

America Bless God

Many years ago, around July 4th, I put this phrase on the outside church sign of the church I was serving. My mom was visiting that weekend and thought I had switched the words by accident. I informed her that it was intentional. Here is why. Over many years, God Bless America has been the prayer and cry of our nation, even by some who are not religious. The problem is, in order for God to really do that, some things must happen. Here is what John MacArthur preached on the topic.



"Will God bless America? Can God bless America? Should God bless America? Are we blessingable? There's a new word for your dictionary. And if God did bless America, what would He be saying about His holiness? If God did bless America, what would He be saying about our morality? About our spiritual condition? Could God bless America and protect His reputation as a holy God?"

Of course, God can always do whatever He wants, whenever He wants. But when it comes to blessing, He has clearly and repeatedly set down conditions. I've listened carefully to that song, "God Bless America." There's no verse in there that identifies the conditions. Nor do Americans seem to be opening their Bibles to try to find out what the conditions are. I don't hear anybody saying, "God, what do we need to do to be blessed?"

Here are three important conditions for God to bless America:

1. The nation must get back to the Bible. The founders based laws and behaviors on the Bible. But as a nation, we have moved far away from the Bible. This is seen in the many decisions and immoral behaviors we see in society today. We need to get back to studying God's word.
2. When we study God's word, we see God. We learn about God. We learn how to have a relationship with God. We as a nation, every individual must confess our sins, desire to turn around from our sinful ways, and enter into a relationship with God through Christ in which He becomes the Lord of our life.
3. We must obey His laws and His will.

Let us start with ourselves. Let us live in such way that God can and will bless us. Then let us reach out to those around us. Let's start a movement and revival back to God so that if Christ continues to tarry, America may get to a place in which God will bless America.

In Christ Alone



CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

Heavenly Father, You have said that if You do not build the house, we labor in vain. Build our house, Lord. During your last days before that horrible time of suffering, You were praying for us. It is truly too much for me to comprehend. You prayed that we would be one as You and the Father are one. That we would be in You so that the world will know You. We do not completely understand, but we, as a body, have experienced a taste of this when we come together as one. Have your way, Oh Lord, at our Covenant Brethren Church Conference. Build us a house and dwell in us forever. There is nothing more precious than your presence! Bear fruit in us and let the world believe that You sent Jesus! We lay down our lives so that You can have Your way!

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Beaver Creek Congregation in Floyd, VA and Pastor Marvin Wade
- Beree Congregation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa and pastor Mukani Kalobera Biemvenu

Card Shower

We've been faithfully praying for Kala (Yost) Cressler as she has been navigating a health issue with numerous bumps on her journey. Let's assure her of our love and concern for her by blessing her with a card shower. Kala's address is in the Friends section of the church directory but we are printing it here for your quick reference. Let's surround her with our love and care.

Kala Cressler
112 Shadyside Lane
New Bern SC 28562

Prayer & Praises

- Sue & Al Smeltzer requested prayer for Ben Neff. Ben is Mike & Sandy Neff's son. Ben was airlifted to the hospital with intense seizures. He has been placed into a 24-hour induced coma to give the doctors time to figure out the right course of treatment. Please pray for the doctors to have the wisdom to figure that out. Pray for healing for Ben and pray for peace for Mike & Sandy Neff while waiting and going through this difficult time.
- Please pray for Liz Lipsitz who is having an endoscopy tomorrow.
- Please continue to pray for Kim & Cheryl's father who has A-fib and congestive heart failure.
- Pray for Kala's specialist appointment today to go well.
- Darlene Snelbaker requested prayer for Judy Jarvis to get a good placement and that she will have loving care and peace.
- Please pray for Liz Lipsitz who has been having some medical issues. Please keep her in your prayers for healing and for the doctors to have wisdom. She is having an endoscopy on July 3rd, so please pray for results from this test.
- Jenny Miles requested prayer for 2 friends. Their names are Sherry and Theresa, Both have terminal cancer. Aside from praying for peace during this time, Jenny would also appreciate prayers that they would both come to know Jesus.
- Sue Deardorff requested prayer for our military all over the world for safety and protection.
- Pray for recovery and healing for Pam Miller from her surgery that she had yesterday.
- Linda Hollinger requested prayer for her grandson Randy Hollinger.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost requested prayer for her friend Ryan Bair who has a tumor on his brainstem. They removed 90% of it. He went into cardiac arrest after surgery and had to be rushed back to surgery for a brain bleed and is now on a ventilator at Thomas Jefferson Hospital.
- Dillon Yost wants to thank everyone for all of the prayers and cards. His arm is healing up well.

