

# The Outreach

A People of Hope. A Culture of Grace.

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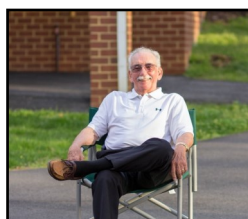
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If you ever are feeling down or discouraged, I've got some helpful advice for you, go visit David Grubbs. The man is inspirational. I visited with David for a few minutes before his sister's funeral back in June. During the conversation, David told me a story about his parents, Robert and Annie Grubbs.



David Grubbs

Robert worked for VDOT, and was also a carpenter and a gentleman farmer. Their farm was located in Louisa County. David's dad knew all about hard work. David said that his dad used to plow with mules and horses even into the early 1950s. Annie was a homemaker and was also no stranger to hard work. David said his mom would often help pick tobacco on the farm and she did it with joy. He said she used to carry an old harmonica in her apron. Annie would sometimes stop picking tobacco long enough to play a hymn on the harmonica, and then go right back to work.

Robert and Annie had seven children; David was the youngest. David told me that when you are a child of Robert and Annie, you grew up learning about hard work and "Golden Rule Living."

What is Golden Rule Living? David said his parents gave them several "non-negotiable" rules growing up. Among them were 1) Treat others as you want to be treated. 2) There was to be no cussing, no fussing and no loud voices in the house. 3) Absolutely no complaining or negative thinking. Robert and Annie told their children, "Listen, things aren't going to go your way all the time, life's hard, but a little hardship isn't going to shake us loose from Golden Rule Living."

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Despite these "rules" David remembers that their home was always filled with love, laughter and joy, even during hard times. There would be times when crops would fail, storms came or loved ones died, but they stuck together because his parents insisted they'd stick together and practice Golden Rule Living. They never waived from this commitment and David is thankful for the way he was raised. If you get a moment, ask David about his parents and Golden Rule living; I bet you'll come away inspired, like I was.

David's story inspired me to think about how we treat each other at Bethel. I pray that we can also practice Golden Rule Living. Let's covenant to treat each other like we want to be treated, let's be positive thinkers and when something comes along that tries to "shake us loose," let's stick together. For I believe that Christ has put us together and has called us to do what Robert and Annie Grubbs insisted upon: To love each other. Loving each other; that's our calling and it's the essence of Golden Rule Living. Lord, thank you for Christ who taught us the Golden Rule and thank you for the witness of Robert and Annie Grubbs who remind us of the power of Golden Rule Living. Lord, bless David Grubbs and his family and bless the Bethel Church Family! Amen.

*Todd*



Annie & Robert on their wedding day



Annie & Robert's 50th Wedding Celebration

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



II Corinthians 4: 7-11: *But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.*



Life is fragile and for some of us, we deal with the painful recognition of just how fragile our own bodies are. Body joints wear out, eyesight weakens, and hearing diminishes --- just to name a few examples! In the passage above, Paul compares our bodies to "clay jars"—vessels that seemingly can be broken easily.

But *what* can break us? Paul points out that for him and followers of Christ, life does not preclude the pain of affliction or of being "perplexed," "persecuted," and "struck down." Afflictions and perplexities confront us on a daily, if not hourly basis at times! Paul argues, however, that even though life's afflictions caused by people and circumstances can harm and distress Christ's followers, these outward irritants *cannot* break us to the point of being "crushed," "driven to despair," "forsaken," or "destroyed."

But *what* is it that keeps us from completely giving up and from breaking into a million pieces? "This extraordinary power that belongs to God," Paul writes, sustains us, fills us, and empowers us. Paul says that we literally carry within us the "death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus" will be seen through us, fragile vessels that we may be. We, as clay jars, are entrusted with a treasure—the treasure of the miracle of Christ dying and rising to life, appearing to his disciples, and promising to return to bring us home to live in the kingdom of God. Songwriter Darlene Zschech explores the symbol of clay vessels in the hymn, "The Potter's Hand." She reminds us that God, Our Maker, created us and holds **all** of our days in His hand. Not only does He create us, but as the Potter he continues to mold, to use, and to fill us. So as Christians we are hand-made clay vessels, filled with a treasure from God who continues to craft us and to protect us. As long as we live upon this earth, we have a duty and a privilege to make "visible" the good news of Christ.

*We are the clay, and You are our potter; we all are the work of Your hands. Isaiah 64:8*

# Connect

YOUTH NEWS 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, relationships with each other and the Lord, and appreciation for each other and what we have. The camp theme of Enough is one that serves as a constant reminder that **YOU** are enough, there is enough, and **GOD** is enough!

We have served in many ways this summer through projects at camp, VBS, the Hope Supper table and Caritas. We want to continue the spirit of giving and service with the money raised at Spirit night for a community service project. We want to make a difference for someone! This is the last Chick-fil-a night the youth will run as the preschool will reclaim Spirit night in September so, please come grab dinner and spin the wheel! If you know of an organization/individual/non-profit that would benefit from our service please let me know!

