



March 11th, 2026 #1,129

The Word of the Week - Sabbath



This is another word that was chosen by one of our members. You might not think so, but it is a word that causes a great deal of controversy. Groups such as the Seventh Day Adventists hold that God requires the church service to be held on Saturday, the Sabbath day. Some of you grew up with many restrictions of what you could do on Sunday. There are many questions about the Sabbath, beginning what or when is the Sabbath? Is Sunday the Sabbath? Are we still to observe the Sabbath? Is a person allowed to work on the Sabbath? These are just a few of the questions. So let's begin with what it is, when it is, and why was it given?

The Sabbath command was given in the Ten Commandments. **Exodus 20.8-11**, “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. The Sabbath command was to do no work on the Sabbath day. Yes, Jews in Old Testament, New Testament, and modern times use Saturday as the day of worship, but that is not the essence of the Sabbath command. God commanded a day off.

According to the Pharisees, Jesus repeatedly broke the Sabbath by “working.” In Mark 2.27 Jesus said, “**The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**” The Sabbath was intended to help people, not burden them. It was not designed to be a legalistic observance. It was designed to help us rest from our hard work.

The second part of that verse states that Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath in that the Sabbath pointed to the rest Jesus provides. He fulfilled the Law and the Prophets. Jesus calls us to come to him and rest. **Matthew 11.28** “**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.**”

On the cross, Jesus did all the work necessary for our salvation so that now we enter his rest and when he comes again, we enter the eternal Sabbath Rest. **Hebrews 4.9-10**, “**There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.**”

Although first-century Jewish believers went to the temple on the Sabbath, the decision by the church leaders recorded in Acts 15 never instructed Gentile Christ followers to keep the Sabbath. In Colossians 2.16-17, Paul wrote, “**Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.**” If there was a day that Christians met regularly, it was the first day of the week (our Sunday), not the Sabbath day (our Saturday) (Acts 20.7, 1 Corinthians 16.2). This is in honor of Christ’s resurrection on Sunday. There were never instructions or restrictions given as to how to observe this day.

Therefore, first, with our liberty in Christ, each person can choose what to do about the Sabbath. Secondly, we are not allowed to judge someone who does not follow our choice. I do believe, following God’s wisdom, it is a wise practice to take a day off each week to rest and refresh. But whatever we do, do it for the glory of God and not out of legalistic obligation.

In Christ Alone

Save the Date:
congregational
MEETING
April 12th, 2026
Reports due from Chairs by March 20th

Holy Week
 4/02 Holy Thursday Worship - 7 PM
 4/03 Good Friday Prayer Vigil
 12 PM - 3 PM
 4/05 Easter Sunrise Celebration - 6:30 AM at
 Bermudian Church
 4/05 Easter Celebration - 9 AM at Bermudian
 Church

Julie's Office Hours
Weekly
 Tues, Wed, Thur
 10:00 am – 12:30 pm-ish
 1st and 3rd Tuesdays she is in 12 pm – 3 pm
 Julie is sometimes in before 10:00
 but the above hours
 Insure you have a better chance of reaching her.

Wednesdays
 March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Highlights on the book of Malachi

KEEP CALM AND ENJOY YOUR VACATION

Pastor Matt will be on vacation from March 21st to March 28th!



On Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt during the Sunday School Hour. We are planning a short lesson or Easter story and activity and then the egg hunt.

Easter EGG HUNT

There will be Sunday School for all ages.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

On April 2 at 7:00 PM we will gather in the Gathering Place for our Maundy Thursday service.

We sit around tables set up in such a way to enable us to use various Scriptures from the Gospels to help us reenact the Last Supper of Jesus. The theme of the short meditation will be "Remaining on the Vine."

We will share in celebrating the bread and the cup of Holy Communion. Come join us.

Nursery and children's class (ages 4 to 4th grade) will be provided in the main building. Come join us.

Free Puppet Show

 Bermudian Church **May 9th @ 7PM**



Sunday, March 29th, 2026 at 5:30 pm
See Pastor Matthew for details.

Youth Group will be meeting on
Thursday, March 19th at 6 pm.

See Pastor Matt for more info.

Women's fellowship

will have their

Baby Shower

to benefit

Tender Care Pregnancy

on

Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm.

