

Bermudian Church

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

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September 6th, 2023 #1,001

Chills in 95° Weather

Is it possible to get the chills in 95-degree weather? On Monday I got the chills or maybe more accurately “goosebumps.” As you may have noticed, goosebumps tend to form when you’re cold. They also form when you experience a strong emotional feeling, such as extreme fear, sadness, joy, and may also occur during times of physical exertion. The reason they occurred on Monday was not because I was cold outside in 95-degree weather, but because of joy, excitement, and continued awe. Over the past several years Linda and I have gotten more into watching rodeos on TV and also at the Wellsville arena on Frontier



Days on Memorial Day and Labor Day. What continues to amaze us is that each rodeo begins with a prayer. This prayer is not to a nebulous higher power or a generic God but to God almighty in the name of Jesus Christ. The prayer this past weekend was prefaced by the reminder that we have freedom of religion. In the prayer, the prayer gave thanks to God for many things including the salvation that we have through Jesus the Christ. The prayer reminded us that we all need a Savior. I can only imagine that not everyone in that arena was a Christ follower, however, reverence and respect were given to that moment by all.

For how long that will be allowed, only God and the cowboys and cowgirls of America know, but it was a reminder that we must continue to live out our faith in the way the Bible instructs us. Slowly, or maybe not so slowly, our freedom of religion is eroding. Yet we must continue to do the will of God and be the Christ followers we are called to be. The early church experienced little religious freedom. In Acts 4.19-20 we read Peter’s response when he was told to stop preaching about Christ. **“Judge for**

yourself whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

When we encounter opposition and restrictions on the free exercise of our religion, let us seek God’s wisdom and leading in how to proceed to follow this will.

In Christ Alone

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!)



Prayer & Praises



- Tammy Breighner asks for prayers for her son Dakota and family as they go through a very challenging time.
- Liz Lipsitz requested prayer for 2 families in their neighborhood. One gentleman passed away, pray for comfort and peace for the family. Another gentleman fell pray for the families as they make arrangements for these situations.
- Mark Lipsitz requests prayer for Pastor Larry Dentler for recovery from Covid.
- Emily Lipsitz requests prayer for good weather on Saturday for her horse show.
- Sue Deardorff requests prayer for Judy Jarvis, pray for God's courage and for her to feel the love of Jesus holding her.
- Butch Warren – is awaiting an appointment with an oncologist, as a 4 inch mass was found on his colon.
- Debbie Zipfel requested prayer for her friend Anna and her son as they are making decisions about Anna's future living arrangements and care.
- Joyce Altland – Doris Myers requested prayer for healing for Joyce as she recovers from heart valve surgery performed Tuesday.
- Mark Younker & Wife Beth are in the process of a stem cell transplant and will be in quarantine for the next two weeks at John Hopkins requested by Sue Deardorff

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

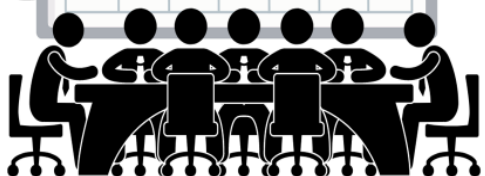
*Julia McCartney *Greg & Sandy George *Butch Warren's brother *Chris Betts (Smeltzer friend)
*Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family) *Carolyn Kimmel *Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip *Tom Kimmel
*Bob (Ron Engle, friend) *Sandy Harlacker *Ellie Basko *Mark Yonker
*Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother) *Jean Beck

CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- West Goshen congregation in Goshen, IN and Interim Pastor Joel DeSelm
- White Branch Congregation in Hagerstown, IN and Pastor Brian Mackie

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



Important Dates and INFORMATION

This week

Saturday 9/9

*CPR/First Aid Class at 9 am

Next Week

Sunday 9/10

*9 am Come Worship!

