

# Cafary's Light

MAY 2024

## *Leave it to the Experts?*

AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO GROW IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND HIS BOOK

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. 1 Timothy 5:17*

*For my part, I do not believe in the infallibility of experts, and I think that the tyranny of experts is the worst and most dangerous tyranny that ever was devised. J. Gresham Machen*

We are constantly inundated with the opinion of experts. Whether we are reading the news on our tablets, listening to our favorite podcasts, or even scrolling through our social media feed, we are constantly faced with a so-called expert dying to give us advice. If we are not careful, we may begin to think that either the experts are always right or that we, as regular people, could never understand the truth the way they do.

I remember once teaching in my first pastorate on the passage that says, "I am the door (John 10:7)". I noticed a hand shoot up near the back of the sanctuary. I recognized the man and asked him what his question was. He said, "What does this say in the Greek?" I was delighted by the question, but a little concerned about what prompted it. See, this man didn't think regular people could understand the Bible, since most don't know Biblical Greek. My response to his question of what this means in the Greek was simply this: "I am the door." Sometimes the obvious meaning is the proper meaning. You don't have to be an expert to understand the Bible.

Let me encourage you, brothers and sisters, to read, study, and think as much as you can about God. As important as public teaching is (and you know I think it is!), we grow a lot quicker and a lot stronger if we study for ourselves. So, why should we study for ourselves and not just leave our instruction to the experts?

### **1. God made us with a capacity to understand. Because of this, we should try to understand.**

What separates us from animals is that we are made in the image of God. Being made in the image of God means that we have the capacity to understand, to reason. Since God made us with this capacity, and it sets us apart from the rest of the created order, we shouldn't leave thinking to experts. We should think for ourselves.

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As Jonathan Edwards has said, “God hath given us a book of divine instructions, which contains the sum of divinity. Now, these things hath God done, not only for the instruction of ministers and men of learning; but for the instruction of all men, of all sorts, learned and unlearned, men, women, and children. And certainly, if God does such great things to teach us, we ought to do something to learn.”

You are made by the Lord to learn, to read and to think. May He be glorified in your pursuit of truth. The experts can and do help us to understand, but we must think for ourselves. To do so is an act of worship to the God who made us in His image.

## **2. God is honored and glorified when we give Him and His word the attention it deserves.**

Where our treasure is, our heart will be also (Matthew 6:21). Similarly, Psalm 119:16 says, “I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.” When God is the focus of our thinking and our attention, we give Him the glory that He deserves. We honor God when our attention is captivated by His truth. After all, the things of God are super interesting! Most of the people in this world have no idea how awesome studying the Bible and theology can be. For those who do not know God, the things of God seem strange and dry. One of the ways we can show the world that God is infinitely worthy of their thoughtful consideration is to show them that He is worthy of ours.

Studying God’s word is an indescribable blessing for me, especially because I get to teach it and preach it to you. May our Lord draw us ever closer to Himself through the diligent delight of reading, studying, and thinking. Instead of leaving everything to the experts, maybe we can become experts ourselves.

**1 Corinthians 16:24** My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Dom



## *Elder Update*

Elder President Nate Swanger

This past month the elder team was able to take a couple of days to strategize about the future of CBC. What we discovered is that it is very easy to conceptualize and theorize, but it is incredibly difficult to make action plans. The heart of CBC will always be Jesus; we as a church are his bridegroom. Our intent is to have the best possible presentation of the gospel that speaks to a broader scope than what we currently serve.

The idea of growth is scary. Growth requires change; it requires a repurposing of what we previously perceived as truth. It requires a paradigm shift, but what does that look like? Not every decision we make is a home run; some are singles, and some are outs. The one thing we can not do is stagnate. Stagnation leads to death; we cannot stay still; we cannot go backward.

