

No Free Lunch

This phrase has been used by some to express the fact that you can't get anything for free any more. If you want something of value you are going to have to pay for it. And today you may have to pay dearly for it. You can't get someone to help you without feeling you have to pay them. Very few food places give out food for free without having to purchase something to go along with it. We at Bermudian Church are changing that and it has caught some people by surprise. This past Saturday some of us participated in the largest Yard Sale in Adam's County. But instead of selling anything, we were giving things away. We were giving away prizes to those who came to spin a wheel and free pocket New Testaments and Psalms as well as some full Bibles. And we were also giving away free bottles of water. On the bottle we had put stickers that said, "Jesus is the living water – Bermudianchurch.org."



What was interesting to me was how many people did a double-take about the fact that we were giving them something free. It was a cold morning, and so many did not take any, but many still thanked us for the offer of free water. For some, it took a couple of seconds for it to sink in that we were giving them free water. Through the efforts of the Servant Outreach Team, we are going to serve others by giving things away or providing a service free of charge. One of the next events will be a free car wash. It will not be a fundraiser where people will be asked for a donation. But we will wash cars for free. We hope you will join us when we do that.

Why do we do this? A side benefit may be that someone who received a free bottle of water will start to come to our church. But that is not the primary reason. We want to be servants to our community by freely sharing with them the love of Christ that is in our hearts. The hope is that they will be touched and moved by our free gift of love and that they will be drawn to seek out Jesus whether that is in our church or another church. We have a free gift that they need to hear about. Romans 5.15, "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath unbounded unto many." (KJV)

Let us share the free gift of salvation with all whom we can.

In Christ Alone



Prayer & Praises

- Ruth Cook is back at her rehab to recover from an infection. Please keep praying for Ruth & Gerald during this time.
- Sandy Hengst requests prayer for her cousin Johnny Riggs who needs a kidney transplant.
- Sandy Hengst is also still struggling with stomach issues so please keep her in your prayers.
- Deb Henry has a praise for her Dad, Ron Henry who is home from the hospital. Thank you for all of your prayers for her Dad.
- Sharon Stepp requested prayer for her son David Rider who is in the York Hospital with heart issues.
- Please pray for Dakota Dixon. They are praying that he had little to no inflammatory response to having his ECMO line changed.
- Lois Breneman requested prayer for Kasey Shank (Phyllis Livingston's Great-granddaughter) who had her wisdom teeth removed and is experiencing a lot of discomfort and sleep issues.
- Ellen Krause requested prayer for her mother Betty Gerber. Pray for comfort during her radiation treatments. The start of her treatments was delayed this past week due to equipment repairs. She started treatments yesterday.
- Please pray for Cheryl Kurtz unspoken prayer request.
- Barb Stern and Lois Breneman requested prayer for Joel Deardorff, He is in the hospital with pancreatitis.



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 | *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:

- Capon Chapel Congregation in Points, WV and Pastor Chris Leatherman
- Castañer Congregation in Castañer, Puerto Rico and Pastor Jaime Diaz

There is a combined Ladies and Men's choir practice in the Sanctuary this evening 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 1st at 7:45 pm.
See Betty Engle if you have questions

Women's Choir

Men's Vocal Practice
May 1st
at 7:45 pm



This week

Wednesday 5/1

- *Life Group 6:30 pm
- *Ladies Choir & Men's Vocal 7:45 pm

Thursday 5/2

- *Walking with Jesus Life Group 1:30 pm
- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Saturday 5/4

