

## Contact Us

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Tues. 10:00AM to 4:00PM

***Please submit bulletin information to Irene by Wednesday noon.***

## This Week @ H.C.O.B.

**Today: 02/15**

Youth Winter Retreat  
10:30 Care of Church

**Wednesday: 02/18**

ASH WEDNESDAY  
HERALD DEADLINE  
9:30am Open Gym  
7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

**Monday: 02/16**

Doug's Day Off  
Youth Winter Retreat  
6:30pm Outreach Team (Zoom)

**Thursday: 02/19**

1:00pm Praise Band  
6:30pm Soft Ball Open Gym

**Tuesday: 02/17**

6:30pm TNT  
6:30pm Education Team

**Friday: 02/20**

Laura's Day Off

**Saturday: 02/21**

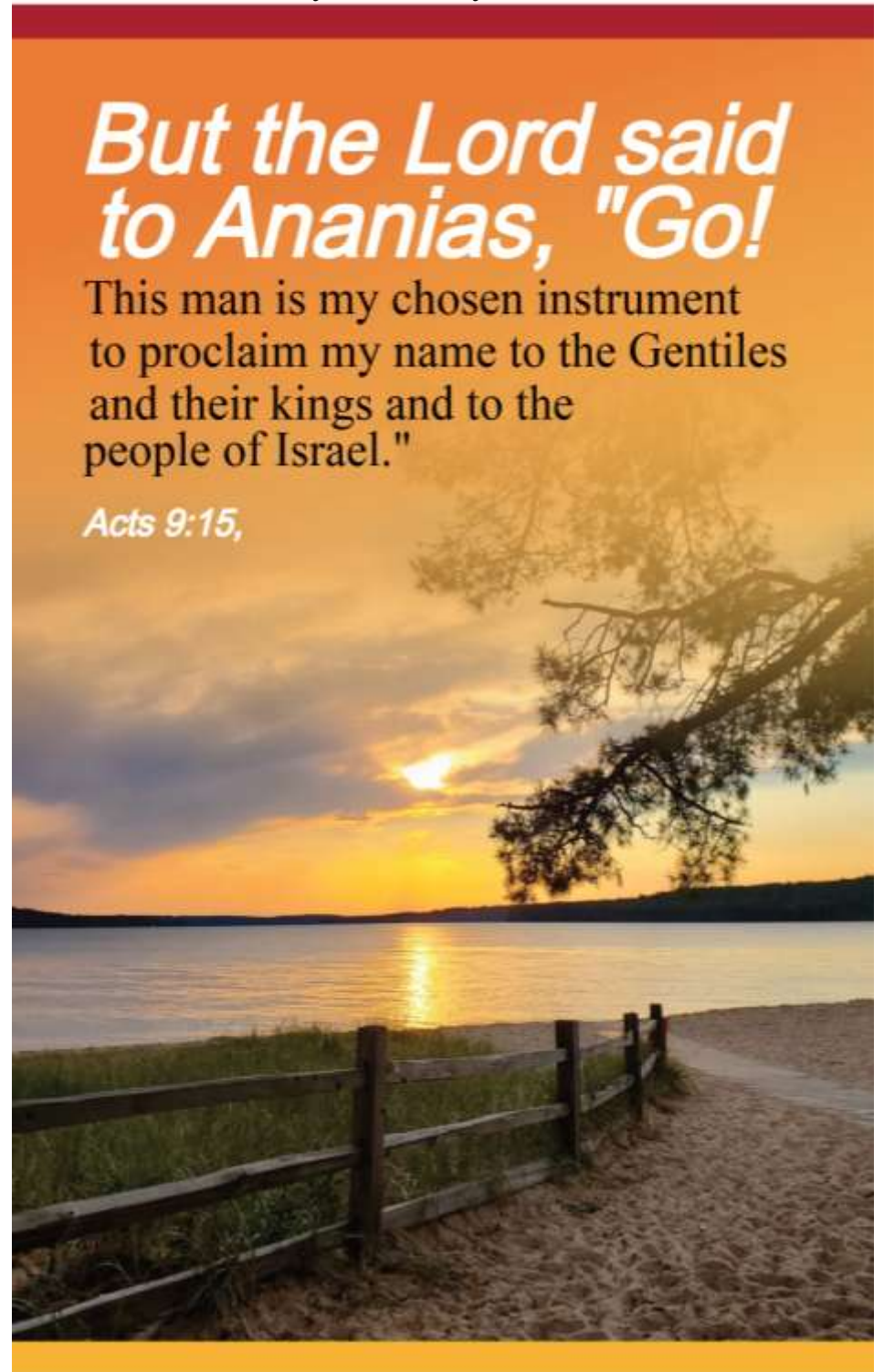
4:00pm Hershey Event

Sunday, February 15, 2026

# But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go!"

This man is my chosen instrument  
to proclaim my name to the Gentiles  
and their kings and to the  
people of Israel."

