

Bermudian Church

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

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact



August 16th, 2023 #998

The Family of God

This past Sunday at 4:30 AM our daughter Melissa gave birth to Aiden Wyatt who was born about a month early weighing in at 4 pounds 11 ounces and 18 inches long. He was early, but healthy. It is a joy to celebrate another addition to the family. He is our twelfth grandchild. As you know family is so important.



As I pondered this I was reminded that the church is a family also. In 1 Timothy 3.15 Paul called the church “God’s household. **1 Timothy 3.14-15, “Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.”**

We are the family of God in two aspects. First, when we become Christ followers we are a part of the universal family of God. This is often referred to as the invisible church. Therefore, we are connected to every Christ follower around the world as brothers and sisters in Christ.

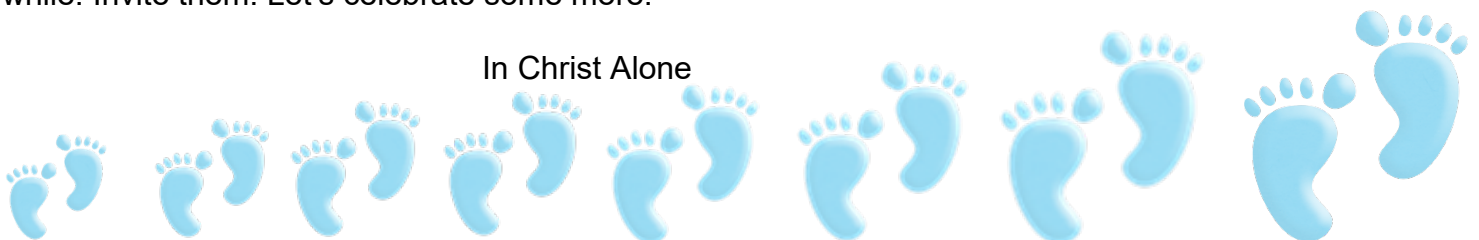
But secondly, as Christ followers, we are to become a part of a local church family. This local body is the place where we study, use our gifts, talents and skills together. It is where we gain support and encouragement from one another, as well as give these to others.

When individuals join the invisible church family there is to be much celebration like that of the birth of a newborn like Aiden. Jesus said in **Luke 15.10, “There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** What a joy it is to see people of any age repent and come into relationship with God through faith in Christ.

When individuals join the local church family, like the Bermudian Church family, we also rejoice and celebrate. Two Sundays this summer we have had the joy of celebrating with many their commitment, recommitment, baptism, and joining our family. And there are two more to come in the next couple of weeks.

But let’s not let the celebrating end. We are called to reach out to others “enabling every person to experience Christ in transforming ways.” One of the ways we will be trying to do this is through **“Back to Church Sunday,” on September 17.** We are asking everyone to invite someone who does not go to another church to come with you. Maybe they never have gone to church, or they have not gone in a while. Invite them. Let’s celebrate some more.

In Christ Alone



Prayer & Praises



- Myers/Boyer Families – Doris Myers dear friend Julie Myers passed away Saturday. Please pray for God's comfort for the Myers/Boyer Families.
- IMO – Bola and Aimee – both in hospital with burns after propane tanks exploded in their home in Nigeria.
- Foy Stambaugh – Rick Shearer asked for prayer as Foy is feeling the side effects of his radiation treatments.
- Donald Moore – Traci Kauffman said that her Dad's cancer has spread to his lungs. Pray as they make decisions about getting treatment or not.
- Mark Lipsitz – Heart Cath procedure Thursday morning at 9 am, please be praying for Mark.
- Pray for the aftermath of the Maui fires.
- Butch Warren – pray for upcoming testing and treatments.
- Emily Lipsitz shared praise that VBS raised almost \$4,000 for Jessica & Friends.

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

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

"...not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." **2 Peter 3:9 NIV**

The Lord's arms are open wide! Salvation through the shed blood of Christ is available to all! Who in your family, workplace, school, community, circle of business acquaintances ... seems far from the Lord? Lost! Pray for the Word of the Lord to find, touch and draw these dear ones to Jesus! Pray for the lost whom you know.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- St. Luke Congregation in Woodstock, VA and Pastor Shawn Graber
- Sunnybrook Congregation in Bristol, TN and Pastor Michael Reece



Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Sunday 8/20

*Come Worship! @ 9 am

*Widows & Widowers Luncheon @ 12 pm

Thursday 8/24

*Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am

Next Week

Sunday 8/27

*9 am Come Worship!

Thursday 8/31

*Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am due to Labor Day



Widow and Widowers Luncheon

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

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Those who ordered mugs or totes can pick them up after worship in the library. \$11 for mugs, \$2 for totes. Cash (exact) or Check made payable to Bermudian Church.



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.

This Week's Birthdays!

August

16 - Addison Verbosky

17 - Dillon Yost

21 - Joyce See

22 - Carolyn Stump

22 - Kim Shearer

25 - Glenn Julius

26 - Pat Miller

26 - Susan Smeltzer

28 - Janet Deardorff



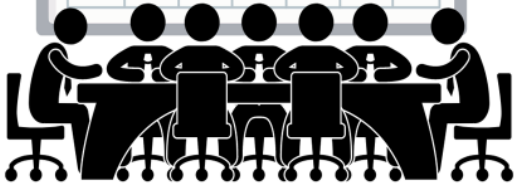
PR/AED/BASIC FIRST AID class will be offered on Saturday, Sept 9th, 9 am-12 noon.

Class will be in The Gathering Place.



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

Commission Meeting at 6 Pm
Board Meeting at 7 Pm
SEPTEMBER 12TH



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



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

**MISSION TRIP TO
DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY**



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

**Starting Again – Wednesday
– September 13th – All the
ladies are invited to attend
at 9 am in Shepherd's Hall**

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

Starting September 13th
Wednesdays

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Romans

Ladies Choir

Attention All Ladies

If you enjoy singing, consider
joining Ladies Choir.

New voices are welcome!

Our starting practice will be Wednesday
evening, September 13 at 7:45. See
Betty Engle if you have questions



Pre-order Only!

Orders are Due by **Wednesday, August 23.**

- Please complete the attached order form and return with your payment (cash or check) to Karen Norris, 1670 Shoemaker Drive, via campus mail. Questions can be addressed to Karen at (717) 624-5239.
- Please make checks out to “Friends of CKV.”

Pickup your mums on Friday, September 8
from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Ensemble Room.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Date: _____

I need my order delivered to my campus residence

Mums come in a 9-inch pot. The price per pot is \$10.00.

Choose your color(s) and indicate the number of pots ordered below:

 # pots
RED mums _____

 # pots
YELLOW mums _____

 # pots **PURPLE/
LAVENDER** mums _____

 # pots **BRONZE/
ORANGE** mums _____

TOTAL POTS ORDERED _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

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their projects benefiting residents and team members.*