

# The Outreach

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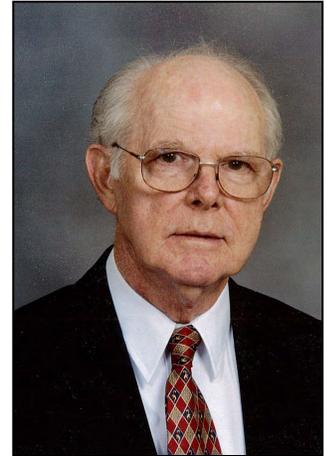
We recently had to say, "Goodbye for now," to one of the Saints of Bethel, our beloved brother in Christ, Wally Cordle. Last year Wally had to step down as a Trustee of Bethel. The church offered Wally a beautiful gesture of love before he passed away. We voted to honor his life with a plaque which recognized his 47 years of devoted service to Bethel. I had the privilege of helping Paige Rider present the plaque to Wally. Paige also gave him a stack of cards which contained messages of love from Bethel members and we also gave him



a photo album. Wally was, as ever, humble and gracious when we gave him these gifts of appreciation. I'm grateful that Wally got to experience the love we have for him before he passed away. As I reflected on his life and prepared for Wally's memorial service I reached out to our former pastor, Ed Powell, and asked him to share a thought or two about Wally. Ed said, "When Wally spoke people listened." People did listen to Wally. Perhaps one reason people listened is because of Wally's favorite scripture. On one of my last visits with Wally I asked if he had a favorite scripture. I was expecting to hear something familiar, like Psalm 23 or John 3:16. Nope, not with Wally. I should have known better. He said one of his favorite scriptures was Proverbs 18:7 "The mouths of fools are their undoing, and their lips are a snare to their very lives."

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If that's not Wally Cordle, I don't know what is. Wally knew the power of words and when Wally spoke you could count on either a good story or a carefully thought out, reasoned opinion. Let's fast forward to one of my last conversations with Wally. It was a telephone conversation. We just received our orders to "Shelter in Place" because of Covid-19. I asked Wally what he thought about the global pandemic. Remember, when Wally speaks, we listen. Wally said, "We have to trust the Lord. One day soon, this too shall pass." These words are true, they're important and they need to be remembered. I'll certainly remember his words, but I also remember HOW he said those words. He spoke them with a quiet confidence; he knew they were true. Wally had plenty of life experience and, most importantly, he had plenty of experience in praying to the Lord, seeking the Lord and studying about the Lord. Wally's words were born out of a lifetime of service to the Lord. As we continue to navigate the murky waters of this global pandemic let's remember the wisdom of Wally Cordle, "Trust the Lord. One day soon, this too shall pass." Lord, We thank you for the gift of Wally's life and for his wisdom. Please bless his family, bless our Bethel Church family and please Lord, heal our world. Through Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit I pray. Amen. Much love and all of God's blessings to you all. I miss you and love you.



Todd

# Youth News Connect

by Lauren Moore



Well, this month, like last, will look drastically different than what we know youth ministry to look like. In this time of social distancing and a stay-at-home order here are a few ways you can continue to connect with the church and be the church!

- 'Show up' for our weekly Zoom on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
- Stay engaged with my weekly
  - Texts
  - Videos
  - Lessons
  - Emails
- Catch Sunday Service on the church website or youtube.
- Check on an older neighbor or family friend. See if they have an immediate need you can safely and responsibly meet.
- Pull out the church directory and send some snail mail! If you have no idea where your directory is let me know and I'll send you some addresses!
- We have some wildly talented artists in our group so create a piece of art to send to a random address, or not random, to bring someone some unexpected joy.
- FaceTime or give a friend you haven't talked to in a long time a call. You're not the only one feeling a little lonely.

Each of you has already heard me say this, but just in case you forgot, don't let this time go by and then look up and wonder, "What did I even do during those few months?" BE INTENTIONAL! It's so easy to mindlessly let the day go by (after you've finished all your school work, of course ☺) and spend your extra time doing nothing. Don't allow that to be you! I'm all for some time to disconnect and check out for a little bit but be accountable for your extra time. It's the perfect time to go deeper in your relationship with Christ. It's the perfect season to lean into the One who is in control. It's the perfect season to start a new spiritual habit (devotion time, reading scripture, praying, listening to worship music, journaling, and so many others). It's the perfect season to read that book your grandma gave you 3 years ago. It's the perfect season to explore God's creation of nature in your backyard. It's the perfect time to reflect on who you are and not focus on who the world tells you to be, amen? You get my point. Take charge of this time and let it change you and draw you closer to God instead of letting it force you into boredom, lack of joy and excitement, and no real change. Remember, you are known by God, seen by God and loved by God in this season too.

