

# Bermudian Church

*"enabling every person to experience the living Christ in transforming ways"*

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**April 26, 2023 #983**

## YOUR PERCEPTION IS YOUR REALITY

Reality is the way things truly, factually are. For example, today is a sunny day. That is a fact. Perception comes into play when we examine that fact and place a value on that fact. Let me give you an example of this that takes place often in our home. While watching the news, we pay close attention to the weather. Some aspects of our lives are governed by the weather, especially in the Spring. The weather person will tell us, for example, that the next seven days are going to be sunny and a high each day in the mid 70's with no rain. That is the fact and may be the reality, if they got it right. But here is the perception. The weather person's perception is that these are going to be beautiful, great days. Linda's perception is that they are not going to be beautiful, great days because, **"we need the rain! April**

**showers bring May flowers and vegetables and fruits!"** The facts are the same, but the perception is different.

Christ followers and non-Christ followers both see the world and culture and events and so on together. The facts are the same. But our perception will be very different. As Christ followers we are to perceive the world through the spiritual lens of trusting in a good, perfectly righteous, sovereign God. This is not looking at the world through rose colored glasses. Rather, this is seeing the world in its reality, factually, but knowing that God is in control of the world and our lives and knowing all things will work out for his good and perfect will. This perspective was lived out in an opening conversation that I had with my good friend and mentor, who is now with the Lord. When I would greet Pastor Rod, I would ask him how he was that day. No matter what the weather, his response. "You have to be doing great on a wonderful day like this. I have a saying, 'You can't control the weather, but you can control your attitude.' And that is my interpretation of 'This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.'"(Psalm 118.24 NKJV)

Pastor Rod and whoever wrote that Psalm had the proper perspective for every day. We can want it to rain for our plants. We can want it to be sunny for our picnics. But whatever comes our way in the day, good, bad or ugly, **it is a day that God has made and given to us as a blessing and an opportunity. Rejoice and be glad in it.**

In Christ Alone  
Pastor Gary



## Prayer & Praises

- **Sharon Stepp is having cataract surgery TODAY**
- Brad & Brenda request prayer for a friend's son Justin who has been hospitalized for the past 6 weeks paralyzed from the neck down with Guillian-Barre Syndrome. Pray for continued recovery and peace, etc. for his wife and young son. Recovery can take 6 months to a year.
- Jerry Stiffer requests prayer for a friend, Joe Gates who is having heart issues. Only 32 percent of his heart is working.
- Mark Lipsitz asked for prayer for his sister who has Multiple Sclerosis. She fell and injured her shoulder and seems to also be having another bout with her MS.
- Recovery for Summer, Kathy McWilliams daughter as she recovers from a car accident.
- Michael Travis, 47 year old son of a friend of Sue Deardoff's collided with a deer on his motorcycle. Please pray for continued healing for head injuries.
- Pray for Adams County Prison Ministries, inmates, their families as well as their staff and their families.



### Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

\*Kathy McWilliams \*Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer)\*Ken Warren \*Mary Fisher\*Alyssa Leakway  
\*Jeff Deardorff \*Gloria Gerber \*Missy Braden \*Bryce Baublitz  
\*Julie Waggoner \*Bill Barley \*Brandon Little \*Derek Meck \*Mark Lipsitz  
\*Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) \*Ruth Cook

### Cancer Special Prayers

\*Julia McCartney \*Greg & Sandy George \*Butch Warren's brother \*Chris Betts (Smeltzer friend)  
\*Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) \*Carolyn Kimmel \*Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip  
\*Tom Kimmel \*Bob (Ron Engle, friend) \*Sandy Harlacker \*Ellie Basko \*Mark Yonker  
\*Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) \*Jean Beck

### CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

- Please Continue to pray for CBC members and ministries



Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

**This week**

**Tuesday 5/2**

\*Women's Fellowship

**Wednesday 5/3**

\*Life Group @ 6:30pm

\*Men's Practice @ 7:45 pm

**Sunday 5/7**

\*Love Feast @5:30 pm

**Next Week**

**Tuesday 5/9**

\*Commissions Meeting @ 6 pm

\*Board Meeting @ 7 pm

**Wednesday 5/10**

\*Sisters Bible Study @ 9 am

\*Life Group @ 6:30 pm

\*Men's Practice @ 7:45 pm

\*Ladies Choir @ 7:45 pm



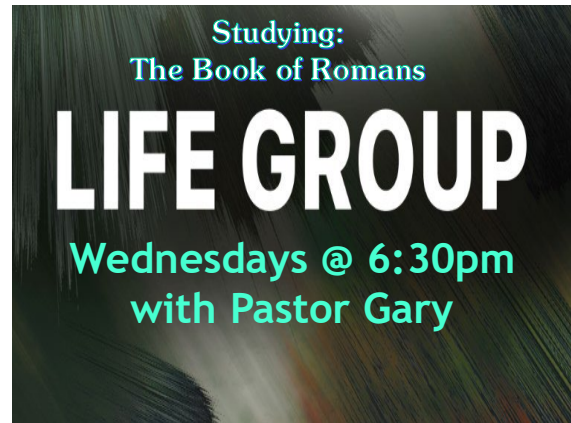
Men's Group Practice  
May 3 & May 10, 2023 at 7:45 PM



Next Regular Meeting

**women's  
FELLOWSHIP**

May 1, 2023 @ 6:30pm



Studying:  
The Book of Romans

**LIFE GROUP**

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm  
with Pastor Gary



All the ladies are invited  
to attend @ 9 am in  
Shepherd's Hall  
Next meeting is 5/10/23

**Sisters**  
A Bible Study for Women



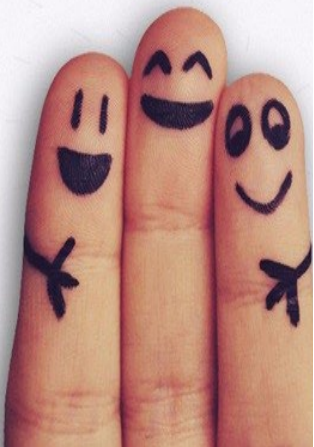
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**BETTER**

WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS

SUNDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2023

Bring a Friend to Church!



Family Supper &

**Movie  
NIGHT**

"Flywheel"

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30 pm  
The Gathering Place



**BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY – On May 21**, we are asking that you bring, or at least invite a person to come with you to worship with you. This can be anyone: family, friend, neighbor, co-worker, anyone. This can be a person who used to attend here, used to attend another church, never went to any church, who is currently not going to a church, who is looking for a church. **(We don't want to steal sheep.)** If you don't think worship would be their thing, invite them to come with you to the more informal supper and movie that night at 5:30. The movie is entitled "Flywheel." "Jay Austin, a dishonest car salesman in lots of debt, comes to a turning point in his life where he becomes a born-again Christian, turns from his dishonest way of business and begins trusting in God to take care of him. Even when things get hard he trusts God, and God provides him with a way to pay off his debt honestly."

**Bermudian Church Office Email address:**  
**bermudiansecretary@gmail.com**

## Next Church Board Meeting

May 9, 2023

Commissions meet at 6pm

Board meets at 7pm

The board meetings are open to the congregation. Everyone is welcome to come and observe.



## Office Hours

**Pastor Gary**

Weekly  
Mon 9-12  
Tues 9-12  
Wed 9-12  
Thur 9-12  
Fri 9-12

**Julie**

Weekly  
Mon/Wed/Fri  
9 - 12  
&  
Tues/Thurs  
8:30 - 11:30



**Next meeting will be Thursday  
May 25, 2023**

**Ladies Choir**  
April 26<sup>th</sup> (tonight)  
& May 10<sup>th</sup>



**ORDER SOON!!!**

Joanne is having a sub and pretzel sandwich sale to raise funds for her IMO mission trip.

Forms are on the bulletin board.  
Sub/Sandwich orders are due by May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Pick up will be at the church on Thursday, May 18 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Thank you for your support!