

# Bermudian Church

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

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July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 #993

## AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

One of the most beloved songs sung especially around July 4<sup>th</sup> is *America the Beautiful*. It was written by Katharine Lee Bates as a poem in 1893 and first published in 1895, It was combined with music composed by church organist Samuel A. Ward in 1910. Bates wrote the poem after a journey to the top of Pikes Peak in Colorado, saying the views there inspired her.

Here are the lyrics of the first verse and some from verse 2.



O beautiful for spacious skies  
For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

Verse 2.  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw

First, I am reminded from verse one, that the beauty we see all across this nation is the mighty work of God. **Romans 1.20, “For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.”** When we encounter the wonders and beauty of God’s creation, let us give God glory and praise. Andrew Peterson wrote in his song *Nothing to Say*.

And the mountains sing Your glory hallelujah  
The canyons echo sweet amazing grace  
My spirit sails  
The mighty gales are bellowing your name  
And I've got nothing to say  
No, I've got nothing to say but  
Glory, glory hallelujah

But secondly, from the lyrics of this song, I am reminded of the command to pray for our leaders in **1 Timothy 2.1-3, “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior,”** Let us pray that God will shed his grace on them and us. Pray that God will give them and all of us the wisdom and discernment to do that which is good, peaceful, and holy for all. Pray that God will forgive their shortcomings and flaws and ours as well and mend us. We need God’s help more than ever.

In Christ Alone



## Prayer & Praises



- Carolyn Kimmel – Carolyn found out this week that her cancer has spread. She is now off trial meds. She has several appointments this week to see what her treatment plan will be. Pam & Brett Miller have asked for prayer.
- Foy Stambaugh – Terri asked for prayers for Foy's medical tests on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Victor Riddle – Victor is experiencing a lot of pain again. Please pray Victor's pain subsides.
- Donald Moore (Traci Kauffman's Dad) is in the hospital with kidney and bladder issues and the doctors are struggling to diagnose. Please pray for wisdom for doctors and healing for Donald.
- Amelia (Donna Malone's Granddaughter & Greg Verbosky's daughter) has Lyme disease and is receiving antibiotics but is having a slow recovery. Pray for continued healing.
- Julie Myers (requested by Doris Myers) is in Hershey Medical Center awaiting a liver transplant. Julie isn't doing well and Doris requested prayer for healing and that she can get a liver transplant, as well as prayers for the family as they go through this time.
- Tim Kurtz received a report that his cancer has spread to his abdomen and he is being placed on hospice. Please pray for Tim and Cheryl as they go through this.

### 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      \*Victor Riddle

### 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      \*Tim Kurtz      \*Warren Beck

### CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Pray for the salvation of our national, state, and local leaders. Pray that our nation will turn to Jesus Christ in repentance and hope. Pray that the church will be faithful in proclaiming the truth and living godly lives.

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

- Piscine de Bethesda Congregation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa and Pastor Kalenga Ramazani Paul
- Pleasant Hill Congregation in Blountville, TN and Pastor George Jones

### **Special Offering**

Witness Commission will have a special offering on July 9, 2023 for the Keefer family, who lost everything in a fire a few weeks ago. We will provide blue envelopes on that day for the special offering.

### **Widow and Widowers Luncheon**

Sunday  
July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
At Noon  
At Brenda  
Eisenhour's picnic  
pavilion

Please See Nancy  
Smith to RSVP



### **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

NEXT MEETING  
Saturday  
July 15<sup>th</sup>, 7am

@ Dover Valley Restaurant



### PASTOR GARY'S CRAZY, HAZY DAYS OF JULY.

July 10 – 16 – Vacation - Pastor Trevor Rosenberry will preach on July 16

July 20 – 22 – CBC Meeting and Worship Conference

July 24 – 30 – Vacation – Pastor Larry Dentler will preach on July 30

#### This week

#### Next Week

**Tuesday 7/11**

\*Commission Meeting @ 6 pm

\*Board Meeting @ 7 pm

**Saturday 7/15**

\*Men's Breakfast @ 7 am

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



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

### This Week's Birthdays!



- 5 – Ann Hammond
- 5 – Kale Stermer
- 7 – Anne Miles
- 13 – Larry Dentler

Bermudian Church 20 oz Double Walled Stainless-Steel Mugs are available for \$11 each

Bermudian Church Tote Bags are also available for \$2 each

Sign-up sheets are in the library.



# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Ron & Betty Engle



PR/AED/BASIC FIRST AID class will be offered on

Saturday, Sept 9th, 9 am-12 noon.

Class will be in The Gathering Place.

Sign up sheet will be available through mid-August. Any questions, please see Kathi Eisenhart.



## HOST CITY FOOD DRIVE



Pastor Gary, Dave Titzel, and Mark Lipsitz will be attending the CBC Annual Meeting & Worship Conference in Fairmont, WV from July 20<sup>th</sup>-July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The CBC Food Drive for the Union Rescue Mission runs thru July 16<sup>th</sup>. You may donate non-perishable food items. Please place your donations on the tables located in both the street-side entrance foyer and the library area.

If you would prefer you may give monetary funds by check. If you choose to do a check for the food drive, we ask that you make your checks Payable to Bermudian Church. Write CBC Food Drive on the memo line. Place your checks in your regular white offering envelopes. On the "Other Purposes" side of the envelope, please write CBC Food Drive. Otherwise, it will go towards the regular Mission Offering.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Lipsitz.

Thank you for your faithful and continued giving!



**Tell your friends and family about Vacation Bible School at Bermudian!!!**



**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!**



**Remember to start signing your kids up! July 30 – Aug 3**

### **Stellar VBS Adult Study – July 30 through August 3**

Pastor Gary will lead an adult study on the nights of VBS in the sanctuary. The topics will be the same as those that the children will be studying.

**Day 1 - Bible Point:** When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light!  
**Bible Story:** - Jesus comes as a baby to be king. (Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-2:12)

**Day 2 - Bible Point:** When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light!  
**Bible Story** - Jesus accepts Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1-9)

**Day 3 - Bible Point:** When good things happen, shine Jesus' light!  
**Bible Story** - Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king. (Luke 19:28-40)

**Day 4 - Bible Point:** When people are sad, shine Jesus' light!  
**Bible Story** - Jesus cares for his mother during his crucifixion. (John 19-20)

**Day 5 - Bible Point:** When people need help, shine Jesus' light!  
**Bible Story** - Philip helps the Ethiopian. (Acts 8:26-39)



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

at  
Bermudian Church  
279 Bermudian Church Road  
East Berlin, PA 17316

### **Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Ages 2 years - 12<sup>th</sup> grade  
plus Adult Bible Study

VBS Program: 6:15pm-8:45pm  
Simple Meal: 5:15pm- 6pm (Mon-Thurs)  
Adult Bible Study: 6:45pm-8:30pm (Sun-Wed)

For questions, please contact VBS Coordinator, Sue Mayle  
(717)-600-5017 or email: [JSMayle1198@gmail.com](mailto:JSMayle1198@gmail.com)

**Pre-registration not required but recommended 7/19/23**  
. Contact Bermudian Church at (717)-292-1861 to register  
Or email [bermudiansecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bermudiansecretary@gmail.com)