

Bermudian Church

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

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May 17th, 2023 #986

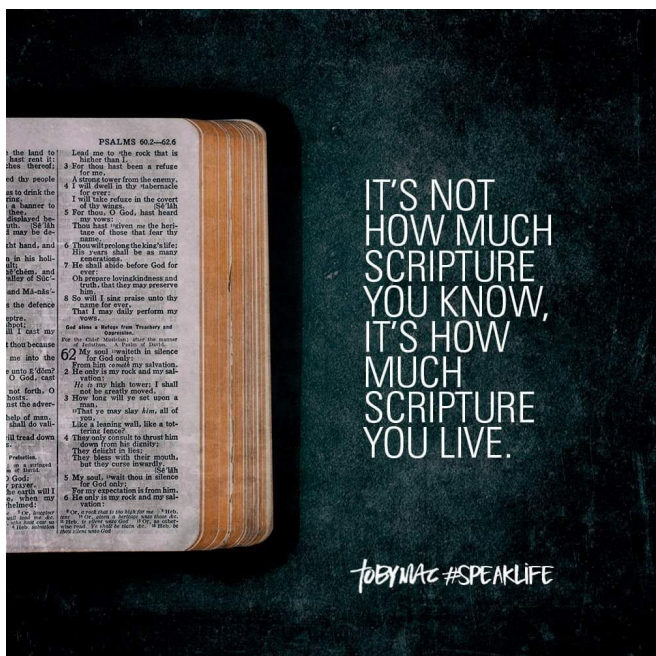
Faith Without Works

How many verses of scripture can you recite from memory?

Do you know John 3.16, Romans 3.23, Romans 6.23, even Psalm 23?

Do you know where to find the ten commandments, the great commission, the great commandments, the fruit of the Spirit in the Bible?

How quickly can you find Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 13.4-8 or Philippians 4.8-9?



I don't know what your answers are to those questions. Each of those passages are important passages in the Bible and definitely ones we should know where to find them and even know them from memory. It is good to memorize verses and even longer passages. A psalmist wrote about hiding the word of God in his heart. (Psalm 119.11, but you knew that?)

But the saying to the left brings out a good Biblical point. **"It's not how much scripture you know (from memory, or where to find them, or knowing how to explain them), it's how much scripture you live."**

The full verse, Psalm 119.11 states. **"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."** We memorize verses and passages not to impress people with how much we know, but so that when we are in the midst of temptation in our world of sin, the Holy Spirit can bring to our minds a verse that will guide us away from temptation and sin and into the light of holy living. This is the same reason we

learn where certain passages are found, so we can quickly read them in order to gain wisdom and understanding as to how live as a Christ follower. We also learn scripture so that we can witness to others about God's love and salvation.

James gave us this instruction. James 1.22 **"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."** James 2.17 **"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."** Knowing various scriptures, and being able to quote them to others and then not living them out is the recipe for hypocrisy. I still remember a time when I was a teenage when I almost envied a boy in my Sunday school class who knew more scripture from memory than I did. He could also tell you where to find certain verses. One Sunday my appreciation changed when he expressed his true prejudice feelings about a certain group of people. I am sure he could have quoted and told us all where to find the great commandment in which we are commanded to love our neighbor as ourselves. But he was not living out those verses.

Let us not just know where to find the ten commandments, the great commission, the great commandments, the fruit of the Spirit, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 13.4-8 and Philippians 4.8-9 and other verses, but let us live them out.

In Christ Alone.

Prayer & Praises

- The family of Pastor Gary due to the passing of his Aunt Martha. The memorial service will be on May 30.
- Mel & Pat Lehr's Niece Barbara is recovering from cancer surgery on Monday. Pray for continued recovery.
- Sue Deardorff requests prayer for Charlotte Deardorff who will be having an operation for melanoma on May 24th
- Marilyn Julius requests prayers for the Barry Dubbs family for comfort and peace after the passing of his mother over the weekend.
- Brian, son of Nancy Stape, had heart surgery on Tuesday to insert a valve in his heart. Pray for his continued recovery.
- Brenda Myers's father, Herbert Smith, passed away on May 2, 2023. Please keep Brenda and her family in prayer as they go through this time of loss.
- Barb and Brad, friends of Sharon Stepp. Pray for continued recovery for Brad from an infected kidney and septic shock.



