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Julia Boykin and the Prophet Isaiah share something in common, **they both believe feet can be beautiful.** Isaiah's observation about beautiful feet can be found in Isaiah 52:7 where he writes, "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Feet are beautiful when they bring a message of peace and goodwill from the Lord. Julia shares a similar view to that of Isaiah. She and her husband Earl have a passion for making sure children have a good pair of new shoes for the school year. Where did this passion for protecting feet come from?

Julia's grandparents were farmers from Bedford, Virginia. They were hard working salt of the earth people. Her grandfather was named Harry Turpin and he owned the Lynchburg Cattle Market. His wife Lillian helped him with the business and the farm. She was known as Mamaw Lillian to Julia and Mamaw Lillian had some sage advice that she passed down to her children and grandchildren. She said, "Make sure you're in church every Sunday, go to the dentist, and make sure you've got good shoes for your feet." Why was she so concerned about good shoes? She said, "You need to take care of

your feet because they are going to take you on the path that the Lord wants you to walk." This advice was well received by Julia's mother

Carolyn, also known as Mawmaw to Julia's children. Mawmaw Carolyn felt so strongly about the need for good shoes that she made sure her grandchildren had a brand new pair of shoes at the beginning of every school year. Julia fondly remembers her mother going shopping for white, high top Stride Rites



Earl and Julia Boykin

for her children every year. Having new shoes each year has become so engrained in their family that when Julia's son Brad got married his groom's cake was in the shape of a boot! Mamaw Lillian's life lessons have not only been a blessing to Carolyn and Julia and their family, but they've been a blessing to many others as well.

One day a couple of years ago Julia approached me with the idea of starting a ministry at Bethel called Soul to Sole Shoe Ministry. The Boykins donated gift cards for new shoes and we gave these gift

cards to teachers to give to their students who needed new shoes. Mary Florence, who is a Bethel member and a teacher at Powhatan Middle School, told me about a student who only wore flip-flops to school. Mary asked the student about her flip-flops and learned that they were the only shoes she owned. So we provided the student a gift card and not only did that student receive new shoes, but her brother and sister did as well. As time went on we introduced Julia to the community outreach coordinator at Crestwood Elementary School in Chesterfield. Through that connection Julia and Earl have not only provided shoes but they've donated clothes, backpacks and even a lunchbox to a child in need. One day Julia got a call from the coordinator that they had a student who had been using a hand-me-down lunchbox. His three older siblings used the lunchbox until finally it fell apart. The young boy was carrying his lunch in a Wal-Mart plastic bag and was being teased by others. Julia and Earl bought several lunch boxes and delivered them to the school. I tell you this story not to put Julia and Earl on a pedestal, in fact I asked their permission to tell their story, but I tell it so we can be blessed and inspired by their story. I appreciate that Julia has taken the wisdom and legacy of her grandmother and has found a way to pass it down to her children and then outward into the community to bless others. Mamaw Lillian still lives on through Julia's shoe ministry. Secondly, I think the message behind the shoe ministry is one we should think about and embrace. We do need to take care of our feet because they walk the path God lays before us. This speaks to the fact that we have a path to walk and that God has a unique plan and purpose for our lives. But as we walk that path we often need the assistance of others. No one can walk the path alone. We all struggle and need help from time to time. The Boykin's are lovingly offering their assistance to help others to walk their path. Finally, I want to take us back to that scripture from Isaiah. The feet that Isaiah proclaims as beautiful are the feet that bring peace and good news. Let us think about our feet and the places we travel. Do our feet bring the message of peace to others? Do our feet herald the message of Christ's love? I pray that they do. What about the feet of Julia and Earl? Are they not beautiful? Absolutely! Yes! Just ask the little girl who no longer has to wear flip flops to school or the little boy with the new lunch box. May God bless Julia and Earl Boykin and their family and may God bless Bethel Church as we continue to minister beyond the walls of Bethel to be a blessing to our community.

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Todd

*A Note From Your Associate
Pastor and Music Minister by
Gayle Taylor*



“February: Love Among the Ashes

February 2020 offers two special occasions: Valentine’s Day and Ash Wednesday. While Valentine’s Day gives us the opportunity to express our love to others through cards, candy, and other tokens of appreciation, Ash Wednesday is a much more somber event with the focus on penitence.

