



# REVELATIONS

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## January / February 2026

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### **BELIEVE - Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus in 2026**

In 2026, we are embarking on a 30-week journey called BELIEVE! We want believers of all ages to be able to answer three driving questions...

- What do I believe? > Think Like Jesus
- What should I do? > Act Like Jesus
- Who am I becoming? > Be Like Jesus

The BELIEVE Series is a sister-curriculum to what many of you will remember, "The Story" authored also by Randy Frazee. In the BELIEVE series we'll study the big ideas of systematic theology without going to seminary! What's "systematic theology" you may be asking... a quick definition could be to say "the organization of all Christian doctrines into a logical system or order based on Scripture." Another definition reads "Systematic theology is any study that answers the question, "What does the whole Bible teach us today?" about any given topic." These ideas have been around a long time, and a surprising number of people really want to learn them, but the notion of digging them out of the Bible and trying to understand them can be daunting. BELIEVE boils it all down to the top 30 ideas in the Bible, using only text from the Bible to teach the 10 key beliefs, 10 key practices and 10 key virtues of the Christian faith.

We'll take 2026 to study these key beliefs, practices and virtues together as a church family! Each Sunday, Pastor Kevin will preach on one of the key beliefs. Every Generation will explore that week's belief deeper during their Sunday School hour - Adult Roots, Youth Roots, Bridge Roots and Lil' Roots! For those looking to take it a step deeper, Pastor Kevin will lead a deeper discussion on that week's topic during his Wednesday Night Bible studies.

For the exception of Easter Sunday, the Summer Quarter and Advent of 2026, we'll be preaching and teaching through BELIEVE! Each household will be provided with their age-appropriate BELIEVE resources courtesy of the Nurture Commission. Should you need additional copies or would like to reference some of the other BELIEVE resources, reach out to me!

What you believe drives everything. The way you behave, the habits you form, the character that defines you at your core - all are driven by what you believe. So, how strongly do we "believers" believe our beliefs?

# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP 8:15 & 10:30 am		
Date	Title/Scripture	Speaker

Speaker

### *Believe Series Begins*

January 4	Sermon Title: <i>“Who is God?”</i> Scripture: select verses	Pastor Kevin Richardson
January 11	Sermon Title: <i>“Our Personal God”</i> Scripture: Psalm 23	Pastor Kevin Richardson
January 18	Sermon Title: <i>“What is Salvation?”</i> Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9	Pastor Kevin Richardson
January 25	Sermon Title: <i>“God Wrote a Book”</i> Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17	Pastor Kevin Richardson
February 1	Sermon Title: <i>“Our Identity in Christ”</i> Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14	Pastor Kevin Richardson
February 8	Sermon Title: <i>“The Church”</i> Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-16	Pastor Kevin Richardson
February 15 <i>Pew Communion</i>	Sermon Title: <i>“We’re Only Human”</i> Scripture: John 3:16-17	Pastor Kevin Richardson
February 22	Sermon Title: <i>“Understanding Compassion”</i> Scripture: Luke 10:25-37	Pastor Kevin Richardson

## Attendance & Giving

Date	Worship	Sunday School	General Offering		
November 2	195	106	\$11,557.00	Building Maintenance Fund	\$2,909.00
November 9	195	138	\$11,190.00	2¢ a Meal	\$140.00
November 16	203	108	\$20,700.00	Birthday Offering	\$96.00
November 23	211	133	\$20,730.00	Brethren Housing	\$60.00
November 30	195		\$10,558.00	Food Bank/SNM	\$250.00
December 7	205	120	\$11,477.00	Change for Change	\$0.00
December 14	93		\$1,290.00	Advent Offering	\$10,021.00
December 21	238	120	\$25,687.10		
December 28	200	134	\$33,557.00		

## IT'S A NEW YEAR!!

It's like a new Sunrise...  
of Hope, of Prosperity, of Happiness  
It's like a new Beginning...  
of Thoughts, of Words, of Actions  
It's like a new Day...  
of Energy, of Strength, of Ideas  
It's like a Bunch of whole New things...  
of Prayers, of Friends, and of Love

