The Journey

The Brownsville Church of God Quarterly Newsletter — April - June 2024

A Message from the Pastor

Pastor Victor Johnson

May our Newsletter find each of you and your families being blessed by God. His blessings are too many to count.

We give thanks to God for His works at the Brownsville Church of God. As we continue to move forward into the New Year, 2024, we thank God for those that have given their life to Christ thus far in the new year. We also thank Him for the New Membership Classes and our Sunday School children's continual involvement in the Worship services.

We thank God for our Young Adult Bible Study that recently started. The most recent Women's Ministries are starting to flourish as well. They are as follows:

1) **The Mothering Group** – The 3rd Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. All mothers are invited to attend. Childcare is provided, however, more volunteers are needed.
2) **The Ladies Night** – The 1st Friday of each month at 7 p.m.
3) **The Women's Fellowship** – The 4th Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

As we have just celebrated Resurrection Day, let us be reminded to share the gospel of Christ with others. Jesus' words to the demonic man that was healed are the same words Jesus is saying to us.

Mark 5:18-19 NIV, [18]As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. [19]Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

May each of you be about sharing with others, **"What God Has Done For You".**

Spend Time With God In Prayer
Spend Time With God In His Word
Spend Time Witnessing Christ To Other People

Praying for you all,
Pastor Vic

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Churches of God General Conference

SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Nursery provided for all the above.

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study - 7:00 PM

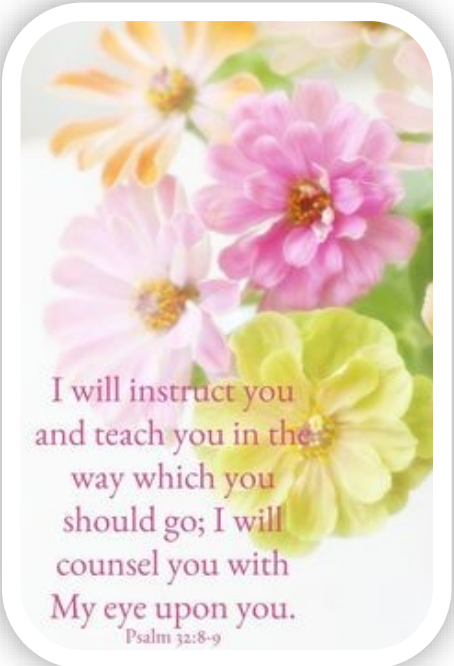
Pastor Vic & Sister Katherine and Pastor Jenkins & Sister Dee attended Pastor Appreciation Day at Shalom Christian Academy on Wednesday, March 13 and Cumberland Valley Christian School on Friday, March 15. They were very appreciative of this invitation and thankful they were able to attend these events.

Photo upper right: Pastor Johnson and Pastor Jenkins at Shalom Christian Academy praying with Tayla Worthy, daughter of Marvin and Linda Thomas Worthy.

Photo bottom right: Pastor Johnson and Pastor Jenkins at Cumberland Valley Christian School praying with Alaina, Jaylen and Julian Lee, (children of Robert & Calah Lee), Bradley, Jr., Joseph and Emmett (children of Bradley, Sr. & Summer Rock) and Ricki Williams (granddaughter of Evelyn Barbour).

Women's Fellowship is held once a month at BCOG at 9 a.m. Join us to connect with other women spiritually, emotionally, and socially as we grow in Christ. It is a potluck fellowship so bring your favorite dish and a friend.

For more information contact Robin Tasker at yardknome52911@gmail.com or (717) 321-3469.



Betty Spoonhour Rideout Scholarship

By Sis. Ruth Delauder

Since the start (2018) of the Betty Spoonhour Rideout (BSR) Scholarship, 95% of scholarship recipients have completed their college education. Also, 100% of those that applied for the BSR Scholarship were awarded the scholarship.

Come join us for the annual BSR Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, May 11th, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Norlo Park, Fayetteville, PA.