*Acts 9:15,*





Preacher – Geoff Davis  
Worship Leader – Jim Eshleman  
Accompanist –  
Praise Band – Kent Rice  
Sound Tech – Rich Bushong, Dave Dum  
Video Tech – Ben Johnson  
Live Stream – Carl Polonchak

**PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY BY READING AHEAD!** Next Sunday, **Doug Hinton** will be speaking on **Acts 16:14-15, 31-40**. Please read and prayerfully study this passage this week as we prepare to worship together.

## HCOB Family Facts

**General Offering for February 08, 2026**

**General Fund \$ 7,158.60**

**Building Fund for February 08, 2026 = \$ 720.00**

ARE YOU VISITING US TODAY?

WELCOME TO HEMPFIELD COB

We are SO glad you are here. Help us to get better acquainted with you. Scan this QR code and take just a few minutes to tell us about yourself.

Come back again!!



**EASTER FLOWER SALE!** The Worship Team invites you to purchase beautiful flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, and then to take home after the service. Please sign up in the narthex TODAY or next week, or contact Deb Bendit to place your order at 717-808-8453. Daffodils, mini Daffodils, Cinerarias and Tulips in 6 inch pots are available for \$7 each. Thank you for beautifying the church!

# Announcements

## Sunday School This Week:



If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works. Though they may have the appearance of truth, they re lifeless and leave us empty

in the end.

In this Book of the Bible series, Kyle Idleman dives into the book of Galatians, one that contains some of the clearest explanations of the gospel in the New Testament. Through biblical study and engaging lessons, Kyle shows that true freedom is found in surrender, not self-dependence. Because our gospel is not one based on our works, but faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – Galatians 3:1-29

Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Galatians 4:1-31

Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> - Galatians 5:1-26

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> - Galatians 6:1-18



*When you need a helping hand, or know someone who does in our church community, please let us know.*

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The HCOB Pastoral Relations Team made up of Del Kautz, Ed Haldeman, Deb Bendit, Tim Basom, Rebecca Strite, Pastor Doug and Pastor Laura have begun meeting on a quarterly basis unless otherwise necessary. Any congregational concerns can be directed to any member of the Team.

## The Three Accounts Compared

Element	Acts 9	Acts 22	Acts 26
<b>Narrator</b>	Luke (3rd person)	Paul (1st person)	Paul (1st person)
<b>Audience</b>	Theophilus / readers of Acts	Jewish mob in Jerusalem	King Agrippa, Festus, dignitaries
<b>Setting</b>	Narrative history	Temple steps, hostile crowd	Royal court, formal hearing
<b>Primary Emphasis</b>	God's sovereign initiative	Jewish credentials, continuity with Israel	Divine commission, resurrection hope
<b>Credentials Cited</b>	None (narrative)	Born in Tarsus, trained under Gamaliel	Pharisee, strictest sect
<b>Light Description</b>	"Light from heaven"	"Great light" at noon	"Brighter than the sun"
<b>Companions' Experience</b>	Heard voice, saw no one	Saw light, did not hear voice	All fell down
<b>Role of Ananias</b>	Extended treatment	Emphasized as devout Jew	Not mentioned
<b>Gentile Commission</b>	Through Ananias	Later, in Temple vision	Direct from Christ on road

### Questions:

- Read Acts 22:1–5 and Acts 26:4–8. How does Paul establish credibility differently with each audience? What does this tell us about knowing our listeners?
- Why do you think Paul omits Ananias entirely when speaking to King Agrippa? What does this suggest about what is essential versus what is contextual in sharing our faith?
- In Acts 22:21, Paul's mention of the Gentiles triggers a violent reaction. What are the "trigger points" today when sharing faith? How do we handle those moments?