



March 4th, 2026 #1,128

The Word of the Week - Integrity

(This is another requested word)

Sometimes in our conversations, we say things that we need to rethink. Maybe not all of you do this, but you have heard these following phrases. A person may answer a question or make a statement beginning with: "Well, honestly" or "to tell you the truth" or "truth be known." I know that I have used perhaps all of these at some point, and I have tried to stop doing that. Why?

INTEGRITY

Think about what these phrases imply. They imply that at other times and in other conversations we have not been honest or we have not told the truth or to put it bluntly, we may have lied. This should never be the case. We must be people of integrity.

Matthew 5.36-27 "And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one."

James 5.12 "Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple "Yes" or "No." Otherwise, you will be condemned.

Our word, what we say, must always be the truth. But integrity is more than just not lying. Here is a definition from the Biblehub website: **Integrity signifies wholeness, sincerity, and uprightness of character. In Scripture, it is marked by an undivided devotion to righteousness and truth. [Proverbs 11:3](#) teaches, "The integrity of the upright guides them, but the perversity of the faithless destroys them." This principle reminds believers that integrity is not optional; it undergirds every aspect of Christian conduct. Biblical integrity also involves consistency—doing what is right according to God's Word, regardless of personal cost or expediency.**

Jesus, the cornerstone of our Christian faith, consistently practiced what He taught. He upheld the truth with love, resisted every temptation, and fulfilled His mission obediently. His resurrection, attested by witnesses and supported by robust historical evidence, cements His authority as Lord and the ultimate model of integrity. And so, we are to follow the example of Jesus as salt and light in this fallen world with ultimate moral integrity.

Here are some ways we can cultivate integrity in our daily lives.

1. Renewing the Mind – Romans 12.2, Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. We must submit our thoughts, and motives and desires to the will of God. We must become transformed inwardly by God's truth which will then transform our outward actions.

2. Consistency in Speech and Action – James 3.10, Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. We must align our words and deeds with God's truth. It takes deliberate practice and reliance on the Holy Spirit to overcome hypocrisy.

3. Accountability with Others - Scripture teaches that it is wise to confess our sins to one another as a means to help us remain accountable for our actions. **James 5.16, Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.**

4. Obedience Regardless of Circumstances – 1 Corinthians 10.31, So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. We must study God's so that we know the truth and then live out the truth in every aspect of our lives for the glory of God who is truth.

Let us live lives of integrity...

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

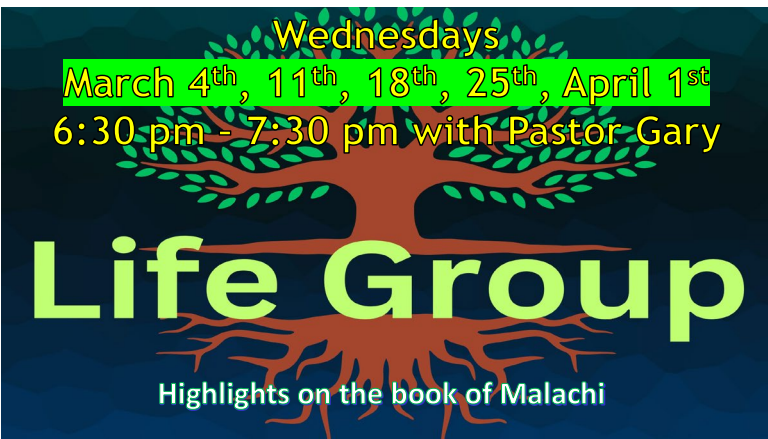
Free Puppet Show
 Bermudian Church May 9th @ 7PM



Wednesdays
 March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm with Pastor Gary

Life Group

Highlights on the book of Malachi



Widow and Widowers Luncheon
 Sunday
 March 8th, 2026
 At Noon

At Dover Valley
 Restaurant

Please See Nancy
 Smith to RSVP



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 will be provided.

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

Youth Group will be meeting on
Tuesday, March 17th 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”





Prayer & Praises

- Please remember Karen and John Peters as John's mother passed away.
- Please pray for a friend of Bob Foltz who is having knee replacement surgery today.
- Please pray for Liz Lipsitz who is continuing to have severe pain in her recovery from shoulder surgery. Pray that the doctors can find a treatment to minimize her pain.
- Pray for Wilmer Grim, who had a fall last week and broke his scapula. He is at rehab now.
- Sue Mayle requested prayer for their friend Tony Campisi. Tony has been in the hospital since October and is home now and still has to deal with his brain tumor.
- Sandy Spoon requested prayer for President Trump and our military as they carry out operations in Iran.

- 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.

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.

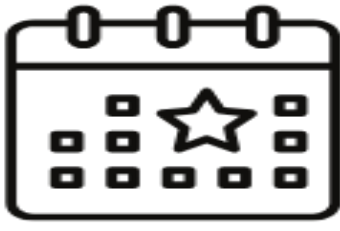
CBC Weekly Prayer Point

Pray for our CBC brothers and sisters in Venezuela during these times of transition, and that God would protect, provide, and bless them. Pray also for our CBC brothers and sisters in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the challenges they are facing due to war and displacement. Pray that we will all be faithful to pray for each other and that God would move in each CBC member and congregation.

Please pray for these congregations and pastors:

- Kibwanyi-Mubende in Uganda Africa and Pastor Hagumimana Benjamin
- Kidaho in Rwanda Africa and Pastor Adam Mbarushimana
- Kinogo in Uganda Africa and Pastor Twzermiyana Emanuel
- Kiruma-Mubende in Uganda Africa and Pastor Elisa Niwamanya





Reminders

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

6:00 pm – Youth Group Meeting

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

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