



## It's Never Too Late!

His name was Doug. He was in his mid-fifties. One day he was sitting in church and looked up at the drum set that had been on the stage unused for about one year because the small church's praise band could not find a drummer to replace the one who had moved away. Doug had never played the drums before or any instrument for that matter. But as he looked at those drums he thought, "I can do that." He started to take drum lessons and within six months he became the drummer for the praise band. He continued his lessons, working on his craft and continued to be an amazing drummer for the glory of God. Doug attends Colonial Park Community Baptist Church where I had served most recently.



His name is Colin. He had always wanted to play the drums, but had only spent time playing around with them. Recently, Cody, our current drummer was on an extended absence due to work. We had always said that it would be nice to have someone who could fill in for him when he cannot be at worship. Colin came back from Christmas vacation and shared a video of him playing the drums while he was away at a relative's home. We quickly put him behind the drum set and he did an amazing job playing for worship for the first time, ever, this past Sunday. He has agreed to give it a try on other Sunday's when Cody cannot be with us, like this coming Sunday.

Both of these similar illustrations are examples of the phrase in the picture, "it's never too late to start something new." However, I would like to add a phrase, "...because nothing is impossible with God." Age is not a stumbling block to God. When he wants to use us, it does not matter how old we are or even how young we are. Moses was 80 when God called him to deliver the people out of slavery from Egypt. Abraham was 100 when Isaac was born which was the beginning of Abraham being the father of a great nation. I know Moses lived to be 120 and Abraham to 175, but in comparison they were getting up there when they started something new for God. Both of these new things could have only happened though, because of the power of God.

God has things for each of us to do for his glory and for his kingdom and it's expansion. Maybe you're not called to play the drums, but maybe there is something else that God has been laying on your heart that you think you could do for God, but have been hesitant, even afraid to try. Seek God's courage and his strength and then try it. As the commercial said, "You might like it."

# Prayer & Praises



- Bob Meck requested prayer for Richard Stober. Richard has entered into hospice care in his home in Hershey.
- Joanne Miller's update on her sister – keep praying, her sister Linda Whiteford is in Lancaster hospital with congestive heart failure. Scans reveal metastasis of lung mass to brain, bone and liver. Biopsy was done Monday to determine type of cancer and treatment approach.
- Thank you for praying the Lipsitz family through Covid!
- Pray for Emily Lipsitz as she is going for a second opinion on her thyroid.
- Bob Meck requested prayer for Bob Shambaugh (a very close friend) who has been diagnosed with liver cancer. He starts chemo this week and is currently in West Shore Hospital.
- Kathy McWilliams surgery went well on Friday. They drained a fair amount of fluid and inserted a draining tube. Pray for continued healing.
- Please pray for Joel Miller's cousin Pam Yohe. Her husband Glen was gored by a bull and passed away. Please pray for comfort and peace for the family and Pam.
- Joe Martin requested prayers for the family of a friend of his, Steve Wentz. Steve Wentz passed away unexpectedly, so please pray for the family and friends of Steve Wentz.
- Please pray for Ginny Stiffler as she is dealing now with thrush in her mouth.
- Please pray for Karen Peters to recover quickly from Covid.
- Pray for Michele and Thomas Buckley who are friends of Bill & Trish O'Bryan. Thomas has prostate cancer. He will be having tests today to see if the cancer has spread further than his prostate. He is also having surgery at the end of January to remove his prostate.
- Pray for Bill O'Bryan who has been suffering with migraines which are worse when it snows or rains and they are currently switching his meds around trying to find something to give him relief.
- Merv Good requested prayer for the Good Family to recover from the flu.
- Brett & Pam Miller shared praise last Sunday that Sutton was born on January 4<sup>th</sup> to Kayla & Ben. And now they have a praise that they are going to be grandparents again. Larissa & Dan are expecting a baby in July.

## Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| *Kathy McWilliams               | *Sarah Sabold (Smeltzer) | *Ken Warren     | *Mary Fisher    |
| *Alyssa Leakway                 | *Gloria Gerber           | *Missy Braden   | *Bryce Baublitz |
| *Julie Waggoner                 | *Bill Barley             | *Brandon Little | *Derek Meck     |
| *Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson) | *Ruth Cook               | *Victor Riddle  | *Mark Lipsitz   |

## Cancer Special Prayers

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| *Julia McCartney | *Greg & Sandy George                     | *Butch Warren's brother | *Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family)           |
|                  | *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       | *Donald Moore                            | *Butch Warren           |  |

## CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

- White Pine Congregation in Old Fields, WV, with Pastor Donald Judy.
- Castaner Congregation in Castaner, Puerto Rico with Pastor Jaime Diaz.

Directories will be in your mailboxes SOON!!

time to  
UPDATE



Last chance to update your info – you can email [bermudiansecretary@gmail.com](mailto:bermudiansecretary@gmail.com) to let Julie know if you need updates or if everything Remains the same!

# January

24 – Megan Miller  
26 – Glenn Hammond  
29 – Jeff Miles

Important Dates  
and INFORMATION

January

**This week**

**Wednesday 1/24**

\*Sisters Bible Study

\*Life Group 6:30 pm

**Sunday 1/28**

\*9 am Come Worship!

