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## Who May Dwell on Mt. Zion?

Up until a year and a half ago, this question would not have meant much to me. But now, Linda and I can answer that we are able to dwell on Mount Zion. As you may have guessed, I am having a little fun with this. The question is actually a serious question found in the opening verse of Psalm 15.



**Psalm 15 (NLT)**

**1 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle?  
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?**

Although the verse does not use the word designation, "Mount Zion," it is Mount Zion that is being referenced by the words "tabernacle" and "holy hill." Often in the Old Testament, Jerusalem and specifically where the Temple was in the city was called Mount Zion. Mount Zion became a symbol of the holy presence of God in the midst of the people. And so, David is asking, who can come into the presence of a holy God.

Although this Psalm has in view the earthly mount with the temple, I believe there is a more future idea. The book of Revelation calls heaven Mount Zion. **Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. (Revelation 14.1)** And so the question could well be interpreted, "Who may dwell in heaven, in the presence of a holy God?" The answer comes in the rest of the Psalm.

**2 He who walks uprightly,  
And works righteousness,  
And speaks the truth in his heart;  
3 He who does not backbite with his tongue,  
Nor does evil to his neighbor,  
Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;  
4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
But he honors those who fear the Lord;  
He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;  
5 He who does not put out his money at usury,  
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these *things* shall never be moved**

And so, I encourage us all, to take some time to read these verses slowly and analyze or compare our life as Christ followers against these descriptive phrases. We do not go to heaven based upon works. But, if we are not living according to these verses it will 1) affect our rewards in heaven or 2) may indicate that we have not really committed ourselves to Jesus as our Savior and Lord. These types of good works are the evidence of our faith. James taught that faith without good works is a dead faith. **James 2.17, "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."** Let us evaluate and then make the changes in our lives so that we can answer the question with, "I can."

In Christ Alone

## **Prayer & Praises**

- **Bonnie Tyson** requested prayer for her 5-year-old great-granddaughter who is having her tonsils removed Thursday. Pray that she would have comfort, peace, and a successful procedure.
- **Bonnie Tyson** also requests prayer for Marg who is 97 with many health problems and her family is pressuring her to have things done, so clarity for the right decisions to be made concerning the direction she should go.
- **Joyce Wagaman** requested continued prayers for Brian. He is receiving his last radiation treatment this week and then will have surgery to reconnect his bowel. Continue to pray for healing from his cancer and surgery.
- **Please** pray for Glenn Deardorff's nephew Bob Deardorff who is going in on June 11<sup>th</sup> for a heart ablation. He is very nervous. Pray that he would have assurance and faith in God, as well as, peace that passes all understanding.
- **Please** pray for Dillon Yost who fell off a roof and had several lacerations for speedy healing. This is also a praise because his injuries could have been much worse.
- **Please** keep Kim Shearer in your prayers for an unspoken prayer request.
- **Joanne Miller** shared a praise that Wayne & Pat Miller will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>!
- Please keep Mark Lipsitz and his entire family in prayer after the passing of his sister Lynn.
- Please keep Mary Stover in your prayers. She has cancer in her shoulder and had decided not to have treatment. Pray that her pain will be less than expected during this time.
- Please keep Kala (Yost) Cressler in your prayers. Her surgeon has decided he is not able to deal with the tumor on her spine and she has been referred to a surgeon in Raleigh, North Carolina which is 2 hours from her home.
- An update and praise for Chelsey Meyers friend Brittany. Brittany has received the results from her ultrasound and mammogram and they found nothing abnormal, so Brittany is very happy about that.
- Ellen Krause requests prayer for Dale Gerber her dad for healing from the cellulitis on his legs.
- Dave and Mary Titzell wanted to thank you for your prayers.
- Keep Victor Riddle in your prayers for his medical issues and changing medications.
- Pray for Victoria Good for her fatty liver issues.



### **CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT**

**“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” — Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

As we step into the summer months, many of our congregations are preparing for Vacation Bible Schools, youth camps, and outreach events. These activities are vital opportunities to sow seeds of faith in the hearts of children and families. Let us pray for the volunteers, leaders, and participants—that God would grant strength, creativity, and open hearts. May these efforts bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom.