## Our Couples Celebrating Anniversaries

### February

8 Barry & Meg Axe  
14 Walt & Heidi Cunningham

25 Merv & Nadine Keener  
20 Mark & Kris Welk



## Celebrating Birthdays...

### January

4 Kevin Richardson  
7 Zayne Boos  
Parker Trout  
9 Fawn Sample  
11 Barbara Kreider  
12 Brianna Davis  
13 Pam Scheffel

16 Drew Housekeeper  
Ruth Mae Lapp  
Dick Lefever  
18 Mike Mauger  
Tina Herr  
Philip Johnson  
Ashley Welch

19 Mel Lapp  
20 Clarence Wenger  
21 Elizabeth Kipp  
24 Alan Platt  
25 Annice Landis  
26 Holly Cunningham  
Madison Houghton

30 Mary Poe  
31 Glenn Kreider



### February

2 Craig Chubb  
3 Charlotte Kreider  
4 Luke Price  
5 Summer Landis  
7 Nathan Kreider  
Charlotte Trimble  
9 Brad Davis

12 Linda Bledsoe  
14 Elijah Reimold  
15 Anna Mary Kreider  
16 Jen O'Connell  
17 Dave Herr

18 Herb Kreider  
Sam Glick  
Bob Wagner  
19 Amy Housekeeper  
22 Karl Auker  
23 Dave DeLong  
24 Logan O'Donnell

25 Earl Mull  
27 Kennedy Kreider  
28 Mary Manges  
Raleigh Osborne

*If you have a birthday or anniversary and it is not listed, please contact the church office.*



## CANCELLATION OF SERVICES & WEDNESDAY EVENING ROOTS ACTIVITIES

The decision to cancel Sunday morning services is made by the Board Chair and the Pastor. Any decision will be announced on WDAC 94.5 radio, church website - [www.mgcb.org](http://www.mgcb.org), church Facebook page and the church answering machine. If services are not cancelled and you feel it unsafe to travel, join us for worship online!

**Wednesday evening ROOTS** will be cancelled if Solanco School District has an early dismissal or is **CLOSED**. If we need to make a decision before the school, we will do so by 1 pm and a message will be placed on the church answering machine and the website.



The final results are in for the 2025 Solanco CROP walk that was held Saturday October 18 at Muddy Run Park. We were blessed with beautiful weather and a great location for walking. It was a wonderful day for all who participated and for all for whom we raised money.

There were 93 people (virtual and in-person) from 11 community churches or organizations who participated in this year's CROP Walk. The Walk raised a total of \$21,390. The Solanco CROP Hunger Walk has raised over \$501,000 since the first walk in 1980. What a great way to celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walk! Included in this total were 29 walkers (in-person and virtual) from Mechanic Grove who raised a total of \$10,430!!

The Solanco Food Bank will receive 25% of these funds. What a blessing this project will be for both the Solanco Food Bank and for the hungry around the world!

Check our Solanco CROP Walk Facebook Page for pictures of the day's activities!



**THANKS** to all the choir members, praise team, instrumentalists, soloists, organists and pianists who helped with our music program over the past year. The Adult Choir will begin their rehearsals on January 7<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Adult Choir**

Jr High - ???

Wednesdays 7:30 – 8:30

In Room 14

**Jr. Bell Choir** will start on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**. Any interested children in 2nd - 8th grade are welcome to join us. Practice will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday evenings at 5:15. We will meet in the bell room. If you have any questions, please give Lori a call at 717-951-8880.



