



Bermudian Church The Living Letter

“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

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

Experience | Connection | Growth | Impact

May 6th 2024

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am** Worship – In the Sanctuary
4 yr. old to 4th grade “Sunday Friends”
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**
 - ***About Life Class 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, on YouTube. It also stays posted there and on our website. Please remember to “like” and “subscribe” and you will be notified each time we post a new video.



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Mission Offering

Camp Eder Christopher Eisenhart
Memorial Fund &
Katallasso Medical Center



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Katallasso Medical Center

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Upcoming Events & Reminders

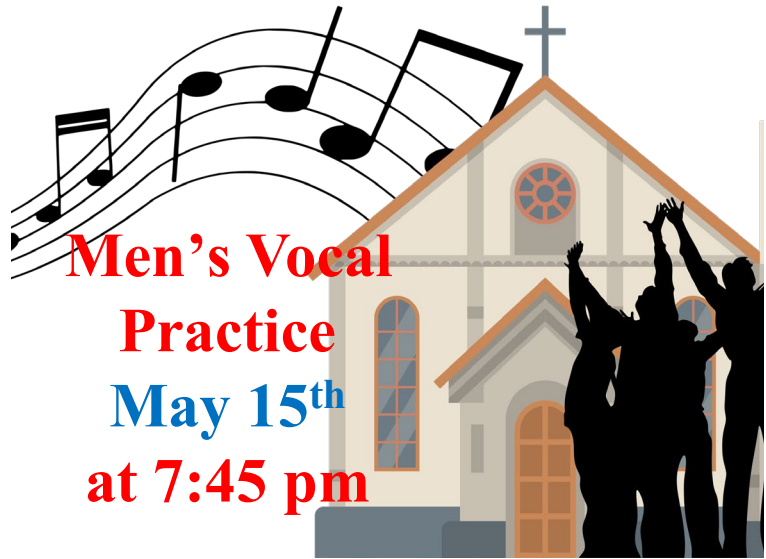
Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
May 19th

At Noon

At
Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Men's Vocal

Practice

May 15th

at 7:45 pm

Attention All Ladies

If you enjoy singing, consider
joining Ladies Choir.

New voices are welcome!

Next Practices will be on
May 15th at 7:45 pm.

See Betty Engle if you have questions

Women's Choir



Bermudian Church
Vacation Bible School
July 28-Aug 1st

Volunteers Needed!!!

Story Tellers, Craft Leader & 2-3-year-old
Teacher, Decorator Leader & Herders

See Sue Mayle for more info
and to sign up to help!



MEN'S BREAKFAST

3rd Saturday each month

NEXT MEETIN

May 18th, 7 am

Dover Valley Restaurant

CAMP EDER

Golf Outing

Friday May 10th, 2024

Carroll Valley Golf
Course at Liberty
Mountain
78 Country Club Trail
Fairfield, PA 17320



Remember and Honor

MEMORIAL DAY



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NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED June 3rd, 2024

Deadline for publishing in Newsletter May 31st, 2024, 10:30 am

Thank you



Thank you so much for the "Tea Party" baby shower that you threw for our clients. What a great idea! Our clients will be truly blessed by your generosity and thoughtfulness!
Tender Care

UPDATES FROM YOUR WITNESS COMMISSION



THANK YOU to all who volunteered on the day of Easter Berlin. Just as important, are all the prayers before and during the egg hunt. More than 100 Bibles were given out to both children and adults. One hundred forty frisbees went flying through the air and given away with opportunities to win forty special prizes of Crosses & Rabbits.



Upon receiving your May Monthly Newsletter, Jeff Mayle, Jim Strasser, and Mark Lipsitz will have arrived at Dawson Spring, KY to help in a rebuild program May 5th thru May 11th. Please be in prayer as they embark on this mission project.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Joanne Miller has continued to raise funds for her mission trip with IMO, in September. Due to some family matters, Joanne has canceled a Sandwich Fundraiser. Joanne thanks you for your unconditional giving as she will continue raising funds soon.

