August 16, 2026
Hope So (part 1)
Romans 8:1-5 NKJV

1. The Goodness of God. James 1:12-13

2. The Nature of Eternity. 2 Peter 3:9-14

3. The Expression of God's Love. John 3:16-17

4. The Nature of Forgiveness. 1 John 1:5 - 2:2

5. The Fact of God's JUST-NESS. Isaiah 9:6-7

6. The Power of the Resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

THIS WEEK: AUGUST 16 - 23

Sunday morning prayer 8:30 AM in room 207	8/16
Sunday school for all ages 9 AM *nursery room 110*	8/16
Coffee fellowship time 10 AM in the Fireside room	8/16
Morning Worship / Children's Church 10:30 AM *nursery room 207*	8/16
Facebook Livestream 10:30 AM	8/16
Red Cross blood drive in the gym Noon – 6 PM	8/18
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM room 105	8/19
GriefShare begins 6-8 PM	8/20
Morning Worship / Children's Church 10:30 AM *nursery room 207*	8/23
Summer Family Night 6 PM at Darla Gardner's	8/23

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

First day of school	8/26
Wednesday Prayer 7 PM room 105	8/26
GriefShare 6-8 PM	8/27
New adult Sunday school quarter begins	9/6
Labor Day	9/7
Board of Ministries 7 PM	9/10
Mahaffey Camp Men's Link retreat	September 11-12
Sunday Family Night resumes 7 PM *Good News Club, Youth, Adults*	9/15
Ladies' Bible Study resumes 9:30 AM in room 103	9/15
Elder Board 7 PM	9/15

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Welcome and Announcements

Verse of the Month: Ephesians 5:25-27 NIV

"Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for Her to make Her holy, cleansing Her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present Her to Himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish."

Meet and Greet

Acknowledgement of God's Presence

Call to Worship

"Sing Wherever I Go"

Our Worship in Giving

"Shine Jesus Shine"

"See a Victory"

Testimonies

"Thank You, Jesus"

Children's Church Dismissal
ages 3 – 3rd grade

Message: "Hope So" (part 1)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Parting Prayer

WELCOME!

We start with Jesus—He is the One who is the source of our love, the cause of our worship, and the core of our message. Acts 1:8—We rely on Holy Spirit filling as we seek to fulfill our calling to every segment of society. Family—We are at our best when we do this together—serving in a local church and among a community of local churches. *We sincerely welcome you today!* If you are a first-time guest, we invite you to stop by the table in the narthex to select a gift from us.

SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT

LAST SUMMER FAMILY NIGHT: "Build Your Own Nachos" Join us on **August 23,** at 6:00 PM, at **Darla Gardner's** (803 Fire Tower Road, Glen Campbell, 15742) for the last Summer Family Night*! A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table.* **Bring:** drinks, lawn chairs, & a side dish or dessert. **Provided:** paper products, meat, nacho fixings.

FALL SUNDAY FAMILY NIGHT: Sunday Family Night resumes **September 13** at 6:00 PM for **Good News Club** (ages 3 – 5th grade, divided), **Youth Group** (grades 6-12), **Ladies' Group** ("A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson), and **Men's Group** (study to be determined). *See Brenda Troutman with any questions.*

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies' Bible Study: Ladies' Bible Study will resume their study of "Experiencing the Heart of Jesus" by Max Lucado on Tuesday, **September 15,** at 9:30 AM, in room 103. Come join us!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive here in the church gymnasium on **Tuesday, August 18**, from Noon until 6:00 PM. *Visit redcross.org or call 800-733-2767.*

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare begins this Thursday, August 20, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, here at the church. GriefShare is a support group designed to help with the grieving process. This is a 13-week course that meets every Thursday from Aug. 20 - Nov. 12. *Sign up in the narthex. See Pat Jones for more info.*

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual PA. March for Life is Monday, September 21, in Harrisburg, PA. Please see the poster on the narthex bulletin board if you would like more information.

CMA YOUTH BASKETBALL

The CMA Youth Basketball program is looking for a basketball director for the 2027 season. Please speak with Pastor Jones if you are interested.