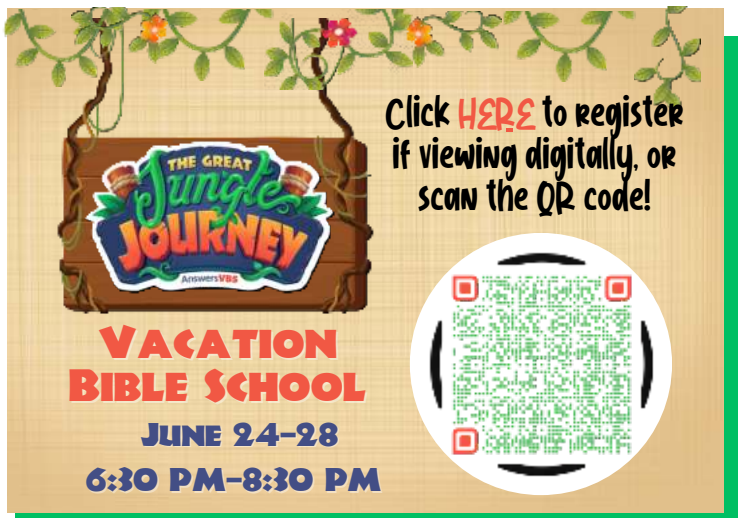
Our goal will always be focused on the cross. What we can do is move forward. What we can do is take chances, knowing that ultimately God will be glorified. Join us as we seek to expand the reach of CBC to reach the Hanover area to proclaim the good news of Jesus. As we seek to make decisions, pray that God would be guiding the hearts and minds of the leadership team.

# CALVARY KIDS



April has been a slower month compared to some in Children’s Ministry, yet still filled with lots of fun! Awana is coming to a close for the school year, with Awards Night celebrated on Wednesday, May 1. We had a bounce house night to treat the kids. We also had moving up night so that outgoing clubbers can see the next club and how it is run.

Children’s Ministry is gearing up for summer which is fast approaching. On May 7 we have a Family Fun Night at Hickory Falls, where families can spend time with one another and have fun while doing so! Before we know it VBS and Kids’ Camp will be upon us. (See more information below!) Please pray for our volunteers that they will have energy and grace for the upcoming months! Also pray for the children who will be attending all of our events, that they will have open hearts to God’s word and direction. We cannot wait to see how God uses these events in these children’s lives!



Click **HERE** to register if viewing digitally, or scan the QR code!

**THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY**  
Answers VBS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
JUNE 24-28  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM



**KIDS' CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 5!**

JULY 15-19

INFORMATION AND SIGN-UPS ARE IN THE FOYER.

REGISTER MAY 5 THROUGH JUNE 16!

The Great Race 2024



**Family Fun Night**

**TUESDAY, MAY 7 7PM TO 9PM**

**AT Hickory Falls**

**\$30/family**

- Miniature Golf
- Go-Carts
- Laser Tag
- Kids' Play Area
- ... **AND MORE!**

This is an evening for families with kids of all ages to spend time together, laugh, and create memories! This is open to families outside of CBC as well, so please invite your friends!

Sign up in the foyer or by scanning the QR code!

Contact Hannah Greene with questions at hgreenecbc@gmail.com

# Ministry Updates

Thanks, God, for an amazing time in your Word and fellowship with one another during the Women's Conference! We give you all the glory for this day!

The *Create & Elevate* activity of making 135 welcome bags for women seeking refuge through Thrive Ministries and Sparrow Place will be a continued blessing throughout the year where your love can be shared. In addition, the Women at Risk (WAR) International pop up boutique, which did \$2,400 in sales, will help to support women in need around the world! The event planning team was overwhelmed by the positive feedback from the participants. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever" (Psalm 36:1).

*The Ladies' Events Planning Committee*



*Each speaking session started with worship!*



*We loved having speaker Micah Maddox with us!*



*The Ladies' Events planning committee coordinated the event, from lining up the speaker to making all the decorations!*

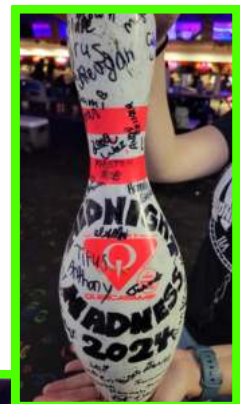


*A Make-Your-Own-Trail-Mix station never looked so pretty!*

The teen Midnight Madness all-nighter brought out 102 teens! They enjoyed games at church, bowling, Hickory Falls, and the epic game Alien upon their return to church in the wee hours of the morning. Pastor Jason and Steve White shared their testimonies and God's word. Thank you to all who donated financially or with their time. We couldn't do it without you!



## Teens



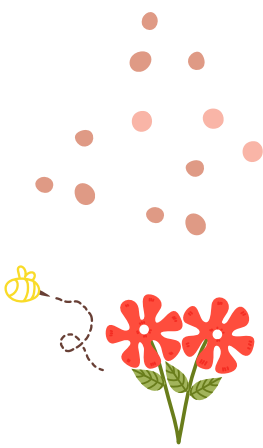
# The Latest News!



