



### Prefer One Another



Romans 12:10 says, “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.”

**The basis is love.** Paul reminds us that we are to love one another. He spells that out with nine specific instructions in Romans 12:9-10. We honor fellow believers because ***Fellow believers are created in God’s image.*** If we love God, if we honor God, then we love and honor that which He has made.

***They are brothers and sisters in Christ.*** 1 John 3:14 says, “We know that we have passed from death unto life,

because we love the brethren.” Our faith in Christ knits our hearts together.

***We are glad for the ways in which they are building up the Body of Christ.*** John Wesley and George Whitefield had parted ways over a doctrinal disagreement. Wesley was later asked if he would see Whitefield in Heaven. Wesley said, “No, I will not see him.” His questioner, shocked, said, “You mean you don’t think that Whitefield will be with the Lord?” “No,” replied Wesley, “He will be so close to the Lord that the glory will prevent me from seeing him.”

**The condition is active.** It tells us to ***outdo*** one another and prefer each other in the church. It implies activity in promoting another person.

Paul is saying, “Be alert to what they are contributing and honor them.” “God’s call to the church is to prefer one another to succeed” (Simon Schrock). The Christian “is content to be outshone by others in gifts and esteem, so that the crown of Christ may shine the brighter” (Thomas Watson).

**Its practice is workable.** When we prefer one another, it means that: We ***listen to one another***, instead of thinking about what we’re going to say next.

We ***avoid one-upsmanship***. It is all right to converse about a subject, yet we don’t want to put others down by bragging about our accomplishments in that subject.

We ***have confidence in another’s gifts/abilities/gifts/talents*** to do a job, even though we might be better qualified. This means we refrain from criticizing from the sidelines. It also implies a willingness to step aside so that someone else may engage in the activity, office, or event.

We ***offer help before being asked***. We do this to be truly helpful, to share of ourselves so that the other person might succeed.

We ***don’t care who receives the credit***. “There is no limit to how much can be accomplished as long as you don’t care who receives the credit.”

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## **Prefer One Another (Continued)**

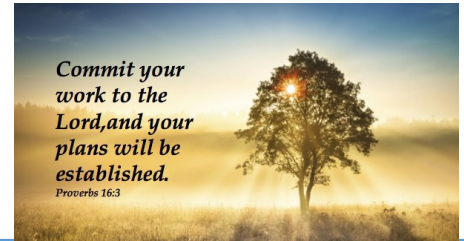
We *offer the best to others* while we take what is left. Abraham and Lot are the perfect examples of this in Genesis 13:9.

We don't care *whether we were thanked* for our efforts.

Warren Wiersbe has written this prayer: "O God, help me to get my work done, and it makes no difference who gets the honor, as long as You get the glory." Amen.

All Scripture references are from the KJV

**Craig Alan Myers – CBC Executive Board**



**Alexa Bowser**

Alexa is the daughter of Chasity & Steve Bowser. Alexa is involved in Redbank Valley cheerleading she also attends Clarion Co. Career Center for culinary arts. She is a member of the Center Hill Youth Group and has been on national and international mission trips.

Alexa is the Class president and secretary/ treasurer at the Clarion Co. Career Center. She is part of student council at career center.

**- Awards:** Servsafe, Osha

- Maintains a 3.65 GPA
- Redbank Valley honor roll and Clarion Co. Career Center
- Director's list at Clarion Co. Career Center

Her future plans are to continue education at Penn West Clarion University for early childhood education.

- She will come back in the fall as a youth mentor



**Summer Marie Adams**

Summer is the daughter of Paul Adams of Kittanning and Stephanie Moore of Homer City. She will graduate from Lenape Technical School in the Cosmetology Program. She has been a member of the National Honor Society both her Junior and Senior year. She was awarded the "Teen of the Week" by Rosebud Mining. She participated in VICA local skills competition, placing third.

She received her Cosmetology License in November of 2024 and began doing co-op in December of 2024, working at The Nail Parlor, in Ford City. She would like to obtain her teaching license, and one day own her own salon.





### **Chloe Crissman**

She is the daughter of Andy & Leslie Crissman. Chloe has been cheerleading for 14 years, and is a member of the Center Hill youth group. She is a member of the CBC National Youth Committee and has went on national and international mission trips.

She is a member of Redbank Valley Track Team and attended training in Los Angeles for acting and modeling where she got signed by an agent.

She played violin throughout elementary and high school and is the Secretary/ Treasurer in her cosmetology class

#### **Awards:**

Sunshine award in cheerleading, Osha award & Honor roll student

#### **Future plans-**

Graduate high school with a cosmetology license and

Continue her education at IUP majoring in pre-law and political science. She will return in the fall as a mentor for the youth group.



### **Halle Hooks**

Halle Hooks is the daughter of Kirk and Tanya Hooks and the sister of Easton, Adam, and Logan. She is the granddaughter of Linda Smith and the late Thomas Smith and Ann Kline and the late Larry Kline and the late Joseph Hooks.

Halle is a graduate of PennWest – Clarion where she obtained her Master of Science in Speech Language Pathology. While at Clarion, Halle participated in various clubs and organizations. She was a member of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association, Crossroads Christian Organization, and served as the vice president for the Women's Club Volleyball Team. When Halle was not busy with her schoolwork, she enjoyed spending time with her friends or going for walks around campus. Halle completed a 12-week externship at West Hills Primary School and is currently completing her second 12-week externship at Quality Life Services – Sarver. Upon completion of her externships, she will seek a Clinical Fellowship position. She hopes to work with the pediatric population in the future.

