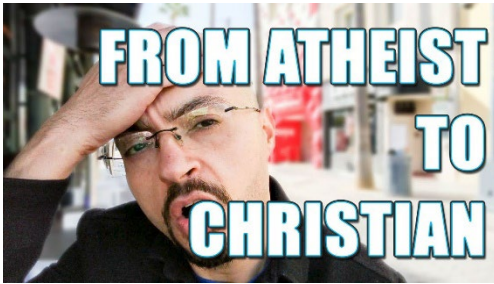




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## From Atheist to Christian

Many of us know family members and friends and others who are not Christ followers and in fact claim to be an atheist. An atheist is a person who does not believe there is a God. Many who claim to be atheists, are not. Many of them are agnostics who don't know or aren't sure there is a God. Some just have never given it much thought and therefore don't know. On Monday I read an article that was encouraging. It reminded me that it is never too late. It also reminded me that we need to continue to live the Christ-like life in front of others, not for show, but as a witness. The article was "15 Reasons Why Atheists Switched To Christianity" by Anuradha Perera. Here are just 8 of the reasons given. My thoughts are added in *italics*.



**#1 Discovering Hope Amid Despair** - For some, the journey began amidst moments of profound despair and hopelessness. *We need to share the hope of Christ.*

**#2 Finding Comfort in Prayer** - Some found their way back to Christianity through the solace of prayer during times of personal struggle. *We need to pray for them and with them.*

**#3 Embracing Community and Literature** - The allure of community and the wisdom found in Christian literature played pivotal roles in guiding some individuals towards faith. *We need to surround them with the love of our Christian community.*

**#4 Encountering God's Love and Presence** - Whether through interactions at a bible camp or moments of worship, the palpable presence of God ignited a profound spiritual awakening, reshaping their outlook on life and identity. *Invite them to church activities.*

**#5 Witnessing Miracles and Divine Intervention** - Some were swayed by firsthand experiences of divine intervention and providence. *Share your miracles with them.*

**#6 Reconciling Science and Spirituality** - The reconciliation of science and spirituality paved the way for others to embrace Christianity. *Give them resources they need.*

**#7 Exploring Philosophical and Existential Questions** - Wrestling with questions about the origins of the universe and the nature of existence led to a profound openness to spirituality. *Again, point them to resources they need.*

**#8 Rediscovering Meaning and Purpose** - The teachings of the Bible provided practical guidance on morality and citizenship, while the assurance of God's presence offered comfort and reassurance in uncertain times. *Encourage them to read the Bible.*

May we continue to pray for the non-Christ followers in our lives and be encouraged.  
In Christ Alone.

## Prayer & Praises

- Emily Lipsitz shared praise that her thyroid is normal and doctors think she has muscle tightness.
- Emily Lipsitz requested prayer that her Uncle Ed comes to know the Lord.
- Tammy Thompson was experiencing high blood pressure. Keep her in your prayers.
- Bob Meck requests prayer for the family of Richard Stober. Richard went to be with the Lord Thursday evening after a long battle with cancer.
- Continue to pray for Victor Riddle's recovery from the blood clot that he has in his leg.



### Ongoing Health Concern Prayers

\*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      \*Mark Lipsitz  
\*Josh (Bonnie Tyson's Grandson)      \*Ruth Cook      \*Victor Riddle

### Cancer Special Prayers

\*Julia McCartney      \*Greg & Sandy George      \*Butch Warren's brother      \*Ted Erb (Traci Kauffman family)  
\*Kathy McWilliams brother-in-law Phillip      \*Tom Kimmel      \*Sandy Harlacker  
\*Ellie Basko      \*Mark Yonker      \*Keith Kauffman (Kerry Kauffman's brother)  
\*Jean Beck      \*Donald Moore      \*Butch Warren

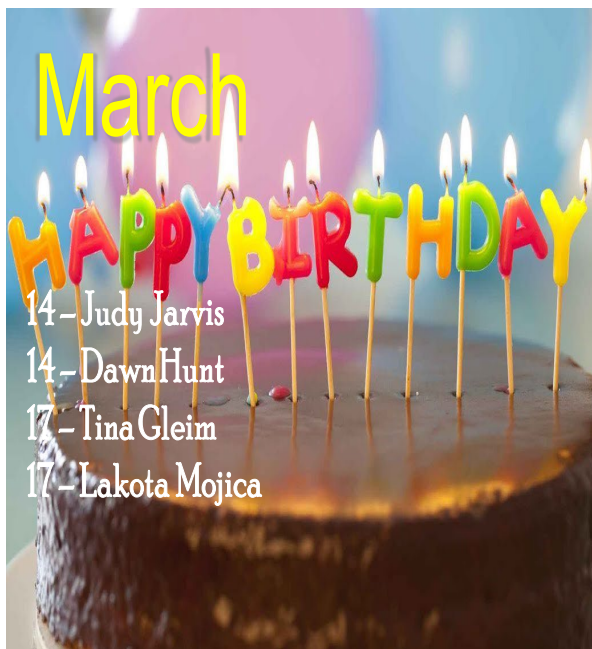
### CBC and CBC Region 3 Prayer Requests

#### Weekly Prayer Point

Continue to pray for people in the war zone in the Democratic Republic of Congo, especially the cities of Goma, Sake, and Kiwanja where people are being killed innocently. Pray especially for protection, safety, and a Christ-like witness for our CBC brothers and sisters and our CBC congregations in that area. Pray for God to guide and bless our CBC Regions who are planning camps for youth this summer. Pray also for God to raise up the individuals who should participate in the CBC Youth Mission trip to Guatemala this June.

