

The Living Letter



Bermudian Church

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace and be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” Colossians 3:15-17

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

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact

August 7th, 2023

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship – In the Sanctuary
4yr to 4th grade “Sunday Friends” is now available.
Children will be dismissed prior to the start of Pastor Gary’s sermon.

10:00 am Coffee and social time in Shepherds’ Hall

10:20 am ***Sunday School for children**

***Youth will meet in their Youth room, located downstairs**

***Adult Sunday school class**

- One class in TGP
- One class in the Sanctuary

***About Life Class group will meet in the room off of Shepherd’s Hall**

† The nursery is staffed during our worship service

† Live streaming of our Worship Service is available, on YouTube. It also stays posted there and on our website. Please remember to “like” and “subscribe” and you will be notified each time we post a new video.



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BAPTISM

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

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
August 20th, 2023
At Noon
At Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP

Mission Offering

AUGUST OFFERING

CHAPTER 2
 1 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been laid down, and with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.
 2 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no rain; and thou hast a barren land, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms, and with thy wickedness.
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 4 Will thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, as thou hast cried from the time that thou wast born? Behold, I will be a Father to the fatherless, and will be a merciful Father to the widow, saith the Lord.
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COVENANT BROTHERS CHURCH

INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
IMO Missions Educational Program For Rwanda & Congo

CARNIVAL
 September 23rd, 2023
 Faith & Fun Carnival –
 Hosted by Bermudian Church
 11 am – 2pm
 games | free food | facepainting
 Fun for the whole family and all ages

Donations of cookies are needed for the carnival.

They do not need to be homemade. They may be store-bought cookies. Cookies should be brought to church on Sunday, September 17th, or anytime that week. They are needed for the carnival on Saturday, September 23.

Hope for the Future
 Education Sponsorship

The children of our sister CBC churches in the Congo and Rwanda must pay to attend school.

This financial burden puts these children at risk of not receiving the education they need to thrive. Some live in active war zones and school provides a haven and respite.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Dental Work, Life Saving Surgeries and Medical Supplies for the people of Nigeria!!!

Bring a Smile to Someone



\$25 will help cover approximate cost for one dental surgery during our next mission in Nigeria.

Youth Night and Bible Study
 All Youth 6th grade and above are invited...

YOUTH

4th Sunday each month beginning in September
 6-8 pm in The Gathering Place

Dear Bermudian Church Family,
 Thank you so much for your care and support following the death of Jeff's Stepfather, Leonard. The texts, cards, visits and concern helped to give us comfort and God's peace. Sincerely,
 Jeff, Jenny, Evan and Anne Miles

thank you so much

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.

If you haven't signed up for the CPR class yet, please reconsider. If someone collapses near you, in church or at home, you will at least be aware of actions you can take which could save a life.

Even if you think you can't physically do CPR, come and learn WHAT to do.

Who knows, with God and adrenaline, you can do GREAT things!

MISSION TRIP TO DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY



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



I want to thank everyone and let you all know how appreciative I am to have such a wonderful church family. It was such a blessing to receive cards, food etc. and help with my daughter's service. Thank you so much for all you did for me.

Kathy McWilliams

Thanks to everyone who donated jars for VBS. We made constellation lights to "shine Jesus' light"!
Kathleen Eisenhart



THANK
YOU
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I want to thank everyone for all of my birthday cards! I am truly blessed with a wonderful church family!!!

Joyce Wagaman



Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

1. Do not come to church as the world comes expecting to be entertained.
2. Arrive early for church services.
3. Realize that you are being protected by a higher authority.
4. Be glad and joyous that you are wherever you are.
5. Tithe – it's not only a commandment of obedience and love, but it's all God's money anyhow.
6. Smile and shake hands, hug each other, act as though you are related because you really are, as brothers and sisters in Christ.
7. Be **Hungry** for God's Word.
8. Always bring a Bible, a notepad and a pen.
9. Pray, love and support your pastor and his family.
10. Love, support and help the members and the attendees of the body of this church at any hour
11. Let us as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ be **unified** in all we do.
12. Finally, let us love on another!

Victor Riddle

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Examining Yourself

The other, day on the way to work I was listening to the late Dr. R. C. Sproul on the program Renewing Your Mind. He was going through a teaching series on the foundation of Philosophy. On this day he was giving some history of the thought of Socrates (470 – 399 BC). Sproul reminded us of one of Socrates' famous quotes which is, "The unexamined life, for a human, is not worth living." What Socrates was trying to get



people to do was to think more critically about their lives. He was trying to get them to examine their thinking and to not simply accept ideas because they were in vogue or popular or a part of a long-standing tradition. He wanted them to challenge assumptions passed down from generation to generation. One person wrote, **"those people just get up every day, go to work and go to sleep, keep repeating these and never wonder what is the meaning of their life. On the other hand, the examined life is that people are always searching for reasons, they know who they are, and they know who they want to be and**

keep working hard, try to improve themselves."

The New Testament has a similar sentiment, but the life being talked about is our spiritual life in Christ which leads to eternal life. **2 Corinthians 13.5 "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!"** Another way of saying it is in the Message paraphrase, **"Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out."**

Paul is instructing us in this letter that we need to be people who are continually examining our lives to make sure that we are truly in the faith. The examination is rooted in observing our own thoughts, ideas, opinions, words and actions. If Jesus is really in us it will be evident by how we live. If he is in us we will live like him. And when we see this it will prove that we are truly a part of the faith and Jesus lives in us. If we don't see this type of life, then we are not in the faith and Jesus is not in us.

And so we daily must examine our lives and to determine if we pass the test. Paul wrote in **Ephesians 4.1, "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."**

Let us examine our lives.

In Christ Alone

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- † Thursday 9-12
- † Friday 9-12

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