Ash Wednesday officially begins the Lenten season. On this day, congregants meditate upon their mortality and sin and seek reconciliation with God. This day ushers in the season in which many **abstain from a luxury item (meat, chocolate, etc...)**. Some folks choose to adopt a healthy habit or to create a calendar of positive activities between the time of Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

During a typical Ash Wednesday service, participants pray, sing hymns, and receive the sign of the cross (made from ashes) on their forehead or hand. Ashes have been associated with repentance as we find in Job 6:26, when the prophet tells the people to repent of their sins and to **“put on sackcloth, and roll in ashes.”** The ashes also symbolize mortality and remind us that our days on earth are finite. Participants usually leave the service quietly and pensively.

But where is the love in all of this? Is there love among the ashes? **Yes! The love is found in some very special gifts: Christ’s willingness** to die to our sins and His passionate desire to forgive us. While we spend some time in the ashes, thinking about our sinful natures, we also receive consolation that our lives do not end there. As Christians, we have grace and redemption from our living Lord!

On February 26, we will all have the opportunity to share in a reflective and meaningful Ash Wednesday service. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the historic sanctuary.

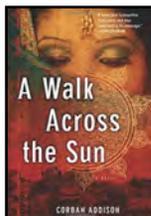


Exciting Easter music is available for willing singers! If you would like to sing during the Easter season, please join us for choir practice on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. See Gayle Taylor for more information.



Book Club February 9

The book club will meet on Feb.9 after church in Gayle Taylor’s office. The group will discuss *A Walk Across the Sun* by Corban Addison, an attorney and activist who lives in Virginia. This novel examines the crime of human trafficking within a compelling storyline. Even if you have not read the book, please join us for a discussion about the human trafficking issue in Virginia. Please bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided.



Youth News Connect



by Lauren Moore

Hey families! This month we have a fun opportunity to go to XZone and play airsoft as a group. Be sure to refer to the email I sent out mid-January (subject: XZone) with all the important details. XZone has a variety of indoor/outdoor sporting activities with one being airsoft. This is open to the whole family and friends so invite the whole crew! Also this month we have Stephen McWhirter and band (formerly Iron Bell Music) back again for another powerful night of worship on February 28. Each student will receive one free ticket. Please spread the word about this concert, especially our facebook event, as proceeds go toward reducing Passport expenses for students! **Lastly, don’t forget to add March 27-29** to your calendar for Missions Madness.

February Calendar:

- 5: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Dinner provided.
- 12: Connect. Dinner provided.
- 19: Connect. Dinner provided.
- 22: XZone (see XZone email from January)
- 26: No Connect
- 28: Stephen McWhirter concert. Each student gets a free ticket. No Hope Supper Table this month. We will pick up serving again on March 21.

****Save the date**:** March 27-29. March Madness 2020. Local weekend retreat. Think Passport on a local scale and weekend schedule. Cost: \$55. Location: Richmond. Second Baptist Church. Events kick off at 7 pm on March 27 and wraps up at 10:30 am on Sunday morning. See <https://cbfva.org/studentministry-opportunities/> for more info. Must have RSVP by Feb. 1 (do not register on the website, I will register our group).

Crestwood Elementary School

The Crestwood Care closet is accepting children’s clothing 2T-XL, children’s shoes, new toiletries, and new underwear. Donations can be dropped off at the school office and a clothes closet volunteer will get them where they need to go, or you can contact Crestwood and line up a tour of the closet. There is also a Facebook page called Crestwood Care Closet. You can check it out at <https://www.facebook.com/crestwoodcarecloset/>. It has an updated wish list at all times. Thank you for helping us love and care for students and families at Crestwood.



Blessing Box

Faith Community Nurse

Philippians 4:13 KJV- I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.



Blessing Box suggestions for February are non perishable food and staple items:

Tuna packs
pop top wieners
pop top soups
pop top spaghetti's
fruit cups
pudding cups
breakfast bars
single size chips
small packs of crackers
single serve cheese & crackers
cans corned beef hash

potted meat
Macaroni and cheese
peanut butter
ziplock bags
paper plates
hand sanitizer
styrofoam cups
hot chocolate
plastic utensils

Donations of clothing new or gently used are still appreciated. The collection box is in the back of the People of Hope and there is another in the Faith Community Nurse office. Thank you for all of your support!

