

FAMILY VINE

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Upcoming Events

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m. -
Nursery available as well as
Children's Church.

Coffee/Donuts 10:05 a.m. (1st
and 3rd Sunday)

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Youth Night (5th through 8th
grades) 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(1st and 3rd Monday, October-
April)

Heart to Heart Women's Ministry
5:30 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday)

Bible Study 6:00 p.m. every
Wednesday

September Events

September 13 - Friendship
Sunday with Carry-In Meal
following Service. Invite your
friends!

September 20 - Love Feast and
Communion 6:00 p.m.

September 30 - American Red
Cross Blood Drive 12:30 p.m. -
6:00 p.m.



From the Office of Pastor Chris...

Greetings, my wonderful church family,

One of my favorite movies is *Forrest Gump*, starring Tom Hanks. I think I like it so much because of all the memorable quotes. In one scene, Forrest talks about his first pair of shoes and presents the idea that if you think about shoes, they can remind us of "where we're going and where we've been." Forrest said his first pair of shoes were his magic shoes that could take him anywhere.

While we don't necessarily reflect on our shoes, we do hold many church functions and traditions that give us the opportunity to reflect on where we've been... and where we're going.

October Events

October 4 - Bread and Cup
Communion During Service

October 11 - Harvest Party 5:00
p.m.

October 18 - Baptism/
Membership Transfer during
Service followed by Fellowship
Meal

October 9-10 – District
Conference, Denton, MD

October 25 - Fall
Congregational Business
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

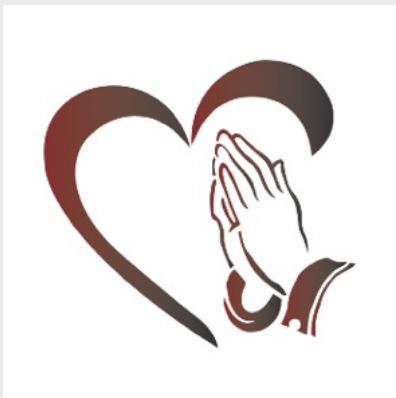
November Events

November 9 - Commissions
Meetings 6:30 p.m.

November 29 - Second Mile
Servants Meeting 11:45 a.m.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to pray for the
individuals listed weekly in the
bulletin.



I haven't been part of this church family nearly as long as some of you, but in the time I have been here, I've come to deeply appreciate the stories, memories, and faith that have shaped this congregation. Enjoying time-honored traditions like our Father's Day gathering, VBS, and the church benefit auction has been a blessing. Hearing stories from the youth and advisors who attended NYC—and having the opportunity to serve alongside my son, Colby, as church delegates—has really made me reflect on our journey together.

Looking forward to where we are going, I am excited to announce that we will once again be holding a New Member class, which will conclude with the installation of new members and baptisms. In preparation for this, we will reflect on our roots as I begin a *Traditions of the Church of the Brethren* sermon series on August 30th. I hope you can join us! If you are interested in joining our church family, please come talk to me.

Church family, unlike Forrest Gump, we don't need "magic shoes" to carry us. We serve an amazing God, and as Scripture reminds us in Philippians 4:13, we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. We don't always know exactly where the Lord will lead us, but I invite each of us to keep walking this journey together in faith.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Chris





Be a part of the lifesaving cause.

American Red Cross Community of Giving

Community Blood Drive

September 30, 2026
12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Broadfording Church of the Brethren Fellowship
14010 Greencastle Pike Hagerstown, MD 21740



Give the Gift of Life

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Sunday, September 20, 2026
3:00 pm
at the little white "Dunker Church"
Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD

56TH ANNUAL **DUNKER CHURCH SERVICE**



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dunkerchurchservice/>

Hymns, sharing of scripture, special music and readings, prayers and a message by Guest Speaker Denise Kettering Lane, associate professor of Brethren Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH US.

Continuing the work of Jesus.
Peacefully. Simply. Together.



Spiritual Growth

Unity & Fellowship

Peace Making

14010 Greencastle Pike
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Ways to Give

The church is continuing year-round collection for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Donations may be placed in the container provided in the fellowship hall.

