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"For the faith once delivered unto the saints"

OUR MOTTO: Spiritual in life and Scriptural in practice.	OUR WATCHWORD: Go into all the world and preach the gospel.
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OUR AIM: Be it our aim to be more sanctified, more righteous,
more holy, and more perfect through faith and obedience.

LOVE

And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deut. 6:5

A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved you,
that ye also love one another.

John 13:34

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
gentleness, goodness, faith,
Meekness, temperance:
against such there is no law.

Gal. 5:22-23

And to know the love of Christ,
which passeth knowledge,
that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Eph. 3:19

NEW PAPERS

Several years ago, when I picked up the role of editor for the Bible Monitor from the late Bro. Milton Cook, I inherited a variety of necessary “baggage” that came along with the job. The items included subscriptions to two other Anabaptist periodicals: *The Vindicator* and *The Pilgrim*. The former is published by the Old German Baptist Brethren Church out of Englewood, Ohio and the latter was published for the Old Brethren Church out of Tuolumne, California.

I’m not sure whether it was Bro. Milton or a former brother that established the practice of sharing subscriptions with these other Anabaptist groups, but I am thankful for it as it has been both a help and encouragement to me in my role.

For a little history on these papers, the first issue of the *Vindicator* was published March 1, 1870. The first issue of the *The Pilgrim* was published in October 1954. The late Leslie Cover became the editor of *The Pilgrim* in 1963 and continued that work for over 60 years. I must admit that early last year, I was a little discouraged to learn that *The Pilgrim* would soon be sending out its final issue. However, I understood the situation. The final issue was published in February 2025.

So, I was especially encouraged by recent developments following the final publication of *The Pilgrim* last year. With the ending of *The Pilgrim*, two new periodicals are just now springing up: *Times And Seasons* by

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the Yellow Creek Old Brethren Church out of Wakarusa, Indiana and *Light For The Way* by the Old Brethren Church out of Modesto, California. The first issue of *Times And Seasons* was published in December 2025 and the first issue of *Light For The Way* was just published in January 2026.

I truly appreciate those willing to pick up and carry a torch when others must leave it behind. In our times and culture, it seems to have gotten easier and more acceptable to simply allow dropped torches to lay and burn out. *Light For The Way* seems to me a fitting title for the work of picking up and carrying forth the torch that *The Pilgrim* laid down.

As stated in the first issue of *The Pilgrim* in October 1954 and as reprinted in the first issue of *Times And Seasons* in December 2025:

“We believe we can have a paper which should first and primarily serve the needs of the members of the Old Brethren Church and at the same time present items of interest which could be both useful and edifying to our friends and acquaintances and Christian

readers in general into whose hands it may come, whose interests and problems may be the same as ours.

Many of us have perhaps one or more religious papers in our homes which are published by other denominations and find them both entertaining and edifying. And then there are the ‘non-denominational’ papers with much good selective reading. But still none of these can serve the particular needs of the members of our church as well as a paper published for, and directed to them.”

I believe this sentiment was good in 1954 and is still good today, especially as we see the time of our Lord’s return approaching. In fact, His impending return is the inspiration behind the naming of *Times And Seasons*.

As the publishers of these new papers do the work to carry forth the torch, may we all likewise, be willing to be about the work of edifying, exhorting, encouraging and sharpening one another as we see the day of the Lord approaching.

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking

the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Heb. 10:24-25

“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify

one another, even as also ye do.” I Thes. 5:11

“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” Prov. 27:17

K. Brock

TEACHING THE YOUTH

I don't normally write. Thinking and speaking come easier to me, rather than writing something down, but I have something to ask all who read this. What are we doing to teach young people in our church who we are and what we believe? Let me say first off that I am not blaming anyone for not teaching young adults. I am not in this for a round of blame game. I have felt a burden on my heart for a while now and this question has been rattling around in my mind. I am not a scholarly type but I can't help but notice that I never went through a course to tell me about what the Dunkard Brethren are. I had parents who taught me everything they know and for that I am grateful. A lot of us were probably raised this way and some may not have been. We never sat around

discussing the polity, church manual, or applicant instructions for evening devotions. Situations or life circumstances served as teaching tools for the doctrine of the Bible and our beliefs.