### **Lucas Grafton**

Lucas is the son of Michael & Patty Grafton, and his grandmother is Beverly Bowser. He is the brother of Matthew & Brennan.

He lives in Worthington, PA and has attended Lenape Technical School for 3 years. He was in the Construction Trade Technology course with carpentry, electrical, plumbing & masonry. He belongs also to the Outdoor Club and Bible Study. He has enlisted in the United States Army for further schooling in electricity.



## June Final Fridays Book Club:

The Final Fridays Book Club selection for June will be A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus. A fictional story about orphans during WWII who decide to hide their orphaned status and slide unnoticed into the war-time evacuation of children from London so they can find at least a temporary home for themselves. The discussion will be June 27 at 6 PM at the home of Laura Wingard-Plank.



**Brayden Strauser**

Brayden is the son of Anthony and Amanda Strauser . He is the brother of Zayne and sister Haylee. He has a dog named Brianne.

Brayden's school activities choir, band, and taiko. He enjoys spending time his free time hanging out with Lizzy :)  
Brayden's future plans are to attend BC3 in the fall for cyber security.

### **Wednesday Bible Study:**

**The Wednesday Bible study will begin again on Wednesday, September 3.**

## **LITTLE THINGS**

I like to think big. I want to step back, look at the big picture, and make big plans.

Thinking big is important in our lives, careers, families, friendships, and churches. In the church, it is encouraging to witness significant growth and an increasing number of members joining the Covenant Brethren Church family. Thinking big has its time and place in the church, but sometimes, we want to focus only on the big things and neglect the little things. The little things in God's Kingdom can often become some of the most important.

In Matthew chapter 13, Jesus gives us the parable of the mustard seed, which is the smallest of seeds but has become one of the largest plants in the garden.

Jesus told his disciples to let the little children come to him. Jesus stopped in a massive crowd and healed a woman who just touched his cloak. Jesus used the lunch of one little boy to feed 5000.

I think it is safe to say that what we often consider the little things are not so little to Jesus.

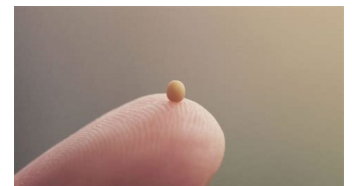
A few years ago, I was asked to do a bible study for a group of junior high youth. The advisor thanked me afterward for being willing to teach when I normally am doing more important things in the church. I believe leading a group of junior high students is one of the most important things our church does.

We should never think we are so important that we should only do big things. The apostle Paul said, "I will boast in Christ alone."

What little things is God putting in your path? Calling or visiting a shut-in person? Helping with Children's Church? Going on a work project? Being a greeter? Helping to mulch the flower beds at church? Making a meal for someone?

Matthew 10:42,(NIV), "and if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." Nothing is too little if we do it for Jesus.

**Jim Nolt – CBC Executive Board**







**Christmas in July  
Special Offering to  
support the  
Deacon Fund.  
Sunday, July 20, 2025**



Our annual Peach Fest will be held Saturday, August 9, 2025, from 4-7 PM in our Fellowship Hall. We will be serving up our selection of hot sandwiches and for dessert ... peach pie or cobbler. How about some cake and homemade ice cream to go on top. Join us for some great fellowship!

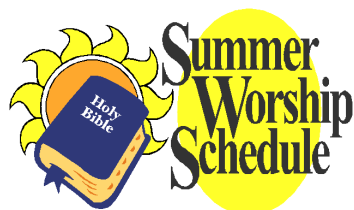
*Blessed is the nation whose God  
is the Lord  
Psalm 33:12*



It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as **Flag Day**; on August 3, 1949, National **Flag Day** was established by an Act of Congress.



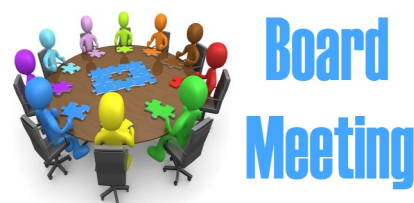
**There will be Bread & Cup Communion during the morning worship service on Sunday, June 29 at 10 AM.**



**Starting Sunday, June 1  
Sunday School 9 AM  
Worship Service 10 AM**



The Witness Commission will be collecting monetary donations for Heifer International on **Sunday, June 8th**. Heifer International uses animals, clean water, and trees to help families worldwide facing hunger and poverty. Did you know that \$20 will buy a flock of chicks, \$60 will buy a trio of rabbits, \$150 will buy an alpaca and \$750 will provide water for life for a community? Please consider making any size donation to help Heifer International serve God's children who are struggling with hunger and poverty.



**Monday, June 2  
Commissions meet at  
6:30 PM  
Board meets at 7 PM**



The Strawberry Fest will be here on Saturday, June 14, from 4-7 PM, with our full menu of delicious sandwiches and home made strawberry desserts including our homemade ice cream. You can call the Fellowship Hall (724-545-9655) on Saturday morning to place your take out order. We hope to see everyone come and support our Strawberry Fest and fellowship with old and new friends.



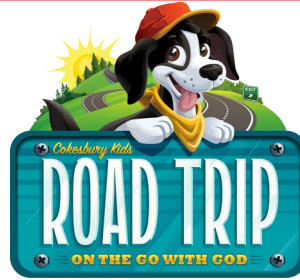
The Nurture Commission will be recognizing our fathers on Sunday, June 15. Please join us for morning worship.

**Join us for Vacation Bible School !**

Sunday, July 6- Thursday, July 10  
6:30-8:30 PM

Ages 4 years old thru 6th grade

There will be Bible stories, music, games, crafts, snacks and so much more fun.



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