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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR PETER PEER

February! How do so many things get packed into such a short month? Why when it is so cold do I have so much to do?

Three of Linda's grandchildren have birthdays in February as do my brother-in-law, nephew, and sister-in-law. As if that weren't enough two people in our church have birthdays in February. On the 17th, banks and government offices were closed for Presidents' Day. We used to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on the 12th and George Washington's birthday on the 22nd until 1968 when Congress combined the two and placed the celebration on the third Monday of February so they could have another three-day holiday weekend.

Of course we dare not forget Valentine's day, which thankfully I did not forget this year. Fortunately for me it's hard to forget because one of the two February birthdays in our church falls on Valentine's day.

Then there was groundhog day on February 2nd which is approximately half-way between winter solstice and the spring equinox. It is reported that old Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow this year signaling six more weeks of winter. I, as you might well suppose, put no stock in any such rubbish. How does anyone know what this purported prognosticator saw? I do have to admit it's been terribly cold recently and we've had a good bit of snow.

I'm no Punxsutawney Phil but I can predict with a fair amount of certainty that at the end of this short month there will only be four months until our annual conference at the Marriott Columbus Northwest in Dublin, Ohio. Please plan now to attend. I am so grateful for the many of you who have taken up the challenge to stretch yourselves in your spiritual walk and Aspire to Something Higher in your Christian living. I am certain that God has abundantly blessed each of you who have been praying to that end.

Those of us who are involved in the preparation for conference, children's conference, and YCON are excited for the things that are planned. I am praying, as I trust you are, that this conference will challenge us all to flourish in our faith. Please be much in prayer for all those who are involved in making this conference a success. May God be pleased to shower us with his blessing at this annual event.

2025 NATIONAL CGCI CONFERENCE – JULY 2-7 at Marriott Northwest, Dublin, OH

\$135.00 per night

You can make reservations online at:

[Book your group rate for CGBCI National Conference July 2025](#)

Last Day to Book: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Or you can call to make reservations at: 800-228-9290
(Be sure to mention the CGBCI National Conference Group Rate)

KID'S CONFERENCE – PASTOR IKE GRAHAM

I am looking for help with Kid's Conference. I need help with songs, games, snacks, supervision, and Bible lessons. If you go to the CGBCI website (CGBCI.org), click on the "National Conference" tab. Under that tab, you will find the Kid's Conference schedule. You will see that help is needed on certain days at specific times. If you can help fill any one of those slots, please contact me at ikeg327@gmail.com, and let me know. I am looking for those 18 and over who can help.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

We are anticipating great things at youth conference this year. Our theme this year is, "Vertical Focus". This theme goes along with the main conference theme of, "Aspire to Something Higher." Our theme verse will be, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." (Colossians 3:2) We will take a look at practical ways to live out our faith before our holy God. We plan to have several pastors preach/teach lessons on this subject. There will be many opportunities for interaction, study, and discussion.

There are some fun activities and game times also planned. We will join with the rest of the conference for a special picnic at Scioto park on July 4. There will be food trucks (purchase food on your own), games, and a fireworks display. A fun afternoon kayaking on the beautiful Scioto River is also planned. We will follow the time on the river with a meal together at a local Asian buffet. We can't wait to meet you in Dublin for a great week!

Here's what the schedule will look like:

Youth grades 6-12 will attend conference with their parents or a chaperone from their local church. They will stay in the room with their parents and/or the chaperone from the local church. YCON Directors and staff will provide oversight of the youth from after the morning Bible hour until 5pm, then again from 7pm to 10pm. Students would need to be picked up by their parents/chaperones at 10pm. The program includes Bible teaching, small group studies and discussions, activities, a lunch, and snacks.

DATE: July 4-8, 2025

LOCATION: Columbus Northwest Marriott, 5605 Blazer Parkway, Dublin, OH 43107

CHECK-IN: Friday, July 4 from 1-3pm

PRICING: \$100

Please make the checks out to: Conservative Grace Brethren Churches International

Please complete the application packet sent to your church/pastor (or visit cgbc.org for online registration) and send it and your payment to: Pastor Chris Knight, PO Box 58, Listie, PA. 15549

We could still use a few staff members! Please contact Pastor Chris Knight at chris4christ@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you!



CONFERENCE MUSIC - PASTOR PHILIP MOELLER

Calling all musicians! Pastor Peer would like to begin each Conference Bible hour with some prelude instrumental music. If you have any ability and would enjoy using your ability to encourage others, please contact Philip Moeller to let him know. philipmoeller@juno.com or 419-631-9720.

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR ROBERT MENSINGER

Thank you for praying for Lila. She had to have surgery this past week and came through fine. She is home and back on solid foods. She will need chemotherapy in the days to come. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thanks for praying for NET 25. It is a pleasure to share the list of the names of this year's team members. This year's dates are July 12-27, 2025 with our training week at Camp Albryoca in Somerset County, PA (July 14-18) and the outreach time at Limestone Grace Brethren Church in Limestone, TN (July 19-25). Part of the team will be sharing at National Conference on Saturday, July 5, 2025 as part of the PM service. We anticipate seeing many of you there.

Below are the names of the team members listed with their home state.

Pastor Del and Grace Miller	Ohio
Grace Bolling	Ohio
Daniel Comito	Ohio
Jethro Geiser	Ohio
Charis Kallberg	Vermont
Noelle Kallberg	Vermont
Daron McAllister	Ohio
Micah McAllister	Ohio
Silas McAlister	Ohio
RuthAnna Miller	Oregon
Amy Vanderpool	Indiana

As we have done in the past, we are appealing to our fellowship to join with us in moving God's people to experience missions and to aid churches in our Fellowship with outreach. The adoption amount per team member is \$325 each. The Home Mission Panel is asking our churches to consider adopting a team member. In future Voice articles, we will share how the team members are matched up with the adopting churches. If you would like to participate in this way, please contact us.

Thanks again for your prayers and your concern!

Pastor Del and Grace Miller

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NORTH BUFFALO GBC – PASTOR MATT FOREMAN

Mark your Calendars! The North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church will be hosting Dr. David Whitcomb (son of the late Dr. John C. Whitcomb) for a Bible and Science Conference on Saturday, March 1st at 6:00pm and Sunday March 2nd at 9:45am, 10:45am, and 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend the services! Dr. David Whitcomb is a Christian medical doctor who desires to honor Christ in his life. There will be a book table available during the Conference. For information contact: Pastor Matt Foreman at 724-763-7871. The Church Address is: 135 Glade Run Rd. Kittanning, PA 16201.

COLLEGE OF PASTORS MIDYEAR MEETING – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT

COP members: We are just two weeks away from Midyear Meetings (March 11-13, 2025). The meetings will be held at the Grace Brethren Chapel, Gibsonburg, OH. Information about hotels, staying with a host family, and dining options has been sent out. If you have not received this information, please let me know. A full schedule and agenda has also been sent via email. If you have any questions, please contact me at chrisk4christ@gmail.com or 814-483-9384. Thank you!

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