With this in mind I observe that all people, but especially younger people wish to have a tangible hold of our Church's doctrine. A solid direction gives us all purpose and a mission. Many other churches and denominations have courses for young people who are being baptized or have yet to be baptized. To my knowledge there is no official doctrinal course other than just reading our Polity, Manual, or the Instructions for Applicants. From talking with a few parents, I have felt a yearning for an outside resource to help teach their children Church history and

beliefs. A basic blueprint that is digestible for young adults sounds like a great starting goal.

I know that we are all busy. It is an extra weight for a young adult Sunday school teacher to teach our doctrines to a class or for a parent to sit down at the end of the day in the midst of life's busyness. My vision in all of this is jumpstarting an idea, to gather information and see what experiences others have had in their discipleship. My hope is

for young people to understand who we are and look to a future where they build up the church. Fostering open dialogue between parents/children and the official body having conversations with families.

At this point I'm looking to hear other people's experiences/ thoughts on developing a course. Please answer any question(s) you would like to. You can email me at: chris96cordrey@gmail.com

1. Did you read the polity/receive private instructions from an official before baptism?
2. What do you wish you could've been taught about our church as a young person?
3. (Parents) Do you have an interest in developing a curriculum for your teenagers?
4. What books (if any) do you know of that are a good resource for DBC discipleship?

Chris Cordrey
Modesto, CA

GUILT

“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

Ps. 103:12

Many organizations as well as many religious use guilt as a means to control their people. If we read the Bible and find out the truth, it will take us past

the cultish activities of these deceivers into the bright light of the gospel. Nothing is more beautiful than the presence of God in the person of Jesus

Christ. After all, He became a man, able to suffer death, so that He could pay for our sins on the cross.

Do you feel guilty? Cast your cares upon Him, for he careth for you. After my wife passed away, I felt extreme guilt. Did I do enough for her? Did I care enough? Should I have done this? Should I have done that? Confusion reigned. But God said in His word, "...let me never be put to confusion." Ps. 71:1

It is not wrong to grieve for a loved one. Some folks say that grief is just love that will not let go. This is true. We miss them and will continue to miss them, but we cannot allow the guilt we have

remaining to destroy us. We must allow God to deal with this guilt so that we may be able to testify of His goodness. We must beg God for forgiveness and continue building up the Kingdom. "*For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.*" II Chr. 30:9b

Our humanness is what keeps us stalled in one position and not progressing in the Christian life. Our attitude: "I am not good enough for God" or "God cannot save me – I am too bad" can only be dealt with by God. He knows how to save us and He can do it well. He is able if we trust and believe in Him.

I take my heart in my hand,
O my God, O my God,
My broken heart in my hand:
Thou hast seen: Judge thou.

Christina Rossetti

"And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and

whereby they have transgressed against me." Jer. 33:8

Lynn H. Miller
Newmanstown, PA

UPDATE FROM THE NETHERLANDS - 2

Tama is an engineer who works from home each day from 8 am to 4 pm. He's presently doing design work on a "self-driving" car. He not

only puts in a full day of work, but also has devotions each night with his family, helps get the children to bed, and answers email enquiries from people interested in knowing more about their spiritual walk.

Carmen also works at home. She takes care of managing the house and homeschools the four oldest children as well. Keeping the two youngest children occupied and quiet can be challenging for her. The ages of the school children are: 11, 9, and twins that are 6. The two younger children are 4 and 1. Carmen has quite a load and asks for prayer for this responsibility. If anyone wants to send Carmen a note of encouragement, she would appreciate it.

Tama, Carmen, and their family returned home from the Anabaptist conference in England the week before Christmas. They really enjoyed the chance to reconnect with folks they had previously known and get acquainted with other like-minded believers.

There's another younger couple that has been worshipping with the McGlinn's on Sunday. Their names are Martine and Cindy, and they are interested in the Dunkard Brethren Church. Please pray for this couple and also for Tama and Carmen, that God would bless their gatherings with other people seeking a biblical way of life.

Tama, Carmen, and their family want to thank everyone for your prayers on their behalf. May God bless each one as we choose to remain faithful to Jesus in 2026.

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PILGRIM PATHWAY

I am a pilgrim wandering
Unto my Canaan Land.
And though the storms assail me,
I'm guided by His hand.
I'll reach the heavenly portals
By faith He gives to me.
And there I'll bow before Him,
Upon my bended knee.

The angels will rejoice with me,
A pilgrim has come home.
And joy and peace shall fill the air,
As we surround the throne.
What wonders lie before me,
In God's appointed place.
For I am but a pilgrim,
Who God has saved by grace.

