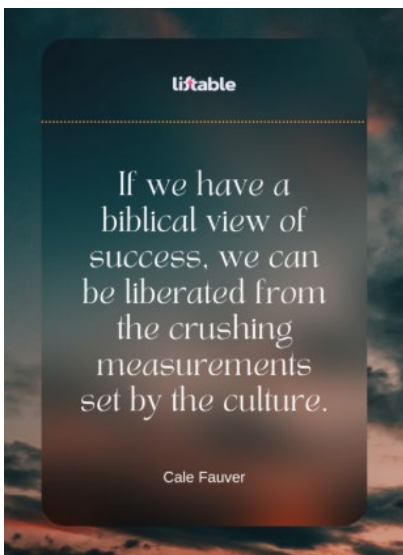




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The Word of the Week - Success

One of the desires in today's world is to be successful. And many people have success and we see that in their achievements. God has endowed everyone with skills and talents and those that choose to use them are able to be successful. But this success is worldly success. If you were to ask a random person on the street, are they successful or how they define success, you would probably get lots of different answers. One might say success is being wealthy. Another might define success as having a good family and kids. Still another might say success is being healthy and enjoying a long life. For every ten people asked, you may find ten different ideas of success.



The only real success that matters is success as God sees it. Biblical success that pleases and glorifies God is being known by Him and knowing and serving Him through faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to his will. Success is a life empowered by the Spirit of God, motivated by love for God and others, and directed toward the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The story of the battle of Jericho is one of those stories that teaches us about Godly success. **Joshua 1.6-8** **“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.**

Joshua was told to be strong and courageous twice. This was because it was God's will, as he had promised, to bring the Israelites into the promised land and possess it. What Joshua had to do in order to be successful was to obey the instructions of God, who had already won the battle for them, and to meditate on and obey the word of God. This was the Book of the Law. Joshua did this and so he was prosperous and successful. Jericho fell on that seventh day.

In the next battle against the town of Ai, they were not successful. **Joshua 7.4-5** **So about three thousand men went up; but they were routed by the men of Ai, who killed about thirty-six of them. They chased the Israelites from the city gate as far as the stone quarries and struck them down on the slopes. At this the hearts of the people melted and became like water.** They were not successful because Joshua did not inquire of the Lord what they were to do regarding the next town Ai. If Joshua had prayed, he would have learned that there was disobedience in the camp, God's words were not fully kept. God's will was not done and therefore they would not have success until all of Israel was right with God. Once that happened, as the sin was exposed and removed from the camp, they went up to fight the town of Ai and they had success.

Let us be strong and courageous in every aspect of lives as we seek the Lord's leading, seeking to do his will and not ours, studying his word and obeying it and giving him all the glory. When we do this, we will be successful.

In Christ Alone

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

Free Puppet Show
 Bermudian Church **May 9th @ 7PM**



Widow and Widowers Luncheon
Sunday
March 8th, 2026
At Noon
At Dover Valley
Restaurant
Please See Nancy
Smith to RSVP



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.



Mid/week Lift and Sunday morning

1. We will use the full name of any member or regular church attender.
2. For all others, we will provide the relationship of the person giving the request to the person being prayed for (e.g. the neighbor of Pastor Gary). **We will try our best not to use the first name of the person for whom the request is made.**
3. We will provide only the necessary information to aid in your prayer.
4. If you really need more information, you can contact the person making the request.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER REQUESTS
 - On Sunday morning, there is a new yellow form for prayer requests. When you fill out the yellow form, please carefully read the form. We are asking that you only include the first and last name of the person needing prayer **if you have been given permission by the person to do so.** There is a box to check if you have been given permission. Otherwise, only fill out the person's relationship to you. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Gary. Remember we are seeking to be respectful and sensitive to all individuals, which is the Biblical mandate which commands us to *love one another*