Tuesday 9/12

*Commissions Meeting @ 6 pm

*Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Wednesday 9/13

*Sisters Bible Study @ 9 am

*Life Group @ 6:30 pm

*Ladies Choir @ 7:45 pm

Ladies Choir

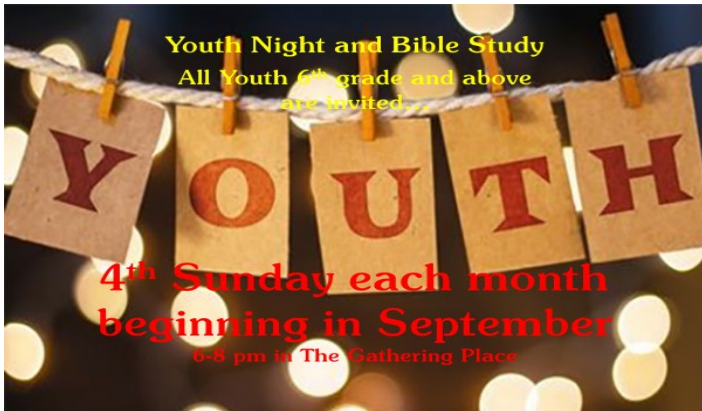
Attention All Ladies

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

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

= This Week's Birthdays!

6 – Lois Breneman

6 – Joel Miller

10 – Fred Shulz

11 – Alyssa Mrakovich



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



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

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

Life Group

Studying:
The Book of Romans

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.

Happy Anniversary

7 – Melvin & Pat Lehr

12 – Kerry & Traci Kauffman



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
NEXT MEETING
Saturday
September 16th, 7 am
@ Dover Valley Restaurant



REVIVAL
October 15th – 18th, 2023
Dr. Peter Teague



**CAMP EDER
FALL FESTIVAL**
October 21st, 2023
914 Mount Hope Rd Fairfield, PA 17320

10AM-4PM

KIDS GAMES AND ACTIVITIES LIVE MUSIC AUCTION LIVE CRAFT & SKILL DEMOS ALL DAY



*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*
Next Meeting
Thursday, September 28th, 2023
10 am – 2 pm



Widow and Widowers Luncheon
Sunday
September 17th, 2023
At Noon
At Dover Valley
Restaurant
Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP

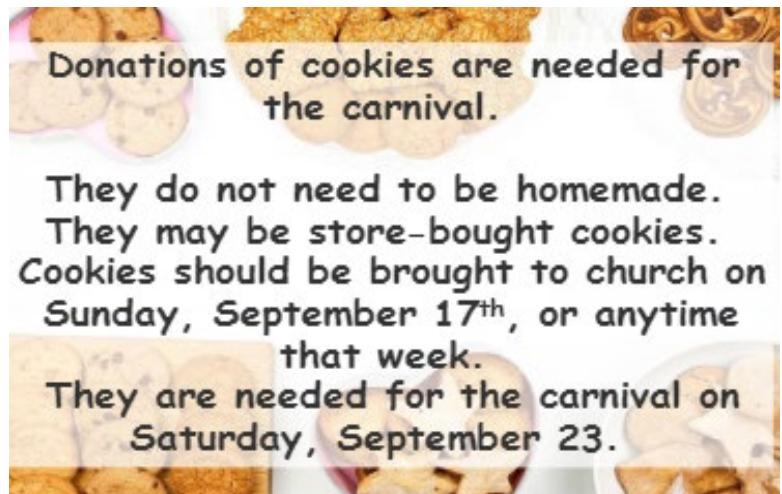
Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us. We definitely feel like we are under attack!!

We purchased a vehicle on Thursday evening, and it blew a transmission line off on 83 less than 20 miles driven from pick up on Friday morning on my way to take my daughter to work.

My husband saw Steve and Becky on Saturday evening and Heather and I were on our way back from a rabbit show in New Jersey and Becky was asking about us and saying she was hoping to see us. When we learned Sunday afternoon that he was gone when Becky called to tell us – that was tough

The blows keep coming when on Monday when we got home, we discovered the AC unit is not cooling properly and we still haven't resolved that – so the heat can leave!

On a positive note – Heather passed her test today – so pray for my insurance and for her when she eventually starts driving on her own – I'm not ready to set her free in this vehicle yet lol!
Julie Inch



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.