

# Bermudian Church

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

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact



August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 #996

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It would be an understatement to say that we are having a "stellar" time this week at Bible School. The organization and execution by Sue Mayle and all of the volunteers is fantastic. It has been great to see all of the children, youth, and adult participants. What a great outreach and opportunity to share the love, life, and "light" of Jesus with them all. That is the theme, "Shine Jesus' Light." Each day had a different emphasis:

- Day 1 When life feels dark, shine Jesus' light.
- Day 2 When people don't get along, shine Jesus' light.
- Day 3 When good things happen, shine Jesus' light.
- Day 4 When people are sad, shine Jesus' light.
- Day 5 When people need help, shine Jesus' light.



We have had a great time studying these in the Adult class. But since the last night will be a little different and therefore there will be no adult class on Day 5, Thursday night, I thought our devotion for this week would center on the theme of the last night, when people need help, shine Jesus' light. The key Bible verse that goes with this is from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, **Matthew 5.16**, "**Let your good deeds shine...so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.**"

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Bible Point: **When people need help, shine Jesus' light!**

Key Bible Verse:  
**"Let your good deeds shine...so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."** (Matthew 5:16)

Bible Story:  
**Philip helps the Ethiopian.** (Acts 8:26-39)

A pink comet character with a smiling face, arms, and legs, floating in space.

The Bible makes it very clear that we are not saved by doing good works or deeds. However, this does not mean that there is no place for good deeds in the life of Christ followers. Rather, we learn from many places that we are to do good deeds as a response of thanksgiving for the goodness that God has given to us in salvation. This verse from Matthew 5, provides for us the ultimate purpose and motivation for doing good deeds. It is not so we will feel good. It is not so that we will be praised. The help that we give the person in our good deed, although important is not the primary purpose. Instead, we do good deeds to help others so that they will praise God so that they will thank him so that they will come to have a relationship with him. If we help someone out of poverty, their life has been improved, but if they still don't know Jesus, what have they really gained?

Therefore, "when people need help, **shine Jesus' light,**" so that they will praise and give glory to God and be saved.

In Christ Alone

**TWO MORE DAYS!!!  
And VBS is over for  
another year!!  
Bring a friend, join us!**



## Prayer & Praises



- Please pray for the Beck family for comfort & peace. Warren passed away on Sunday morning.
- Continue to pray for VBS this week, for the leaders, teachers, , as well as all the kids.
- Sandy Harlacker is praising the Lord for a good report from her doctor on the most recent PET scan.
- Brenda Grim is asking for prayers for her cousin Julie and her husband as they received disappointing medical news.
- Charmaine Hoke is struggling to keep her diabetes numbers under control.
- Eileen Riddle for her fall outside of a restaurant. Pray for healing for her broken foot.
- Mary Wagner – Sue D. requested prayer as Mary fell and broke her hip and is not doing well. Pray for comfort for her and her husband.
- Please keep praying for Cheryl Kurtz.
- Donald Moore – Traci Kauffman requests prayer for her Dad, Donald for the results of his biopsy for bladder and kidney cancer.
- Merv Good shared a praise – Thank God for the gift of rain and for the gift of healing.
- 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.

### 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**

#### **MISSION TRIP TO DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY**



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

Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

**This week**

**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)

**Next Week**

**Sunday 8/6**

- \*9 am Come Worship!
- \*Celebration of Communion

**Monday 8/7**

- \*Newsletter Prep articles due by 10:30 am

**Tuesday 8/8**

- \*Newsletter Assembly & Mailing



**This Week's Birthdays!**

**August**

- 2 - Joe Martin
- 3 - Dorothy (Fluke) Shaffer
- 3 - Haley Sweitzer
- 4 - Roy Thompson
- 5 - Dave Julius
- 5 - Lee Sweitzer
- 8 - Makayla Good
- 9 - Pat Michael
- 13 - Jim Strasser



**Happy Anniversary**



**August**

- 5 - Merv & Tina Good
- 7 - John & Erica Dentler
- 23 - Terry & Trudy Wagner
- 23 - Chuck & Kim McCachren

**Celebration of Communion  
August 6, 2023**



**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.



THE LAST DAY TO SEND ITEMS IN  
TO BE PLACED IN THE  
AUGUST NEWSLETTER  
IS AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> BY 10:30 AM

**BAPTISM**

**On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 after our  
regular service, we will have a  
baptism.  
Please join us in this celebration!**

## 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.

### 1 MORE DAY OF VBS ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**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!!

On Sundays, 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.



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

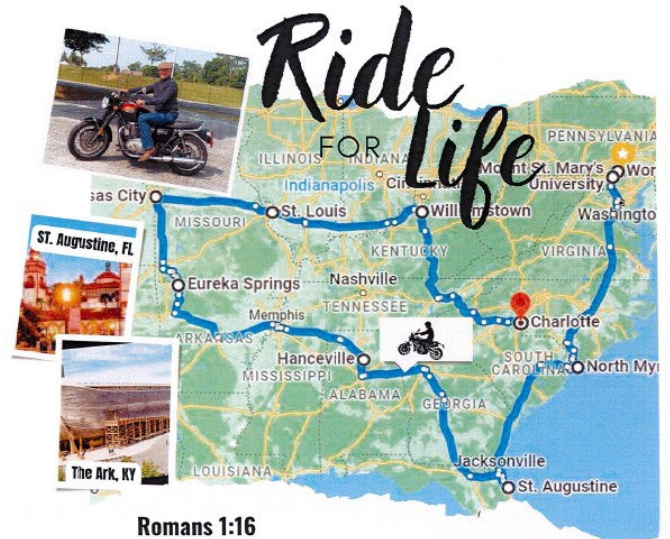
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**Saturday, Sept 9th**

**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.



**Romans 1:16**  
"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST."

A celebration of our Faith and commitment to Life.

**On the Road**  
with Tender Care  
**AUG 10-18, 2023**

**Goal \$25,000**



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FL St. Augustine, The Great Cross  
AL Shrine of Most Blessed Sacrament  
AR Christ of Ozarks Statue  
MO Kansas City, House of Prayer  
Cathedral Basilica St Louis  
KY The Ark  
NC Billy Graham Library

The Friends of  
**CROSS KEYS VILLAGE**  
The Brethren Home Community

**Saturday, August 12, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m. till Sold-Out**

We are counting on you to pre-order your drive-thru meal this year, using this form, or online at [www.crosskeysvillage.org/chicken](http://www.crosskeysvillage.org/chicken)

**Pre-ordering early will help** The Friends of Cross Keys Village determine the number of chicken dinners more accurately, reducing the risk of waste and the risk of disappointing latecomers.

Deadline to pre-order is Wednesday, **August 9**. Pre-ordered dinners need to be picked up by **1:00 p.m.** at the Nicarry Meetinghouse canopy on August 12.

**Each dinner includes 1/2 chicken, baked potato, roll and applesauce**  
**BBQ & Car Show-August 12**

**Mum Sale - orders 8/7 to 8/21 with pick up on 9/8.**



## Widow and Widowers Luncheon

**Sunday**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**At Noon**  
**At Dover Family Restaurant**

**Please See Nancy Smith to RSVP**

