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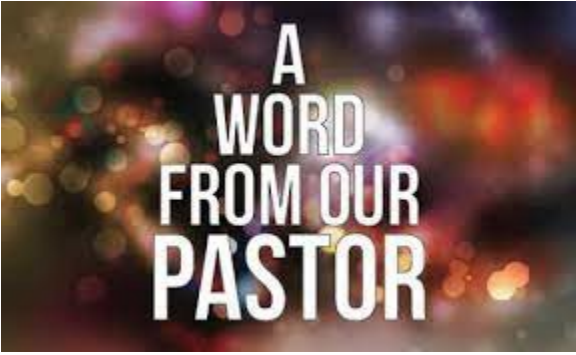


Love Feast

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 2025

10:15 AM

THE GATHERING PLACE



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Is Church Optional?

(The following is an excerpt from Sue Deardorff which is an article by a friend of hers Sherry March) *"The church is not a human invention...The church is established by Christ, protected and nourished by Christ, governed by Christ, and exists for the glory of Christ. Because of this, the church is also not optional...The church is fundamental to the identity of everyone who belongs to Christ."* Megan Hill from *Growing Together; Taking Mentoring Beyond Small Talk and Prayer Requests*



While walking with His disciples Jesus asked them, *"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"* They gave several answers like *"Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."* When Jesus asked who they say He is, it was Simon who responded, *"You are Messiah, Son of the Living God."* And then, Jesus blessed Simon because God had revealed to Him this truth. He said, *"And I tell you, you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."* (Matthew 16:13-18 NIV)

The Church. "Established, protected, governed and nourished by Christ for His glory." It stands strong. Oh, not the buildings, though they are a tribute to Him. Not the interpretations, though they are many and varied. Not the size or the music or the location or the preferred Bible translation, though they offer something for every taste. The Church exists because we exist and we exist to serve and glorify Him. Churches come in all shapes and sizes and materials. But as our key quote makes clear, The Church is us. The people of God. *"Now you are no longer strangers to God and foreigners to heaven, but you are members of God's very own family, citizens of God's country, and you belong in God's household with every other Christian."* (Ephesians 2:19 The Living Bible)

When I read *"the church is not optional"* it made me pause. In our fast-paced, jam-packed schedules, *going* to church is quite often optional. Today's technology offers services in every denomination, every language, anywhere, any time. We don't have to rouse ourselves early on Sunday morning, we can catch the message on our phones, over coffee, in our pjs, or on the way to the golf course, or sitting on the beach, or weeding the garden. Church on the go. But there is a better way, the way of Scripture. *"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."* (Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT)

When we attend church, we gather with community. When we are the Church we are His disciples, loving and living, following and serving the family of God for His glory. Our minds are filled with Biblical teaching, our hearts are filled with belonging and believing, our souls are nourished and filled with His Spirit. We become the Body of Christ.

As The Church, let's go to church on that holy day. Let's serve the body by using our talents and gifts where needed. Let's build the church by inviting others to come with us, introducing Jesus to seekers and stubborn holdouts alike. Let's worship together with hymns and chorus, raising joyful voices in praise to our Lord and Savior. Blessings, Sherry March

Dear Friends

St Paul writes: "those who sow bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2 Cor. 9: 6) Our prayer for you are that God will fulfill his promise in these words in all of your lives. When we heartfully give for our brothers and sisters we unite ourselves more closely with Christ. It is He who, obedient to the Father, suffered and died for all, no conditions attached. May He bountifully bless you all for sustaining our ministries at the prison. Ouchos, KLM Leadership Team

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

We want to thank all of you from Bernudian for your cards, phone calls, visits and prayers. We appreciate it so much. Tom continues to recover, still a lot of work to do. He'll be glad to get back on his feet. We are very Thankful for Gods healing so far.

...so very much.

Tom & Deb Zipfel



48th Annual Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

Friday & Saturday,
September 26 & 27,
2025

Lebanon Valley Expo

Hours of Operation:
Friday: 9:00 am – Buildings
Open
Saturday: 7 am-9 am
Breakfast – Pavilion
8:00 am Buildings Open

Purpose: Work closely with Brethren Disaster Ministries, who sends volunteer workers to disaster sites, both locally and around the world.

Support: May support this event with donations or sale items, cash donations, as an attendee, or as a bidder. You are sure to find something of interest.