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



## "The Beauty of Newness"

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! (II Corinthians 5:17)*

You may have spent one of the most unusual Easter celebrations in April---you did **not** come to the church building to attend worship services, you did **not** gather in all of your family and extended family to have a dinner, and you did **not** take the children or grandchildren to a church or neighborhood Easter egg hunt. It sounds pretty depressing and negative, right?

But even during these and other current unusual circumstances, I see something new and positive evolving. I see people connecting more frequently. People are calling folks to check on them and to pray with them. People are saying "I miss you and I love you" as they end their conversations. People are finding creative (and sometimes old-fashioned) ways to stay in touch---through Zoom, by texting, through a window or across the yard, or through letters and cards. People are treasuring the time that they have with their loved ones and looking forward to future get-togethers with the ones whom they have not seen. I see a newness in our gratefulness for what we **do** have.

May is the month that we welcome the new flowers that the April showers brought. I think that this month will also reveal a newness and freshness in our appreciation for our faith, our families, and our friends. I would like to pray with you now:

Dear Lord,  
We are grateful that you sent your Son to die for us. We believe that Jesus died and rose from the grave. We believe that He lives today in our hearts. He sent the Holy Spirit to be an Advocate for us and to walk with us. Lord, we face trying times and we seek Your comfort and assurance that You will guide us each day. We thank You, Lord, for family and friends and we look forward to gathering with those whom we have not seen in a long while. Finally, Lord, we thank you that you redeemed us to be Your people. You have re-created us as new creatures who radiate the light of Your love. Help us to love You and our neighbor more faithfully (and creatively) each day. Amen!



# FUN

## JUST FOR FUN QUIZ by Gayle Taylor

### How much do you know about Bethel Baptist Church?

(Answers appear below - most supplied by Bethel's 200<sup>th</sup> written history)

1. Who was the first pastor of Bethel Baptist Church?
2. In what year was the People of Hope Center constructed?
3. What two churches did Bethel help to establish?
4. Has any Bethel pastor served at Bethel at two different time periods?
5. What symbol is most associated with Bethel Baptist church?
6. In what year was the historic sanctuary built?
7. From which church did Bethel break in order to create its own church? Why did the congregants break from this church?
8. What "scandalous" event did some Bethel members attend in the 1850's that resulted in their dismissal as well as the pastor's decision to resign? What church did these folks form?
9. What does the name "Bethel" mean?
10. Down the hall from Bethel's church office, a framed banner hangs on the wall. What is its significance?

- ANSWER KEY**
1. Benjamin Watkins, a native of Powhatan, 1817
  2. 2007
  3. Mt. Sinai and Winfree
  4. Yes, several: W.S. Bland, Luther Moore, and David Winfree
  5. Fleur-de-lis
  6. 1894
  7. Bethlehem Baptist Church; the distance was too hard to travel by horse and buggy
  8. A ball held at Huguenot Springs Hotel; Winfree Memorial (as it is called now)
  9. House of God
  10. It hung in the sanctuary during WWII to honor servicemen from Bethel and the community.

## Library News

The library will remain closed for the month of May but it will be open on the 2nd Sunday of each month once our church services start back.

Barbara Bell, Media Director



## What's Happening in May

Depending on when the church opens back up!

Everyone loves a story about a big adventure, don't they? The best stories are stories of life change, big dreams, dramatic rescues, and journeys to far-away places.



Those adventure stories are even better when they're true stories! In this 4-week series, we'll follow the true story of the early church. Kids will imagine they are explorers and adventurers as they hear the stories of Saul's conversion, Peter and Cornelius, Peter's escape from prison, and Paul and Barnabas' missionary travels.

## Wednesday Night Programs in May



- May 6 —Sacred Circle (Zoom)—6:30 p.m.
- May 13—Sacred Circle (Zoom)—6:30 p.m.
- May 20—Sacred Circle (Zoom)—6:30 p.m.
- May 27—Sacred Circle (Zoom)—6:30 p.m.

## 3 Ways to Give at Bethel

1. **Send a check to our secure mailbox.** The address is: Bethel Baptist Church, 1100 Huguenot Springs Rd. Midlothian VA, 23113
2. **Online Giving:** On our Website there is a link to give. Once you click on the link you'll be prompted to give through either your bank account or a credit card. Here's the link for online giving: <https://www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org/giving/>
3. **Text Giving:** Simply text the dollar amount you'd like to give to (804) 361-8590 and follow the prompts. You'll be asked to enter a debit card or credit card number. The minimum amount for text giving is \$10. The platform we're using is safe and secure and you'll be given the option of an email receipt at the end of your transaction. As always, we are grateful for your contributions to the church and we thank you for your gifts.