His grace He offers all men,
Who journey on their way.
Then they will find their Canaan Road,
That leads to endless day.
There may be trials on that road,
But still He'll see you through.
Then the portals will swing open,
And heaven you will view.

Doris Compton
Carlisle, PA

WHAT IS HEAVEN?

Heav'n is the land where troubles cease,
 Where toils and tears are o'er;
 The blissful clime of rest and peace,
 Where cares distract no more;
 And not the shadow of distress
 Dims its unsullied blessedness.

Heaven is the place where Jesus dwells,
 And pleads his flowing blood,
 While to his prayers his Father gives
 An unknown multitude,
 Whose harps and tongues, through endless days,
 Shall crown his head with songs of praise.

Heav'n is the dwelling-place of joy,
 The home of light and love,
 Where faith and hope in rapture die,
 And ransomed souls above
 Enjoy, before their Father's throne,
 Bliss everlasting and unknown.

Spiritual Hymns of the River Brethren – No. 873

Selected by Lynn H. Miller
 Newmanstown, PA

CONNECTIONS

As members of the Bible Study Board our hope in writing monthly articles related to the Adult Sunday School Lessons is that we all see afresh different points of connection that reveal the Word made flesh.

In the Old Testament, God's Spirit did not permanently remain in people who trusted Him. Instead, God usually sent

His Spirit to reside and inspire specific people at specific times. Though Jesus had talked with His disciples about the new

role of the Spirit, the Jews were amazed at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

On the day of Pentecost, a transformed group of men stood beside a transformed Peter as he announced, "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Peter's words were spoken without reluctance or timidity. His sermon inspired repentance. The audience became followers of Christ, the death-conquerer. They could not hear enough or say enough about Him. Why?

Because their sins had been forgiven by Christ their Savior.

Have your sins been forgiven? Are the words you say about Christ and redemption spoken without reluctance or timidity? Are you willing to allow the Holy Spirit to control your entire life or are you choosing to stay in your comfort zone instead? May we, through the power of the Holy Spirit, confidently share what God has done in each of our lives.

On behalf of the Bible Study Board
Bro. Gerry Priest

WEDDING

Jaylyn Rissler & Michelle Martin. Jaylyn, son of John & Karen Rissler and Michelle, daughter of Jerry & Sarah Ann Martin were united in marriage at Lathom, Missouri on January 3, 2026. They will reside in California, Missouri.

BIRTHS

Tom & Kaitlyn Hawbaker of Mound City, Kansas welcomed another son, Hayes Nelson on December 20, 2025.

Keegan & Kenslie Wertz of Piqua, Ohio welcomed Elsie Marie on December 25, 2025.

Jared & Trish Martin of Denver, Pennsylvania welcomed Grady Shaw on December 31, 2025.

OBITUARY

Mary Root

Mary Lee Price Root 93, of Flora, IN passed peacefully into the arms of Jesus on January 4, 2026, at Peabody nursing home in North Manchester, IN.

She was born on May 13, 1932, in Caddo, OK to Thelbert and Mozzel Price. She was married to Emmert H. Root on September 4, 1948.

Mother was a hard worker along with daddy on their farm, an artist, and a seamstress! A woman of Godly talents!

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, sister Betty Ruth and husband Carl Harms of Modesto, CA, and son Michael James of Delano, TN. And all in-laws on Emmert's side except Elder Ben Root of Pasco, WA who survives. Leaving to celebrate her homegoing are Diana Nachatelo Root of Delano, TN, daughters Rachelle Mahin and husband Edward, Sharon Flora and husband Wayne of Flora, IN, 9 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at the Berean Dunkard Brethren Church in Peru, IN on January 8, 2026, with a graveside service at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Flora, IN.

Goodbye for now. See you soon in that glorious home called HEAVEN!

The Family

NEWS ITEMS

Men's Retreat

The time of the Retreat is fast approaching, but there is still time to register! Details are available for download at <https://tinyurl.com/DBMR-info> or by using the QR code below.

Please continue to pray for Randall Wenger and Jason Reed as they prepare for this event. If you have any questions about the retreat, please contact: Jonathan Short at (419) 553-4931, Marvin Lorenz at (216) 815-6417, or dbmensretreat@fastmail.com. We look forward to renewing old acquaintances and meeting new brothers in Christ for the first time.



Republished Book

Many remember the late Bro. Keith Bailey (d. 2015) who served as a Minister for many years in the Christian & Missionary Alliance and after retiring, became a Minister and Elder with the Corner-Stone congregation in Ohio. Bro. Keith authored 10 books during his years in the ministry. Recently, Keith's sons republished *Divine Healing: The Children's Bread*, originally published in 1977, which is now available on Amazon (book summary below).

