

The Outreach

A People of Hope. A Culture of Grace.

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This month I want to introduce Debbie Salyer and share her story of how the Lord helped her overcome a difficult divorce and how the Lord gave her not only a new relationship, but a new ministry as well. These are Debbie's words:

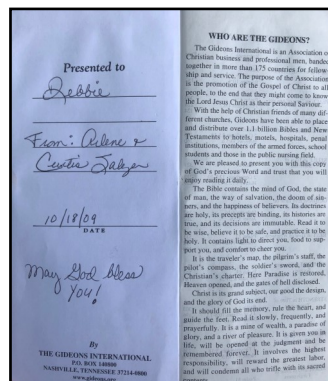
"It was 2009 when I faced the fact that my 28-year marriage was finally over. During that time, I was attending a very small church ironically called "New Beginnings" where everyone had grown very close and they were so supportive of me during that dark time that I am not sure how I would have gotten through it all without them.

During the time I was alone, I went to work, to church, walked my dogs, I read a lot and I made a conscious effort to only read books written by Christian authors. I also refused to let any of my well-meaning friends "fix me up" with someone. My prayer was that God would show me where and how He wanted me to serve him and I thanked him for allowing me to be on my own, but it got lonely sometimes so I asked God if he had someone in mind for me, would he send him to me in a way that I would know that he was from Him.

A good friend of mine at church was Arlene Salyer and she was a member of the Gideon's Auxiliary, which are wives of Gideons. She gave me a special Gideon's Bible that I still carry to this day. I didn't know anything about the Auxiliary and not much about the Gideons, but I knew I wanted to immerse myself in the Holy Spirit. I first met Arlene many years earlier when she worked at Ukrops where I shopped. Later, I started attending

Powhatan Community Church and she attended there also. When Arlene's son became the pastor of New Beginnings, I started going there too and was part of a group that had dinner together most Wednesday evenings before Bible Study.

Well, God does work in mysterious ways and in 2011 my dear friend Arlene passed away. Everyone at New Beginnings was heartbroken. I really didn't know Arlene's husband, Curtis very well, but after Arlene's death I got to know him better during those Wednesday night dinners. In fact, it was on one of those Wednesday nights when I asked Curtis to come to Bethel because a group of us from New Beginnings (which had recently closed) were now attending church there. He came the next Sunday and we started talking more and more and became good friends. When he asked me for our first date, something he said reminded me of my prayer for God to "send him to me." You see, I lived (and we live there now) in western Powhatan and there isn't much around. I remember looking around and thinking, "no one is going to come way out here!" When Curtis asked if I would like to get dinner on a Saturday, I said "I'd love to, where do you want me to meet you?" He said, "I don't want you to meet me, I want to pick you up." I remember asking God, "Are you sending me Curtis?" I really didn't know if we would be compatible, but I quickly realized that we were. In fact, by the time he brought me home that evening, I knew that we would spend the rest of our lives together.



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We were married just 4 months later and I had no idea how great marriage could be. We have had some challenges, especially with health issues, but I know that God brought us together, we are blessed beyond measure and our faith is unwavering. Shortly after we were married, Curtis asked me to attend a Gideon/Auxiliary meeting. I didn't hesitate and it wasn't long before I knew this was where God wanted me to serve. I also realized that both of my prayers were answered simultaneously: God had someone for me and sent him to me and He showed me where He wanted me to serve."

God certainly answered Debbie's prayers! One thing I want to point out is the diligence with which Debbie sought the Lord. Notice from her story that she was committed to listening to the Lord and really sought Him through prayer, worship, reading her Bible, and reading other Christian authors. She said she, "Immersed herself in the Holy Spirit." I wonder how different our lives might be if we each prayed daily to be "Immersed in the Holy Spirit?" Additionally, Debbie's story is yet another example of how God can work through the difficult circumstances of our lives for our good and God's glory. God worked through the pain of Debbie's divorce and the heartbreak of Curtis' loss to birth a new relationship and now their relationship is bearing fruit through their Gideon Ministry. If you'd like to learn more about the Gideon ministry, please mark your calendars for August 11th for Gideon Sunday at Bethel. We've invited a special speaker and I understand his testimony is dynamic and I believe you'll be blessed by it. Please note we will receive a special offering for the Gideon's that day. I'm grateful for Debbie and Curtis and thank them for sharing their story. May God bless Debbie and Curtis Salyer, may God bless the good work of the Gideons, and may God bless Bethel Church.