# Many Thanks

To My Bethel Family,  
Because of this Virus, I will not get to see you again before I move back to Alabama. When I met Chris, I would say I had wavering faith. Chris introduced me to Bethel and changed my whole life. I finally had a family who loved me, faults and all. The church has done so much for us, and hopefully one day, I will be able to pay it forward. Chris kept me straight and together, so I hope you will continue to remember me in prayer for strength and guidance and for healing to begin, because I am having a hard time dealing with the loss of my best friend. Please continue to send me the newsletter and hopefully I will be able to visit some.

God Bless,  
Stacey Elam  
196 Baily Way  
Hayden, AL 35079

Dear Our Bethel Church Family,  
We want to thank the Men's Saturday morning breakfast group that came and helped rearrange our garage. Their help was very much appreciated.

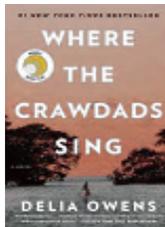
Love, Bob and Barbara Hale

Dear Bethel Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the cards, emails, phone calls gifts and gift cards I received for Administrative Professionals Day. You always make me feel special and appreciated and I can't thank you enough.

Blessings, Linda Gardner

## Book Club, May 3, Online

The next book club meeting is May 3, at 1 p.m. through Zoom. The group will discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. If you have not attended the book club before, but would like to participate in this discussion, please contact Gayle Taylor at [revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com](mailto:revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com).



## Sharing and Caring at Chick-fil-A



Sharing and Caring has been postponed until the Chick-fil-A dining room has re-opened. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

# Bethel Care Team



This is a new day, a new time, a different way to get through our daily lives and there is nothing we can do to move it along except to follow the rules set down for us the best that we can. Who would have ever thought we would not be able to gather in God's house for Easter Sunday, but, sadly, it happened in order for all of us to stay safe. As we watched pastor Todd on Easter morning, I was reminded how we take for granted the little things in life, the things God has blessed us with, music, fellowship, prayers together, sermons from the heart, flowers on the altar. We have taken the blessing of church and being as one for granted, until we couldn't. Let us never forget this time in our lives.

Our special members who are usually visited and showered with a love basket at Easter are still waiting this treat. Not only can I not shop for the goodies, but I can't visit (or I am not supposed to) and I miss them and I am fairly sure they miss our visits and the visits from pastor Todd and their deacon. I have called and chatted with them and tried to keep up with how everyone is doing and they know we will see them as soon as we are allowed. Elaine and Jim Bradley had given so generously some beautiful things to add to the baskets and we appreciate their support and our folks will get them eventually, even if it's the 4th of July.

Lord, bless us as we travel this road, give us the strength to do what is needed when we can, where we can. Hopefully, by the next writing we will be out and about our lives again, Stay well, stay safe,

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

## Mother's Day Tidbits

- Mother's Day is the third most popular holiday in the world, behind only Christmas and Easter.
- According to the Pew Research Center, more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year.
- Approximately 65% of all greeting card sales occur in the last five days before Mother's Day.
- Women purchase 80% of all Mother's Day cards.
- Anna Jarvis is considered the founder of Mother's Day in the United States. She quit her job to focus full-time on persuading politicians, business executives and civic leaders into making the holiday official. On May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day thanks to the persistence of Jarvis. Jarvis never married nor had children of her own.
- Around one-quarter of all flowers purchased throughout the year are purchased for Mother's Day.
- Many of the trademark sweaters that Mr. Rogers wore on his television show, were knitted by his real mother.
- Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year for the restaurant industry with 62% of Americans dining out.

## May Birthdays



1	Kendyl DeCourcy	22	Jarrett Mayberry
3	Nicholas J. Elam	23	Tammy Stump
4	Shirley Lewis	24	Jessie Keaton
5	Brenda Stone	26	Lisa Riley
9	Bruce Bartlam	26	Emily Lewis
9	Cindy Spain	28	Alex Johnson
10	Bubba Herndon	29	David Grubbs
12	Dawn Bradbury	29	Penny Henry
13	Brittney Currie	30	Chase Brownson
13	James McGinnis, Jr.	30	Sandra Hughes
14	Jenna Yeager	31	Lauren Moore
22	Mike Brandon	31	Melba Brock
22	Mac Herndon		

## Youth Fundraiser Canceled

The Youth Fundraiser previously advertised for May 3, has been canceled.

## Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

We will not have the Chick-fil-A fundraiser during the summer months. It will start back up in September. We will let you know the specific start date in the September newsletter.

## Ladies Lunch Canceled

The Ladies Fellowship Lunches have been canceled until further notice due to Covid-19.



## Men's Lunch Canceled

The Men's Fellowship lunches have been canceled until further notice due to Covid-19.



## Tuesday Morning Small Group

The Tuesday Small Group led by Pat Bartlam has been postponed. We will announce the new dates soon. This study is entitled "*Heaven Can't Wait—Living the Good Life Now*" by Dr. Robert Jeffress and is based on the book of Colossians. If you want to experience the "good life" now while waiting for Heaven, this study is for you. We look forward to the time we will be able to start this group.



