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September 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 #1,104

## Crossing the Lines

The next time you come to church, which for some of you may be tonight, you will notice that the parking lot has been re-lined. This was necessary as the previous lines had become very hard to see. So, we give a big thank you to the Steward Commission for taking care of this. The purpose of course, of lines in any parking lot is to provide a visible boundary in which a car is to be parked. Many of us become annoyed with people who do not park more centered in their space and park too close to the line. Or we become really annoyed with people who park in two spaces. Linda and I have a longer truck now, and it barely fits lengthwise in some parking spaces. So we park further away from the store so we can park into the next parking space so we don't stick out. This is kind of like the car in the picture.



The Bible provides for us boundaries in our spiritual walk. There are lines that we are to stay in and not cross. We find these in the laws and commands, and teachings in both the Old and New Testaments. These laws and commands that we are to follow do not give us salvation, but they instead are the evidence that we are saved and provide for us the will of God as to how we are to live as his children. Romans 3.20, "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."

And so we need to continually study the Bible individually and in groups so that we can understand where the lines are and what the boundaries are in order to make sure we do not cross those lines. We are to stay in the spaces that God has designed for us.

So as you park your car, may it be a reminder to you that the Bible also provides lines that we should not cross.

In Christ Alone.

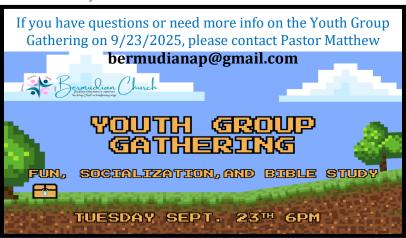






#### **Prayer & Praises**

- Merv Good requested prayer for Donny Vought to have a speedy recovery. He has diabetes and is an amputee.
- Deb Yost requested prayer for Kala Yost for good results from her contrast MRI today.
- Mary and Dave Titzell requested prayer for safe travels to London on Saturday.
- Continue to pray for Joanne Miller's mom for continued recovery and less pain after her surgery.
- Colin Staples requested prayer for family and friends of a mutual friend from deer camp, Randy. Randy took his own life.
   Keep Derick, a close friend of Randy's particularly in your prayers.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost shared praise and a prayer request for her Dad, Brian Meyers. His PET scan results show that while the cancer is aggressive, it has not metastasized and is only in the prostate. They are meeting with the doctor this week to determine the best course of action.
- Sue Deardorff requested prayer for Mike Drury (Sue's brother). Mike's wife has cancer in lymph gland and will have surgery on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Please keep Sandy Hengst-Martin in your prayers, as there have been a couple of deaths in her family.
- Please keep Tom and Deb Zipfel in your prayers.
   Tom's current doctor is unsure how much more can be done for his shoulder, so he will be seeing a shoulder surgeon in 3 weeks.
- Please keep all of the children in our schools and colleges in your prayers as school has started, that they would be safe and drawn to God.



#### CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

What a glorious time we had together at the worship conference in Greensboro, North Carolina. How pleasant and sweet it was to dwell together in unity for those three days. I am grateful to all who worked diligently to make this event happen. It truly was a taste of the divine!

Permit me to use this format to encourage you to pray for your sister church, and if you have not yet claimed your 'prayer partner,' I would like to encourage you to do so. What a privilege it is to pray for one another. I can think of no better way to see God work His Unity than through this chosen method. I promise you will be blessed! My prayers this month will reflect Paul's prayers for the Body of Christ that he cherished deeply. I hope these prayers will help us pray for each other and that our prayers will be pleasing to our Father! Please email me to receive the information needed to begin praying for a 'Sister to Sister' church and developing a relationship with a church body you may never see here on this earth, but will enjoy for eternity. My email

address: hsuzanneclarke@yahoo.com

"Now all Glory to God, who is able to keep you from falling away and will bring you with great joy into His Glorious Presence without a single fault. All glory to Him who alone is God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and authority are His before all time, and in the present, and beyond all time." Jude 1:24-25 NLT

## Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Castaner Congregation in Castaner,
   Puerto Rico and Pastor Jaime Diaz
- Center Congregation in Champion, PA and Pastor Homer Painter