With love,

Todd

Book Club Meeting Sunday, August 18



Sunday, August 18 – After the Worship Service

Meet in Gayle Taylor's Office

Bring a bag lunch: dessert and drinks will be provided

Topic: *Rebirth: A Fable of Love, Forgiveness, and Following Your Heart* by Kamal Ravikant

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



"Q & A of Bethel's Music Opportunities" What kinds of music opportunities exist at Bethel?

- Bethel's Adult Choir:** Traditional Choir with All Voice Parts
Types of Music: Contemporary, Traditional, and Gospel
 Meets each Wednesday 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the choir room. Contact person: Gayle Taylor
NOTE: Christmas Cantata rehearsal begins August 14. Cantata Rehearsal is from 7:30-8:00 p.m. on each Wednesday evening. No pressure to stay for the entire choir practice if you are only interested in singing for the cantata. The cantata, *The Glory of Christmas*, will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 22, during the morning worship service.
- Circle of Truth:** Praise Band with All Voice Parts
Types of Music: Contemporary and Praise Music.
The group leads praise songs monthly and sings specials throughout the year. If you prefer not to sing, but to play guitar or another instrument, please join us!
 Meets the 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1st/3rd Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. Contact person: Gayle Taylor
- One Accord:** Quasi-A Cappella Group with All Voice Parts
Types of Music: All over the map! Contemporary, Gospel, Country, and Rock
 Meets the 2nd/4th Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. Contact person: Gayle Taylor
- Hand Bell Choir: Traditional Bell Choir**
Types of Music: Traditional sacred music for Christmas and Easter services.
 Meets during fall/spring on designated Monday evenings. Contact person: Bill Carlson

Could I just "try out" a group to see if it is a good fit for me?

Certainly! Come out and see how the group works and try it out for a season!

Could I sing/play for a special on a one-time only basis?

Yes! Please share your talent as you feel led to give!

If you have any questions, please see Gayle Taylor or email her at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com.

~ Psalm 100: 2 **"Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing" ~**

Youth News Connect

by Lauren Moore



As we head into the last month of summer, it's a good time to reflect on the events and growth this summer has gifted us. Passport was a deep experience that offered new perspectives, new relationships with each other and the Lord, and an appreciation for each person in our faith family. The camp theme of FEARLESS is one that serves as a constant reminder that we can live fearless lives by standing firm in Christ, staying awake to Christ in our lives, being brave for our faith and always loving others! Thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraiser, everyone who prayed for our trip, and those who continue to pray for our incredible students and the work the Lord is doing in their lives.

August Calendar

- 7: No Connect
- 14: Connect, 6:30-8 pm. Dinner provided.
- 17: Hope Supper Table, 2:45-4 pm. Powhatan Fairgrounds.
- 21: Connect, 6:30-8 pm. Last Connect of the summer...stay tuned for details!
- 28: No Connect. Enjoy the last week of summer!

Missions News

by Frances Morris

Mission Opportunities

WMU will meet on Monday, August 5, at 10 a.m.

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.

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.

Library News

The library has been in existence at Bethel Baptist Church since 1954 and it has been an inspiration to all our church families since that time. We would like to utilize the library more often and have decided to open it at the end of the church service on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting on August 11. Everyone is invited to come and view the library and check out a book or two. Staff will be on hand to assist those interested.



What's Happening in August



This month in Jigsaw, we will learn about OBEDIENCE. We show that we trust God when we obey Him and follow his plan. Our Bible stories will help us learn why it's important to obey God, and what can happen when we don't!



Many thanks to all who helped make VBS a ROARing success! Thank you to those who helped with the decoration night, those who donated snack items, those who prayed for our week and those who gave their time to volunteer! VBS would not have been possible without every single one of you! Thank you for making Bethel your mission field for the week and for being the hands and feet of Christ.

In Christ,
Lauren Moore and Lisa Hardy

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Church,
We loved our fruit and snack basket. It was a surprise since we haven't been members very long. Thanks you so much. We are glad to have a new church family.

Jim and Melba Brock

Next Business Meeting September 4, 7 p.m.