September	October	November
		
Games	Letter and Photo	\$10 Donation Per Shoebox

Do you shop at Martin's? If you do, please consider purchasing Martin's gift cards through the church for all of your grocery and gas purchasing needs. If you do, Martins will donate \$5.00 per \$100 in gift cards to the church.

Cash for Causes is a great way to support our church by leveraging the spending you are already budgeting.

Please see Bernie Burkett to purchase gift cards or for more information.



Please submit quarterly newsletter submissions to Teresa Mohler at tjmohler78@gmail.com.

- March - due by February 21
- June - due by May 23
- September - due by August 22
- December - due by November 21

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Celebrating our Fathers

We're so grateful for everyone who helped make our Father's Day Celebration such a memorable gathering. Special thanks to the Gad-Abouts Square Dance Club for fantastic entertainment and to the kitchen crew for delicious food.



Annual Conference

Pastor Chris and Colby attended Annual Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana in July. We're so grateful for everyone who donated to support the Witness to the Host City at Annual Conference benefiting Alive Community Outreach. Four pallets of material goods were collected!

When the current Annual Conference officers met with the former moderators and secretaries who were present this year in Fort Wayne, 18 people gathered for the special event. Photo below by Glenn Riegel



Vacation Bible School

Thanks to all who helped with a great Vacation Bible School last week. Average attendance was 21 youth from pre-K thru 6th grade. We collected over \$600 in offering and over 200 canned food items. A very special thank you to Kayla Hawbecker for serving as our director.



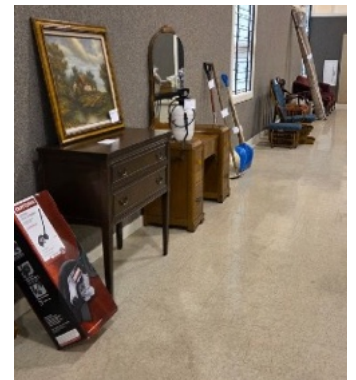
2026 National Youth Conference

Our youth had a great time at the National Youth Conference in Estes Park, Colorado! We are thankful they had this opportunity to grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and worship together. A very special thank you to Steve and Carrie Hawbecker for serving as advisors.



2026 Church Benefit Auction and Food Stand

Thank you to everybody that helped, donated and attended our Annual Church Benefit Auction and Food Stand. With your help, we raised over \$5,000 to support our youth purchasing Angel Tree gifts this Christmas.



News from afar...



APRIL 2026

ALIVE

NEWSLETTER

WORD ALIVE MISSION, BOX 1353, TAKORADI, W/R - GHANA

INTRODUCTION

Alive greetings in the Precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and Savior. The Mission Board and the entire membership of the Word Alive Mission expresses her sincere gratitude to you all for your many prayers and financial support over the years. We do appreciate your commitment to the work here in Africa and your regular support over the years. Your prayers, financial support and visits to the Mission station in Ghana are very much appreciated. Indeed, we have come this far because of your many prayers and regular support. May Elohim bless you all for your generosity and love for Missions in Ghana, Africa.

CHURCH MINISTRY

The church ministry department continue with its church planting and growth programs. The twenty five branch churches in Ghana and three branch churches in the Ivory Coast are all doing well. The vision is to reach many towns and villages with the gospel of Christ to transform lives and communities.

The ministerial council continues to be a source of guidance and encouragement to the church ministry department.

Over the years, the Mission board has been encouraging all local branch churches to construct their local church building for their activities and worship. This advice has been well received by all and every local church is trying to build their auditoriums.

We are happy to report that, the Mission has assisted quite a number of local churches to buy land for their church building project. Apparently, some of the churches have been able to construct their church buildings up to the roofing level while others are on the foundation level.

The problem now is how to assist these churches do the roofing of their buildings. The situation with the roof is that all the funds needed for the roof must be gathered before work can begin and this is a major setback for most of our churches.

News from afar...(CONTINUED)

WORD ALIVE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The Word Alive Christian Academy has become one of the best schools in the Ellembele District of the Western Region of Ghana. During the last academic year, the grade nine students who sat for the Basic Education Certificate Examinations (BECE) had 100% pass with very good grades in the national exams.

The teaching staff, management and auxiliary staff are doing a great job in handling the administration of the school.

