

Bermudian Church

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

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact



August 23rd, 2023 #999

The Power of Water

From a young age, I have been impressed with the power of water. I had family who lived outside of Buffalo and therefore were only about 20 minutes from Niagara Falls. Although the



woman in the picture could be one of my sisters, it is not, however, we all stood where she is standing on many occasions. As you stand there watching the water go over the edge it is amazing. This of course is a positive picture.

This past week we have seen some horrific pictures from California and Nevada of the dangerous power of water as the residents there sought to survive the major flooding caused by Hurricane Hilary. How the water just moves anything in its way, taking it with it or simply destroying it, is amazing and very scary.

Water can erode roads, bridges, tear down houses and other buildings, create mudslides, and much more damage.

There is another water though, a spiritual water that is even more powerful. That water is the Living Water of the Holy Spirit. **John 4.13-14, “Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”** And then, **John 8.37-39, “Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” By this, he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.”** Everyone who in faith believes in Jesus is saved and receives this living water, the Holy Spirit. Receiving means that He lives in us. The Holy Spirit is God. Therefore, we have the power of God living in us at all times. With the power of God at our disposal at all times there are all kinds of amazing things we can do. The reason we don't do many of things is because we do not always completely surrender to him as the master of our lives and we continue to allow our selfish, sinful nature to get in the way.

The joy is because we do have this living water, we also have eternal life. This means that although we still struggle in this life with sin, we know that when Christ comes again we will be changed into a new life and will live with God and all Christ followers forever. That is truly powerful.

In Christ Alone

Prayer & Praises



- Pat Miller – Joanne Miller requested prayer for Pat who fell on Thursday. Pray for speedy recovery.
- Wayne Miller – Joanne Miller requested prayer for Wanye who fell Saturday and now has a bump on his head.
- Harold Breneman's sister passed away this week.
- Fern King – Lois Breneman's sister-in-law is struggling with her cancer, please pray.
- Metzger and McCurdy Families – Julie Metzger (Brenda Grim's cousin) passed away Saturday.
- Mark Lipsitz as he recovers from his heart cath procedure.
- **Nancy Smith – fell and needs a CT Scan this afternoon – please pray for her.**
- 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.

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

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." **1 Peter 3:15-16 NIV**

YOU are called to evangelism! Maybe you aren't a preacher or teacher, but by your life ... every single day ... you are to be a witness to Christ. If an unchurched person asks you for prayer, or asks about your faith, are you ready to give a gentle, respectful answer? Pray for yourself that the Lord might give you witness opportunities and the courage and right ways to respond.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- Sunnyside Congregation in New Creek, WV and Pastor Randy Shoemaker
- Tearcoat Congregation in Augusta, WV and Pastor Thomas Rowan

On September 17, invite someone to come to church who has never come to this or any church, who used to come but stopped coming, who moved into the area, who is looking for a church, who hasn't come in a long while. Even if you have asked them 20 times to come, try again!

(Don't steal sheep!) 



Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Thursday 8/24

*Prayer Shawl Ministry 10 am

Sunday 8/27

*Come Worship! @ 9 am

Wednesday 8/30

*Julie is out of office

Thursday 8/31

*Newsletter Deadline @ 10:30 am

Next Week

Sunday 9/3

*9 am Come Worship!

Monday 9/4

*Labor Day

Tuesday 9/5

*Newsletter Assembly @ 7 pm



Newsletter
THE LAST DAY TO SEND ITEMS IN
TO BE PLACED IN THE
SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER
IS AUGUST 31ST BY 10:30 AM

**HAPPY 102
GLENN**



This Week's Birthdays!

August

25 – Glenn Julius --- Happy 102!

26 – Pat Miller

26 – Susan Smeltzer

28 – Janet Deardorff



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*

Next Meeting

**Thursday, August 24th, 2023
10 am – 2 pm**



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.