## August Calendar

- 1: Connect, 6:30-8 pm.** Bring a change of clothes and a towel ;)
- 8: No Connect**
- 15: Chick-fil-a night, 5-8 pm.** We will run Chick-fil-a night and the proceeds will go toward a mission project. We 'man' the station, collect receipts, run the wheel and give out prizes. Meet at Chick-fil-a as you can and leave as you need. We will eat together as usual at 6:30pm.
- 18: Hope Supper Table, 2:45-4 pm.** Powhatan Fairgrounds.
- 22: Connect, 6:30-8pm.** We will purchase items/supplies for our community service project. Van leaves at 6:30.
- 29: No Connect.** Enjoy the last week of summer!

## Preschool Art Supply Drive August 5 to September 2

Luci Milo built and installed storage cabinets in one of the preschool classrooms as her Girl Scout Gold Award project. The long term goal is to gather supplies to benefit the children of the preschool year after year. Here are items that preschool director Carter Cosgrove says they would benefit most from: **Glue Sticks, Crayola water color pallets, White card stock, Colored card stock, Baby wipes (to easily clean up messy hands after art projects), General art supplies.** You can find great deals on all of these items as back to school sales are in full swing. Please consider donating to our wonderful preschool! Boxes are in the Hope Center and parlor. You may also leave items in the church office or give them to Lauren Moore. For questions or more information contact Lauren Moore.



## August Birthdays



4	Patrick Ferguson	20	Raymond Moschler
5	Malin Carlson	21	Joann Cole
5	Nora Estep	21	Susan Wright
5	Michael Watkins	21	Frances Morris
6	Vivian Speas	21	<b>Todd Bradbury</b>
7	Nick Elam	22	Luke McNeel
7	Jill Sheek	24	Marshall Cole
9	Walker Smith, Jr	24	Kaylin Stine
9	Bud Hines	25	Sam Wight
10	Josie Stump	26	Wallace Cordle, Jr.
12	Jan Gilbert	26	Reid Watkins
12	Elizabeth Humphreys	27	Faye Carter
12	Marjorie Stag	28	Glenda Fisher
13	Lisa Hardy	29	Barbara Breschel
14	Katie Beltz	29	Dennis Marshall
14	Beth Saxton	29	Paul Sherwood
14	Tommy Stag	29	Diane Roper
17	Anne Brandon	30	Louis Blanton
17	Margie Simon	31	Wray Brown
18	Linda Call	31	Carolyn Turner
20	Paul Merchant	31	Robert Watkins

## 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)
- Library Volunteers Needed (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 Pat or Bruce Bartlam)
- 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)

## 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.

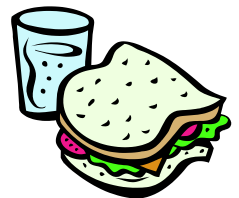
## Ladies Fellowship Lunch Thursday, August 2, at noon

Please join us on Thursday, August 2, at noon at **Olive Garden on Route 60** for our Ladies Fellowship Lunch. Please text or call Margaret Gillis at 804-305-6931 to let her know if you will attend. All women are invited.



## Men's Fellowship Lunch Thursday, August 2, at noon

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, August 2, at noon. We will meet at the **Italian Delight** in South Creek Shopping Center in Powhatan. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of their own lunch. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can make the appropriate number of reservations. All men are invited.





## What's Happening in August



This month in Jigsaw, we will be talking about WISDOM. Wisdom is more than just being smart. It's more than knowing the difference between right and wrong. Wisdom means learning how to see life from God's perspective. It's finding out what you should do—and doing it!

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

### Upcoming pantry schedule:

August 8, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
August 24, 9 to 11 a.m.  
September 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
September 28, 9 to 11 a.m.



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

## Parish Nurse

Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, August 19, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Stop by and Cindy will be happy to answer your questions.



## Memorial Association Meeting

We will meet following the church service on Sunday, August 12.

## Wednesday Night Programs in August



We will be taking a break from regular Wednesday night programs for the month of August. However, Gayle Taylor will be offering a Christian Leadership Seminar on Wednesday, August 15 at 6:30 p.m. See page 5 for more details. Our regular Wednesday night Bible Study will start back sometime in September.

*Put A Song in Your  
Heart this Fall:  
by Gayle Taylor*



If you have been thinking about singing with one of Bethel's musical groups this fall, please consider one (or more) of the following options!

**Adult Choir:** Meets Wednesdays from 7:30-8:45 p.m. The choir sings a variety of song styles: contemporary, gospel, folk, and spirituals. Also, the choir will begin working on the Christmas cantata entitled, **Joy to the World: A Celebration of Carols** beginning August 22. This is an easy-to-learn, but meaningful musical that includes well-known Christmas carols. If you can sing carols, you can sing this cantata! If you are interested, please come to the cantata rehearsals from 7:30-8:00 p.m. Please contact Gayle Taylor for more information.