- *Spring Fling 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Sunday 5/5

- *9 am Come Worship!
- *Love Feast 5:30 pm

Monday 5/6

- *Newsletter Prep

Tuesday 5/7

- *Newsletter Assembly
- *Women's Fellowship 6:30 pm

Next Week

Wednesday 5/8

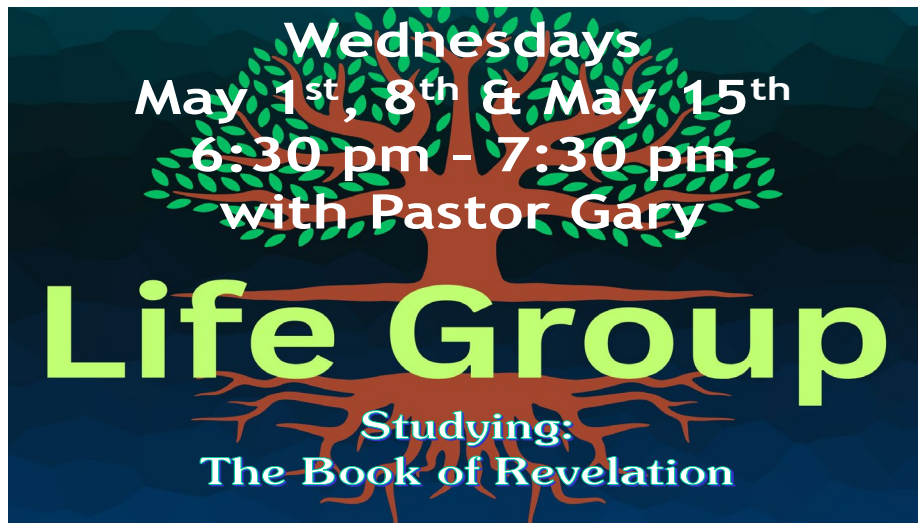
- *Sisters Bible Study 9 am
- *Life Group 6:30 pm

Thursday 5/9

- *Great Disappearance Group Study 6:30 pm

Sunday 5/12

- *9 am Come Worship!



**Covenant Brethren Church
Annual Meeting & Worship
Conference**

July 18th – 20th, Manheim, PA

information packets are available, beginning this Sunday. They will be located in the library area. Or, you may go on the CBC website to get the info.

Should you have any questions, contact Mark Lipsitz.

Spring Fling
Saturday, May 4th, 2024
10:30 AM-12:30 PM

Mom and Dad, how would you like a couple of hours to complete those spring chores, spend a little time together, or maybe just grab a little extra rest?

Drop off the kids ages 5 through 12

We are planning a couple of hours of movies, a petting zoo, games, crafts, and a light lunch.

Bermudian Church, 279 Bermudian Church Road, East Berlin, PA

"The Great Disappearance"
 By Dr. David Jeremiah
Small group study
 Thursday evenings
 May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, June 6th,
 through June 13
 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary

CAMP EDER
Golf Outing

Friday May 10th, 2024
 Carroll Valley Golf Course at Liberty Mountain
 78 Country Club Trail
 Fairfield, PA 17320



Women's Fellowship
Tuesday, May 7th
 6:30 pm



MEN'S BREAKFAST
 3rd Saturday each month
 NEXT MEETIN
May 18th, 7 am
 Dover Valley Restaurant



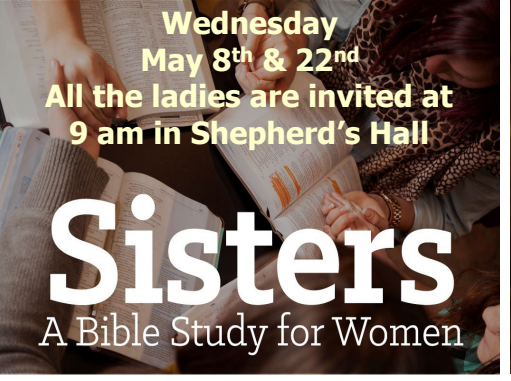
WORK DAY AT CAMP EDER
 Camp Eder needs workers
 on May 11 for various projects.

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



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

Sisters
 A Bible Study for Women



Widow and Widowers Luncheon
 Sunday
 May 19th
 At Noon
 At
 Dover Valley Restaurant
 Please See Nancy Smith to RSVP



celebrate
May
 birthdays!

1 - Troy Grim	7 - Brenda Grim
3 - Dawson Garvick	7 - Wyatt Wells
3 - Sharon Stephens	7 - Liz Lipsitz
4 - Charmaine Hoke	8 - Brad Replogle
7 - Jessie Dentler-Carroll	



Prayer Shawl Ministry
Next Meeting
Thursday, May 23rd, 2024
 10 am - 2 pm



Newsletter
 THE LAST DAY TO SEND ITEMS
 IN TO BE PLACED IN THE
 MAY NEWSLETTER
 IS **MAY 2ND**
 BY 10:30 AM



Happy Anniversary
May

4 - Dave & Mary Titzell
5 - Jeff & Tina Gleim
6 - Brad & Brenda Replogle
11 - Jeff & Liz Keeney
13 - Hunter & Kasey Shank
16 - Jeff & Jen Miles



Walking with Jesus
Thursday Afternoon Life Group
 with Louise Julius
 May 2nd at 1:30 pm

First & Third Thursdays of the month
 Beginning April 4th through June 20th
 at 1:30 pm
 The Gathering Place
 Men & Women welcome!



STUBA
 diving into friendship with God

Bermudian Church
VBS Vacation Bible School
July 28-Aug 1st

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