Blessings,
Cindy
RN FCN

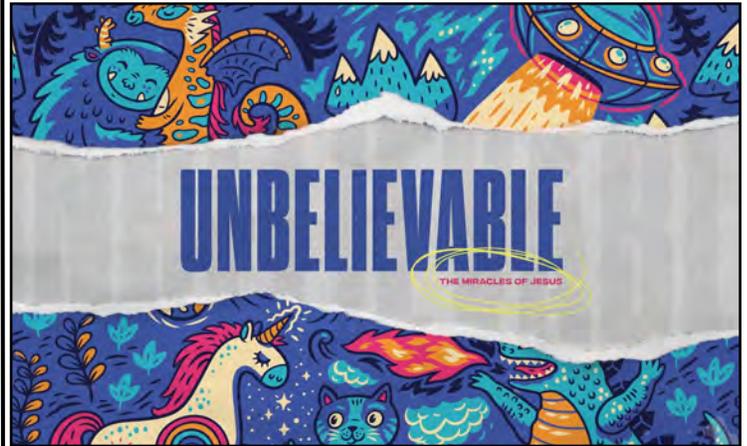
Memorial Association Meeting Sunday, February 9, 2020 Following the worship service

Sharing and Caring at Chick-fil-A



Join us at Chick-fil-A at Westchester Commons Shopping Center each Monday morning at 8 a.m. We will enjoy breakfast and a devotional time together. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

What's Happening in February



Kids love using their imaginations and playing make believe! Whether it's unicorns, dragons, fairy tales or super heroes, it's fun to be creative. But with all the things in our world that are unbelievable, kids need to know what is real and true. They need to know that we can trust God, His Word and the incredible real miracles of Jesus. In this series, kids will learn that God did things that seemed impossible and unbelievable, but those things were very real ways of showing us His power and His heart.

Wednesday Night Programs in January



February 5—Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m.
February 12—Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m.
February 19—Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m.
February 26—Ash Wednesday Service—6:30 p.m.

Student Spotlight for February, Peyton Baker

Meet Peyton Baker! Peyton is a sophomore at Powhatan High School. In her free time she likes to play softball, paint, and listen to music. Her future plans include going to college and studying for a career where she can help others, possibly in medicine, social work, or investigative work. Peyton would love to travel to Italy or Greece some day. Her favorite part of youth is how frequently we help others. Whether it's helping those who need a meal or care, or are shut in, or doing mission work at camps. Peyton enjoys the balance between work and fun! Be sure to say 'Hey!' to Peyton when you see her!



Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for your kind words all year and especially during Christmas. I am also very grateful for the Christmas gift card and the lovely ornament.

Blessings, Cathy Marshall

Dear Bethel Church Family,

I would like to thank the church for the ornament and the generous gift card that was given to me for Christmas. Many thanks also to everyone for all the beautiful Christmas cards I received. Thank you so much for thinking of me. I pray blessings on each of you and a very happy new year to everyone.

Linda Gardner

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Thank you so much for the flowers sent during my recent stay in the hospital and many thanks to all who showered me with cards, calls, visits and prayers. And thank you God for a good outcome.

Betty Tooley

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

My name is Michelle Porter and you were a blessing to my two grandchildren on Christmas and back to school. Carrie has also been a blessing as well. I thank God for you all everyday for coming into my life and my grandkids life. I cried at the thought that my grandkids would wake up without any gifts because I am incarcerated and can't help them but it soothes my heart that God always finds a way. Thank you again.

God bless you all. Michelle Porter

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

I wanted a moment to let you know how much I appreciated your kindness during the Christmas season. It was extremely difficult being away from my family during that time. Words are not enough to say thank you for the blessings of the gifts provided for my grandchildren. It will never be forgotten and I will cherish the act in my heart always. Much love and blessings are sent your way and to all of the individuals that made Christmas for my family so special in my absence.

Tia Daniels

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you for the many expressions of care and concern shown to us following my recent surgery and recovery. Your thoughtfulness reminds us that more than anything else God uses people to heal and to bring comfort to us when we need it most.

Jennie and Ed Watson

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Thanks to the Bethel Care Team for the Christmas Basket, snow globe and other items used daily. Its was also a joy to receive the many cards during the holidays. Prayers are always welcome and I wish peace and joy to all our members.

Ramon Bookman (Zeke)

Bethel Care Team



Once again we enter the month of "Love" in our calendar year. This month brings all sorts of lovely things, cards, candies, flowers, all types of ways to say "Love" to someone special. In our church family, we try to say how much we "love" each other each week when we greet each other, or with a card during the week to say "hello" and how are you and I am thinking of you. Our team reaches out with love every time we visit or call our membership.

