

TODAY

Sunday, April 27

8:45 AM—Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Rm)  
9:00 AM—Worship  
10:30 AM—ABFs, YBF, Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 30

6:40 PM—Awana\*  
6:40 PM—Youth Group\*  
7:00 PM—Prayer Meeting\*

Saturday, May 3

7:00 AM—Men’s Prayer Group (Prayer Room)

Sunday, May 4

8:45 AM—Pre-Service Prayer (Prayer Rm)  
9:00 AM—Worship & Communion  
10:30 AM—ABFs, YBF, Sunday School, Baptism Class\*

\*See inside pages for more details

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WELCOME

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

GLOBAL PARTNER UPDATE VIDEO — C & D

PRAYER — DAN BAILEY, ELDER

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

Children in grades K-3 are dismissed for Junior Church

MESSAGE — PASTOR CHRIS LENHART  
CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED  
“IN FREEDOM” (COLOSSIANS 2:16-23)

WORSHIP IN MUSIC — WORSHIP TEAM

OFFERING (GLOBAL MINISTRIES FUND)

Please place your tithes & offerings in the boxes at the doors as you leave. See back page for info about giving from home.



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# ADULTS & GENERAL INFO

**April Memory Verse:** Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV)  
*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

- There's an ABF for you! Current topics & locations:**
- Joshua (Lefever Hall B)
  - James: Guidelines for a Happy Christian Life (MP Rm)
  - Comparative Religions (Lefever Hall A)
  - Daniel (Rm 24A)
  - *Women for God's Purpose ABF - join another class*

**Prayer Meeting - Online and in the Building**  
**Wednesdays, 7:00 PM**  
Join us in the building or use the link to join on Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89198667797>  
Meeting ID: 891 9866 7797

**Online Database/Directory**  
Members & regular attenders have the ability to access directory information through our Breeze database. If you would like to have this access, please contact the office or mark the communication form. We'll send you an "invitation" and simple instructions. The database can be accessed on your browser or via an app on your phone.  
Specifically, you would be able to:

- Update your address, phone number, email, and photo at any time.
- Look up addresses, phone numbers, email, and general information like birthdays & anniversaries for other CMBC folks.

**Awana Closing Program**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 6:45 PM**  
You are invited to join us for this year's Awana Closing Program! Please come celebrate with us as we recognize the hard work and dedication of our Awana clubbers and leaders this club year. We will meet in the auditorium for the awards presentation and then fellowship together in Lefever Hall over light refreshments. Thank you for all your prayers and support this club year!

**National Day of Prayer**  
**Thursday, May 1, 6:30 PM, Lancaster Bible College**  
Worship begins at 6:15 PM. Find more details at [www.LancasterNDP.com](http://www.LancasterNDP.com).

**Family Life Hour**  
**Sunday, May 18, 10:30-11:30 AM, Auditorium**  
Join us for Family Life Hour, a time to celebrate significant church-family related events including ministry updates, child dedications, and baptisms.

**Baptism Opportunity**  
If you would like to be baptized during Family Life Hour on May 18, please mark the communication form or call the church office, and plan to attend the baptism class on Sunday, May 4 with Pastor Chris.

**Parent & Child Dedication**  
If you would like to dedicate your child(ren) during the May 18 Family Life Hour, please mark the communication form or contact the church office.


**Meet & Greet with Elders & Pastors**  
**Sunday, May 18, 11:30 AM, Cafe**  
If you've recently started attending CMBC, we would like to meet you! Sign up on the communication form to join the elders & pastors for the opportunity to talk one-on-one with CMBC leaders in a relaxed setting and ask any questions you have regarding life at CMBC.

## CHURCH BUSINESS

<b>REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF 4/20/25</b>	
In-Person Worship Service Attendance	327
Good Friday Service Attendance	180
Service Livestream Views	140
Weekday Activities	131

**Offering Report (Ministries Fund)**  
Checks, cash & online giving: \$18,982.50




**FAMILY NEWS**  
**Upcoming Milestone Anniversary**  
May 4 - Jim & Suzanne Fry - 55th  
May 30 - Craig & Debbie Borgard - 55th  
May 30 - Dave & Rose Stoltzfus - 55th



**Awana**  
**Wednesdays, 6:40-8:15 PM**  
**4/30: Banana Split Night** - We will enjoy some banana splits together on our last night of the club year!