# roots family ministry

## 2026

JAN

1/7 - Roots Night  
1/7 - Jr. Chimes Practice  
1/9-11 - Jr. High Youth Roots Winter Retreat @ Black Rock  
1/18 - Youth Gather Event - Young Adults Game  
1/21 - Roots Night  
1/21 - Jr. Chimes Practice

FEB

2/4 - Roots Night  
2/4 - Jr. Chimes Practice  
2/6-8 - Sr. High Ski Retreat @ Three Springs  
2/18 - Roots Night  
2/18 - Jr. Chimes Practice  
2/20 - Youth Gather Event: Mystery Dinner

MAR

3/ 4 - Roots Night  
3/4 - Jr. Chimes Practice  
3/15 - Youth Gather Event: TBD  
3/18 - Roots Night  
3/18 - Jr. Chimes Practice  
3/29 - Palm Sunday  
3/29 - Jr. Chimes Presentation  
3/29 - Every Generation Sunday - Youth Roots Brunch Fundraiser!

*all dates subject to change -  
pending dates include Youth  
Roots Fundraisers and  
summer conferences*

DEEPEN IGNITE GROW

A FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP PODCAST  
FROM MECHANIC GROVE CHURCH

the  
**DIG**

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Website, Spotify and Apple Podcast!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

### First Monday Share & Prayer

The Mechanic Grove Prayer ministry will resume via ZOOM on January 5 at 7 pm. This prayer opportunity will be offered the first Monday of the month for all who would like to support the prayer ministry of the church. Pastor Kevin will lead our monthly prayer gathering as we share and pray over our own personal joys and concerns in addition to praying over the joys and concerns from our weekly Prayer and Praise lists. The ZOOM link will be included with the Monday prayer list sent out on the day we meet. We look forward to having many of our Mechanic Grove Prayer Warriors join us for this monthly time of praying for the needs of the church and our church family, our community and our world.



### OAKS EVENTS

JANUARY  
12

#### Winter Movie Showing

1 pm - Sanctuary  
Ice Cream Social to follow

FEBRUARY  
12

#### Luncheon & Games

Noon - FLC  
SNOW DATE February 19

MARCH  
14

#### Simon Says

Promise Players at  
Lampeter Church of the  
Brethren

*Watch the bulletin for more information!*

### Book Group

January 21 at 9:30 am  
at the home of Kate Enck.

Discussing: "The Correspondent"  
by Virginia Evans.

February 18 at 9:30 am  
at the home of Pam Platt

Discussing: "Where the Lost Wander"  
by Amy Harmon

March 18 at 9:30 am  
at the home of Connie Rutt

Discussing: "Theo of Golden"  
by Allen Levi

### NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY

**JANUARY 29**

Since some of you inquired, YES, we will be doing a puzzle swap again this year! You may bring in puzzles to share or borrow them to put together and return. If you bring puzzles in to swap and would like your puzzles back, please be sure to put your name on the box so they can be returned when the swap is over.

*Swap will start January 18.*

*Puzzles should be returned no later than March 15.*



# READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

PLANS ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE GATHERING AREA



## About the Speaker

Ann Clark Van Hine was born in England but grew up in the United States. Ann is the mom of two grown daughters, the widow of a FDNY firefighter, a retired small business owner, was a docent with 9/11 Tribute Museum from 2006 – 2022, a published writer, Children's Ministries volunteer, and a breast cancer survivor.

Since September 11, 2001, Ann has had numerous opportunities to share the story of God's presence and peace as she navigated "a personal loss in the midst of a national tragedy."

March 28, 2026 @ 5:30 pm

## MEN'S BANQUET

Join us for a wonderful meal prepared by the women and we will follow with entertainment by DKERS a Christian juggling group!



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Atlantic Northeast District Church of the Brethren

March 21,  
2026

SAVE THE DATE

## ANE District Women's Spring Fellowship

Lancaster Church of the Brethren

Speaker: Ann Van Hine

Theme: Stillness in a Chaotic World  
(Psalm 46:10)

Come enjoy music, lunch,  
sessions on being &  
becoming, Q&A, and  
fellowship!



*Save the Date :*

MGCB Women's Ministries

*Valentine's Brunch*

**FEBRUARY 7 | 10 AM**

PLEASE JOIN US!

TICKETS \$15

KIDS 6 & UNDER FREE

FORMAL INVITATIONS  
TO FOLLOW



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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**