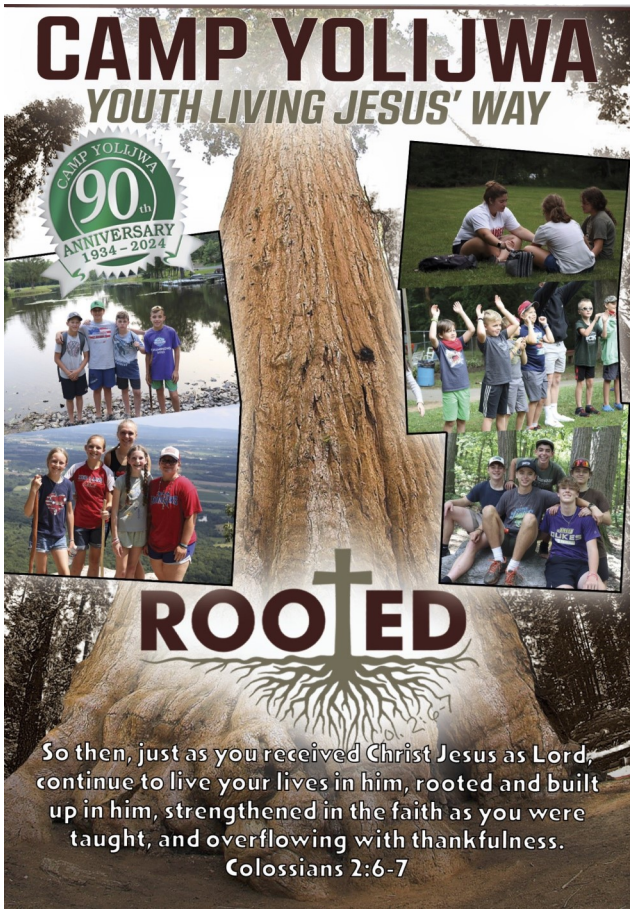
At this year's luncheon, five recipients will receive the $1,000 BSR Scholarship and four past recipients will each be awarded a $200 book allowance. We will also be memorializing Dr. Norman Curfman, one of the original founding board members of BSR Scholarship. This year's speaker is Dr. Mark Long, Assistant Superintendent at Chambersburg Area School District.

Tickets may be purchased through Sunday, May 5th. Please contact Sis. Ruth Delauder at 717-263-4449.

Let's Cook!

The BSR Scholarship Cookbook sale was a success! There were a total of 150 recipes submitted for the cookbook and a total of 131 cookbooks were sold. A "Tasting" was held after worship service on Sunday, April 21st. Thank you to the BSR Scholarship board members for job well done!

BCOG Youth News



2024 Camp Yolijwa Schedule

YOUTH CAMPS	RECOMMENDED WEEK FOR THOSE ENTERING	ALTERNATE WEEK FOR THOSE ENTERING	DATE
Youth	10th - 12th	---	June 9-15
9th Grade	9th	10th	June 16-22
8th Grade	8th	9th	June 30-July 6
7th Grade	7th	8th	July 7-13
6th Grade	6th	7th	July 14-20
5th Grade	5th	6th	July 21-27
4th Grade	4th	5th	July 28-August 1
3rd Grade	3rd	4th	August 2-4
Mother/Daughter	K-2nd	---	August 4-5
Father/Son	K-2nd	---	August 10-11

WILDERNESS CABIN CAMPS	RECOMMENDED WEEK FOR THOSE ENTERING	ALTERNATE WEEK FOR THOSE ENTERING	
Wilderness Adventure	10th - 12th	---	June 30-July 6
Sr. High Wilderness	10th - 12th	---	July 7-13
9th Grade Wilderness	9th	10th	July 14-20
8th Grade Wilderness	8th	9th	July 21-27
7th Grade Wilderness	7th	8th	July 28-August 3

For more information including online registration, visit www.campyolijwa.org

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP

2024 SUMMER CAMPING OPPORTUNITIES †JUNE 23-29

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP is for families of all ages and sizes. This week-long camp provides an opportunity for grandparents, parents, and children to get away from the hectic pace of life and come to the mountains for rest, relaxation, and time together learning about God.

FAMILY BIBLE CAMP OFFERS: family devotional time, Bible classes, sports, swimming, hiking, great programs, excellent speakers, delicious food, crafts, vespers, campfires, nature lessons, quality family time, and much more. Each member of your family is sure to find something to enjoy!

RV camping with electric is available to a limited number of applicants.

CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 8th 1-5pm

Camp is looking for volunteers to help with Carnival Games!

Take an Hour Shift & Earn a Free BBQ Meal!

Contact Camp for more info
program@campyolijwa.org
717-776-5281

If you have any interest, questions, etc. about Camp Yolijwa or any of these activities, you may reach out to our Camp CIA, Karen Baugher at 717-404-0927.

My Experience at Yolijwa's Young Adult Camp

By Jonathan Jeffrey

My name is Jonathan Jeffrey. My experience at the Young Adult Retreat held at Camp Yolijwa was a truly great experience. I enjoyed every minute of it. I had never been to a camp before, so I didn't know what to expect. I went there very open minded. On arrival, there was a welcome reception where we met the awesome staff who had us do a scavenger hunt. When I first got there, I was greeted by the friendly staff and I felt very accommodated. I had three roommates and we got along very well.

We had activities that kept us occupied all weekend. There were four different breakout seminars that gave us guidance and advice on our journey in the Christian life.