**Circle of Truth:** Meets 1st and 3rd Sundays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and occasionally on Friday evenings. This group sings contemporary Christian music and leads the congregation in praise music. If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument with this group, please contact Gayle Taylor:

[revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com](mailto:revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com)

**One Accord:** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays in the choir room from 9:00-9:30 a.m. This group sings an eclectic mix of musical types---usually in the *a cappella* style, but sometimes with instrumental back-up. If you are interested in singing with this group, please contact Gayle Taylor:

[revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com](mailto:revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com)



## Business Meeting Wed. September 5

# Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

Just a note to thank you for all the wonderful things you all do for me always. Thanks for being my family. I receive flowers, baskets and baskets, food, rides and just about anything. You are always there for me and I want to thank you for all the prayers. I am so blessed to have you and thanks to everyone. God bless each and everyone of you.

Sincerely, Peggy Heath

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

We would like to thank you for the beautiful arrangement of flowers in memory of our loved one, Eleanor Lee Turner. Thank you so much.

The Turner Family

Dear Bethel Family,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous scholarship award. These funds are being used to help pay for my university tuition. I am honored to be receiving this award in legacy to Lilley Grace Sickal. My entire family and I are unbelievably blessed to be a part of the Bethel community. Bethel's love and support have meant so much to me while going through school. I will continue to work hard to make you all proud. Thank you for everything you have done for me.

Sincerely, Olivia Meyerhoffer

Dear Bethel Baptist Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, the cards and the flowers I received during my recovery from my recent surgery. Thank you so much.

Shirley Roberts

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Patriotic Program this year. Because of your generous donations we were able to give a love offering of almost \$1,000.00 to Checkpoint One. Thanks again for your support.

## Gideon Sunday August 26



The Gideon's are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ. On Sunday, August 26, we will hear more about this life-changing ministry. An offering will be received to help support this ministry.

## Missions News

by Frances Morris

### Mission Opportunities

**Adults on Mission** will meet Monday, August 6, at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel. Everyone is invited to attend.

**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 83564. 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.

## Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

The next Spirit Night fund raiser will be Wednesday, August 15, between 5 and 8 p.m. Proceeds go to the youth this month for a community service project. Dine-in or grab dinner to go and take it with you to the Christian Leadership Seminar. Please remember to mention Spirit Night when you place your order. Don't forget to take time to spin the wheel. You can win free food, drinks or other items. Hope to see everyone there!

## Christian Leadership And Networking Skills



Need a quick refresher for your leadership skills before the fall season begins?

Want to make connections with local Christian leaders?

Check out the Christian Leadership Skills and Networking Seminar at Bethel Baptist Church on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choose one of these break-out sessions to attend: (1) Sunday School/Small Group Ministry; (2) Youth Ministry; or (3) Music/Worship Ministry. Please make your reservation with Gayle Taylor at [revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com](mailto:revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com). This is also Chick-fil-A Night, so stop by Chick-fil-A and bring your dinner to the seminar. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

# JACKSON HEIGHTS

## IN CONCERT

This group is formerly known as the DMB Band of the Dixie Melody Boys in the 80's and are the original members. The group consist of Ed O'Neal's son, Allen; Kent Humphrey; Frank Sutton; Olan Witt; Craig Ham; Jerry Kelso; and Jordan Humphrey who is Kent's son. Their pure Christian Country music is filled with powerful messages and positive lyrics. Ed O'Neal of the Dixie Melody Boys couldn't be prouder of these guys as they continue to spread the gospel in song some years later after the DMB Band. This will be their first appearance in this area so please come check them out. You will be blessed by their music!



**Friday, August 17, 2018 at 7 PM**  
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For more information call Carol Lawson (804) 350-1422

**No admission fee. A Love Offering will be received.**

# August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO Bible Study Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm NO Choir	2 Ladies Fellowship Lunch—12 pm Men's Fellowship Lunch—12 pm AA Meeting—5:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—7:00 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	3 Puppet Team Mission Trip	4 Puppet Team Mission Trip
5 Puppet Team Returns  Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	6 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Adults on Mission—10 am Puppets—6:30 pm	7 Todd Leaves Vacation  Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	8 Todd on Vacation Charlotte's Panty Distribution—5 to 6:30 pm NO Bible Study NO Connect (Youth) NO Choir	9 Todd on Vacation AA Meeting—5:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—7:00 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	10 Todd on Vacation	11 Todd on Vacation
12 Todd on Vacation  Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Memorial Association Mtg—following worship service	13 Todd on Vacation Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—6:30 pm Church Council—7 pm	14 Todd on Vacation  Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	15 Todd on Vacation Chick-fil-A Spirit Night—5 to 8 pm Connect (Youth) - 5 to 8 pm at Chick-fil-A Christian Leadership Seminar—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 p.m.	16 Todd on Vacation AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	17 Todd on Vacation Jackson Heights Concert—7 pm	18 Todd on Vacation
19 Todd on Vacation  Parish Nurse—9:00 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am VBS Appreciation Lunch—12 pm (POH)	20 Todd on Vacation Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—6:30 pm	21 Todd returns from Vac  Small Group with Gayle Taylor 6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm Building & Grounds—7 pm	22 NO Bible Study Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	23 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	24 Charlotte's Panty Distribution—9 am to 11 am	25
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