WITNESS UPCOMING EVENTS:

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox:
Sunday, October 20 thru November 24

REVIVAL 2024:

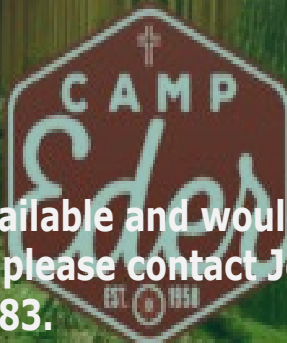
October 20 thru October 23
with Pastor Samuel Sarpyia

ALL Church Picnic/Fall Fest:
Sunday, October 27th

WORK DAY AT CAMP EDER

Camp Eder needs workers on May 11 for various projects.

If you are available and would like to help at the camp, please contact Joel Stern at (717)443-3383.



Youth Night and Bible Study
 All Youth 6th grade and above
 are invited...

Youth Night


4th Sunday of each month
May 19th, 2024
6 pm – 7:30 pm

Prayer Shawl
Ministry

Next Meeting
Thursday, May 23rd, 2024
10 am – 2 pm



Church Picnic will be
 October 27th, 2024

Spring Fling was Saturday, May 4th, 2024. York County 4-H Rabbit & Poultry Club  brought some animals out. The kids had fun doing crafts, playing board games, petting & holding bunnies, chickens, & ducks and playing basketball.



Fill your heart with God's word!



“The Great Disappearance”
 By Dr. David Jeremiah
Small group study
 Thursday evenings
 May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, June 6th,
 through June 13
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary

Walking with Jesus
Thursday Afternoon Life Group
 with Louise Julius
 May 2nd, May 16th, June 6th
 at 1:30 pm
 First & Third Thursdays of the month
 through June 20th
 at 1:30 pm
 The Gathering Place

Wednesday
 May 8th & 22nd
 All the ladies are invited at
 9 am in Shepherd's Hall

Sisters

A Bible Study for Women

Wednesdays
 May 8th & May 15th
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
 The Book of Revelation

ATTENTION GRADUATES



Anyone graduating from high school, college, trade school, business school, etc., please complete the form below so we can “Honor Our Graduates”. Please enclose/include a picture and return the form completed to the Church Office, Secretary’s Mailbox, or email the office at bermudiansecretary@gmail.com Please return by May 31st

GRADUATE INFORMATION

Graduate’s Name: _____

Parent’s Name(s): _____

School’s Name: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

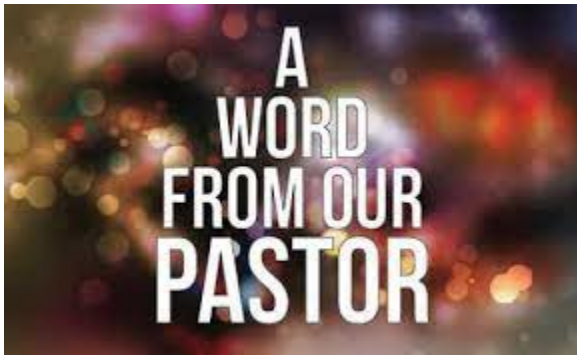
Area of Interest / Major: _____

Degree(s): _____

Honors / Awards / Activities: _____

Your Future Plans: _____

If attending college, please name the college: _____



Time Management

By Sherry March

“It is not easy to shut out the world, set aside a few minutes by yourself, and spend time in God’s Word and prayer. But it is essential if we are to grow in our relationship with God and be strengthened for the battles ahead. Don’t delay. Begin now to spend time alone with God every day.” Billy Graham

How do you manage your God time? How are you at managing your time, period?