**Online Registration Open for VBS 2025!**  
**Monday, June 16–Friday, June 20**  
Howdy, partners! Get ready to depart to Wonder Junction, where we marvel at Jesus and live for his glory. From the minute your kids step off the train, they'll be encouraged to discover more about who this awesome inspiring Jesus is and what he's done for us. Grab your bandannas, dust off your boots, and get ready for a grand old time in the Wild West!

**VBS Craft Donations**  
If you would like to help us with the cost of VBS crafts this year, please visit the Sign Up Genius link (<https://tinyurl.com/2pnvj27>), or scan the QR code and select the items you would like to purchase & donate. Questions? Please contact Edie Weaver ([eweaver@calvarymonument.org](mailto:eweaver@calvarymonument.org), 717-442-8161). Check the VBS bulletin board in the main hallway for other ways to donate to VBS.



## 50+ CLUB

**Trip to Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles**  
**Saturday, May 17, 8:30 AM**  
We'll meet at the Weis Gap parking lot. Museum entrance fee: \$9. Sign up in the lobby April 27 through May 11.



**YBF (Youth Bible Fellowship) for grades 7-12**  
**Sundays, 10:30 AM, Youth Room**

**Youth Group for grades 7-12**  
**Wednesdays, 6:40-8:15 PM, Youth Room**

## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

**Global Partner Housing Need**  
J&T (2 adults, 2 children) are in need of housing (preferably furnished & two bedroom) July 2025 through Jan. 2026. If you have any possible information regarding this need, please contact Amanda in the church office ([avargas@calvarymonument.org](mailto:avargas@calvarymonument.org), 717-442-8161).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Singled Out Widow Ministry**  
Singled Out, a ministry for widows, will meet on Tuesday, May 13 at 11:15 AM, at Dutchway Family Restaurant in Gap. Please RSVP on the communication form or call the church office if you are planning to attend.

# CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED

## In Freedom

Colossians 2:16-23  
Pastor Chris Lenhart - 4/27/25



### Opening Thought Questions:

After embracing Christ, how do we maintain our spiritual freedom and avoid being led astray by legalism, and human-made religious practice?

(16-17) Shadows and Substance...  
*What is the therefore, there for?*

(18-19) Growth from God...  
*Defining asceticism = the practice of strict \_\_\_\_\_ as a measure or personal and especially \_\_\_\_\_ discipline.*

(20-23) Not for appearances.  
Gnosticism –  
Legalism –  
Mysticism –  
Asceticism –

### Further Study

Ephesians  
Acts 21-28  
Galatians 5

Gal. 5:13

Gal. 5:14  
Jn. 1:1-14

Jn. 15:13  
Php. 2:1-11

Next Week: Colossians 3:1-11 Christ be Magnified: "In Turning Away"

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Freedom</b></p> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Col. 2:16-23</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with <u>Prayer</u> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Review prayer requests.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – Colossians 2:16-23</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection and Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After reading the context of the passage, found in verses 8-15, what is the “therefore” in verse 16, there for?</li> <li>2. How do we pass judgment on questions of food, drink or otherwise in churches today?</li> <li>3. What is Paul’s antidote, to keep the church from falling ensnared to Gnosticism, asceticism, mysticism, and or legalism? (vs 19-20a).</li> <li>4. What does Paul describe is so tempting about the allure of legalism, asceticism, Gnosticism and mysticism? (vss. 18, 20-23)</li> <li>5. How do these false ways of thinking, teaching, and living actually lead us away from Christ? How do they fall short of their own promise? (vs. 23). Who and or what is effective at stopping the indulgence of the flesh?</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>Ephesians Acts 21-28 Galatians 5 Gal. 5:13-14 Jn. 1:1-14 Jn. 15:13 Php. 2:1-11</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career &amp; Friends</p> <p>Other</p>



What if something traumatic happens within the CMBC family? Wouldn't they want to know?

Yes, they would certainly be informed about such events. Communication will flow only through Pastor Jim or Amanda Vargas.

What are the exact dates for Chris's sabbatical?

Chris will preach and attend the Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, June 1st. On Monday, June 2nd the sabbatical will begin, concluding on Tuesday, September 2nd, when he will return to the pulpit and begin a new sermon series, "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

How can we pray for the Lenhart family during this time?