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
July 13th, 2025
At Noon
At
Dover Valley
Restaurant
Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Newsletter

THE LAST DAY TO SEND ITEMS
IN TO BE PLACED IN THE
JULY NEWSLETTER
IS JULY 3RD, 2025
BY 10:30 AM

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, texts, and phone calls this week. I am so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family!

Pam Miller



Bermudian Church
Vacation Bible School
Online registration is open!
Bermudianchurch.org/vbs

July 27th - July 31st

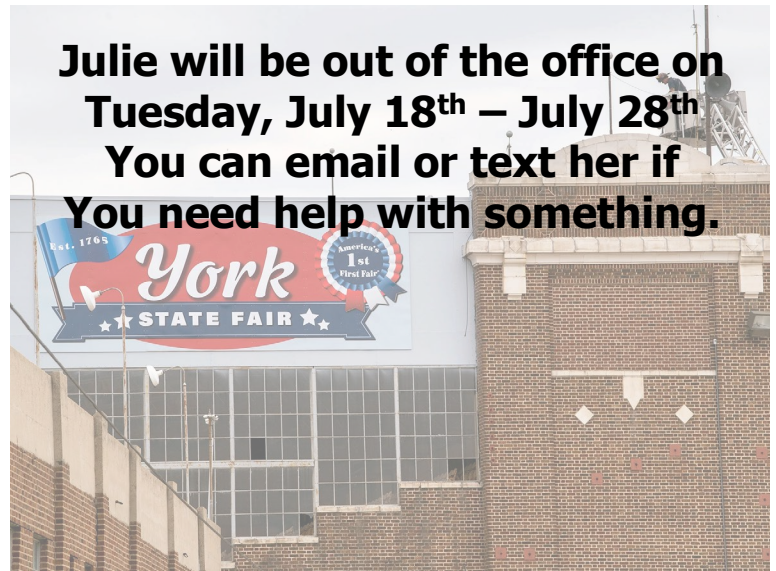
Volunteers Needed!!

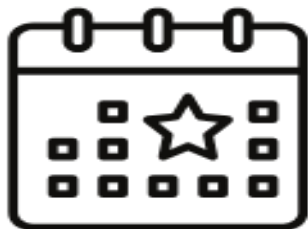
Craft Helpers, Herders, &
Teacher for the 2-3-year-old class
See Sue Mayle for more info
and to sign up to help!

Sign up is in the hallway for donating
food.

**Julie will be out of the office on
Tuesday, July 18th – July 28th**

**You can email or text her if
You need help with something.**





Reminders

Wednesday 07/02

06:30 pm – Life Group



Thursday 07/03



Kenneth Warren Sr.'s Birthday



July Newsletter Deadline

Friday 07/04



Emily Lipsitz's Birthday



Gary & Tammy Breighner's Anniversary

Independence Day

Saturday 07/05



Ann Hammond's Birthday

Sunday 07/06

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 07/07



Anne Miles Birthday

Newsletter finish – Prep & Print

Pastor Gary is out of the Office today

Tuesday 07/08

09:00 am – Newsletter Assembly

Wednesday 07/09



Victor Riddle's Birthday

06:30 pm – Life Group



Thursday 07/10



Ron & Betty Engle's Anniversary

Saturday 07/12

Pam Miller – Gathering Place reserved

Sunday 07/13



Larry Dentler's Birthday

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School
12:00 pm – Widow's/Widower's Luncheon at
Dover Valley Restaurant

Wednesday 07/16



Tammy Thompson's Birthday

06:30 pm – Life Group



Pastor Gary is out of the office today

Thursday 07/17



Sandy Billet's Birthday

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

Friday 07/18



Jared Kauffman's Birthday

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

Saturday 07/19

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

Sunday 07/20

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

Pastor Larry Dentler will be preaching today.

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersections Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 07/21

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

Tuesday 07/22



Evan Mile's Birthday

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

Wednesday 07/23



Randy & Barb Becker's Anniversary

Pastor Gary is on Vacation
