

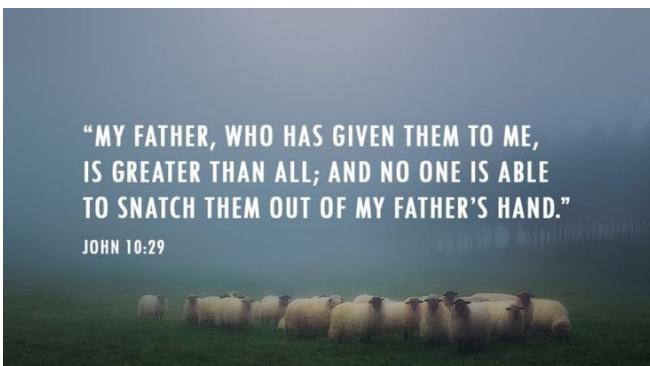
December 3rd, 2025 #1,116

“You’re in Good Hands”

This is a familiar quote from the Allstate motto. I am not supporting this insurance company over “good neighbors” or a “gecko” or a “Limu Emu.” Instead, I want to use this phrase in a more spiritual way. We are in good hands because God is holding on to us.

Have you ever felt like your world was hanging by a thread; like life had pushed you to the edge of a cliff and all you could do was hold on? In those moments, it’s easy to panic and worry and even give up. But the Bible encourages us that as God’s children, we are in good hands. God is always holding on to us. **Isaiah 41.13, “I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, “Do not fear I will help you.”** This isn’t just poetic language, it’s a spiritual reality. Just as a loving parent won’t let go of a child dangling from danger, our Heavenly Father has a grip on us that cannot be shaken. Whether we are walking through grief, battling anxiety, or facing the unknown, our spiritual security rests not in our strength, but in His faithfulness. The truth of God’s Word reminds us that ***we are not holding on to Him as much as He is holding on to us.*** We are secure in His hands, no matter what storms rage around us. His grip is steady. His love is unwavering. His protection is eternal.

This is very comforting as we go through those storms of life. But it is mostly encouraging when we think about our salvation. **“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My father, how has given them to me, is greater than all and no one is able to snatch them out of my father’s hand.” John 10:28**



Our salvation is God’s work by the Holy Spirit based upon our faith in the work of Jesus the Christ on the cross and the resurrection. It is not based upon our work or efforts. **Titus 3.5 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.”** Since it is God’s work of saving us, it is also his work of holding on to us. And Jesus stated he will never let us go. Nothing can snatch us out of his hand. Nothing and no one can separate us from his love. Those who believe have eternal life and will never lose it.

This is encouraging. Sometimes in our sin we are concerned that we are losing our grip on God. We feel we are slipping away. Although it may be that we are falling, God still has a tight grip on us and he will never let go of us. He may not pull us up right away until we have repented of our sin, but he will never let us go.

Casting Crowns wrote about in the song **“East to West.”**

**I know You've washed me white, turned my darkness into light
I need Your peace to get me through, to get me through this night
I can't live by what I feel, but by the truth Your Word reveals
I'm not holdin' on to You, but You're holdin' on to me**

IN CHRIST ALONE



Prayer & Praises

- Chelsey Yost would like us to pray for her family. Her father went through his appointment today and his numbers are still elevated. They will review them again in 3 weeks, and if they are still elevated, he will need to get radiation. Please keep them in your prayers through this tough time.
- After a fall in the snow, Merv Good indeed has several fractures in his wrist and is currently wearing a splint. He will be seeing an Orthopedic Dr. for further treatment. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Mary Stover's daughter let us know that Mary went to be with the Lord. They are asking that we keep the family in our prayers as they go through this transition period.
- Colin Staples requested prayer for the Dick Lehman Family. Dick, who is a co-worker of Colin's had a heart attack and passed away. Pray for his wife, Linda and the entire family.
- Dave Titzell requested prayer for surgery that was happening today for a bladder stone. Pray for continued healing.
- Susan Deardorff requested prayers for the two National Guard officers and their families that were shot in Washington DC
- Pray for the family of Mary Stover as they go through this difficult time after her passing.
- Joanne Miller requested prayer for Wayne and Pat Miller, as they are both really declining, also pray for the family.
- Joanne Miller requested prayer for 2 biopsies of thyroid nodules on 12/16. Prayers for good results.
- Foy Stambaugh is critically ill in York Hospital. He was placed on a ventilator.

- Please pray for Makayla Good, who is very ill. Please also pray for comfort and peace for the family as they have been through a lot recently.
- Tammy Breighner shared a praise, "We awoke to the news that late last night our first great-grandchild was born. A little boy named Rylo Zonnor Fontanez. There are no words to describe how blessed Gary and I feel!! The miracle of birth.... what a beautiful thing!"

CBC WEEKLY PRAYER POINT

Please pray for the Gahenerezo congregation in Rwanda, Africa, and the Pastor, Nlakerulima Olive. Also, pray for the Galumba congregation in Burundi, Africa, and the Pastor, Nigerhanze Abraham.

