work. Vacations indicate rest. The only problem is that these vacations are temporary. Students will go back to school and employees will go back to work. Rest ends.

I'm reminded of a rest today that does not have to end. Listen to these words of Jesus as He says (Matthew 11:28 NIV) ***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*** Beloved, that is a vacation invitation from Jesus.

Are you tired, anxious, and burdened? Jesus invites you to take a vacation in Him. This time of year, a lot of graduation and wedding invitations are received. They are invites to come to a specific location. Only those that try to go will be present to take part. To be there the recipient must try to get there; otherwise, they will be a no show.

Jesus' invitation is to come to a specific location. The location is Him and unless we try to come to Him, we will be a no show. How do we come to Jesus? We come to Jesus just as we are with all the baggage, all the burdens, all the weaknesses, all the sinfulness.... Jesus doesn't ask us to change before we get to Him or to come to Him as someone we are not. We are just simply asked to come to Him.

Who is to come? Jesus said, ***"all you who are weary and burdened."*** Well, that would be me and I imagine that would be you. We are living in times that are tiresome and burdensome. There are rising gas prices, food costs and healthcare costs while pay does not keep up and employment is harder to find. There are terrorists, wars, and rumors of wars. There's violence and crime. There are earthquakes, fires, floods, tornados, and cyclones. There are relationships and families to maintain. And there is work to put food on the table and pay the bills.

Brothers and sisters, we are living in tiresome and burdensome times and our external pressures are going to intensify as time continues, but Jesus gives us all a sweet invitation to come and vacation in Him! Hallelujah!

And if we come to Jesus we partake of the promised rest. It's not like an ordinary vacation where we get to rest for limited amount of time and then must go back to the grind. No, this is a supernatural vacation that does not end.

Folks, in Jesus we are recipients of His rest. He gives His rest to us. He imparts His rest in us. It's refreshing, it's sustaining and it's everlasting.

A friend of mine runs and he just did a nine-mile run yesterday. On any runs he does over 5 miles, he takes with him a mixture of water and electrolytes. If he would not take these in during the run, he would be too spent to finish the run and could even be in danger of dying.

As we live life the long runs get tiresome, but as we pace ourselves and take in the liquids, we are refreshed so that we can finish the run and recover faster. We are all running a race and we are to run our race to receive a prize. Our race is our journey from earth to glory and we get tired and burdened along the way. Jesus got tired on His journey. I'm reminded of Jesus sitting by a well, tired. A woman comes up and He asks her for a drink of water. A conversation takes place and Jesus says (John 4:13-14 NIV) ***"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, {14} but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."***

Brothers and sister, may we drink of the water Jesus gives. May we learn to rest in His grace and providence more and worry less. May we let Jesus teach us His way and how to find His rest. When we get so tired that we don't think we can continue, may we find rest in Jesus. Amen!

It is my prayer that all of you have a wonderful and blessed summer season, and may we seek out our Lord Jesus Christ.

Donald Peters

### **Event Updates:**

- The Pastor/Spouse Retreat scheduled for April 2025 has been postponed until the Fall of 2025. Details to follow as soon as known.
- The 2025 Youth Retreat for March of 2025 was cancelled until further notice.

### **Address Update:**

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536 Grove Avenue  
Johnstown, PA 15902  
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### **Region Three Treasurer Information:**

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### **CBC Annual Meeting:**

The 2025 CBC Annual Meeting will be held July 17th, 18th & 19th, 2025 in Greensboro, N.C. at the Koury Convention Center. Guest speakers will be Will Graham & Craig Alan Meyers. Registration is available on-line at the Covenant Brethren Church website.

**Happy Mother's  
Day to all the  
wonderful Moms!  
Mothers are God's  
blessing to the world  
and the greatest gift  
in a person's life!**



### **Upcoming Zoom Meetings for CEU credits:**

***\*\*Each course will be .3 credits\*\****

- Saturday, September 6th from 9-12, Zoom class with Pastor John Collins from Rocky Mt. CBC.
- Saturday, October 11th from 9-12, Zoom or in-person with Pastor Bill Wenger @ the Moxham CBC
- November (date to be determined) from 9-12 with Pastor Roger Myers

## **Southern Gospel Night:**

Mt. Pleasant Church will be hosting their Annual Southern Gospel Night on Sunday evening May 18th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome to come and enjoy congregational singing, songs from the choir & other groups in the church, completing the service with the Sojourners from Southern Ohio for the final 30-40 minutes of the evening. There will be pie & ice cream in the Fellowship Hall to complete the festivities. Mt. Pleasant Church is located at 4152 Mt. Pleasant Street NW, North Canton, OH 44720. Please join us for this great evening of music & fellowship.

