

BERKSHIRE COUNTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

BULLETIN

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Supplement your faith from this moment on

"For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities, you will never fall. For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:5-11). "virtue" – high moral standard; "knowledge" – facts gained from studious behavior; "self-control" – exercising restraint over one's passions and desires; "steadfastness" – being resolutely firm and unwavering; "godliness" – being devoutly religious; "brotherly affection" – gently feeling of fondness/liking, "love" – an intense feeling of affection accompanied with devotion. These are the things Peter says will keep us from being "ineffective or unfruitful" in our Christian pursuit.

Too often, we put on Christ in baptism and then sit back and wait for the glorious first-class coach to transport us to the doors of heaven. We think we have reached the pinnacle of our faith, and nothing more is required of us beyond the most basic actions to maintain our "saved" status. But that is not the case. Most industries in the workplace expect (and some even require) periodic training to increase knowledge and effectiveness, and the same can be said for our Christianity.

The state you are in today should never be the same as the one you are in tomorrow. You should make it your primary goal to increase the things of the Spirit to better yourself because not doing so makes you so “nearsighted” that you are “blind.” Failure to stay in the Word and increase in knowledge will soon make you fall into the trap of complacency, which will lead to laziness, weakness, and the inability to resist temptation and sin.

But if you pursue spiritual knowledge, you will be able to guard yourself against the wily ways of the devil and not stumble and fall. Then you will be successful in being virtuous; you will gain knowledge that will lead to self-control and steadfastness in your faith. In turn, you will increase your godliness as far as you are humanly able to and have a greater love for your fellow man. And then, as Peter puts it, “...*there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” So, supplement your faith from this moment on.

<u>AM ORDER OF WORSHIP</u>	<u>PM ORDER OF WORSHIP</u>
<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> - Cleve Stafford	<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u> - Cleve Stafford
<u>SONG</u> - 473 - O How I Love Jesus	<u>SONG</u> - 583 - Sing to Me of Heaven
<u>PRAYER</u> - Matt Brinckerhoff	<u>PRAYER</u> - Douglas Roy
<u>SONG</u> - 359 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 1,2,4	<u>SONG</u> - 595 - Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus 1,2,4
<u>COMMUNION</u> - John 6:48-51 Douglas Roy	<u>SERMON</u> - A New Direction
<u>SONG</u> - 499 - O to Be Like Thee! 1,2,4	<u>SONG</u> - 584 - Softly and Tenderly 1,2,4
<u>SERMON</u> - Anger Issues	<u>COMMUNION</u> - Douglas Roy
<u>INV SONG</u> - 532 - Praise Him! Praise Him!	<u>INV SONG</u> - 598 - Standing on the Promises 1,2,4
<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u> - Benjamin Twumasi	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u> - Jeffery Tarmey



ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

Please silence your phone by placing it in airport mode.

We ask all visitors to please pick up a visitors card and fill it in.



- Bulletins are on the fireplace table and sermon notes are inside when available.
- Please put your offering in the provided envelope (don't write anything on it)..
- If you look on the back of the visitors card you will see space to right a prayer request if you have one - feel free to do that and hand it in to us so we can pray about it.
- Our potluck luncheon is today following morning service.
- Movie night is Saturday 30 September at 6:30pm here at the church the movie will be Citizen Kane.
- Ladies Breakfast is 7 October at 10:30 am here at the church. Invite a friend and bring a dish to share.



PRAYER REQUESTS



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- Continued Prayers for Melinda's mom Isabel du Toit who is still undergoing Chemotherapy.
- Prayers for all our service people wherever in the world they have been deployed to.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

- Praise God for our sponsors.
- Praise God for the privilege to worship in safety
- Praise God for the measure of health and wealth we enjoy

BIRTHDAYS / SPECIAL OCCASIONS

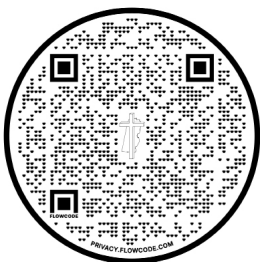


24 September - Sally Twumasi

Sunday morning Bible Class - 9:00AM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 7:00PM
Personal Bible Study (Convenient time)



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Word List

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COURT	DAUGHTER	FIRE	FORGIVE
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MURDER	NEIGHBOR	PERSON	PRAYING
SIN	WRATH		