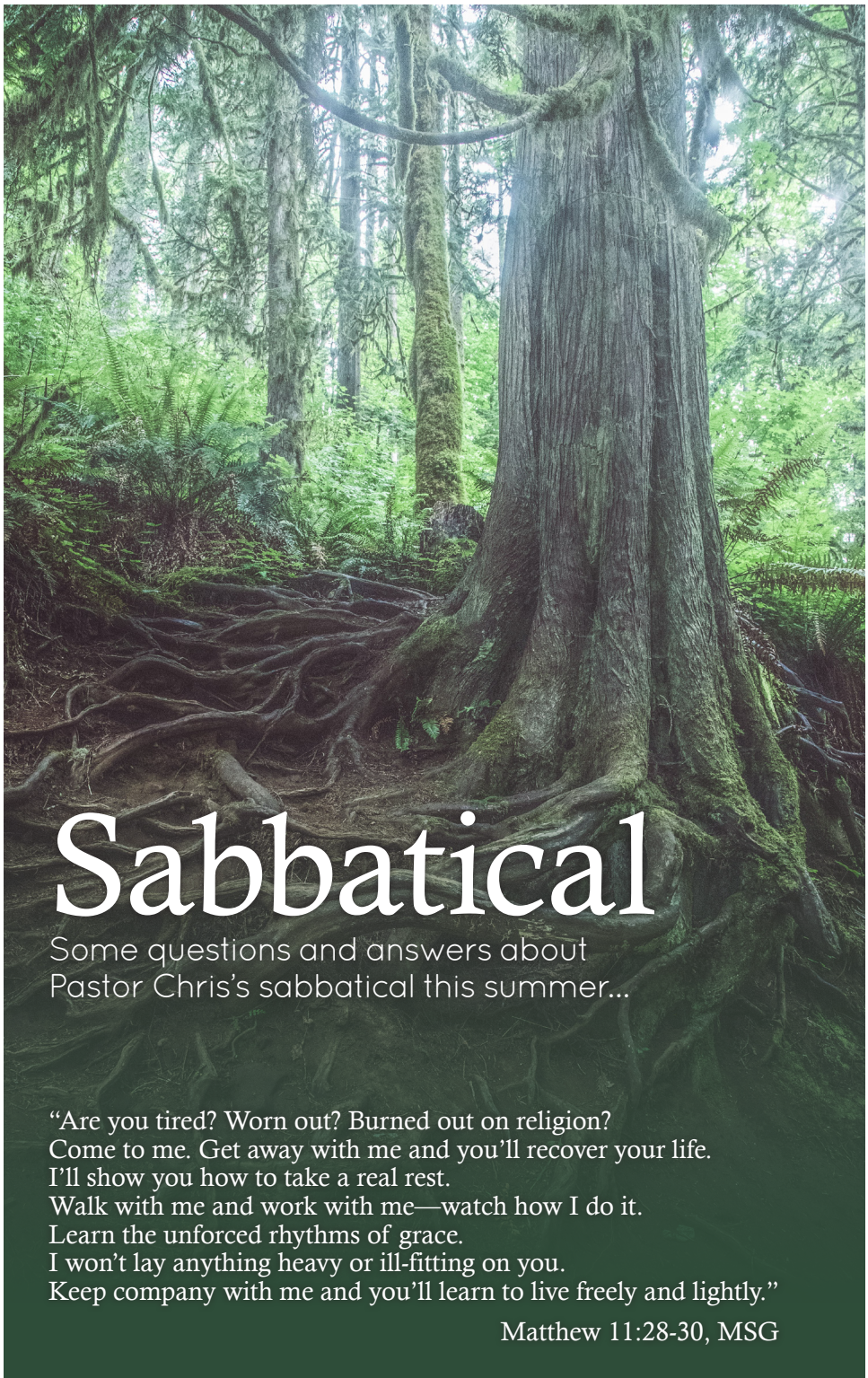
- Rest as they disengage from ministry activities.
- Renewal and refreshment as a family.
- Safe travel and special memories created on trips and vacations.
- Quiet moments of personal study for spiritual formation.
- Windows of time and moments of clarity for writing, creativity, and the development of new brainstorming and fresh ideas for future ministry.

Here are some general plans being made for Chris's sabbatical:

- Personal spiritual growth and formation, extended times of study, prayer, and writing.
- Growing as a more patient and understanding husband and father.
- Running and working out.
- Availability to children as they are preparing for major life transitions.
- Spending time visiting with family and friends we rarely see.
- Monthly connections with Ken Walton for accountability of the intended use of sabbatical.
- Visiting a house church located in downtown Manhattan.
- A trip to Washington DC, just Sheila and I. Bible Museum and Ben Rector concert!
- Many other small trips, events, and good times with family and friends.