Wikipedia describes time management as the *“process of planning and controlling how much time to spend on specific activities.”*

The *Tewksbury Town Crier* enumerates the 5 Ps of time management: *“prioritize, plan, procrastination, productivity, and positivity.”* (who doesn’t love a good alliteration? Who isn’t guilty of a little procrastination?)

Princeton University’s McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning lists ten *“principles for effective time management for balance, well-being and success”* with bullet points highlighting *commitment, pursue fun with a vengeance, time vs task focus, one thing at a time, block out time, first things first, routine, flexibility, respond vs react, and organize your environment.”*

My good friend Google provides productivity experts galore illuminating 21 Tips, 10 Useful Tips, 7 Skills, 9 Key Skills, 25 Best Tools and on and on and on, all with the goal of managing time.

How many idioms come instantly to mind relative to that finite measurement? High time, borrowed time, about time, make time, in the nick of time. We use them, we understand what they mean. They challenge us, they stress us out, they keep us hopping. All in the pursuit of lassoing our time into manageable chunks. Here’s the worst one...killing time. Oh my!

“Teach us the brevity of life so that we may grow in wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)

And yet...

We all are given the same 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours every day, 7 days a week and 52 of those every year. When it comes to years, well, that’s in God’s hands as is each one of those seconds making up our minutes, hours days and weeks. What does God say?

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Seasons of life come and go. I remember a house full of school age kids, all with activities and sports; places to go, meetings to attend, events to watch. My overbooked schedule led to overwhelmed me ricocheting from car pool to practice, meets to meetings. Those overflowing, color-coded calendar blocks mocked my efforts to manage. Where did the time go? Worse yet, I felt guilty if some random day had nothing on the docket! Slacker! Can you relate?

Looking back from this new season, I know time managed me, not the other way around. It's clear now that God has a better idea for our time and how to manage it than most of us practice, whether busy parents or upwardly mobile professionals and everyone else in between. In fact, the Bible tells us,

"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

Wikipedia may have a point about controlling the time we spend on activities, but remember God has the final say on how that planning pans out.

So, we're smart if we consult our Lord before making those plans in the first place. Thoughtfully, prayerfully, we are served well by following His precepts, knowing *"the plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."* (Proverbs 21:5)

Can we recognize that profit need not mean wealth and poverty, the lack of it? Our greatest profit comes when our souls are enriched and our minds armored with wisdom fueling our passage through time in healthy ways

"Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Ephesians 5:15-17 CSB)

We suffer spiritual poverty when filling our time with busyness. Haste robs us of peace. Ungodly pursuits crush the soul.

"Don't waste your time on useless work, mere busywork, the barren pursuits of darkness." (Ephesians 5:11)

All this is not to say we shouldn't be busy and productive or that hurrying is somehow sinful. No, it means we should follow God's timetable, walk at His speed, keep Him on the schedule, seek His will before planning our days.

"Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him, and he will help you." (Psalm 37:5 NLT)

Then go ahead, fill your calendar, plan your schedule, record your reminders on your phone. God rewards hard work, Scripture instructs us to be productive as long as we remember to keep the main thing, the main thing. That is, calling upon the Lord, seeking His will, asking for wisdom, worshiping, and sitting quietly, humbly in His presence.

Joyce Meyer reminds us that *"Spending time with God is the key to our strength and success in all areas of life. Be sure that you never try to work God into your schedule, but always work your schedule around Him."*

These are our moments in time, our one life to live this side of forever. How we manage them secures our heavenly rewards, so live fully, managing our fleeting time faithfully. These lovely lyrics from *Life is Passing Quickly as a Vapor* by Ruth Evangelisti sing a timely message.

"Life is passing quickly as a vapor; soon our opportunities are past.

May God give us grace to work and labor, only what is done for Christ will last.

Every day the Lord gives precious chances, to deny ourselves and do His will

Soon the day is past as night advances. Let us use the time that we have still."

Lord, grant us wisdom to manage the precious time you've given us well and to Your glory. Amen.

Blessings,

Sherry March

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