Happy Anniversary



August

27 – Chuck & Kim McCachren

28 – Ken & Liz Warren

30 – John & Mary Fisher

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



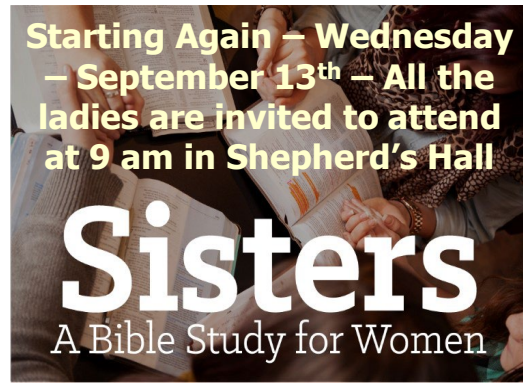
**Donations of
New Sweatshirts
and
New Blankets for
Fruitbelt Farm Workers
will be accepted until
September 17th in Library**



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

Sisters

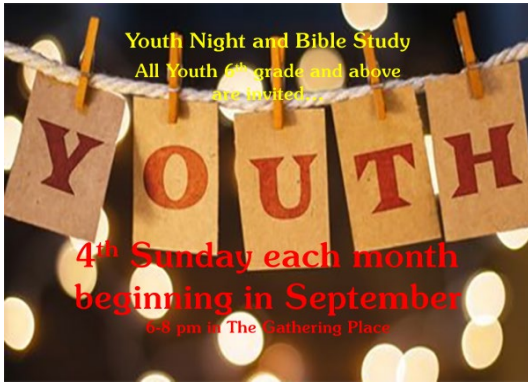
A Bible Study for Women




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



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



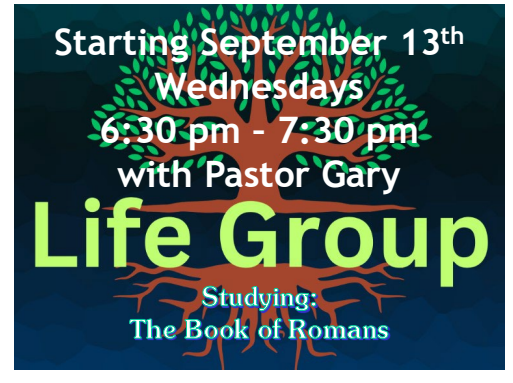
CPR

Any questions, please see Kathi Eisenhart.

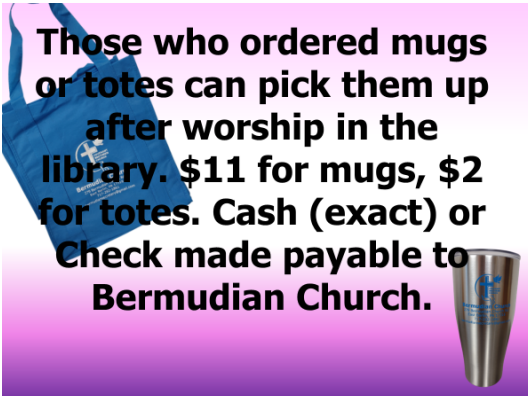
Starting September 13th
Wednesdays
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Romans



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.



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



**MISSION TRIP TO
DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY**



AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2023
Pray for those going on this mission trip!

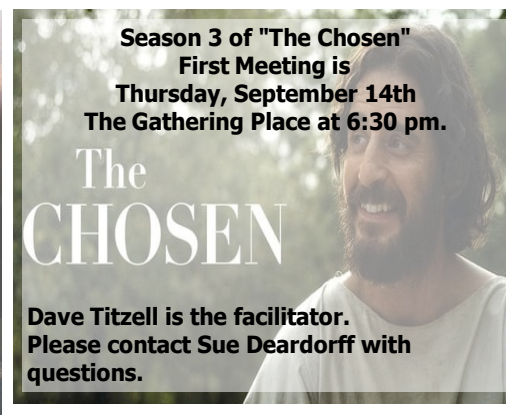
**Donations of
New Sweatshirts
and
New Blankets for
Fruitbelt Farm Workers
will be accepted until
September 17th in Library**



Season 3 of "The Chosen"
First Meeting is
Thursday, September 14th
The Gathering Place at 6:30 pm.

The CHOSEN

Dave Titzell is the facilitator.
Please contact Sue Deardorff with questions.



**Julie will be out of the office on
Wednesday, August 30th
and Wednesday,
September 6th**

**Pastor Gary
will be out of the office from
August 27th – September 2nd
on the mission trip to
Kentucky.**

While Pastor Gary is in Kentucky – From August 27 to September 2, Pastor Gary, Kerry Kaufman, Ray Hunt, and Jeff Mayle, will be serving in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. They are being joined by friends of Pastor Gary and some of you, Steve and Carla Green.

The pulpit will be filled on August 27 by Rev. Frank Frischkorn, a friend of Pastor Gary. On September 3, Pastor Trevor Rosenberry will be the preacher. If you have any pastoral needs during the week, please call one of the Deacons.