The academic development of the school is going very well. The newly appointed Pastor for the Esiam church, Rev. Elijah Boakye Yiadom is now the head of the spiritual life of the school and the orphanage.

Pastor Boakye Yiadom organizes devotions, chapel services, and provide counseling for the children of both institutions.

The idea is to improve the spiritual life of the children and to increase the Biblical knowledge and growth of the children.

NURSING TRAINING SCHOOL

The Nursing School continue to be a major contributor to the health training and delivery system of Ghana. Currently, the school is training community health nurses, midwifery nurses and public health nurses. These students upon completion of their programs are absorbed into the Ghana Health Service and are posted to the various health delivery system of Ghana.

ORPHANAGE HOME

The Word Alive orphanage home continue to be a haven of rest for orphans, destitute and abandon children.

The children in the Home have access to education, health care and psychological help. The Management committee and the administration have been doing a great job with the kids in the Home.

The administration is able to schedule programs that produces Christian growth, moral principles and values, and academic advancement of all the inmates.

The Mission took in from Social Welfare two abandon babies recently. These children are receiving help at the Home.



News from afar...(CONTINUED)

CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL (J. RICHARD GREENE MEDICAL CENTER)

The construction of the hospital is on-going. This hospital when completed will serve Ellembelle, Jomoro and Axim districts of the Western Region of Ghana. The hospital will also serve as a practical training facility for the Nursing Training School at the Mission site.

CONSTRUCTION OF A LIBRARY

The construction of "David Willets Memorial Library" is on-going. This library facility when completed will house library for the Nursing school, Junior High School, the Bible School, and other related institution on campus. There will be a computer laboratory, and a place for workshop at the library facility.

MISSIONARY RESIDENCE - BOW LAKE

Over the years we have had issues of housing missionaries who visit the Mission. This four bed room apartment when completed will also be used for Pastors seminars facility and leadership retreat centre at the Mission Site. Doctors and nurses who are posted to the hospital and have no permanent accommodation can be housed at the residence on temporary

CONCLUSION

We at the Mission are grateful to all our partner churches, organizations, our mothers and fathers, and individuals who have supported the work here in Ghana and Ivory Coast over the years. Indeed, we have come this far because of your divers support. Thank you for standing with us here in Africa all these years. Together, we are touching lives and transforming communities. May Jehovah bless us all.

