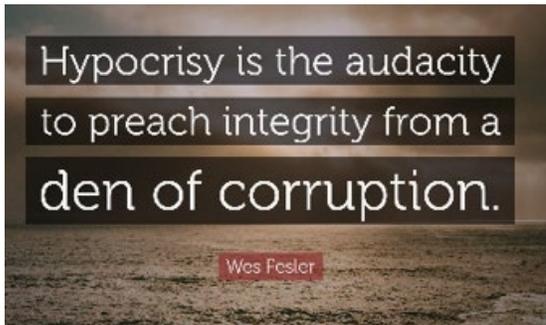




March 18th, 2026 #1,130

The Word of the Week - Hypocrisy



This word, from a member, is one we know all too well. It is a word we have used about others, and it is a word that has been used about the Church. The picture gives a very strong and very true definition of hypocrisy: (Wes Fesler was a multi-sport athlete and coach.) Some simple definitions are that “hypocrisy is not practicing what you preach.” “Saying one thing and doing another.” And we instruct others to “do as I say, not as I do.”

So, what is our response when someone says that the Church is full of hypocrites. First, we need to praise God when someone verbalizes it, because we have a chance to respond. But too many who feel that way, just walk away. I read this story recently. **I recently had a conversation with a man while visiting my brother-in-law at the nursing home. He was baptized and served in his lutheran church well into his adulthood. But the example his parents set for him led him to leave the church and become a Buddhist. It seems his parents went to church on Sunday but lived a completely different life Monday through Saturday. He called them hypocrites.**”

So, how do we respond to this accusation. Saying, “you’re right, so come join us,” may be our first thought and speaks truth but not ultimately helpful. Spurgeon said that if you find the perfect church don’t join it. I believe the truth of the matter is that every human being is a hypocrite. No human being does 100% of the time what we know we should do and what we know is right. I am certain that even this Buddhist is at times hypocritical.

Having written that, as Christ followers who are now in union with Christ and empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit, we are new creatures in Christ whose goal in life is to become more like Christ. The command by God is to be holy as he is holy. *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* – **Galatians 2:20** In Christ and in holiness there is no hypocrisy.

Here are some Bible verses to help us all. *“The Lord says: ‘These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.’”* – **Isaiah 29:13**

“Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” – **James 1:22**

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.” **James 3:17**

“Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” **Matthew 23:28**

We must seek every day of the week, Sunday through Saturday, to live holy and Christlike lives. But we will fall short and be hypocritical. When that happens, let us humbly go to the cross, seeking God’s forgiveness with a desire to live better. Those parents will be judged for their hypocrisy as will we and everyone who lives hypocritically. But there is always forgiveness for the contrite in heart...

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

**Hear Ye!
 Hear Ye!**

Julie will not be the office tomorrow, Thursday, March 19th, 2026. If you have something urgent, you can reach her at 717-578-3408 by text or call.

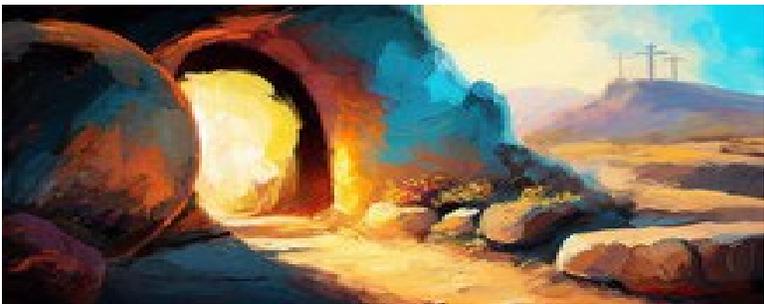
Wednesdays
 March 18th, 25th, April 1st
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

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."

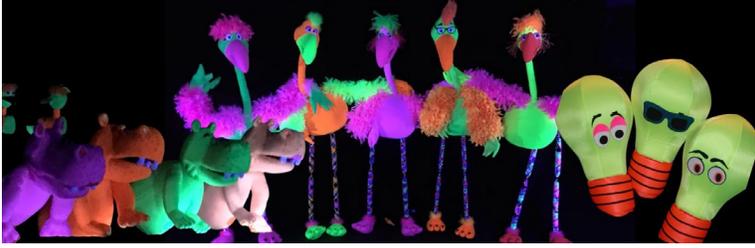
We will share in celebrating the bread and the cup of Holy Communion. Come join us.

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

Free Puppet Show

By Yahdah Ministries

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”





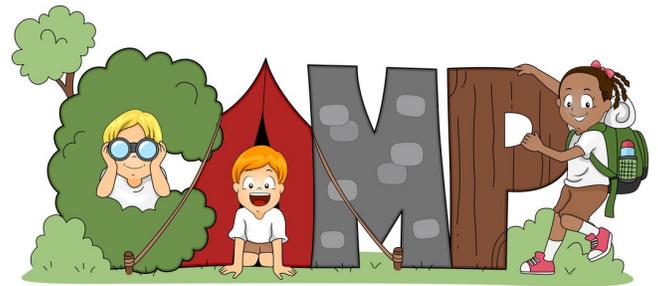
CBC Weekly Prayer Request

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- La Javilla Comunidad del Cristo in the Dominican Republic and Pastora Alicia Celestin Destin
- Limestone in Limestone, TN and Pastor Jim Griffith
- Little Pine in Ennice, NC and Pastor Eddie Wooten
- Maison du Potier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa and Pastor Kifuluga Asani Alaiz

Prayer & Praises

- Deb Yost requested prayer for her dad, Richard Jacobs who will be moving to Country Meadows in Shiloh. Please pray for a smooth transition.
- Jeff & Jen Mile's requested prayer for Nate Marland (Anne Miles' Fiance) Nate hurt his knee ACL badly while helping with youth group. Pray for less pain and fast healing.
- Chelsey's foot surgery went well yesterday. She has some shooting pain in her foot. She will only be able to put minimal weight on that foot for 2 weeks.
- Doris Myers called to request prayer for the family of her niece and her niece's husband for comfort and peace. Her niece, who has been on the prayer list in the past, passed away last night. Her niece's husband passed away unexpectedly on Sunday.



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



Save the dates:

Vacation Bible School
Bermudian Church
August 2nd – 6th,
2026

We will update when
registration opens!!

Please note the correct contact
information for Fruitbelt
Farmworkers is as follows:

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Executive Director

717-623-0999

farmworkerffcm@gmail.com

www.fccmpa.org

6611 Somerset Street

Harrisburg, PA 17111

Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
April 12th
At Noon

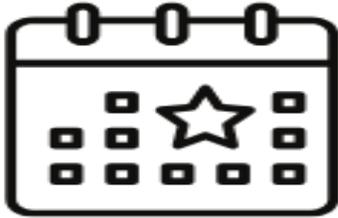
At Dover Valley
Restaurant

Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



Because Kids Matter to God

Coming soon to Bermudian Church.
For more info, ask for Pastor Matthew.



Reminders

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

Friday 04/03

 Allen & Sue Smeltzer's Anniversary

Saturday 04/04

 Robert & Linda Meck's Anniversary

Sunday 04/05

Happy Easter – He is Risen!!

06:30 am – Sunrise Celebration at Bermudian
09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School

Tuesday 04/07

 Roy & Tammy Thompson's Anniversary

6:30 pm – Women's Fellowship – Baby Shower to support Tender Care Ministries

Wednesday 04/08

 6:30 pm – Life Group

Thursday 04/09

 Eileen Miller's Birthday
 Gary Shive's Birthday