Since 1977, Brethren Disaster Relief Auction has raised approximately \$19 million.

LOVE FEAST

Love Feast will be observed on October 5. On that Sunday, we will celebrate our normal worship at 9:00 AM. After this celebration worship, we will move to the Gathering Place for Love Feast, where we will find our seats at various tables. We will then celebrate in the normal three-fold way: feet washing, Lord's supper (common meal), and communion (the bread and the cup). There will be feet washing and hand-washing areas away from the table seating. Feet and hand washing will remain male/female separated. After the feet/hand washing, we will share a meal together which will include two different kinds of soups. After the meal, we will remain at the tables to celebrate communion with the bread and cup. For those of you who have never celebrated Love Feast before, this will be a great opportunity to see what this blessed ordinance is all about. We hope you all will join us.

Childcare will be available.



Fruitbelt Farmworker Trip

October 7th at 5:30

We will be leaving the church at 4:30

Women's Fellowship will be providing dinner so if you plan to attend, please use the signup sheet on the bulletin board. We will be taking them gifts that are needed.

- Jackets (they trim trees in the winter and prefer mediums and large)
- Hats
- Hooded Sweatshirts (prefer mediums and large)
- Blankets, new if possible or very gently used

A container is outside Shepherd's Hall.

If you have no time to shop, money donations may be given to Meghan Replogle, who says she would love to do the shopping.

Questions: Contact Meghan Replogle who has offered to take on this project



Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
September 14th, 2025

At Noon

At

Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Women's Choir

Wednesdays
September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Studying:
Highlights in the Book of Proverbs

How to Be Happy In Jesus
Small Group
September 4th, 11th, & 25th
6:30 pm in the Sanctuary
See Dave Titzell if
you need info

Joanne and Courtney will be
having a bake sale on
Sunday, September 21st
to raise funds for their IMO
Mission trip in 2026. All items
are available by donation.



Create in me
a pure heart
Psalm 51:10

More Opportunities

COVENANT BRETHREN CHURCH'S FIRST

National Women's Conference



October 10 & 11, 2025
at
**Calvary Covenant
Brethren Church**
Winchester, Va.

With guest speakers
Karen Grossnickle and
Pastora Libia Gutierrez

*Theme: A Praise
and Worship Life*

Cost: \$40 per person
Register on the
Covenant Brethren Church
website after next week
covenantbrethren.org



October 10: Registration - 5pm to 6pm
October 11: Program ends - 2pm



BRETHREN DISASTER MINISTRY REBUILD MISSION TRIP

Johnson County, TN

October 26th – November 1st

- Are you interested in volunteering to serve on a Rebuild Mission trip?
- An experience that you will forever remember!
- Location: Johnson County, TN
- Distance (from Bermudian): approx. 425 mi
- Time (travel time, not including stops): approx. 6hr 34min
- Transportation Housing & Meals provided
- Jobs: Builders, Roofers, Painters, Cleaners
- Even if you don't have experience, you can be trained on the job.
- Number of Volunteers needed: 7
- SIGN-UP SHEET ON BULLETIN BOARD IN LIBRARY AREA.
- Questions: Please speak to Joel Stern or Mark Lipsitz

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING & SUPPORT!

from your Witness Commission

CBC Susquehanna Annual Meeting & Worship

Conference: October 11 at 9 am

at Ridge CBC, 1095 Ridge Road, Shippensburg



October 12 – 15: Bermudian Church 2025 REVIVAL SERVICES

Guest Evangelist: Pastor Stafford Frederick
Sunday October 12th at 6:15 pm – Mini Concert with
Whispering Creek Bluegrass, 7 pm the remaining days



BERMUDIAN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 9th
Following Sunday School



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

October 19 through November 23, 2025

Shoeboxes available & Online Orders begin

IF you allow Witness Commission to place your
online order, your cost will only be \$21.00



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

September 2nd, 2025

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

- 9:00 am** Worship – In the Sanctuary
4 yr. old to 4th grade "Sunday Friends"
Children will be dismissed before the start of Pastor Gary's sermon.
- 10:00 am** **Intersections Café** - 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**

HELLO
September

- † 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

September Mission
offering

Tender Care Pregnancy Center

Tender Care
Pregnancy Consultation Services

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please let us know ASAP
by e-mail or calling the office.