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# Sabbatical

Some questions and answers about  
Pastor Chris's sabbatical this summer...

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?  
Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life.  
I'll show you how to take a real rest.  
Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it.  
Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.  
I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.  
Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Matthew 11:28-30, MSG

## What is a sabbatical?

Put simply, it's a rest. In Scripture, Sabbath days were days of rest, and Sabbath years were years when the land rested. A personal sabbatical is a common practice in certain education settings, with teachers/professors taking a yearlong sabbatical periodically for rest, travel, and study.

## Why are sabbaticals important for pastors?

While being a pastor is very rewarding, it is also an emotionally and spiritually demanding vocation. Pastor burn-out is common and causes many pastors to leave the ministry. Many churches and ministries have discovered the value of granting pastors' periodic times for rest, refreshment, and renewal. Following the pattern of scripture, sabbaticals are often encouraged every seven years. The CMBC policies and procedures for Pastoral staff make provisions for full-time pastors at CMBC to take an occasional sabbatical. Chris is completing his seventh year of ministry at CMBC and therefore meets the criteria for a ministry sabbatical. This will be Chris's first ministry sabbatical in over 20 years of Pastoral ministry.

## Is something wrong or falling apart that Chris needs a sabbatical?

No. On the contrary, Pastor Chris and the elders agree that CMBC is at a healthy place, and the timing is just right for a sabbatical. Rather than fixing something that is falling apart or broken, we believe that this mode of proactive care for our pastors is essential for maintaining long-term ministry stability and promoting ministry longevity.

## What will Chris do during sabbatical?

The main objectives are to disconnect from pastoral activities, revive the soul, recreate in healthy ways, and spend extra time with family. Chris will intentionally measure his sabbatical into four quarters. Each quarter will be aimed at refreshing an area of his personal life and ministry.

One quarter will be directed toward his personal spiritual formation. The second quarter will be aimed at strengthening and cultivating his relationship with Sheila. A third quarter will be directed toward his role as a father. Then, the final quarter before he returns to CMBC will be set aside for ministry development.

The Lenhart family will take a few trips and enjoy some recreational activities as well.

Ken Walton and Pastor Jared Schnapf, spiritual friends and mentors to Chris for many years, will serve as Sabbatical Coaches. Ken will meet monthly with Chris during the sabbatical for support and accountability.

## Does Pastor Chris still receive his normal salary while on sabbatical?

In keeping with standard sabbatical practices, and for Chris to be free to rest and disconnect, his full salary will continue throughout the sabbatical.

## Who will fill Pastor Chris's roles while he is away?

CMBC is thankful to have Pastor Jim on board as well as a strong Elder Team capable of carrying the leadership load. We will also rely on the ministry experience of Pastors Bob Reid and Tom Hubbard while Pastor Chris is away.

Our Elders will continue to oversee and guide the ministries of CMBC, and a preaching schedule has been developed with guest pastors, ministry leaders, and teachers lined up to fill pulpit and teach Berean ABF.

Pastoral Care & Visitation: Pastor Jim and Pastors Bob Reid and Tom Hubbard, along with our visitation team, will be available for pastoral care, funerals, hospital visitation, and other pastoral services as needed or required. Pastor Chris will be unavailable for these care opportunities for the duration of his sabbatical.

## Who will be preaching on Sunday mornings and what will we be reflecting on?

Our list of speakers will include the following: Pastors Bob Reid, Tom Hubbard, Jim Davis, and John Desiderio (son-in-law of Dave & Dolly Fisher), will share summer pulpit time along with ministry leaders Matt Whitacre, Josiah Reimold, and Paul Golden (with FOI). Topics will include: "Life with God," several weeks exploring the character of God; "Life in Christ," several weeks examining the person and work of Jesus; And finally, "Life by the Spirit," several weeks considering the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

## Will Chris and Sheila still come to CMBC activities during the sabbatical?

No. It is necessary for Chris and Sheila to disconnect from CMBC completely for the sabbatical.

## Can we still contact them with quick questions or just to say hello?

Sorry, but no. We're asking that you do not initiate contact with Chris and Sheila over the summer. However, if you see them at the store, you don't need to run the other way! Greet them, but please respect the sabbatical disconnect by trying not to talk about matters of the church.