The General Assembly worship sessions were deeply fulfilling. Pastor Wayne Anderson spoke about building a solid foundation in Christ. Once we have a solid foundation in the Lord, nothing that comes our way can rock us. The teachings were so deep and so solid. In one session, we learned how our childhood can affect us later in life. The breakout sessions were awesome. They were very meaningful. We discussed topics such as repairing emotional trauma, overcoming addiction, manhood and resisting temptations and the meaning of worship.

I had a lot of fun playing board games and gym games like volleyball and connecting with other people my age. There was tubing and snowboarding available also. The food was excellent. It was very delicious and there was a wide variety to choose from.

The best part of the camp was connecting with the wonderful staff and forming friendships with people my age. Pastor Wayne took the time to talk with me about many things from the Bible. He gave me so much information and answers to many questions I had. I can't wait to return next year. I strongly recommend that people in the 18-30 age range attend this camp. It's great for spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being.

My Experience at Yolijwa's Young Adult Camp

By Kelsey Miller

My name is Kelsey Miller. This is my experience at the Young Adult Retreat at Camp Yolijwa. The first day we did a scavenger hunt. After that we learned about having a solid foundation in order to set an example as a follower of Jesus Christ. This is where I met Abby and Gillian; we became good friends. We also had a session called "Women in Waiting" where we learned about waiting on Jesus Christ. The second day, we learned about our self-worth and that our worth is in Jesus Christ. We also had some free time. We went snow tubing and sledding and did some painting. I made my dad a panda. We also had a coffee house and open mic. The last day we cleaned up before leaving. I loved it; I really enjoyed attending and hope I can attend next year. I think any young adult that has a chance to attend should go.

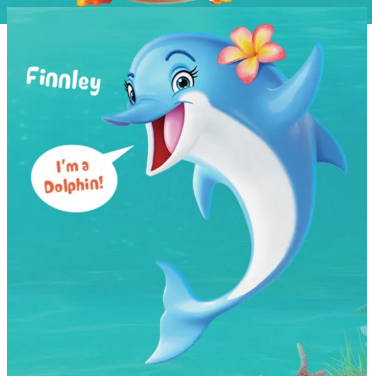
BCOG Youth News

IT'S TIME FOR VBS!

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

July 22, 2024 - July 26, 2024
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Brownsville Church of God

To register, visit **vbspro.events/p/bcog24** or scan the QR code below.



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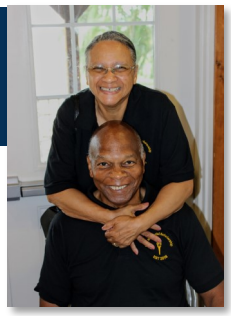

Pastor Victor & Sis. Katherine Johnson

Past Events

Pastor Vic dedicated Olivia Torres's infant son, Amari, on Sunday, February 18.

New membership orientation was held on February 27 & April 1; a date is being scheduled to receive these candidates into membership at BCOG.

Pastor Vic & Sister Katherine and Pastor Jenkins & Sister Dee attended Pastor Appreciation Day at Shalom Christian Academy on Wednesday, March 13 and Cumberland Valley Christian School on Friday, March 15. See article within the newsletter.

Our first two of several Vacation Bible School informational meetings were held on Sunday, March 17th and April 28th after service. Several stations already have leaders assigned and several volunteers are signed up as Crew Leaders.

Our first Discipleship meeting of 2024 was held on March 21st. If you are interested in discipling someone or being discipled, please contact Pastor Vic.

Good Friday Service was held on Friday, March 29; Sunrise service was held on Easter Sunday morning.

Coming Up

The Betty Spoonhour Rideout Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Tickets are available through May 5th.

On May 18th at 9:00 a.m. we will be cleaning out and rearranging the garage on top of the hill at the church. Come join us if you're able.

Mothering Group will meet every third Saturday morning of the month at the church. Next meeting will be held at Norlo Park on May 18th See Kristen Hockenberry for more information.

Women's Fellowship will be held every fourth Saturday at the church. See the flyer included in this newsletter. The next meeting will be held on May 25th.

Our next Vacation Bible School meetings will be held after service on May 26th and June 23rd in Rooms 106-107.

Ladies' Night takes place on the first Friday of every month at the church. See Vanessa Davis for more information. Next meeting is June 7th.

Save the date for our annual church picnic to be held on Saturday, June 15th.

Upcoming Regular Events at Brownsville Church of God

Men's Breakfast /Bible Study
Every 2nd Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Ladies' Night
Every 1st Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Mothering Group
Every 3rd Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Fellowship
Every 4th Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Newsletter submissions should be emailed to Michaela Tasker at mgtask13@gmail.com by June 22nd.

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Our Vision: We envision a community of faith where: People are coming to Christ, finding love, acceptance, forgiveness, and experiencing Christian growth.

Brownsville Church of God

WE EXIST for the purpose of Worshipping God, Loving all people, making disciples for Christ.