## 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)

## Blessing Box

Collections for the Blessing Box have been stopped for now due to Covid-19. If you would like to give a monetary gift you can go to <https://blessingwarriorsva.com/> and click on the "give now" button.

Blessings, Cindy Luck, RN FCN

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

- May 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- May 22, 9 to 11 a.m.
- June 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- June 26, 9 to 11 a.m.



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



By Carter Cosgrove  
Preschool Director

Well, I can honestly say this is not how we wanted our school year to end, but it has. Our last day of school was Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers and I put our students in their cars and said goodbye not realizing it would be the last time we would be able to see and touch and hug our kids. We were saddened by the loss of our classrooms, our students and our everyday normal because of the Covid -19 situation.

Since the closing of our preschool, I am happy to say that Spring has sprung and with it a new way of teaching our wonderful students. My teachers and staff have overcome the challenges of not having a traditional preschool and embraced the new way of things. My teachers decided to not be defeated by the Covid -19 situation and continued to do what they love—teach. Thank goodness for email, mail, internet, Youtube and the best thing of all, ZOOM!!!! The 2-year-old class and 3-year-old class have been having virtual class time through Zoom to continue the curriculum until the end of May, while the Pre-K class has been staying in touch through emails and the internet to continue their classes through this month.

It is sad that we will not get to participate in our annual Preschool Recognition Sunday, or have our graduation for our Pre-K class, we won't be able to do our Zoo trip or end our year with our annual class picnic but our students know how much we love them and care for them and that we as a preschool have made sure that each family knew we were still there for them during this crazy time.

I would like to thank the church for their continued support of the preschool and for making sure that all the teachers were taken care of during this time. We have felt the love and the prayers you have sent our way. We are all in this together and thank you for making us feel appreciated and needed as well.

From our preschool family to yours, please stay safe and healthy, please know that you are loved, in our prayers, and most of all, we are here for you!

## Special Thank You

I want to extend a heart felt thank you for your support during these tenuous times. Many of you have called, texted or emailed us to let us know you're thinking about the church and praying for our staff. You've also done a great job of praying for each other and checking on one another. I continue to believe that we're going to come through this pandemic stronger and more unified. Let's continue to hold before us the words of Corrie Ten Boom, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." Once again, thank you for your prayers, messages of support, and your continued financial contributions to our church. Please know that they are all very much appreciated and valued. Thank you and may God bless you.

*Todd*

## Missions News

by Frances Morris

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—WMU will not meet this month, our next meeting will be June 1, at 10 a.m. at Bethel if the restrictions for Covid-19 have been lifted.

**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](http://www.Kroger.com) and sign in. Then click on "Community" on tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is **QW701**. You will still get your points toward gas, Bethel will just get credit for any amounts you spend at Kroger.

## Vacation Bible School Canceled

Bethel Family,

We wanted to let you know that after careful prayer and deliberation, the painful decision has been made to cancel Vacation Bible School this year. The uncertainty that faces our nation, our community and our church makes planning for future events virtually impossible.



This was not an easy decision because we know how much the church and community look forward to this special time, but we are confident this is the best decision for our volunteers, students and families. Next year we'll be back for another fabulous year and look forward to everyone's involvement with VBS 2021.

We trust the Lord with this and know Romans 8:28 is true. God will somehow work all this together for good for those who love Him.

In Christ,  
Lauren and Lisa

## Bethel Scholarship

Please have your completed application for financial aid from the Bethel Baptist Church Scholarship Fund back by Sunday, May 17, 2020. Applications are available from the church office and the round table at the front entrance to the People of Hope Center. Completed applications can be submitted to Faye Cohen or Linda Gardner. For additional information, please contact Faye Cohen at 804-317-0352.

# May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Worship—10:30 am—Streaming Live Book Club—Zoom—1 pm	4 Sharing & Caring Devotional— postponed till further notice WVNU—cancelled	5	6 Sacred Circle—Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—Zoom—6:30 pm	7 Ladies Fellowship Lunch cancelled Men's Fellowship Lunch cancelled	8	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY Worship—10:30 am—Streaming Live	11 Sharing & Caring Devotional— postponed till further notice	12	13 Charlotte's Pantry—5:00 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—Zoom—6:30 pm	14	15	16
17 Worship—10:30 am—Streaming Live	18 Sharing & Caring Devotional— postponed till further notice	19	20 Sacred Circle—Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—Zoom—6:30 pm	21	22 Charlotte's Pantry—9 to 11 am	23
24 Worship—10:30 am—Streaming Live	25 Sharing & Caring Devotional— postponed till further notice	26	27 Sacred Circle—Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—6:30 pm	28	29	30
31 Worship—10:30 am—Streaming Live						

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