

# Bermudian Church

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

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact



June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 #989

## Drought?!



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AA, USDA

Legend	
Drought & Dryness Categories	% of PA
D0 - Abnormally Dry	93.3%
D1 - Moderate Drought	5.4%
D2 - Severe Drought	0.0%
D3 - Extreme Drought	0.0%
D4 - Exceptional Drought	0.0%
Total Area in Drought (D1-D4)	5.4%

According to the **National Integrated Drought Information System** at Drought.gov, we are not in a drought in York County or Adams County, but in an "abnormally dry" condition. I am not sure that our plants and pasture grass would agree. We are almost 4.5 inches short of our needed rainfall which has led to stunted plant growth, browning grass and conservative watering. At our home, we are watering the vegetable garden regularly. Our horses have been restricted to one pasture and are eating whatever grass they can find and hay. Feeding hay at this time of the year has never happened for as long as we have had horses (27 years). Last summer we did have to do that for two weeks in the beginning of August. **WE NEED RAIN!**

But these negative weather conditions remind me of what our spiritual condition should be like. Consider these words from Psalm 63.1-5. **You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. 3 Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. 4 I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name, I will lift up my hands. 5 I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.**

Just like our plants and grass and wells yearn for water in what is becoming a parched land, so we too should be thirsting with our entire spiritual being for a deeper and overflowing relationship with our God. The parched land we live in is a sinful world devoid of the living water of the Holy Spirit and a love for the true God. But we, like the Psalmist have seen the power and glory of God in our our lives and have received the blessings of His love. Therefore, His praise and worship should continually be on our lips.

But sometimes our spiritual life is in a drought. We are not praying like we should. We are not reading the Bible like we should. We are not fellowshiping with other believers like we should. We are not worshipping like we should. My encouragement is: don't get all guilty about this and start beating yourself up about it. Instead, ask God to forgive you and get back to doing what you should be doing. We all need to be thirsting and hungering for that relationship again and then doing what it takes to grow deeper in the Lord. This may mean reprioritizing our lives. But it is well worth it. God's love for us is truly better than life itself, because it is life.

In Christ Alone.



## Prayer & Praises



- Keefer Family from the Newville area (request by Mary Titzell) home caught on fire last Thursday and the family lost everything including their 2 dogs.
- Tim Kurtz pray for Shingles recovery.
- Cheryl Kurtz unspoken prayer request
- Mervin Good – thanking God for the rain, pray for more
- Nancy Bixler’s daughter Nichole for healing to her hand severely injured by a hedge trimmer
- Foy Stambaugh pray for good results for medical tests that were run Monday
- Alan Smeltzer’s Mom passed away Tuesday evening on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Pray for peace for the Smeltzer family and they want to thank everyone for praying and Pastor Gary for visiting.
- Joe Thompson (friend of Louise Julius) pray for continued healing from heart surgery.
- John Fisher – continued recovery from surgery.
- Victor Riddle – pray for chronic pain to subside.

### 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 the Youth and Adults who are leaving on the CBC Youth Mission Trip to Guatemala on Friday. Pray for their physical and personal safety and for much good fruit to be produced on this trip. Pray that their own faith will be strengthened and that they will be a good witness to all with whom they come in contact.

#### **Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:**

- New Haven Congregation in Sparta, NC and Pastor Robert Reed
- New Life Congregation in Mt. Solon, VA seeking pastoral leadership

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Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

**This week**

**Wednesday 6/7**

\*Life Group @ 6:30 pm

**Next Week**

**Sunday 6/11**

\*Widows/Widowers Lunch @ Noon

**Tuesday 6/13**

\*Commission Meeting @ 6:00 pm

\*Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Wednesday 6/14**

\*Sisters Bible Study @ 9:00 am

\*Life Group @ 6:30 pm

\*Women's Choir Practice @ 7:45 pm

\*Men's Group Practice @ 7:45 pm

**Saturday 6/17**

\*Men's Breakfast @ 7:00 am

Studying:  
The Book of Romans

# LIFE GROUP

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm  
with Pastor Gary



# MEN'S BREAKFAST

NEXT MEETING  
Saturday  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 7am  
@ Dover Valley Restaurant

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday  
June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
At Noon  
At Dover Valley  
Restaurant

Please See Nancy  
Smith to RSVP



Prayer Shawl  
Ministry

Next meeting will be Thursday  
June 22, 2023  
10 am - 2 pm



**Ladies Choir**

June 14<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays  
@ 7:45pm



Commission Meeting at 6 Pm  
Board Meeting at 7 Pm  
JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>



Volunteers needed - see Sue Mayle  
July 30 - Aug 3

# STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023

**Men's Practice**  
June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 pm

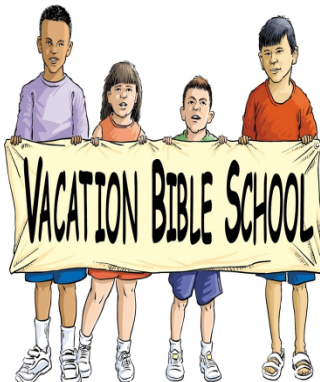


All the ladies are invited  
to attend @ 9 am in  
Shepherd's Hall  
Next meeting is 6/14/23

# Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

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.



**This Week's Birthdays!**

June

- 7 - Ashley Frantz
- 8 - Warren Beck
- 9 - Hannah Chestnut & Elizabeth Warren
- 11 - Melvin Lehr
- 12 - William Miller Sr
- 13 - Jim Eisenhower Jr
- 14 - Jean Zerbe & Clara Strasser



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Happy Anniversary

June

- 10 - Joel & Barb Stern
- 15 - David & Clare Knokey
- 16 - Cory & Heather Thompson