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

Pray for Susan Simmons she is in physical therapy after cancer surgery. Also pray for Pastor Brian Simmons her husband.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Mount Pleasant in North Canton, Oh and Pastor Bruce Jacobsen
- Mountain Dale Congregation in Bruceton Mills, WV and Pastor Lewis Beachy

Ladies Choir
May 24th
2nd & 4th
Wednesdays
@ 7:45pm

See Betty Engle
for more information

Volunteers needed – see Sue Mayle
July 30 – Aug 3

STELLAR
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**
2023

This week

Wednesday 5/17

- *Life Group @ 6:30 pm
- *Men's Practice @ 7:45 pm

Saturday 5/20

- *Men's Breakfast @ 7 am

Next Week

Sunday 5/21

- *Bring a Friend Sunday
- *Family Supper & Movie Night @ 5:30 pm

Tuesday 5/23

- *Membership Class @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday 5/24

- *Life Group @ 6:30 pm
- *Sisters Bible Study @ 9 am
- *Ladie's Choir Practice @ 7:45 pm

Thursday 5/25

- *Prayer Shawl @ 10 am



Bermudian Church Office Email address:

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Julie will be out of the office from May 22nd – May 29th for a family vacation

— Everything is —
BETTER
— WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS —

Sunday May 21st, 2023 9 AM
Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!



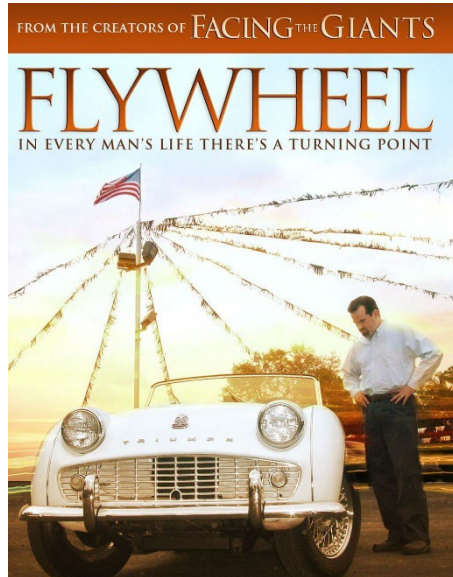
This Week's Birthdays!

May

- 20 – Wayne Miller
- 22 – Victoria Good
- 24 – Jeff Mayle

MEMBERSHIP class

First Class is May 23rd at 6:30 pm in Shepherd's Hall.



Happy Anniversary

May

- 18 – Brett & Pam Miller
- 18 – Brian & Cathy Dowell
- 19 – Mike & Sandy Neff
- 21 – Jerry & Ginny Stiffler

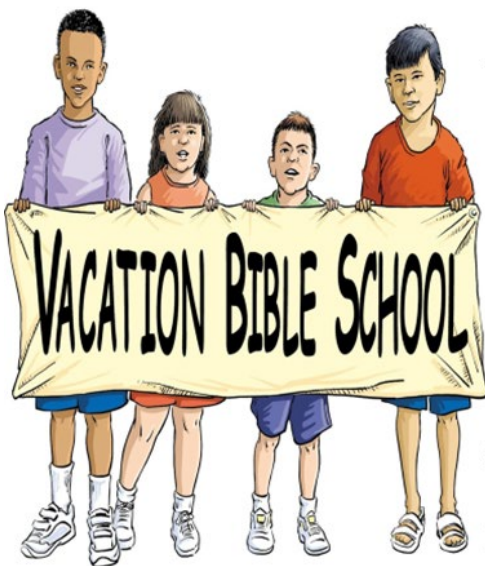
Family Supper &

movie NIGHT

"Flywheel"

Sunday, May 21st, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
The Gathering Place





VBS Crafts

We need clear, non-colored, glass or plastic jars with lids. Size of about 4-5 inches tall. Jelly, pickle and peanut butter jars for example. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions see Kathleen Eisenhart.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT MEETING

Saturday

May 20, 7am

@ Dover Valley Restaurant



All the ladies are invited to attend @ 9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Next meeting is 5/24/23

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ministry

Next meeting will be Thursday

May 25, 2023

10 am – 2 pm



Next Regular Meeting

women's FELLOWSHIP

June 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm



Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday

May 21, 2023

At Dover Valley Restaurant

Please See Nancy Smith to RSVP



Don't forget to check your church mailboxes!

Commission Mailboxes Too!!!