

Bermudian Church  
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A Study on the *"Joy Filled Life"* ...

# 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

January 9, 2023

### SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

**9:00 am** Worship – In the Sanctuary  
**4yr to 4<sup>th</sup> 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

\***LIFE 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, and then posted to YouTube. Please remember to “like” and “subscribe” and you will be notified each time we post a new video.



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#### Pastor Gary - Office Hours

- † Monday 9-12
- † Tuesday 9-12
- † Wednesday 9-12
- † Thursday 9-12
- † Friday 9-12

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#### Ashley

Mon 1/9 8:30-2:30  
Wed 1/11 1pm - 3:30  
Fri 1/13 to 16<sup>th</sup> off

Wed 1/18 1pm - 3:30  
Fri 1/20 8:30 – 1

Mon 1/23 8:30 - 2  
Wed 1/24 1p - 3:30  
Fri 1/27 8:30 - 2:30

### Mission Offering **January 2023 – Souper Bowl of Caring**

Thank you to all who have been faithfully sending in your tithes and offerings! We welcome you to join us Sunday mornings at 9am in the sanctuary or you may continue to follow us on YouTube. Our Stewards continue to make a weekly deposit of offerings that are mailed in. Thank you!



## INTO THE WORD...OUT TO THE WORLD

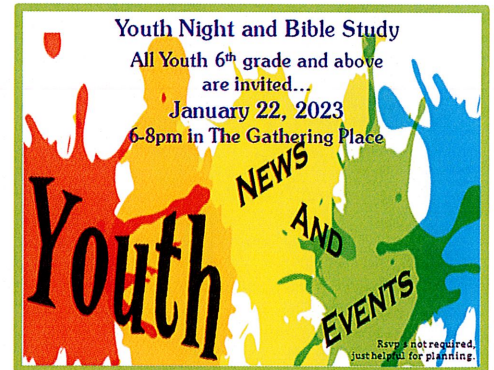
As you will notice in a variety of our publications and in several places throughout the church building our theme or emphasis for 2023 is "Into the Word and out to the world." This is not just a catchy phrase but it is in fact our mandate as Christ followers. This mandate is found in Jesus' last words on earth before ascending into heaven. These words are often called the Great Commission.

**Matthew 28.18-20** "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

In these verses Jesus described what a disciple is to do. A disciple, which is defined as a follower, a learner, is to study and learn and then apply the teachings of Jesus to their lives. We are to get "into the Word." But as one author once said, we are not only to get into the Word but we are to let the Word get into us. We are to study what the Word of God says. We are to study what the Word of God meant to the people to whom it was written. We are then to take those principles and teachings and determine what they mean to us today. We are then to apply them to our lives and obey everything Jesus has commanded us.

With Jesus' teachings then as our foundation, we are to go "out to the world." We go out to the world to love the people in the world and treat them the way Christ does and would. We are to go out to the world to make them disciples, fellow Christ followers. We do that by sharing with them the gracious and merciful work of God through the death and resurrection of Christ. We then help them get into the Word. We help them study and learn and then apply the Word to their lives of obedience. This then will lead them to go out to the world and make disciples of others. Did you notice the circle? We are disciples making disciples who will make disciples, who will make disciples and on and on it goes.

And so, as we begin this new year, let us pledge ourselves to find any and all ways we can to get into the Word and then move out to the world, so that more and more people will become disciples of Jesus the Christ.



## A Message From The Church Board Chair

As we begin a new year on the Church Board I would like to personally thank Mark Lipsitz and Butch Warren for their faithful and dedicated service to the Board and the Bermudian Church family over the past many years. It has been a blessing and a pleasure for me to have been able to work with both of you for the past four years and commend you and thank you for a job very well done.

I would also like to welcome our two newest members to the Church Board. Brett Miller, who will be serving on the Witness Commission, and Tom Zipfel, who will be serving on the Stewards Commission. I know you both will do a great job. I look forward to working with you both as the Board continues doing the work of the Church our Heavenly Father leads and directs us in doing all for His glory.

Blessings in Christs' love,  
Bob Meck

**2023 Board Members**

<b>Board Chair</b> Bob Meck	<b>Nurture Commission</b> Dorothy Kauffman Joyce See Nancy Smith
<b>Christian Ed</b> Karen Peters Sue Deardorff Harold Breneman	<b>Witness Commission</b> Kathi Eisenhart Donna Malone Brett Miller
<b>Stewards Commission</b> Randy Becker Ron See Tom Zipfel	<b>Leadership &amp; Personnel Committee</b> Barb Becker Deb Zipfel Lois Brenema
<b>Auditors</b> Barb Stern Brenda Replogle	



## WOMEN'S Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship met on January 3, 2023. Eight (8) ladies were in attendance.

Sandy Billett led us in devotions.

Membership drive is underway for Cross Keys Village. Please see Barb Stern for further details.

The Christmas Bazaar held on December 3, 2022 in East Berlin was very successful. Profit was \$923.00. The monies received from the bazaar will be used for ministry needs by the Ladies Fellowship during the coming year. Thank you to everyone who helped at the bazaar and to those who donated cookies and craft items. We could not do it without all your help.

The Ladies Fellowship Christmas party was held on December 6, 2022 at Hoss's in Hanover. 25 ladies attended and a good time was had by all in attendance.

We continue to make mats for the homeless. Mary Stover crochets and Doris Myers delivers the mats. New Hope Ministries is currently the recipient of the mats. Please see anyone in Ladies Fellowship if you would like to help with this mission project.

**Sisters Bible Study begins Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in The Gathering Place.** All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

We donated \$200.00 to the Intersections Cafe for help in buying juices and chocolate milk for the cafe held on Sunday mornings.

A **baby shower will be held at our meeting on April 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** All ladies of the church are invited. All items collected will be given to Tender Care. Sue Deardorff is planning the shower and more information will be available closer to the date.

**Next meeting date: February 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**



Joanne Miller would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and text messages during her recent shoulder surgery. She is so grateful that the rotator cuff was not torn and will have a shorter recovery time. God is Good!



CROSS KEYS VILLAGE  
The Brethren Home Community

## Become a Friend in 2023!

(See Barb Stern with any questions)

**The purpose of the Friends of Cross Keys Village** is to benefit the lives of residents and team members of Cross Keys Village—the Brethren Home Community. To accomplish this objective, funds are raised through an Annual Membership Drive, donations, shopping cards, and various fundraising events throughout the year. Membership in the Friends of Cross Keys Village is open to all residents and friends of Cross Keys Village.

Funds raised by the Friends are principally used to support:

- **The Good Samaritan Fund**, assisting residents whose finances are exhausted
  - **The Brethren Home Educational Assistance Program (BHEAP)**, offering support to our team members who wish to further their education.
  - **The Professional Artist Series**, bringing professional entertainment to our campus for the enjoyment of villagers and neighbors from the greater community
- Please become a Friend or renew your membership today.**

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