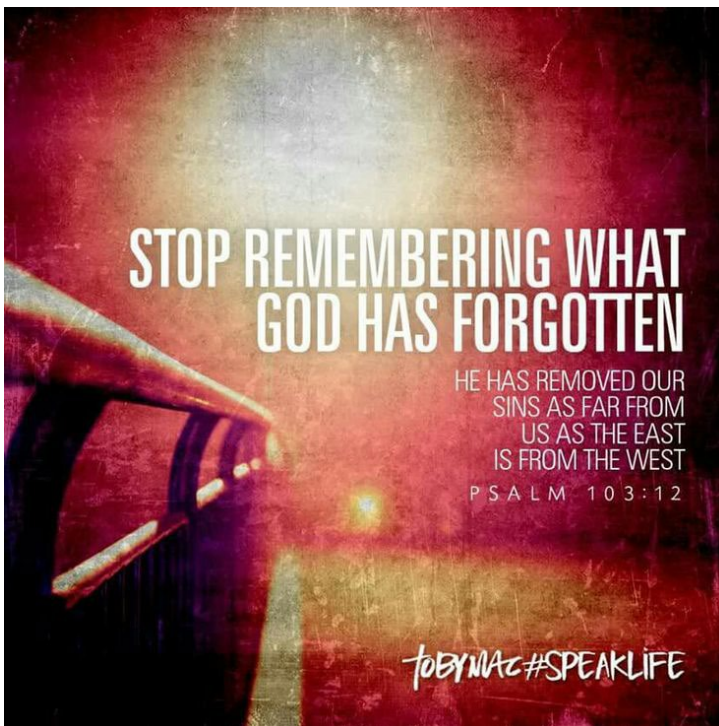


## Forgiving Ourselves

We often hear sermons, and I have preached sermons in which the lesson was on how to forgive others. We know that this is a command of Jesus. We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and this includes forgiveness. We are to love our enemy and this includes forgiving them. The motivation for our forgiveness is the recognition that we have been forgiven by God and therefore we are to follow God's example and forgive others. When we think about how much God has forgiven us and the small amount of sin that has been perpetrated against us in comparison, it drives us to forgive others.



But where we fall short in the area of forgiveness is in the area of forgiving ourselves. We are very much aware that we have sinned and, in some cases, sinned very egregiously. And we know that God has forgiven us. We even quote the passage from Psalm 103.12 that is in the picture. But let me give you more of the verses leading up to that quote. <sup>8</sup>The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. <sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever <sup>10</sup>He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; <sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

God is compassionate and gracious. This is why he forgives us. Unlike us He is slow to become angry but is overflowing in His love for us. This is why He forgives us. And the reason that He does not always accuse us or give us the judgment that we deserve is because Jesus died on the cross to forgive us of all of our sins and in so doing, "as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." Jeremiah 31.34, "For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will **remember** their sin **no more**."

But we keep remembering our sins. We keep bringing them up in our minds. We can't let go of them. We can't forgive ourselves for those sins we have committed or those things we have not done that we should have done. And so, the saying in the picture is a good one. And so the challenge for us is, stop remembering what God has forgotten.

In Christ Alone



- Darlene Snelbaker requested prayer for Judy Jarvis to get a good placement and that she will have loving care and peace.

### **CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT**

Praise God for a blessed and safe CBC Youth Mission Trip to Puerto Rico last month. Pray that God will continue to bless these young people as they mature in Jesus.

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

- Bermudian Congregation in East Berlin, PA and pastor Gary Firster
- Betel International Congregation in Morristown, TN and pastor Libia Gutierrez

**Subs/sandwiches** will be available for pick up on Thursday 7/10 from 2:30 PM-6:00 PM at The Gathering Place.

## *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 NC 28562

## **Prayer & Praises**

- Tom Zipfel had surgery yesterday. He is still experiencing a lot of pain, so please pray for Tom to have less pain as he heals and keep Deb in your prayers during this time as well.
- Chelsey Meyers-Yost requested prayer for her dad, Brian Meyers. Brian had bloodwork twice in 6 months with elevated PSA's. He is being referred to a urologist for a biopsy of his prostate with an appointment at the end of July.
- Ben Neff is having an advanced EKG test so they can decide what is causing his seizures.
- Brett & Pam Miller have a praise that they are expecting their 4<sup>th</sup> grandbaby. Dan & Larissa Thrift are expecting in January 2026.
- Cheryl, Kim & Rick are requesting to keep praying for Austin Kephart.
- Cheryl requested that everyone keep praying for Kala.
- Patricia & Bill O'Bryan wanted to thank everyone for all of your prayers for Bill. Bill is on a new medication and for 3 days he has had very little migraine pain. To some 3 days isn't much but after having horrible, never ending migraines, it is a blessing. Please continue to pray that this medicine will continue to work.
- 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.