August Birthdays



4	Patrick Ferguson	20	Paul Merchant
5	Malin Carlson	20	Raymond Moschler
5	Nora Estep	21	Joann Cole
5	Michael Watkins	21	Susan Wright
6	Vivian Speas	21	Frances Morris
7	Nick Elam	21	Todd Bradbury
7	Jill Sheek	22	Luke McNeel
9	Walker Smith, Jr	24	Marshall Cole
9	Bud Hines	24	Kaylin Stine
10	Josie Stump	25	Sam Wight
12	Jan Gilbert	26	Wallace Cordle, Jr.
12	Elizabeth Humphreys	26	Reid Watkins
12	Marjorie Stagg	28	Glenda Fisher
13	Lisa Hardy	29	Barbara Breschel
14	Katie Beltz	29	Dennis Marshall
14	Beth Saxton	29	Paul Sherwood
14	Tommy Stagg	29	Diane Roper
16	Travis Brock	30	Louis Blanton
17	Anne Brandon	31	Wray Brown
17	Margie Simon	31	Carolyn Turner
18	Linda Call	31	Robert Watkins
18	James Painter		

Chick-fil-A NO Spirit Night

Chick-fil-A has decided NOT to do Spirit Nights during the summer months. Our Chick-fil-A fund raisers will return in September.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch

The Ladies Fellowship Lunch will meet August 1, at noon at Red Lobster. 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, August 1, 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 August 18



Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, August 18, 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:

August 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
August 23, 9 to 11 a.m.
September 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
September 27, 9 to 11 a.m.

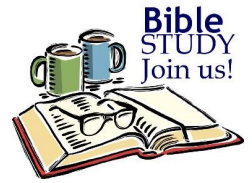


If you would like to help on any of these dates, please contact Brenda Peck.

Powhatan Free Clinic

If you know of anyone who has low-income and does not have health insurance, tell them about the Free Clinic. To become a patient, a person must first register to determine eligibility. To find out about how to register, call (804) 598-5637. Patients from Chesterfield and Powhatan are being accepted once eligibility is determined.

Wednesday Night Programs in August



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

August 7 — No Bible Study

August 14—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

August 21—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

August 28—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

Memorial Assocation Meeting August 11, Following worship

In 1885, Bethel established a cemetery. It was one of four cemeteries in Chesterfield County and currently contains the graves of veterans from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War. A commemorative plaque honoring the cemetery and the soldiers was unveiled at our two hundredth anniversary celebration. The Association meets twice a year. Our next meeting will be August 11, following the worship service. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Morning Devotional 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. This is a wonderful time of fellowship. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

The Pearl at Watkins Centre Presents



STARRING

Hilary Swank and Blythe Danner

A story about a family dealing with Alzheimer's

Monday August 5, 6:30 p.m.

Bethel Baptist Church in the People of Hope Center

FREE Admission and popcorn

RSVP by August 2 to Lynn Marchant at 804-893-0067



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Art & Music Festival

for the benefit of
the Lilley Sickal Scholarship Fund

Saturday, August 10
11 am – 2 pm
People of Hope Center

Celebrate Art!

Enjoy Art Displays, Live Music, Silent Auction of
Selected Artwork (winners announced at 2:00 pm)

ARTISTS: If you would like to participate, please contact Gayle Taylor
by August 4 - revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm Puppet Team Leaves for Mission Trip	<i>2</i> Friday Small Group—7 pm	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Puppet Team Returns from Mission Trip	<i>5</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am WNU —10:00 am Puppets—5:30 pm Movie From the Pearl "What They Had"—6:30 pm	<i>6</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>7</i> Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm No Bible Study Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>8</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Art and Music Festival—11 to 2 pm (POH)
<i>11</i> Gideon Sunday Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Deacon Meeting—following worship	<i>12</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm Church Council Mtg -7 pm	<i>13</i> No Garden Club Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>14</i> Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>15</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> Parish Nurse—9 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Veteran's Pals Group—following worship Book Club—following worship	<i>19</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	<i>20</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>21</i> Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm B & G—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>22</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>23</i> Charlotte's Pantry—9—11 am	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	<i>26</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	<i>27</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>28</i> Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>29</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>30</i> Friday Small Group—7 pm	<i>31</i> Baby Shower (Rental) 12-4 pm

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9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship

Veteran's Pal's Group

What is a Veteran's Pal's Group? Pal's is an acronym for "Prayer and Listening." A Veteran's Pal's Group is simply a gathering where Veterans can come together to talk about their experiences, to listen to one another, and to pray for one another. Prayer and listening is one way we can offer love and care for our Veterans. Our first meeting will be August 11, following the worship service. All Veterans are welcome. Lunch will be provided. There is a sign up sheet on the round table in the People of Hope. Please sign up so we will know how much food to provide. For more information, please contact Brian Moseley at (804) 381-1217.



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