

# Bermudian Church

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

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June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 #990

## JOY

If you were asked, “How do you keep the joy for so long when anxiety seems like a thing that could very easily set in,” how would you respond? Better yet, what if you were asked that question in an interview that would eventually be aired on cable television and then posted all over the internet? This is what happened to three players of the Oklahoma Women’s softball team after the Sooners won the Women’s



College World Series just a couple of weeks ago. The players were Grace Lyons, Jayda Coleman, and Alyssa Brito. The ESPN reporter started with this. **“I know you talk about keeping the joy of the game, but I’m curious, it’s a long season, right? And you guys have had the target on your back the entire time. How do you handle the unique pressure that comes with that? How do you keep the joy for so long when anxiety seems like a thing that could very easily set in?”**

Grace Lyons, an infielder on the team, was the first to answer by saying, “Well, the only way that you can have a joy that doesn’t fade away is from the Lord.” The witness to the joy of the Lord continued with all three giving similar answers. They explained that real joy, the joy of the Lord is not about circumstances. They gave some personal testimonies of times when things were not going well for them and how the Lord guided them through them. Several times the comment was made that this world is not our home. You can view this interview through the following link.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqHwamSmSco&t=27s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqHwamSmSco&t=27s)

Nehemiah 8.10 states, **“And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”** Paul wrote in Philippians 4.4, **“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”** The only place from which we can derive sustaining joy is in our relationship with the Lord. Here are some ways to have this joy.

- Spend time with the Lord on a consistent basis.
- Remember all of God’s wonderful blessings that He has poured out on us and then respond in thanksgiving to Him.
- Find joy in your circumstances by recognizing God’s hand in your life, even during challenging moments.
- Look for God in the ordinary and simple.

In Christ Alone

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## Prayer & Praises



- Warren Beck – recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Please pray for healing as well as comfort and peace as the family goes through this difficult time.
- David Julius – pray for continued healing of his eye infection.
- Victor Riddle – still having issues with chronic pain, so please pray for healing and relief.
- Kim Shearer requests prayer for Tim Kurtz, her brother-in-law. Friday morning, they took him to the hospital because he could not walk. Please pray for healing and guidance for doctors.
- Louise Julius called with a praise report on her previous prayer request for a friend, Jo Thompson – she had her heart surgery and it went very well, only needed to have one surgery instead of 2 and is already home recovering. Pray for continued healing.
- 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.
- 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.

### 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

- We are asking prayer for the Jim Hulihan family he has passed away. He was Pastor at Sugar Run COB
- Pray for all our CBC Youth Camps that will be operating this summer. Pray for God to be glorified and for Him to raise up leaders as well as campers and that these camps will bear much good fruit for His Kingdom in terms of salvation, sanctification, edification, righteousness, holiness, and revival.

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

- Oak Dale Congregation in Scherr, WV and Pastor Randy Cosner
- Old Furnace Congregation in Ridgeley, WV and Pastors David Sutton and Ed Weaver



Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

**This week**

**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

**Next Week**

**Sunday 6/18**

- \*Happy Father's Day

**Thursday 6/22**

- \*Prayer Shawl @ 10:00 am

Studying:  
The Book of Romans

# LIFE GROUP

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm  
with Pastor Gary

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

## Ladies Choir

June 14<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays  
@ 7:45pm

See Betty Engle  
for more information

# MEN'S BREAKFAST

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

# VOLLEYBALL

Red Run Church has an outdoor volleyball court set up. All are welcome to play on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:30. For additional information, you may call Marilyn Julius at 717-495-4067

## Happy Anniversary

June

- 19 - Glen & Susan Deardorff
- 21 - Joel & Joanne Miller
- 21 - Colin & Amy Staples
- 29 - Gailen & Marilyn Julius

## This Week's Birthdays!

# June

- 14 - Jean Zerbe
- 14 - Clara Strasser
- 18 - Joyce Wagaman
- 19 - Tony Harlacker
- 20 - Jeff Gleim
- 21 - Darlene Snelbaker
- 21 - Geraldine Emig
- 21 - Jerry Stiffler

# BAPTISM

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 after our regular service, we will have several people getting baptized. Please join us in this celebration!

HAPPY Father's DAY

Commission Meeting at 6 Pm  
Board Meeting at 7 Pm  
JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>

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Cosmo here...

Tell your friends & family to sign up for VBS at Bermudian!!

It is going to be spectacular!



Remember to start signing your kids up!

July 30 – Aug 3

STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023

You can now sign your kids up for VBS on the website! [Bermudianchurch.org](http://Bermudianchurch.org) go to Ministries and click on VBS Sign Up to fill out the form!

STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

All the ladies are invited to attend @ 9 am in Shepherd's Hall  
Next meeting is 6/28/23

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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



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.

The CHOSEN

Season 3 of "The Chosen" Thursday evening Group is open and sign up sheet will be on the library table. The group will begin meeting in mid September in The Gathering Place at 6:30. Dave Titzell is the facilitator. Please contact Sue Deardorff with questions.

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