

# Bermudian Church

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

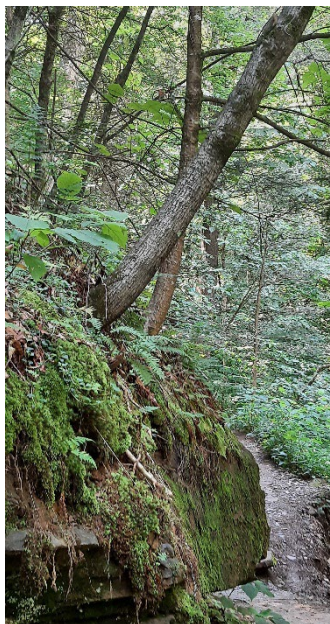
Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact



July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 #995

## Life Happens Even When Life is Rocky

Last week, while on vacation, we took some of our grandchildren to Ricketts Glen State Park, Benton PA. We walked down the Ganoga Glen trail and then back up. It was 1.2 miles one way, dropping 600 feet. There were 10 main waterfalls on this trail. The highest was 97' and the lowest was 11'. It was beautiful to see God's creation.



One of the things that always strikes me though along this trail full of rocks and many cliffs is that there is still much growth. Trees and bushes continue to grow. Roots grow on top of rocks and travel deep into them with no seeming dirt around. How do they survive? How do they live? Where do the nutrients come from? This Sunday we will be reminded that God is both the creator and sustainer of all life.

But as I look at those trees shooting out of the rock I am also reminded about our lives in the power of God's grace. In life we find ourselves surrounded by rocky situations. It would be very easy for us to give up and acquiesce to our challenging situations. But when we lean on God's power and his strength we are able to continue to live and thrive, not just survive. Many of the trees were old trees, growing strong and tall. This is the way we can live with the power of God in us. He gives us the life and strength we need. 2 Corinthians 12.9, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'"

And so, as we continue to live in rocky times, let us hold on to the strength and power of God. Let us gain our life from him. Let us stand tall and firm in the grace he gives us. Let us be a witness to his strength in all circumstances.

In Christ Alone

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

]July 20 – 22 – CBC Meeting and Worship Conference  
July 24 – 30 – Vacation – Pastor Larry Dentler will preach on July 30



### MISSION TRIP TO DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY



**AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2023**  
For more info – see Joel Stern

## Prayer & Praises



- Merv Good shared a praise – Thank God for the gift of rain and for the gift of healing.
- Pray for the CBC Delegates, Dave Titzel, Pastor Gary, and Mark Lipsitz as they travel to the CBC Conference – pray for traveling mercies, guidance, wisdom, and God’s protection.
- Praise for the generous response to the Keefer Family! Thank you for your generous donations.
- Gary Saive – Doris Myers requested prayer for Gary who was in the ER over the weekend and is waiting for blood test results.
- Victor Riddle – pray for pain relief for Victor.
- Miles Family – Jeff Miles Stepfather Leonard lost his life last evening in a motorcycle accident. Please pray for comfort and peace for the Miles family, Jeff, Jen and Jeff’s mom Ginny during this time.
- Foy Stambaugh – Terri requests prayer for Foy’s cancer diagnosis. Please pray for a treatment plan that will bring positive results.
- Martha (Nancy Smith’s Mom) Nancy requests prayer for her mom and their family. Martha fell Monday evening at her nursing home and broke her femur. They were told there isn’t anything they can do for her and the family is meeting with hospice.

### 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      \*Warren Beck

### CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

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

- Scalp Level Congregation in Windber, PA and Pastor Mark Murchie
- Shady Grove Congregation in Bruceton Mills, WV and Pastor Michael Bernard



**CBC FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION**  
from  
**Bermudian Church, East Berlin, PA**  
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• **Food & Toiletries Items: 208**  
• **Monetary Funds: \$875.00 (Check is being sent directly to Union Rescue Mission)**  
• **From Blessings & Stitches Ministry @ Bermudian Church:**  
**Prayer Shawls – 100**  
**Pocket Hug Knitted Hearts – 100**  
**Little Worry Worms – 83**  
**THANK YOU**

Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

**This week**

**Sunday 7/23**

\*9 am Come Worship!  
Enjoy your week!