#### NEW MASS CALLING PHONE PLATFORM.

As most of you know, we have had challenges with our current mass calling system going back even before I came to Bermudian. We have decided to set up a new platform. It is called CallMultiplier. We will start implementing this new platform on September 22. Here are some things that you need to know:

- 1. When you receive a call on this platform, the caller ID will say CallMutiplier and we believe it will come from the number 405-546-2251. If you do not answer the call, it will go to your voicemail.
- 2. We are going to start implementing texting for prayer requests and other church information. Between now and September 22 and beyond, you can let us know if you would prefer to receive texts instead of phone calls and make sure we have your cell phone number.

We are hoping that this new system, which is easier to use, will also be more reliable.

#### ORDER OF CALLING PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1. Office
- 2. Pastor Gary
- 3. Mark Lipsitz

When Pastor Gary is away (like September 12 to 16)

- 1. Office
- 2. Pastor Matthew
- 3. Mark Lipsitz



# Fruitbelt Farmworker Trip October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 We will be leaving the church at 4:30

Women's Fellowship will be providing dinner so if you plan to attend, please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board.

We will be taking them gifts that are needed.

- Jackets (they trim trees in the winter and prefer mediums and large)
- Hats
- Hooded Sweatshirts (prefer mediums and large)
- Blankets, new if possible or very gently used

A container is outside Shepherd's Hall.

If you have no time to shop, money donations may be given to Meghan Replogle, who says she would love to do the shopping.

Questions: Contact Meghan Replogle who has offered to take on this project



### **LOVE FEAST**

Love Feast will be observed on October 5. On that Sunday, we will celebrate our normal worship at 9:00 AM. After this celebration worship, we will move to the Gathering Place for Love Feast, where we will find our seats at various tables. We will then celebrate in the normal three-fold way: feet washing, Lord's supper (common meal), and communion (the bread and the cup). There will be feet washing and handwashing areas away from the table seating. Feet and hand washing will remain male/female separated. After the feet/hand washing, we will share a meal together which will include two different kinds of soups. After the meal, we will remain at the tables to celebrate communion with the bread and cup. For those of you who have never celebrated Love Feast before, this will be a great opportunity to see what this blessed ordinance is all about. We hope you all will join us.

Childcare will be available...



#### Wednesday 09/10



Fred Shultz's Birthday

6:30 pm = Life Group



#### Thursday 09/11



Ray & Dawn Hunt's Anniversary

6:30 PM – How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

#### Friday 09/12



Kerry & Traci Kauffman's Anniversary

Pastor Gary out - Vacation

#### Sunday 09/14

Pastor Gary on Vacation

09:00 am - Come Worship - Pastor Matthew

10:00 am - Intersections Café

10:20 am - Sunday School

12:00 pm - Widows & Widowers Luncheon at

**Dover Valley Restaurant** 

#### Monday 09/15

Pastor Gary on Vacation

#### Tuesday 09/16

Pastor Gary on Vacation

#### Wednesday 09/17







Owen Verbosky's Birthday

#### Thursday 09/18



Andrew Yost's Birthday

#### Saturday 09/20



7:00 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Dover Valley Restaurant



11:00 am - 2:00 pm - Faith & Fun Carnival



Ron Engle's Birthday



Jeff Keeney's Birthday

#### Sunday 09/21

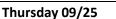
09:00 am - Come Worship

10:00 am - Intersections Café

10:20 am - Sunday School

#### Wednesday 09/24

6:30 pm = Life Group



6:30 PM - How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

#### Sunday 09/28

09:00 am - Come Worship - Pastor Matthew

10:00 am - Intersections Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

#### Wednesday 10/1

*6:30 pm* − Life Group 🦃



#### Thursday 10/2

6:30 PM - How to be Happy in Jesus Small Group

#### Friday 10/3



Sue Deardorff's Birthday

#### Saturday 10/4



Brenda Eisenhour's Birthday



Kerry Kauffman's Birthday

#### **Sunday 10/5**

09:00 am - Come Worship ∞ 10:30 am – Love Feast No Sunday School