The Bible tells us in so many of it's verses of the love our Father and our God tells us to keep uppermost in our minds as we live our daily lives. We are covered with his love...Ephesians 1:4, and that his greatest act of love was John 3:16. We can read of God's enduring "love" in Psalms 136. Our Bible is full of love and so we are lead to serve the Lord with love in our hearts and to accomplish the Golden Rule as best we are able.

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can. Such being one of the blessings of being a Christian is living this truth.

As we reach out in love this month, let us be an act of love to one another.

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

Library News



I hope everyone had a great holiday. The preschoolers and the church are back to a normal routine. The library will be putting a display of several adult books in the People of Hope Center. It will be on a table in the front of the church as you go out of the right entrance. If you are interested in reading one of these books there will be a sign-out sheet on the table next to the books. Directions for checking out the books will be on the sign-out sheet for those interested. Also, please remember the library is open following the church service on the second Sunday of each month. The next date is February 9th. All of the children are enjoying our winter selection of books. Please take a moment to look at the window display outside the library. Cindy and Doug Wight did a great job. It is a really cute display. Cindy has so much talent. I just can't stand it. The month of February I always call the month of love. The children love Valentine's Day. Just how many people can you make happy by just saying "I love you?"

Barbara Bell, Media Director

Ash Wednesday Service February 26, 6:30 p.m. In the Historic Sanctuary

February Birthdays



1	Bruce Lewis	16	Stephen B. Theriot
2	Curt Nellis	17	Kaitlyn Patteson
5	Matthew Truban	17	Madeline Talley
6	Shannon Truban	18	Tweedle Richardson
7	Lauren Birt	21	Elizabeth Bradbury
7	Jeff Huband	22	Carter Brandon
8	Suzanne Kiiffner	23	Kilby Proffitt
8	Robert Yeager	25	Mark McNeel
11	Sharon Laslie	25	Shannon Cramer
13	Pamela Cody	25	Peggy Keatts
13	Emily R. Montaigne	27	Dee Garland
14	Brian Moseley	29	Doug Jamison
14	Barbara Phillips		
14	Bob Gillis		
14	Natalie Realubit		
14	Josephine Realubit		
15	Sara Currie		
16	Nicole Mayberry		
16	Sarah Moseley		

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

The Chick-fil-A fundraiser this month will be on Wednesday, February 19, from 5 to 8 p.m. Proceeds go to the Preschool throughout the school year. Dine-in or grab dinner to go, but please remember to mention Spirit Night when you place your order. Don't forget to take time to come by and spin the wheel. You can win free food, drinks and other items. Hope to see everyone there

Ladies Fellowship Lunch

The Ladies Fellowship Lunch will meet February 6, at noon at Joe's Inn. If you plan to attend please call or text Margaret Gillis at 804-305-6931 so she can make the appropriate number of reservations.



Men's Fellowship Lunch

The Men's Fellowship lunch will meet on Thursday, February 6, at noon at Henry's Market in Powhatan. All men are invited. Everyone is responsible for the cost of their own meal.



Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir (See Gayle Taylor)
- Adults on Mission (Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.)
- **Charlotte's Pantry** (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (See Lauren Moore)
- Friends of the Homeless (5th Mondays at 8:30 a.m. (See Gayle Rogers)
- AA Meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Puppet Team (See Andrea Hale)
- Media Center (See Barbara Bell)
- Care Team Ministry (See Shirley Lewis)

Fellowship/Discipleship

- **Men's Fellowship Lunch 1st** Thursday of each month at noon (See Bruce Lewis)
- **Women's Fellowship Lunch 1st** Thursday of each month at noon (See Margaret Gillis)
- Youth Group Meetings every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. (See Lauren Moore)
- Bible/Discipleship Study Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (See Gordon and Shirley Rutland)
- Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Zumba Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. (See Megan Luck)
- Brotherhood Breakfast (every 5th Sunday)
- **JIGSAW children's ministry**, every Sunday (See Tina McNeel)
- Children in Action meet every 5th Sunday, during the Sunday School hour. (See Frances Morris)

Parish Nurse February 16

Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, February 16, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Stop by and Cindy will be happy to answer your health questions or check your blood pressure.

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

February 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
February 28, 11 a.m. to noon
March 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
March 27, 11 a.m. to noon

If you would like to help on either of these dates, please contact Brenda Peck.