## Widow and Widowers Luncheon

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



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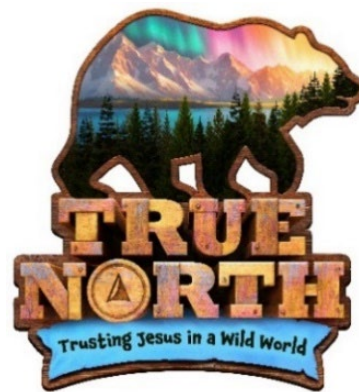


On August 10, Matthew Hershey will be presented as the candidate for our Associate Pastor position.

He will preach at our worship celebration. After worship, there will be a time for questions and answers.

**Following that sharing**, there will be a congregational business meeting in order to vote on his candidacy.

**After the meeting**, we will gather in the Gathering Place for lunch. Please plan on attending this very important day.



Bermudian Church  
Vacation Bible School  
Online registration is open!  
[Bermudianchurch.org/vbs2025](http://Bermudianchurch.org/vbs2025)

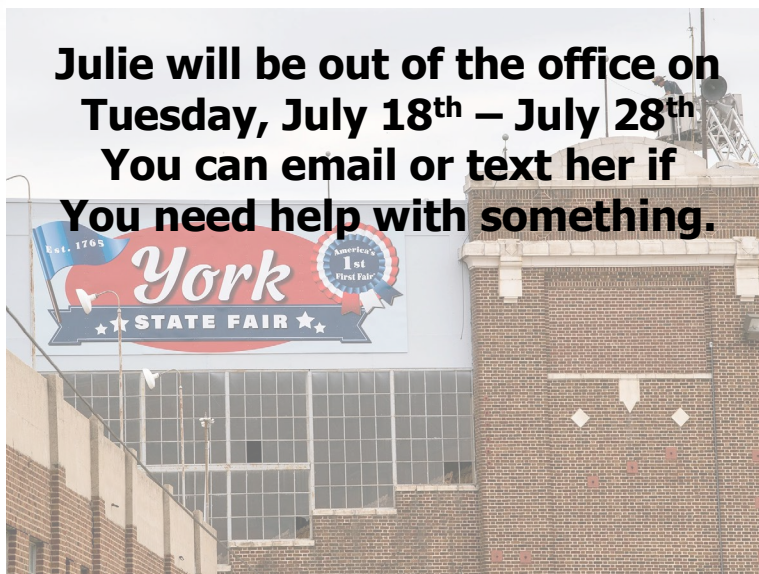
July 27<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>

**Volunteers Needed!!**

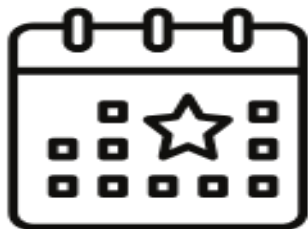
Craft Helpers, Herders  
See Sue Mayle for more info  
and to sign up to help!

Sign up is in the hallway for donating food.

**Julie will be out of the office on  
Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>  
You can email or text her if  
You need help with something.**



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# Reminders

10:20 am – Sunday School

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## Monday 07/21

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

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## Tuesday 07/22



Evan Mile's Birthday

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

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## Wednesday 07/23



Randy & Barb Becker's Anniversary

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

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## Thursday 07/24

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

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## Friday 07/25



Tammy Breighner's Birthday

Pastor Gary is on Vacation

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## Sunday 07/27



Mark Lipsitz's Birthday

09:00 am – Come Worship  
10:00 am – Intersections Café  
10:20 am – Sunday School  
6:15 pm – VBS Starts  
6:45 pm – Adult Bible Study

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## Monday 07/28



Terry Wagner's Birthday

5:15 pm – VBS Simple Meal  
6:15 pm = VBS Program  
6:45 pm – Adult Bible Study

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## Tuesday 07/29



Steve Harlacker's Birthday

5:15 pm – VBS Simple Meal  
6:15 pm = VBS Program  
6:45 pm – Adult Bible Study

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## Wednesday 07/30



Kathleen Eisenhart's Birthday


5:15 pm – VBS Simple Meal  
6:15 pm = VBS Program  
6:45 pm – Adult Bible Study

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## Wednesday 07/09



Victor Riddle's Birthday

06:30 pm – Life Group 

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## Thursday 07/10



Ron & Betty Engle's Anniversary

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## Saturday 07/12

Pam Miller – Gathering Place reserved

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## 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

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## Wednesday 07/16



Tammy Thompson's Birthday

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

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## Thursday 07/17



Sandy Billet's Birthday

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

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## Friday 07/18



Jared Kauffman's Birthday

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

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## Saturday 07/19

Pastor Gary is out of the office today

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## 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