THE MESSENGER
CARLOCK BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

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Steven Szetela, Pastor

Sunday School – 9 AM

Worship – 10:15 AM

Church Email - carlockbfc@gmail.com

Wifi available: Connect to CBFC password is cbfc2024!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sun, November 2 - Morning Worship, Hospitality Time, Brandy Gerber Guest Speaker, All Saints Day

Wed, November 5 - Board Meeting 7PM
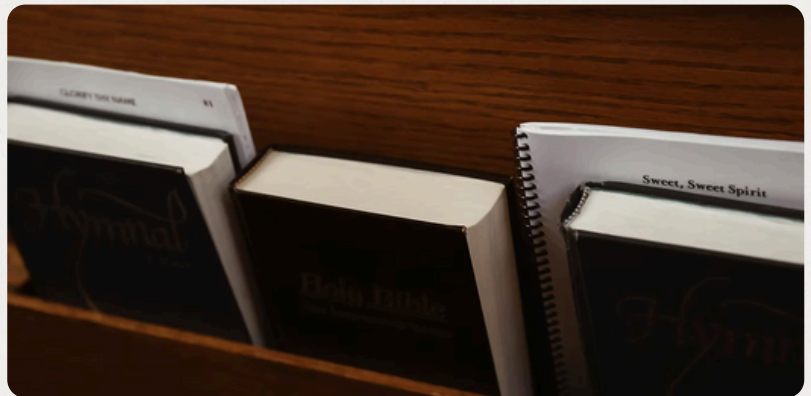
Sat, November 8 - Free Sale

Sun, November 9 - Morning Worship, Guest Preacher Sergey Pikulik

Sun, November 16 - Morning Worship, Thanksgiving Meal

Tues, November 18 - Choir Practice 7PM

Sun, November 23 - Morning Worship

Sun, November 30 - Morning Worship, Hanging of the Greens following service

Updates from Your Church Board

The Carlock Bible Fellowship Board met on October 1, 2025. Updates included ongoing repairs to the bell tower, foyer ceiling, and east door structure, as well as plans to secure the parsonage roof wiring. Pastor Steven shared that the new service flow and security adjustments have been well received and encouraged continued greeter participation. The board approved a $5,000 donation to God's Little Acre Preschool from the Community Outreach Fund and discussed supporting missionary Tiffany Patterson. Upcoming church events include Community Donuts and Cider (Oct. 31), the CBFC Thanksgiving Meal (Nov. 16), and the Live Nativity during the Carlock Tree Lighting (Dec. 5).

For November 2025

Hospitality Committee

Lou Barcomb
Carol Hoffman
Julie Greenburg
Karen Otto

Food Pantry Item:
Tomato Products

Sunday School

Noah's Ark - Lori Amberg
Lion's Den - Kayla Myers
Jr/Sr High - Annie Schwoerer

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

11 - Jeremy Myers

11 - Kane Schwoerer

19 - Lori Amberg

29 - Carol Hoffman

29 - Susan Sifford

A Note from the Pastor

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I am reminded of Psalm 107:1 (ESV): "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" I don't know about you, but sometimes life feels so busy that I forget to pause and really notice God's goodness. Yet, when I take a moment to reflect, I am overwhelmed by the many ways He has been faithful—through answered prayers, His provision in times of need, and the love of family, friends, and this church family.

This season, I encourage you to take a moment each day to notice God's blessings, even the small ones that might seem ordinary. For me, it might be a quiet morning with a cup of coffee, a laugh with my children, or a simple moment of peace in the chaos. Each of these is a reminder of God's steadfast love. Gratitude doesn't just make life feel lighter; it draws us closer to Him and opens our hearts to see how He is at work in ways we might not even recognize. In this season of thankfulness, I also want to highlight a special blessing in our church family. Be sure to reach out to the Hartter family and celebrate their precious new addition, Brooklyn Marie, who we all as a church ought to be thankful for. Moments like these remind us of the gift of life and the joy of community, and they are perfect examples of God's goodness in action.

As your pastor, one of the greatest joys of my life is walking with you as a church family. I see God's love reflected in your kindness to one another, in your service to our community, and in your faithful worship. Let us continue to model thankfulness not just as a holiday, but as a daily choice—to give thanks in all circumstances, to encourage one another, and to live in the joy and hope of Christ.

May this season of Thanksgiving fill your hearts with joy, strengthen your faith, and remind you in every moment that God's love endures forever. I am grateful for each of you and for the ways God is using our church family to shine His light in Carlock and beyond.

With all my gratitude,
Pastor Steven