We hope that all the ladies of the church will plan to attend. We will have games, prizes, and light refreshments. We are pleased to have Jackie Herren of Tender Care speak with us about the work they do and the help they provide. Please ask a friend from church who hasn't attended before or bring a friend from the neighborhood. Tables will be in the kitchen area of Shepherds Hall to gather your layette items or you can bring them with you that night. It is a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for this so important ministry. Please plan to attend. Baby bottle return is Sunday, April 26th to allow more time to fill your bottles.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GIVING & SUPPORT!

from your Witness Commission

EASTER BERLIN

March 28, 2026 @ 11:00am

Rain Date: April 4, 2026

East Berlin Community Park

Age Groups: Ages: 0 – 2 years Ages: 3 – 5 years

Ages: 6 – 8 years Ages: 9 – 12 years

Can Jam with Prizes - New Testament Bibles - Most Important Story bklets

10,000 + Eggs / 500 Free Lunches / Free Crafts

Volunteers will be needed: Sign up sheet will be available soon.

“LET’S HAVE AN EGGSITING TIME TOGETHER”





CBC Weekly Prayer Request

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Kiruri in Burundi Africa and Pastor Bukobero Pierre
- Kiryankonzi-Kibogi in Uganda Africa and Pastor Twagiramunga Christopher
- Knob Creek in Johnson City TN and Pastor John Swonger
- Knobley in New Creek WV and Pastor Chris Edward Leatherman

Prayer & Praises

- Please keep Barbara Shelley's family in your prayers for comfort and peace as Barb passed away on Monday.
- Please pray for Richard Jacobs. He fell and sustained a broken rib and had to have 7 stitches over his eye. He is back home.
- Pray also for Chelsey who will have surgery on March 17 on a foot she broke last year. A bone did not heal properly. Also her dad's first week of radiation went well. No side effects.
- Brett & Pam Miller requested prayer for their friend's daughter who is having complications from her chemo
- Elizabeth requested prayer for her AWANA teacher for recovery from her foot surgery.

Summer will be here before we know it, and *Christian camps* are an awesome way to keep our children educated in the Bible and have a great summer adventure. They offer plenty of exercise and outdoor activities as well as teaching and worship, plus the opportunity to make friends that will last a lifetime.

Camp Eder, the Church of the Brethren camp in Fairfield, is a close drive and offers different camp interests throughout the summer for a wide range of ages. More info on those offerings will be made available.

Joyel Bible camp is located near Greencastle, PA, and offers camp for second through middle school. The theme this year is "The Wild Frontier". There are 8 weeks available. To register, visit Joyel.org. A leadership course for older youth in high school is also available.

They are both excellent choices. The Bermudian church policy is the church will pay 50% of the fee for one week of Christian camp for youth. Please watch for more info and be sure to check out the youth bulletin board next to the cafe doors.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

The 2026 Church Directory will be printed and added to your mailbox in the next 2 weeks!

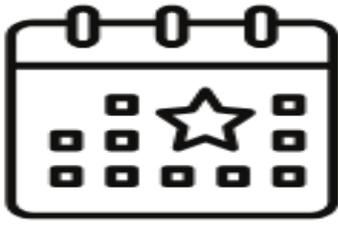


Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Women's Fellowship

Baby Shower to support Tender Care Ministries at 6:30 pm





Reminders

Wednesday 03/11



Marilyn Julius' Birthday

Barb Stern's Birthday



6:30 pm – Life Group

Saturday 03/14



Dawn Hunt's Birthday

Sunday 03/15

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 03/16



Galen Cook's Birthday



Rick & Kim Shearer's Anniversary

Tuesday 03/17



Tina Gleim's Birthday



Lakota Mojica's Birthday



Jonathon & Glenda Well's Anniversary

Wednesday 03/18



6:30 pm – Life Group

Thursday 03/19

6:00 pm - Youth Group Meeting

Friday 03/20

**Congregational Business Meeting Reports
are due** from Commission Chairs.



Victor & Eileen Riddle's Anniversary

Sunday 03/22

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

Monday 03/23



Gary & Linda Firster's Anniversary

Tuesday 03/24



Joshua Stewart's Birthday



Brenda Replogle's Birthday



Chelsey Meyer-Yost's Birthday

Wednesday 03/25



6:30 pm – Life Group

Thursday 03/26



Dan & Larissa Thrift's Anniversary

Sunday 03/29

09:00 am – Come Worship

10:00 am – Intersection's Café

10:20 am – Sunday School

5:30 pm – Young Adults Meeting

Monday 03/30



Colin Staple's Birthday

Tuesday 03/31



Harold Breneman's Birthday

Wednesday 04/01



Sandy Sweitzer's Birthday



Karen Peter's Birthday



Jacob Shearer's Birthday



6:30 pm – Life Group

Thursday 04/02



Linda Firster's Birthday

7:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