Prayer & Praises

- Please keep Liz Lipsitz in your prayers for her surgery on Friday.
- Deb Henry requested prayer for her cousin's wife, Angie, who has rectal cancer.
- Please pray for Chelsey Yost's father, who starts radiation tomorrow. He will have radiation for five days a week until the middle of April.
- Please pray for Troy Grim for continued recovery from his medical procedure.
- We have a praise because Wilmer Price was discharged on Wednesday.
- Please pray for Doris Myers' Nephew. He had surgery for a blood clot on Wednesday.
- Doris Myers is asking for prayers for Dick's niece, who has liver cancer and is spreading. Prayers for wisdom for the doctors and prayers for comfort, peace, and healing for Dick's niece.
- Joanne Miller's surgery went well. Pray for continued recovery.
- Please pray for a friend of the Obryan's son, who had a stroke on Friday and is now battling brain bleeds and blood pressure issues.
- Please pray for Keith Eisenhart's family due to Keith's sons passing.
- Bonnie Tyson requested prayer for medical concerns for her granddaughter.
- Please pray for Bill O'Bryan who has been diagnosed with human metapneumovirus. This is very serious for him because of his autoimmune issues. He also has experienced severe migraines for three weeks.
- Please pray for the mother of Susan Deardorff's Bible Adventure supervisor. Her mother has been in the hospital for about a week for what appears to be heart problems. So please pray for healing for the supervisor's mother.

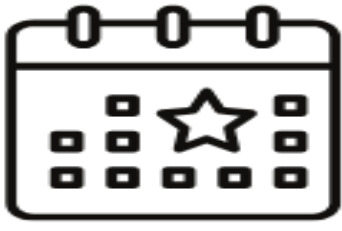
Prayer requests are in for 2 Mid-Week Lifts, the smaller type is last week's with updates (if we have them). The larger type is the most recent info.

CBC Weekly Prayer Point

One final point. According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Thomas Nelson, 1978, pages 1110 & 1113, surveying the King James Version, the word "prayer" is used 245 times in the Old Testament and 68 times in the New Testament. The word prayed is used 31 times in the Old Testament and 34 times in the New Testament. The word prayer 83 times in the Old Testament and 31 times in the New Testament. The word prayers is used twice in the Old Testament and 22 times in the New Testament. The word prayeth, 4 times in the Old Testament and 3 times in the New Testament and finally praying is found 6 times in the Old Testament and 14 times in the New Testament. That means the word prayer and its five companion words are used 543 times in the King James. I pray that my point has been made. The concept of prayer is from the beginning to the end of the bible. It is as important as any of us can imagine. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (KJV) gives us an invitation: *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."*


Please pray for these congregations and pastors:


- Karongi in Rwanda Afrida and Pastor Niyongira Leonard
- Kasambya in Uganda Africa and Pastor Ssempijig Alex
- Kasangati in Uganda Africa and Pastor John Mwesigwa
- Kayogoro in Burundi Africa and Pastor Terambere Gedeon



Reminders

Wednesday 02/25

 Deb Henry's Birthday

 6:30 pm – Life Group


Saturday 02/28

 Nancy Smith's Birthday

Sunday 03/01

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

Monday 03/02

 Greg Verbosky's Birthday

7:00 am – 3:00 pm - Meat Canning – leaving the church at 5:45 am


Tuesday 03/03

Newsletter Assembly

6:30 pm – Women's Fellowship

Wednesday 03/04

 Nicole Miller's Birthday


 6:30 pm – Life Group

Friday 03/06

 Larry McKinley's Birthday

 Allen Smeltzer's Birthday

Sunday 03/08

 Randy Becker's Birthday


09:00 am – Come Worship
10:00 am – Intersection's Café
10:20 am – Sunday School
12:00 pm – Widow's/Widower's Luncheon at Dover Valley

Tuesday 03/10


 Joanne Miller's Birthday

 Charlotte Smith's Birthday

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

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