Rev. Dr. Charles Nyane
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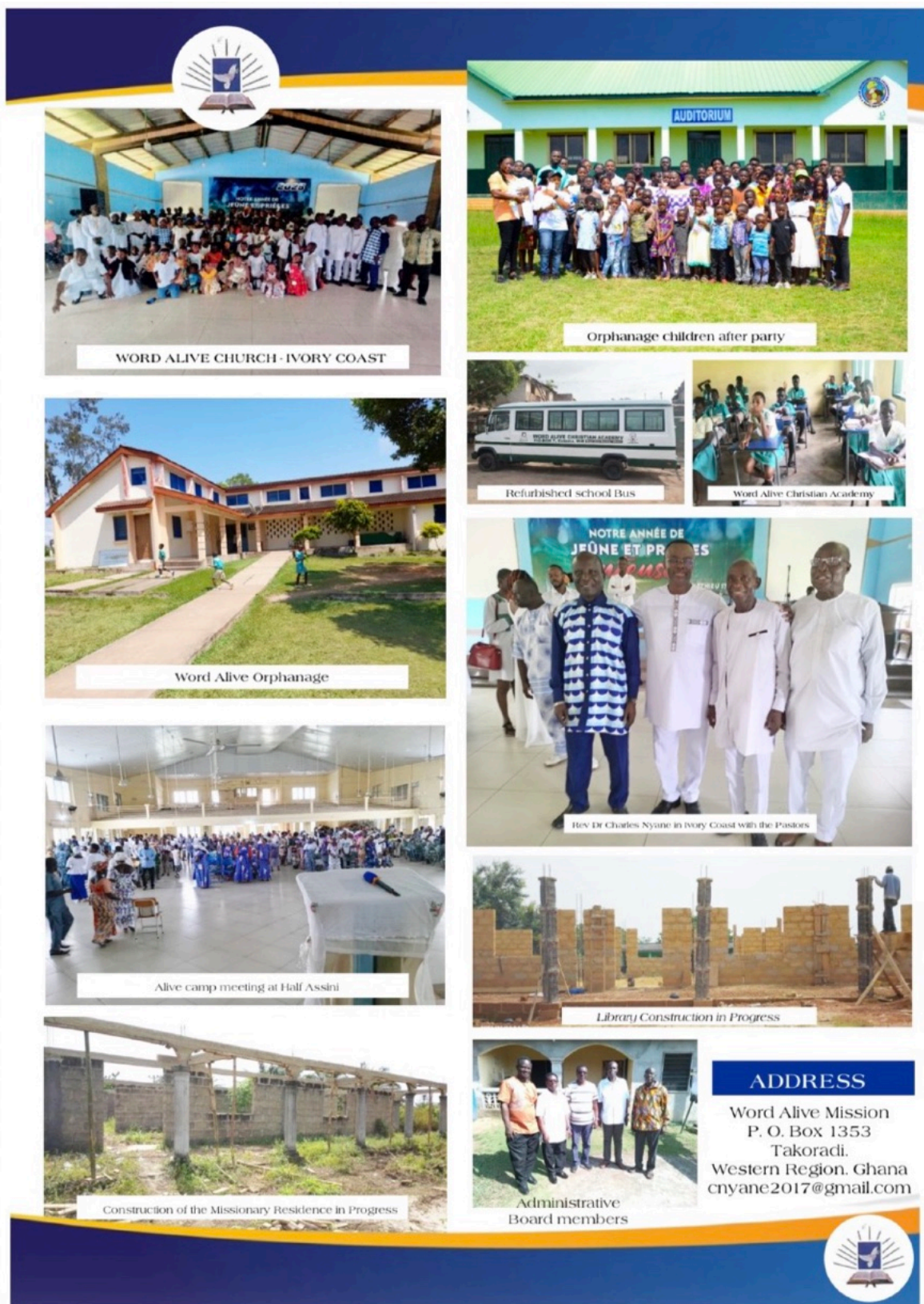
Construction of the hospital in Progress



PROPOSED HOSPITAL
When completed



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An email from Bob and Judy Kay:

When we started working with the Ladysmith VA Hispanic church two years ago, Judy noticed when people stayed for snacks and fellowship after church, they tended to huddle in family groups and then left quickly.

We are happy to report that that is now changing. Our Bible studies and even my "sermons" encourage participation; people are getting to know each other as they study and learn together. The sense of joy among our members is growing! It reminds me of the small groups we had in the Dominican Republic!

Two years ago, people quit attending the Wednesday night Bible study at church. We switched to Zoom. Now six women study 1 Peter; four men study Mark. The women have stated publicly that they love studying the Word with Judy.

At my urging, one of the Hispanic brothers is now preaching once a month; I am helping him with his sermons. We are doing this to encourage the church family to step up with the hope that they will serve and see the church as theirs. Some are responding and serving with joy, especially when we eat a meal together.

Judy started a discipleship class on Friday evenings. We have 21 people attending, over half the church. We are teaching a pared-down Walk Through the Bible series on the life of Christ and laughing together as we study! Our participation increased in intensity as we studied the life of Mary from a Biblical perspective.

I believe that Mary walked over 300 miles while pregnant with the Christ child. Because she and Joseph were poor, she could not afford a donkey, so she walked from Nazareth to Hebron to visit Elizabeth, 120 miles during her first month, back to Nazareth in her fourth month, then to Bethlehem (90 miles) in her third trimester. If the above is true, she was quite an athlete!

We joined four churches to do an outreach to a trailer park in Ashland VA in May. 11 of our church members came and participated! We had 100 people, mostly all Hispanic come. We had food, a bounce house, games, Bibles, books, and lots of fun! We gave away some of my late Dad's old little NASCAR cars. The kids loved them! We will return in September; pray that we can start Bible studies with them.

My mom continues to do well, although after 70 years of being married to Dad, she misses him. Judy is undergoing a treatment for dry eyes to protect her corneas. My (Bob's) health continues to be good, and I am so grateful for that.

While Ladysmith's joy is increasing, we plan to travel to the Dominican Republic September 8-22. Pray as we set up meetings with various church leaders.

May God bless you as you serve Him! In Christ, Bob and Judy Kay