### **Please pray for these congregations and pastors:**

- Zion Hill Congregation in Columbiana, OH seeking pastoral leadership
- Amazing Grace Worship Center in Uganda, Africa and Pastor Isaac Mutesasira





# Important Dates and INFORMATION

## This week

**Thursday 6/5**

\*The Chosen Small Group 6:30 pm (in Gathering Place)

**Sunday 6/8**

\*Come Worship – 9 am

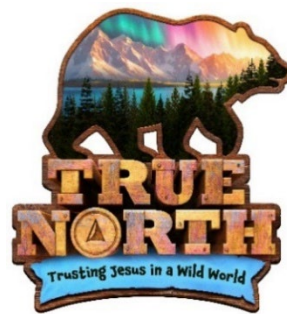
## Next Week

**Wednesday 6/11**

\*Life Group 6:30 pm

**Sunday 6/15**

\*Come Worship – 9 am

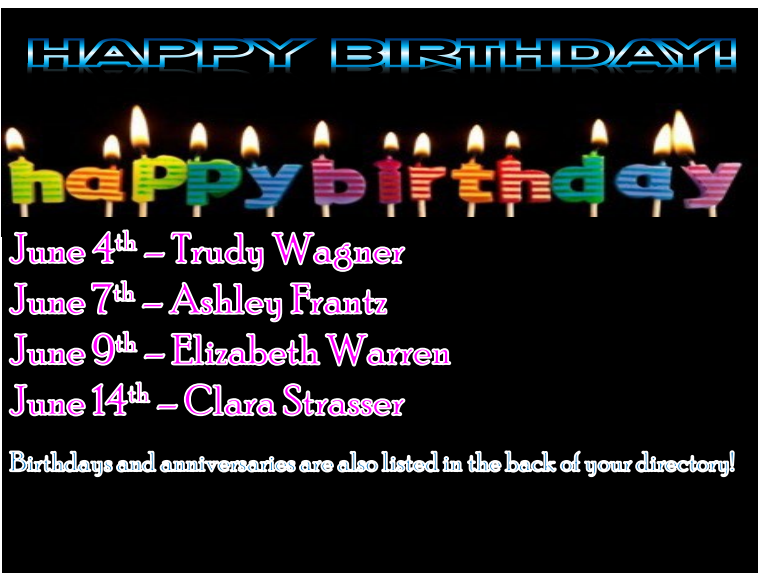


Bermudian Church  
Vacation Bible School  
Online registration is open!  
[Bermudianchurch.org/vbs](http://Bermudianchurch.org/vbs)

July 27<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Volunteers Needed!!**

Craft Helpers, Herders, &  
Teacher for the 2-3-year-old class  
See Sue Mayle for more info  
and to sign up to help!



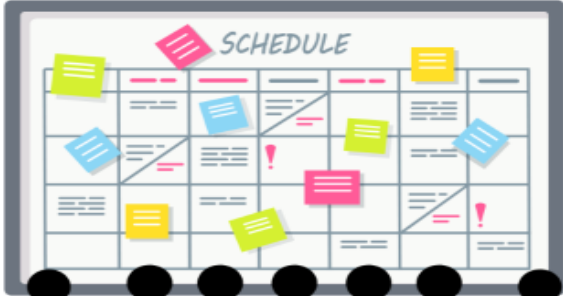


Wednesdays  
**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
 with Pastor Gary

# Life Group

Studying:  
 Highlights in the Book of Proverbs

Please note that there is **NO Life Group** on  
**June 4<sup>th</sup>** – enjoy your evening! See you June  
 11<sup>th</sup>!!



**June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 Commission Meeting 6 pm  
 Board Meeting 7 pm

*Happy Anniversary!*

June

- 5<sup>th</sup> – Harold & Lois Breneman
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Joel & Barb Stern
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Glen & Sue Deardorff
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Joel & Joann Miller
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Colin & Amy Staples

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

FOOD x FELLOWSHIP x FAITH

**NEXT MEETING**  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 am**  
**Dover Valley Restaurant**

**SAFE HAVEN TRAINING** – Everyone who works in any ministry of our church that involves children/youth (e.g. Nursery, Sunday School, VBS) is required to provide the church with State Police Clearances **and** Childline Clearances. Julie keeps track of this and will remind you when your clearances are due. Our Safe Haven policy also requires periodic trainings in the area of child abuse and the details of our policy. It has been quite a while since the training has happened so we are asking everyone who is involved with any of our children/youth ministries to attend **one** of two trainings by Pastor Gary in June.

**The dates and times are:** Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Saturday, June 21, 9:30 to 11:30 AM. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Library. Thank you all for your service in our children/youth ministries.



## Widow and Widowers Luncheon

**Sunday**  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**At Noon**  
**At**  
**Brenda Eisenhower's**  
**Picnic Pavilion**  
**Please See Nancy**  
**Smith to RSVP**