THANK YOU

Punxsutawney C&MA Church, Thank you abundantly for your generosity and encouragement at The Grove! I was beyond blessed by your kindness and support of my future ministry in CAC. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!
God Bless, D.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

A new adult Sunday school quarter begins September 6, and three new topics are offered: "What If God Has Other Plans – Finding Hope When Life Throws You the Unexpected" by Charles Swindoll (room 103), "Biblical Health" (room 105), & "The Highs and Whys of 1 & 2 Thessalonians (room 112).

Attendance Last Week	
Inside	126
Facebook	29
Online	3
Total	158

2026 Finances	Needed Weekly	Received
8/2/2026	$7,031.51	$5,858.59
8/9/2026	$7,031.51	$6, 673.85
8/16/2026	$7,031.51	
8/23/2026	$7,031.51	

CALL TO PRAYER

AUGUST 2026

LEADERSHIP AND TRANSITIONS

After one month waiting in Turkey and two months back in the U.S. waiting out the war, the past few weeks have been an absolute whirlwind–but I am glad to be back among the people in our country. I have stepped into the team leader role for the coming year while our teammates are on home assignment, so I have taken on a lot more of the logistical and administrative tasks for our team. While still under the shadow of regional tensions after returning here, I have been able to assess the current security situation, retrieve vehicles, meet with landlords, and visit with good friends. Picking up the pieces after our quick and unexpected withdrawal has not been easy work, but what we are called to do for the Lord, He makes possible!

A central question we have been asking as a team as we return is whether our identity as Americans is going to be a help or hinderance, given the U.S.'s role as an aggressor in the ongoing conflict. Before the war, we were days away from opening registration and beginning English classes at the English center. Yesterday, as I went to look over the property, a neighbor approached and asked me with some impatience when we were going to begin classes. Please continue to pray for us as the rest of the team returns over the course of the month, and as we reassess some things and consider how the Lord wants us to begin serving the community. We hope to begin some classes soon after the whole team is on the ground, but in the meantime, it has been encouraging for me to hear from local friends how many local believers stepped up while foreign workers left for some weeks during the worst months of the war.

I am reminded of both the unique challenge that this land presents, and the immense divinely appointed opportunity.

Please pray for:

- Local leaders and fellowships who continue to serve under the shadow of conflict.
- The return of Alliance workers to our region over the course of the next month.
- Growth in my ability to serve as team leader in this new season.
- Our team as we consider how to begin English classes at the English center.

by an international worker serving with aXcess in the Middle East

MINISTRY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Seeing the depth of need here in Berlin among the Arab diaspora and the wider church has only deepened my long-standing conviction to come alongside individuals and families in ways that are both clinically helpful and culturally honoring.

As opportunities for focused mental health support have grown, the need for gospel-centered care that meets people in places of broken relationships, pain, and disorientation has become increasingly clear. We want to respond faithfully with the care God has equipped us to offer.

After conversations with leadership, we believe this is the right time for me to focus more intentionally on mental health as mission. Through trauma-informed care, support for families and ministry workers, and walking alongside people in their healing journeys, we hope to reflect God's compassion in practical ways. I'm encouraged by how God is opening doors to serve Arab friends, ministry colleagues, Alliance workers and their families, and others who are seeking hope, healing, and care!

Please pray for:

- Those I meet with–that they would be strengthened and experience hope and healing.
- E, who is doing significant trauma work yet struggles to believe that forgiveness could be possible.
- J, a pastor's child who is seeking to follow Christ despite a painful family history and deeply broken relationships.

by an international worker serving with aXcess in Europe

REFUGEE IMPACT

We have continued to oversee work among 1,500 Rohingya refugees in Southeast Asia. They have survived genocide, human trafficking, horrific abuse, and now, with no legal status, they end up crowded onto a small plot of land without enough access to clean water, sanitation, electricity, or healthcare. CAMA has partnered with the relief and development arm of the Indonesian Alliance Church to meet these growing needs among the Rohingya people and to let them know they are not alone. We are currently working to purchase a generator to keep electricity going for over 500 people living in a tent camp.

We have also continued to meet with Christian college students from a local university around Scripture and for English conversations and practice with students. Please pray for wisdom in how to bridge the gap between the two groups.

Please pray for:

- The Rohingya people, as they battle sickness and overcrowding in the refugee camp.
- Wisdom for a plan and place to be able to relocate them safely.
- Provision for a much-needed generator to keep electricity going in one of the camp tents.

by Jason and Elissa, serving with CAMA in Asia/Pacific

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