By Carter Cosgrove
Preschool Director

February is here, and Bethel Preschool is back into the swing of things. February is an exciting month for the preschool. February brings with it cold temperatures, crazy weather, Valentine's Day and open enrollment for the new school year. The Preschool begins enrollment for the 2020/2021 school year on February 1st to our church and preschool families first. Enrollment will then open to the public on February 20th. We are offering a \$10.00 discount off the registration fee for all those who register their child before March 2nd. If you know of any families who are looking for a preschool, please let them know about Bethel.

Our children are getting things ready for our Valentine's Day Celebration which will be held on Thursday the 13th for all classes. They are busy learning the true history of Valentine's Day and what it represents now. Children get so excited about creating their Valentines and delivering them to their friends!

Another thank you is warranted to all the church members and preschool families who have come out and supported our Chick-fil-A nights. This is such an important fundraiser for the school because all the money raised goes to the preschool scholarship fund. We currently have 3 families who are beneficiaries of this fund. Even though our spot is reserved we must continue to meet the food sales of \$300.00 to continue this fundraiser. Please come and join us Wednesday, February 19th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and have dinner with us at the Chick-fil-A at Westchester Commons and support the preschool!

I would also like to remind everyone that the Preschool will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. Thank you again to all who help support the Preschool and myself. You are the reason we are the program we are today!

Stephen McWhirter of Iron Bell Music Performing February 28, at 7 p.m.



New name, same band! Stephen McWhirter and band (formerly Iron Bell Music) will join us again for a night of worship on February 28 at 7 pm.

From addiction to redemption, from meth addict to worship leader, Stephen McWhirter's powerful testimony is one of radical restoration, after encountering the reality of Jesus as Savior, as the One who calls the dead from the tomb, removing their Grave Clothes, leaving behind what is dead, and putting on resurrection, the fullness of life. Today, Stephen is a touring worship leader, songwriter, recording artist, speaker, and author, seeing thousands come to Christ through God's calling for his life. Also, he is formerly one of the prominent songwriters and voices for Iron Bell Music. With this new chapter, God has led him into a season of even more kingdom impact, with the release of his debut single, "Grave Clothes." Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.itickets.com/events/439219>.

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—WMU will meet on Monday, February 3, at 10 a.m. at Bethel.

Bethel Preschooler Cards: If you have signed up to send a card to a preschooler, please be sure to remember his/her birthday and any upcoming holidays.

Kroger: Please register your Kroger card so Bethel can continue to receive reward points toward Missions. Go to www.Kroger.com and sign in. Then click on "Community" on tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is QW701. (Note: this is a new number) You will still get your points toward gas, Bethel will just get credit for any amounts you spend at Kroger.

Vacation Bible School June 26 thru July 2, 2020

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. More details to coming soon.



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Rehearsal for Circle of Truth— 10 am Girl Scouts—3 pm
2 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	3 Sharing & Caring Devotional— 8 am at Chick-fil-A WML—10 am Puppets—5:30 pm Church Council Mtg—7 pm	4 Garden Club—9 am ESL—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	5 Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	6 Ladies Fellowship Lunch—Noon Men's Fellowship Lunch—Noon AA Meeting—5:30 pm	7	8
9 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Memorial Association Mtg— following worship Book Club Mtg—following worship Library Open—following worship	10 Sharing & Caring Devotional—8 am at Chick-fil-A Puppets—5:30 pm	11 ESL—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	12 Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	13 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	14	15 Rehearsal for Circle of Truth— 10 am Girl Scouts—3 pm
16 Parish Nurse—9 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	17 Sharing & Caring Devotional— 8 am at Chick-fil-A Puppets—5:30 pm	18 ESL—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm B & Grounds Meeting	19 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night—5 to 8 pm Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	20 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	21 Friday Small Group—7 pm	22 BS Pinewood Derby—7 am to 3 pm
23 SCOUT SUNDAY Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	24 Sharing & Caring Devotional— 8 am at Chick-fil-A Puppets—5:30 pm	25 ESL—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	26 Ash Wednesday Service—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	27 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	28 Iron Bell Concert—7 pm	29

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WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship

*Happy
Valentine's Day*

A decorative graphic for Valentine's Day. It features the words "Happy Valentine's Day" in a red, cursive font. The word "Happy" is smaller and positioned above "Valentine's Day". The text is surrounded by several red hearts of various sizes. At the bottom, there is a red scroll-like flourish with a heart shape in the center.