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The Word of the Week - Judgement



This is another word that comes from a member, and it is a big one. This world is full of people judging or shaming people. We should not be surprised when people outside the church judge people. But we, Christ followers and the church have the word of God which gives us clear guidance about judging. Nevertheless, we have been accused of being judgmental and probably often with just cause. Recently I heard that this was a problem in another religion.

Every member of this other religion is watched carefully as to what they do and even who they fellowship with. There is even the encouragement to "rat out" those who are seen doing the wrong things, even if it is a family member. I have known Christian churches that are close to being judgmental in this way also. The topic of judging others is a significant theme in the Bible. It provides guidance emphasizing discernment, humility, and love.

Matthew 7.1-5 "Do not judge, or you will be judged. For with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but fail to notice the beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while there is still a beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." This passage highlights humility, self-examination and repentance before pointing out the sin of others, which it does not prohibit. We are not to be hypocritical or self-righteous in our judging. This will also prevent us from being harsh in our critique.

John 7.24 "Stop judging by outward appearances and start judging justly." Superficial judgements without investigating the full facts are wrong. In another passage we are reminded that we judge (wrongly) on appearance, but God judges the heart. (1 Samuel 16.7)

Romans 14.10-13 "Why, then, do you judge your brother? Or why do you belittle your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: 'As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before Me; every tongue will confess to God.' So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop judging one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way." Paul commands us to refrain from judging one another simply in areas of disagreement.

James 4.11-12 "Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. And if you judge the law, you are not a practitioner of the law, but a judge of it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?" Ultimate judgement belongs to God. We are allowed to discern if a person is following the word of God and if not, in love point this out. But we are never allowed to condemn, stating our belief about their eternal destiny.

In summary, the Bible presents the view that judging others is balancing the need for discernment with the call to love and humility. Believers are encouraged to exercise righteous judgment, which involves evaluating actions and behaviors according to biblical standards while maintaining a spirit of grace and compassion. This involves *self-examination*: regularly assessing one's own life and motives before addressing the faults of others; *discernment*: seeking wisdom and understanding from God to judge rightly and fairly; *love and compassion*: prioritizing love in all interactions, aiming to build up rather than tear down; *accountability*: recognizing that ultimate judgment belongs to God and living in a way that honors Him.

In Christ Alone

Save the Date:
congregational
MEETING

April 12th, 2026

Reports due from Chairs by March 20th

Barbara Shelley's services will be held at Leber Funeral Home and Cremation Center at 47 N. Queen St., Dover on Saturday, March 28. Visitation from 10:30 to 11 AM and memorial service at 11 AM.



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

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

Life Group

Highlights on the book of Malachi

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

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.

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

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.

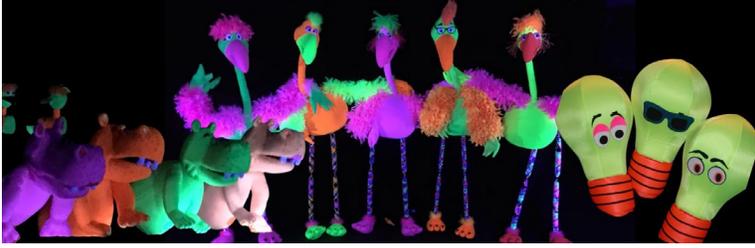
Easter
EGG HUNT

There will be Sunday School for all ages.

Free Puppet Show

By Yahdah Ministries

Bermudian Church May 9th @ 7PM



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



Save the dates:

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

We will update when
registration opens!!

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 bklt

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:

- Maji ya Uzima Kikonde in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Pastor Lambert Bya'ene Joshua
- Malinde in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Pastor Mleke Mwenge
- Mana de Cielo in Venezuela and Pastor Asdrubal Rodriguez
- Maple Spring in Eglon, WV seeking pastoral leadership

Prayer & Praises

- Please pray for Bonnie Tyson's son-in-law's sister, who is very sick in the hospital.
- Pray for Bonnie's coworker's husband, who is also very sick.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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



Widow and Widowers Luncheon

Sunday
April 12th
At Noon

At Dover Valley Restaurant

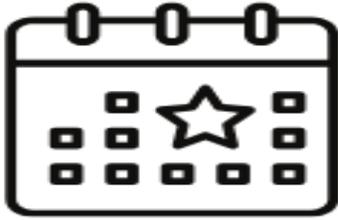
Please See Nancy Smith to RSVP



Because Kids Matter to God

Coming soon to Bermudian Church.

For more info, ask for Pastor Matthew.



Reminders

Wednesday 03/25

 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!!

Sunday 04/05 cont'd

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

Sunday 04/12

09:00 am – Come Worship
Congregational Business Meeting after the service, no Sunday School or Intersections Café
12:00 pm – Widow's/Widowers Luncheon at Dover Valley Restaurant

Monday 04/13

 Wilmer Price's Birthday

Tuesday 04/14

 6:00 pm - Commission Meeting

7:00 pm – Board Meeting

Wednesday 04/15

 Mike Frantz's Birthday

 6:30 pm – Life Group

Thursday 04/16

 Josh & Amanda Stewart's Anniversary

Sunday 04/19

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

 James Miller's Birthday

 Cory Grim's Birthday