The gospel of Matthew at 24:36-44 tells us: No one but God knows the day or the hour of our Savior's return, but we all must be aware that God's plan is for him to return.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Gahenerezo in Rwanda, Africa and Pastor Ntakirutima Olive
- Gatumba Congregation in Burundi, Africa and Pastor Nigerehanze Abraham

To all children and youth of Bermudian Church and their families!

On Sunday, December 14th the Sunday School dept will be presenting a small skit at the beginning of the worship service.

December 6th, 2025
Movie Night – "The Star"

MOVIE
night

Pizza at 5:30 pm, Movie starts
At 6:15 pm, tell a friend!

****CHRISTMAS BAZAAR****

Saturday, December 6,
at East Berlin Community Center,
8 AM - 2 PM.

East Berlin Christmas Bazaar - Donations of baked goods (cookies, pies, fudge, etc.) and craft items are needed. All donated items should be at the church by 10:00 a.m., Friday, 12/5/2025. We will be packing cookies at this time. A sign-up sheet for donations will be posted on the Church Bulletin Board. (Proceeds received from the Bazaar are distributed by Ladies Fellowship throughout the year to ministry needs.)

Wednesdays

December 3rd, 10th, & 17th

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Highlights on the book of Daniel

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
December 14th, 2025
At Noon

At Brenda
Eisenhour's house

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Fruitbelt Farmers

December 8, 2025

We will be visiting with the Fruitbelt Farmers at 6:00 p.m. to spread some Christmas cheer. We will be serving cookies, hot chocolate, and singing some songs. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Church Bulletin Board if you wish to go along.....leaving the church around 5:00 p.m.

Save the Date!

Holiday Dinner
January 10th, 2026

at 5:30 pm

The Gathering Place

RSVP by December 28th

CARLISLE TRUCK STOP
MINISTRY
HOLIDAY COOKIES



HELP SUPPORT THE
TRUCK STOP MINISTRY
COOKIE DISTRIBUTIONS
BY BAKING SOME OF
YOUR FAVORITE
COOKIES TO SHARE
WITH OTHERS.

We have already prepared the gift bags with small gift items. All we ask is that you place 5 to 6 of your fresh baked cookies in zip-lock style bags.

NOTE: Truck Stop ministry ask that you wear gloves (masks are optional) while preparing & packaging cookies.

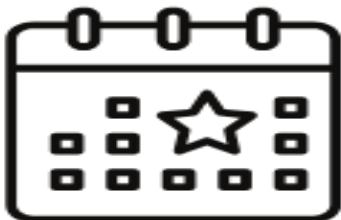
PLACE YOUR COOKIE BAGS IN THE GATHERING
PLACE, ON THE KITCHEN CENTER ISLAND

***ALL COOKIES ARE DUE IN NO LATER THAN**
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH. *

IF ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR
WITNESS COMMISSION.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
BLESSED BAKING!

from your Witness Commission



Reminders

Wednesday 12/03



Gerald Gerber's Birthday

6:30 pm – Life Group 

7:45 pm – Ladies Choir

Saturday 12/06

8:00 am – 2:00 pm – Christmas Bazaar at East Berlin Community Center – visit the ladies to get your cookies and crafts!

5:30 pm – Movie Night – The Star – Pizza at 5:30 pm and Movie starts at 6:15 pm

Sunday 12/07

Memorial Poinsettia & Emergency Deacon Fund Memorial Donations & Forms are due today

Angel Tree Gift's need to be returned today

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 12/08



Melinda Little's Birthday



Pat Lehr's Birthday



Jamie Lynn Stewart's Birthday

06:00 pm - Fruitbelt Farmworkers' Visit
Leave church at 5 pm

Wednesday 12/10

6:30 pm – Life Group 
7:45 pm – Women's/Men's Choir

Thursday 12/11



Justin Kauffman's Birthday



Mike & Ashley Frantz's Anniversary

Friday 12/12



Jonathon Wells' Birthday

Saturday 12/13



Troy & Brenda Grim's Anniversary

Sunday 12/14

Bring Truck Stop Cookies

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School
12:00 pm – Widows and Widowers Luncheon
At Brenda Eisenhower's house

Tuesday 12/16



Richard Jacob's Birthday

Wednesday 12/17

6:30 pm – Life Group 
7:45 pm – Women's/Men's Choir Practice

Sunday 12/21



Merv Good's Birthday

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 12/22



Brett Miller's Birthday

Wednesday 12/24

5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Bermudian

7:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Altland Meeting House, Thomasville

10:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service at Altland Meeting House, Thomasville

Thursday 12/25



Jesus' Birthday!

Merry Christmas

Saturday 12/27



Lucille Meyer's Birthday

Sunday 12/28



Fred & Connie Shultz's Anniversary

09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School