***\*\*Save the Date-October 4, 2025\*\****

### **CBC Region Three Regional Meeting, hosted by Moxham CBC**

\*Invitations will be sent out July 14, 2025

\*Deadline for reservation will be September 6, 2025

### **Featured Recipe:**

**From Ann Peters**

#### **Grilled Chicken with Rosemary and Bacon**

##### **Ingredients**

Original recipe (1X) yields 4 servings

- 4 teaspoons garlic powder
  - 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
  - salt and pepper to taste
  - 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 4 thick slices bacon



##### **Directions**

1. Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat, and lightly oil the grate.
2. Sprinkle 1 teaspoon garlic powder on each chicken breast and season with salt and pepper. Lay one rosemary sprig on each chicken breast. Wrap bacon around the chicken to hold the rosemary on. Secure bacon with a toothpick or an additional thick rosemary stem.
3. Cook chicken breasts until no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 8 minutes per side. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C). Stay near the grill to combat any flare-ups from the bacon. Remove the toothpicks before serving.



## Region Three—Easter Photos

### Curryville CBC:

Curryville celebrated Easter morning with their pre-youth group and parents serving a pancake & sausage breakfast and an outdoor sunrise service.



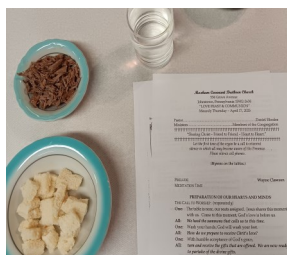
### Mt Pleasant CBC:

Sanctuary pictures from Mt Pleasant CBC.



### Moxham CBC:

Maundy Thursday service & dinner, Sunrise breakfast & children's story during regular service.



### Center Hill CBC:

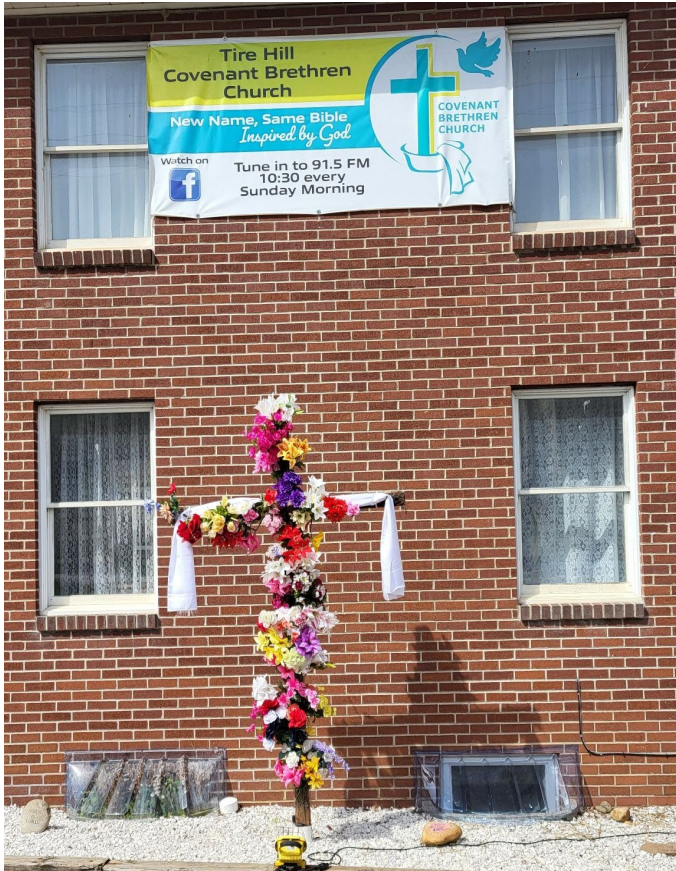
Easter service youth in charge of sunrise service.





## Tire Hill CBC:

Tire Hill CBC had Maundy Thursday Love Feast & Communion, Good Friday Service, Sunrise Service, Easter Worship Service and an Easter Breakfast .



Blessings and belated Easter greetings to all of our CBC Region Three Churches and Congregations. Happy Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day to you all as well.

More details and photos for our next edition to include CBC Annual Meeting in Greensboro, N.C., church summer picnics, 4th of July celebrations and anything else I between that you would like to submit. Looking for a great summer picnic recipe to publish. Please forward any ideas and lots of pictures to my cell number at 814-254-8308. I appreciate all of your help in making our Region Three Newsletter a success.

# Happy Spring