**Next Week**

**Sunday 7/30**

\*9 am Come Worship!  
\*Vacation Bible School @ 6:15 pm  
\*VBS Adult Bible Study @ 6:15 pm

**Monday 7/31**

\*Vacation Bible School @ 6:15 pm  
\*VBS Adult Bible Study @ 6:15 pm

**Tuesday 8/1**

\*Vacation Bible School @ 6:15 pm  
\*VBS Adult Bible Study @ 6:15 pm

**Wednesday 8/2**

\*Vacation Bible School @ 6:15 pm  
\*VBS Adult Bible Study @ 6:15 pm

**Thursday 8/3**

\*Vacation Bible School @ 6:15 pm  
(last night - VBS kids program)



**Julie will be out of the office from July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**This Week's Birthdays!**

July

19 – Brenda Foltz  
22 – Evan Miles  
25 – Tammy Breighner  
25 – Kate Collins  
27 – Mark Lipsitz  
28 – Terry Wagner  
29 – Steve Harlacker



**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.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Randy & Barb Becker**

**Covenant Brethren**



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference begins July 20 – July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

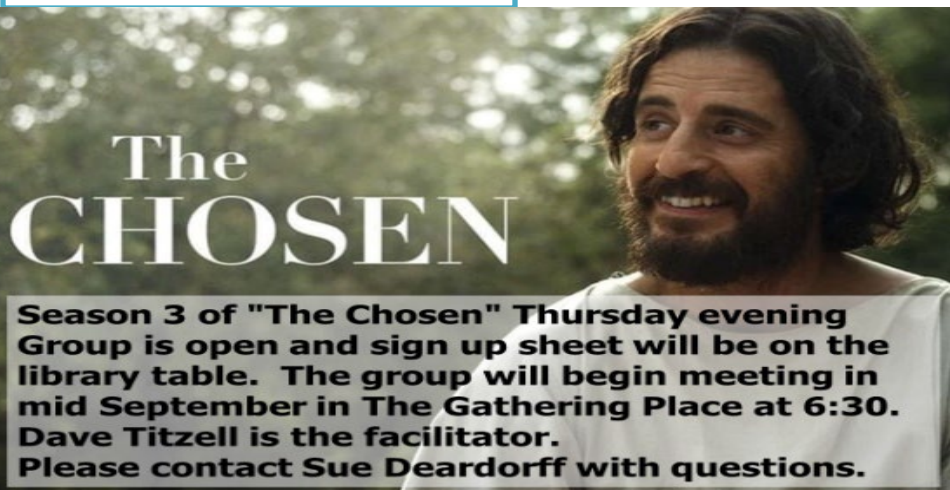
You can go to [covenantbrethren.org](http://covenantbrethren.org) to follow the conference live.

**JULY**



**PHONE TREE**

For the rest of this week, even when Pastor Gary and Mark Lipsitz are away at the CBC Meeting and Worship Conference, they can be reached for prayer requests to be put on the Phone Tree. If they are unable to answer, just leave a message. Starting **July 24 through July 30** while Pastor Gary and Julie Inch are on vacation, please call Mark Lipsitz with any prayer requests for the Phone Tree.



**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.



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



**July 30 – Aug 3**

Light Meal - 5:15 pm | VBS starts - 6:15 pm  
Adult Bible Study starts at 6:45 pm

**STELLAR**

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

Sign up here:

[BERMUDIANCHURCH.ORG/MINISTRIES/VBS-SIGN-UP](http://BERMUDIANCHURCH.ORG/MINISTRIES/VBS-SIGN-UP)

**VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL**

2023



**Stellar VBS Adult Study –  
July 30 through August 2**

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)

Join us August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Special Program by the VBS children!!

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Starting on July 30<sup>th</sup>, those who ordered tote bags or mugs may start picking them up. Cash (exact) or check made out to Bermudian Church will be accepted. \$2 for totes, \$11 for Mugs.



**Celebration of Communion  
August 6, 2023**

**BAPTISM**

**On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 after our  
regular service, we will have a  
baptism.**

**Please join us in this celebration!**