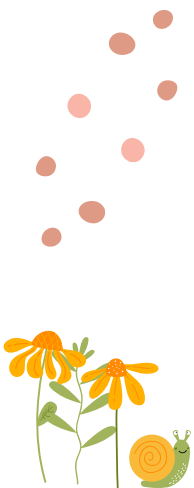
THE  
*Shepherd's Fold*



It's hard to believe that it's already the last month of our school session. During the month of April, the children enjoyed watching Mr. Bob tear down one of our old playground structures and replace it with a new one. Thank you to our CBC church members and the elder board for gifting us the money to complete this project!







The children also enjoyed a special school bus visit during which they learned about bus safety from a licensed bus driver with South Western School District. Our preschool children even got to take a short ride around the block on the bus!

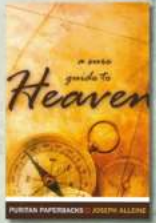


*Photos courtesy of Joy Hempfing.*

As we speed toward summer, we are looking forward to celebrating our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week May 13–17 and our 10 graduating preschoolers at our graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 23. If you would like to contribute money toward our teacher appreciation luncheon and encouragement gifts, please write "TSF Teacher Appreciation Gifts" on your check or offering envelope and place donations in the offering boxes. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

## THE DEAD PREACHERS SOCIETY

-  The society shall be lead by Pastor Dom and Elder Mike Robinson.
-  The society shall read and discuss "A Sure Guide to Heaven" by Joseph Alleine.
-  The society shall meet four times in the summer.
-  Interested parties shall sign up at the Activities Table.



Join Pastor Dom and Elder Mike Robinson in this exclusive summertime book club!

Sign up in the foyer!

## MOTHER & SON DAY OF FUN

FRIDAY, JUNE 14  
6:00-8:00 PM

WEST MANHEIM REC PARK



**FREE!**  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED

Hosted by the Women's Ministry



## Ambassadors Ice Cream Social

Sign up in the foyer!

Monday, May 13  
6:30 PM  
Boyer Hall



During the months of April and May, we're collecting sets of shampoo and conditioner or anti-dandruff shampoo. Donations can be placed in the bin in the closet to the right of the Usher's Station.

**We collect items throughout the year for the Adopt-a-Family event in December. This event is a great way to show the love of Christ to our neighbors! Bookmarks with suggested items to donate are available at the Welcome Center.**

# CBC Marketplace

**FREE** - Super Mini Fridge, 10" tall, 7" wide, 8.5" deep. Call or text Hannah Greene at 717-451-1428.

**FOR SALE** - Handmade wooden Noah's ark with animals. 8x10 wooden framed Noah's ark artwork. Make offer. See photos. Call or text Lindsey Reiker at 717-778-7696.



# May Calendar

Date	Day	Time	Event	Room
1	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	No Teen Group	
		6:30 PM	Awana Awards Night	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
4	Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast	Boyer Hall
5	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Baptism Class (Children)	201
		10:30 AM	AM Communion Service	Sanctuary
		3:00 PM	Perspectives Class	112
		5:00 PM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	114
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
7	Tuesday	6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
		7:00 PM	Calvary Kids Family Fun Night	Hickory Falls
8	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off Site
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	Adult English Classes	
9	Thursday	6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
11	Saturday	4:00 PM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	Sanctuary
12	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		9:30 AM	Baptism Class (Adults)	128
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	No PM Service	
13	Monday	6:30 PM	Calvary Ambassadors Event: Ice Cream Social	Boyer Hall
14	Tuesday	6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122

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15	Wednesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Fellowship Bible Study	112
		6:15 PM	Teen Group	104
		6:30 PM	ESL Special Event: Closing Program	Atrium
19	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		3:00 PM	Perspectives Class	112
		6:30 PM	PM Worship Service	Sanctuary
23	Tuesday	6:30 PM	DivorceCare	122
22	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Ladies' Prayer Time	Off Site
23	Thursday	6:00 PM	The Shepherd's Fold Graduation	Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Elder Meeting	Mathias Ctr
25	Saturday	1:00 PM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	114
26	Sunday	9:30 AM	Sunday School, Infant-Adult	
		10:30 AM	AM Worship Service	Sanctuary
		5:00 PM	Children's Musical Rehearsal	114
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