This book offers a thorough historical and theological exploration of divine healing, a topic often overlooked due to the excesses of some "faith healers." The book addresses the Church's reluctance to engage the subject and emphasizes the need for balanced, biblical teaching. With broad historical research and thoughtful analysis, it serves as a reliable and comprehensive resource on the theology and practice of healing.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR February 2026

Feb. 1 – Acts 2:14-21 – Prophecy from Joel

1. What prophecy of Joel is referred to in v.16?

2. Has the pouring out of God's Spirit in the last days already occurred or is it yet to come?

3. What does it mean that whosoever that calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved? (v.21)

Feb. 8 – Acts 2:22-28 – Jesus Overcomes Death

1. If God had foreknowledge of Jesus' crucifixion, does that mean that the men of Israel had no choice but to crucify Him?

2. Explain the meaning of v.24.

3. Elaborate on the reference to what David said (v.25-28).

Feb. 15 – Acts 2:29-36 – David's Prophetic Legacy

1. What significance is it that Peter brings up the teachings of David to the men of Israel?

2. When David received the vision about the Lord, did he understand that it was about Christ?

3. Explain v. 34.

Feb. 22 – Acts 2:37-40 – Repent to Receive

1. In v. 37, people were pricked in their heart. What does this mean?

2. Verse 38 indicates what is involved with receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. What is that gift?

3. How do people know whether or not they have been called by the Lord?

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STANDING INFORMATION

Editorial Policy

That it be the policy of the Bible Monitor to exclude controversial material and material opposing, questioning, or reflecting on the decisions or positions of the Church as determined by the General Conference or derogatory thereto. Also excluded will be all other material not of proper standard or spiritual value for a church paper. That supervision over the matter to be published in the Bible Monitor will be exercised by the Publication Board.

Publications

The following Dunkard Brethren publications are available. Contact a member of the Publication Board for help placing an order or if you have questions.

- Instructions for Applicants (2026). Available digitally on website. Will be free when published soon in print.
- Sunday School Lesson Plan (2026 – Adult and Youth). Available digitally on website.
- *They Counted the Cost* (Keith M. Bailey, 2009, 535 pages – a.k.a. Dunkard Brethren History Book), \$10 plus any postage.
- *Rudy's Bible Stories* (Rudy Cover, Illustrated by Bethany Johnson, 2022, 353 pages). Available on Amazon - postage may apply. Paperback - \$11.99, Hardcover - \$19.99, Kindle - Free
- *Bible Pictures Coloring Book* (Bethany Johnson, 2022, 45 pages). Available on Amazon – postage may apply. Paperback - \$4.99
- *Brethren Hymnal* (hard back, 1988 edition, 512 pages) \$9 ea., \$105 doz. plus postage
- Polity Booklet (2024), no charge. Also available digitally on website.
- Church Manual (2024). Currently out of print. Available digitally on website.

Tracts / Booklets (No Charge)

- Why Triune Baptism
- Plain Dressing
- Which Is the Right Church?
- The Service of Feet Washing as a Religious Rite
- What Shall I Do with The Commandments of Jesus?
- Daily Reminder
- The Lord's Supper
- The Doctrine of The Prayer Veil
- The Brethren's Card
- Do You Want Salvation?
- Bible Teachings
- The Sabbath-Its Origin and Observance

Books (No Charge)

- The Bible Outline
- The Old Testament History
- The New Testament History

Other Materials (No Charge)

- Baptismal Certificate Blanks (also available digitally)
- Credential Blanks (also available digitally)

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- March (3rd Sat.) - Quinter, KS
- March (Last Sat.) - Pleasant Ridge, OH
- April (1st Sat.) - Dallas Center, IA
- April (3rd Sat.) - West Fulton, OH
- April (Next to last Sun.) – Shrewsbury, PA
- April (Last Sat.) - Grandview, MO
- April (Last Sun.) - Bethel, PA
- May (1st Sun.) - Chambersburg, PA
- May (3rd Sun.) - Lititz, PA
- Oct. (3rd Sun.) - Lititz, PA
- Oct. (4th Sat.) - CornerStone, OH
- Oct. (Last Sun.) - Bethel, PA
- Nov. (1st Sat.) - Berean, IN
- Nov. (1st Sun.) - Shrewsbury, PA

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