#### Please pray for the following congregations and pastors:

Bermudian Congregation in East Berlin PA and Pastor Gary Firster  
Betel International Congregation in Morristown, TN and Pastor Libia Gutierrez



## **FREE OPEN GYM SPORTS NIGHT OUTREACH**

***From 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm***

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a Kids Zone where young children can play while their parents enjoy the sports activities for that night.

*No registration is necessary, just show up. If you would be interested in helping to set up, tear down or help in the Kids Zone, contact Josh Stewart at 717-430-9243.*



## This week

### **Wednesday 3/13**

- \*Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- \*Life Group 6:30 pm

### **Saturday 3/16**

- \*Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7 am

### **Sunday 3/17**

- \*9 am Come Worship!

### **Monday 3/18**

- \*Open Gym Sports voted on 6:30 pm

## Next Week

### **Wednesday 3/20**

- \*Life Group 6:30 pm
- \*Women's Choir Practice 7:45 pm

### **Sunday 3/24**

- \*9 am Come Worship!
- \*Youth Night - Shepherd's Hall

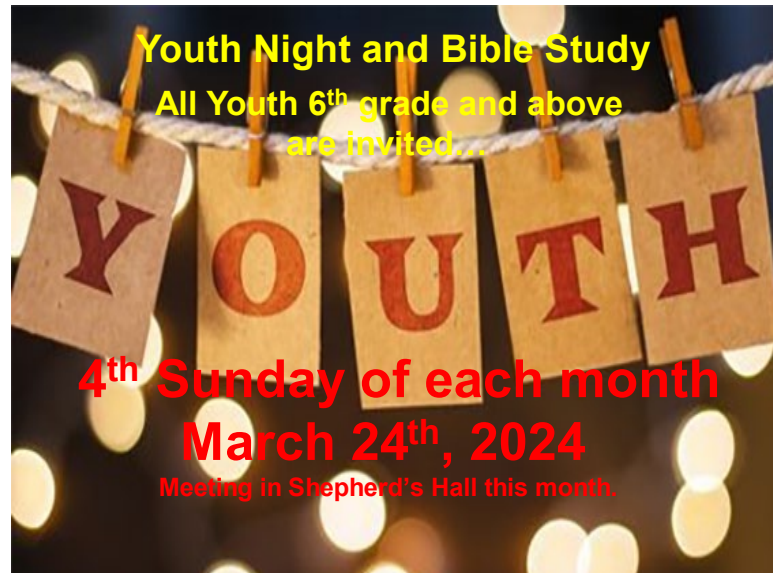
### **Monday 3/25**

- \*Associate Pastor Search Team 6:30 pm



## **GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL**

- On Good Friday from 12:00 to 3:00 PM the sanctuary will be open for anyone to come and pray. Feel free to come and pray for as long as the Spirit leads you.



## **HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Thursday, March 28th**

Our service this year will be held in the sanctuary beginning at **7:00 PM**. It will be a combination of songs, hymns, scripture readings, a sermon and the celebration of the Lord's supper. The theme for this service is "A Time of Remembering."

**IMO cofounders, Bola and Aimee**

**Adebisi will be visiting with us on Easter Sunday.**

They will give a presentation during the Sunday School hour after morning worship.

There will be NO Sunday School classes that morning. Come and hear what is happening with IMO!

Wednesdays  
 March 13<sup>th</sup> & March 27<sup>th</sup>  
 All the ladies are invited at  
 9 am in Shepherd's Hall

# Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

**EASTER BERLIN:**

Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>: 11:00am  
 East Berlin Community Park  
 10,000 Easter Eggs, Free Lunches

Bermudian will provide Bibles, Prize Eggs, Games to win Prizes, and share "What's Happening" info about Bermudian.  
*Volunteers will be needed to help set up, operate the display, and tear down.*

Age Groups for Eggs: 0 to 2; 3 to 5; 6 to 8; 9 to 12.  
 RAIN DATE: March 30<sup>th</sup>.



Wednesdays  
 Next - March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>,  
 & 27<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 with Pastor Gary

# Life Group

Studying:  
 The Book of Revelation

**Ruth's Harvest**  
 a cooperative ministry with the Abbottstown-East Berlin Food Pantry and Bermudian Springs School

**Furnishing food items for children with inadequate nutrition at home. March 20<sup>th</sup>**



**COLLECTING AGAIN**  
 Thank You for your faithful giving!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month  
 NEXT MEETING  
 March 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 am  
 Dover Valley Restaurant

**Women's Fellowship**  
 is planning a spectacular event to support  
**Tender Care Pregnancy Center.**

This year's event will be a  
**Baby Shower Tea**  
 on April 6, 2024  
 from 11 am - 1:00 pm.

We hope every lady in the church will mark their calendars and plan to attend.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" John 11:25-26