\*Youth Night 6 pm

**Next Week**

**Tuesday 1/30**

\*Fruitbelt Farmworkers

**Wednesday 1/31**

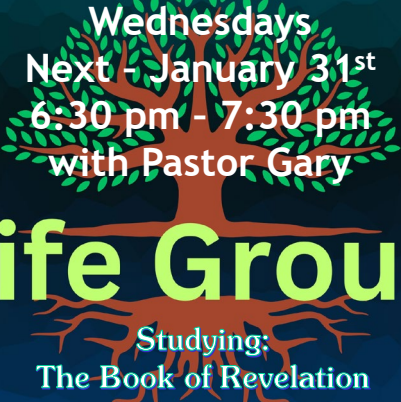
\*Life Group 6:30 pm

**Sunday 2/4**

\*9 am Come Worship!

\*Youth Night 6 pm

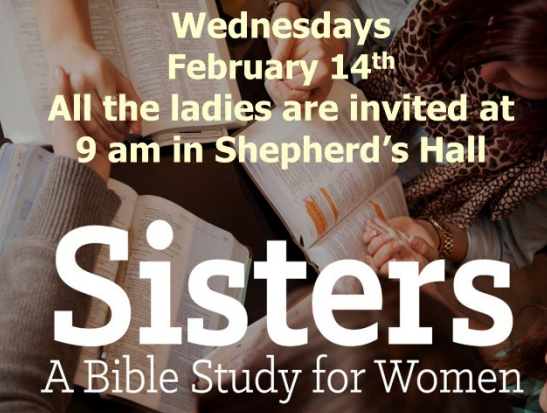
Wednesdays  
Next - January 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
with Pastor Gary



# Life Group

Studying:  
The Book of Revelation

Wednesdays  
February 14<sup>th</sup>  
All the ladies are invited at  
9 am in Shepherd's Hall



# Sisters

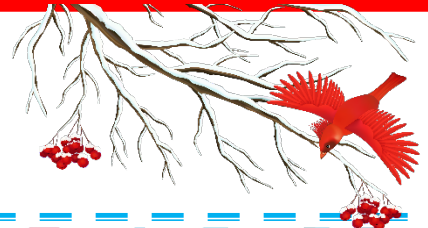
A Bible Study for Women



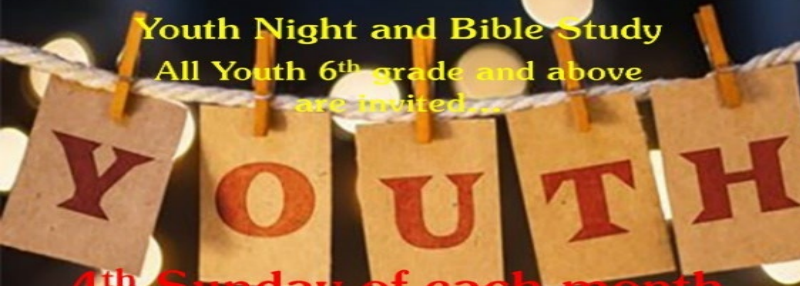
We are in need of  
someone to clean the  
church.

This is a part-time  
paid position.

Contact Randy Becker



Youth Night and Bible Study  
All Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above  
are invited...

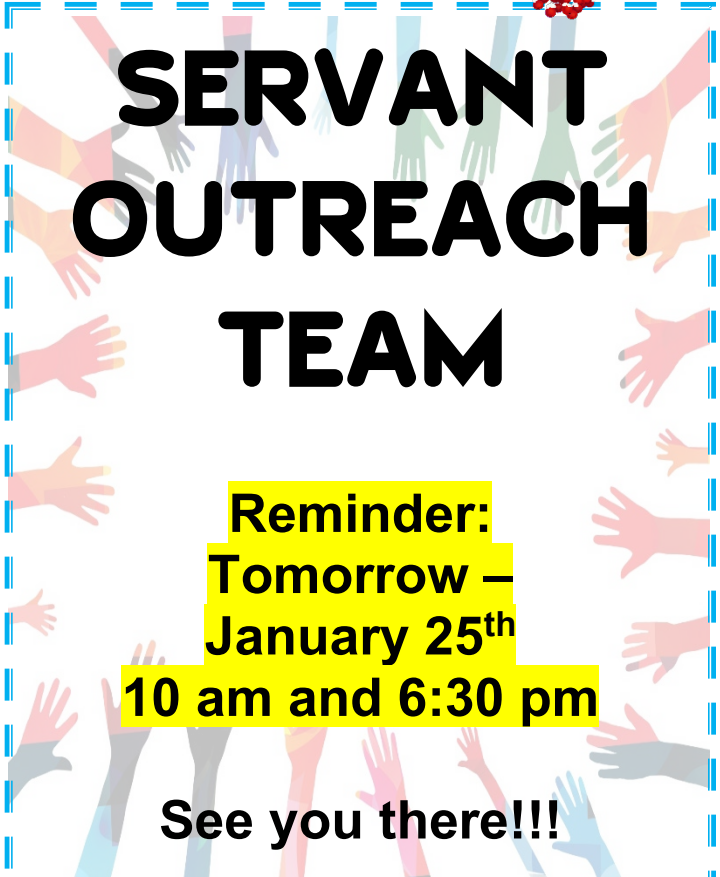


# YOUTH

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6-7:30 pm in The Gathering Place

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*

**Next Meeting**  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
10 am – 2 pm  
(weather permitting)



# SERVANT OUTREACH TEAM

Reminder:  
Tomorrow –  
January 25<sup>th</sup>  
10 am and 6:30 pm

See you there!!!