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"I've known Nancy Parks (Glazener) ever since I can remember. Her family and my family went to the same church (Black Branch Baptist). Her grandfather donated the land that the church was built on. Both of my grandfathers and grandmothers were early members of that church as were both our parents.

I was born in June 1943, because of that my father had been given a deferment from being drafted into the Army. Shortly after my birth my father was called back for the draft and was inducted into the Army. Upon completion of his basic training my father was stationed at Fort McPherson, College Park, GA. My father had an aunt living in College Park, GA and she was willing to allow my mother and father to live there while daddy was stationed there, my mother planned to travel by train from

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our home in Chase City, VA to Atlanta, GA to meet my father

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In those days there were no car seats for infants to travel in. A portable crib called a bassinet, allowed mothers to travel with their babies. With me being the first child of our family, my mother did not own a bassinet but Nancy's mother, Mildred, did. By then Mildred's first child was old enough not to need a bassinet so my mother borrowed Mildred Park's bassinet and used that for me to travel by train to Atlanta, GA. My mother said that I slept in it the whole time we lived in College Park (less than a year) and

also on the return train trip back home. Shortly after this, Mrs. Parks had a little girl named Nancy and she needed the bassinet for Nancy to sleep in. Little did either mother know that the two babies that slept in that bassinet would marry each other 21 years 4 months and 29 days later and enjoy over 52 years of marriage together."



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Hearing the Glazener's story, and other's like it, gives me a thought: We need to tell these stories in Church. Why? We all love a good love story, but beyond that, if we listen carefully and prayerfully to these stories,

we can sense God's guiding hand of blessing. As I listened to Dennis and Nancy's story it was amazing to me how all of the details of their story were woven together. These circumstances of their birth, where they lived, and how their lives unfolded ultimately led them to the altar to stand before the Lord and a congregation of people to pledge their love and their lives to one another.

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Would you like to hear some more of these stories? If so, you're invited to attend a special Valentine's Dinner on Wednesday Feb 13th at 6:00 p.m. We'll enjoy dinner together and share a time of story telling. If you can attend the dinner please call the church office and RSVP so we'll know how much food to order. The cost of the dinner is \$7.50 per person and children are free. May God bless Nancy and Dennis Glazener and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church.

#### Todd

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



#### "A Valentine Parable" by Gayle Taylor

In the woods, a little tree flowered beautiful heart-shaped leaves. Each leaf emitted a soft, sweet scent. Once a leaf fell to the ground, however, it had no scent at all. In fact, it quickly crumpled into dust upon touching the earth.

One day, a young man and woman strolled through the woods. The man, impressed with the sweet scent and beauty of the leaves, quickly picked several of them, creating a unique bouquet to give to his lady friend. But alas, the leaves, no longer being connected to each other through the main vine, immediately drooped, losing both their vibrant heart shape and their delicate scent.

The young man, with disappointment on his face, said, "I'm so sorry!" The young woman, gently placing the bouquet on the ground, smiled and said, "Do not worry! This is indeed a special plant. Clearly it is through the connection of its leaves to one another that the plant thrives and beautifies the world."

In John 15, Christ speaks about the importance of staying connected to Him and refers to Himself as the "vine." He is the source of our spiritual sustenance. His love pours into us, giving us the life-giving power to follow in His steps and flourish. But Christ also speaks about our need to be connected to each other. This is so important that He names this as His commandment: "love one another as I have loved you." By supporting and investing in one another's lives, we learn to love each other in the way that Christ desires. This connection enables us to thrive and to produce the fruit that pleases Christ. *John 15: 5, 9, and 12:* <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you are the

branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."



## **Youth News**

by Lauren Moore



#### February:

- 1: Iron Bell Music concert, 7pm.
- 6: Connect, 6:30-8 pm. Dinner provided.
- 13: Valentine's Day dinner, 6:00 pm. Meet in the Hope Center.
- 20: Connect, 6:30-8 pm. Chick-fil-A then back to church. Van leaves at 6:30 pm. No cost.
- 27: Activity TBD.

This month the church is hosting a Valentine's dinner on February 13. We will help set up, serve, eat and mingle. The whole family is encouraged to attend. Come out for an evening of storytelling, fellowship and fun! Be on the lookout for more details at church.

Passport: I must know if you are planning on attending ASAP. An additional deposit has been made to Passport for camp in Boston this summer bringing the cost per camper down to \$215 (original balance \$450, after initial deposit \$300). I have reserved a good number of spots so please invite a friend. Again, we will use the money from the Iron Bell Music concert to bring down the balance as well as a fundraiser in the Spring. Speaking of Iron Bell, don't forget to get those last minute Iron Bell tickets if you need extra. They will be on sale until the day of the show, Feb. 1. You can get extra tickets <a href="here">here</a> or go to the website at: https://www.itickets.com/events/408921.



For more than 15 years Lysa's message has enabled women to see the Bible come alive when they read it. Join us on March 22 and 23 at The Heights Baptist Church, Colonial Heights. You will discover how to:

- Develop peace and security in any situation
- Replace doubt, regret, and envy with truth, confidence, and praise
- Stop unhealthy cycles of striving and learn to love who you are
- Sense God responding to your prayers For more information please contact Wendy McClellan at 804-840-9128.

#### February Birthdays



- 1 Bruce Lewis
- 2 Curt Nellis
- 5 Matthew Truban
- 6 Shannon Truban
- 7 Jeff Huband
- 8 Suzanne Kiiffner
- 8 Robert Yeager
- 11 Sharon Laslie
- 13 Pamela Cody
- 13 Emily R. Montaigne
- 14 Brian Moseley
- 14 Barbara Phillips
- 14 Bob Gillis
- 14 Natalie Realubit
- 14 Josephine Realubit
- 15 Sara Currie

- 16 Nicole Mayberry
- 16 Sarah Moseley
- 16 Stephen B. Theriot
- 17 Kaitlyn Patteson
- 18 Tweedle Richardson
- 21 Elizabeth Bradbury
- 22 Carter Brandon
- 23 Kilby Proffitt
- 25 Mark McNeel
- 25 Shannon Cramer
- 27 Dee Garland
- 27 Joseph Thomas
- 29 Doug Jamison

# **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, February 7, at noon

Our next lunch will be February 7, at noon at Jiangs Chinese Restaurant, 1213 Carmia Way, Richmond, 23235



If you plan to attend please text or call Margaret Gillis at 804-305-6931 so she can make the

appropriate number of reservations. All women are invited.

# **Charlotte's Pantry Schedule**

#### **Upcoming pantry schedule:**

February 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m. February 22, 9 to 11 a.m.

March 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

March 22, 9 to 11 a.m.

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

## **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)

## Men's Fellowship Lunch Thursday, February 7, at noon

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, February 7, at noon. We will meet at Henry's Market, 1901
Anderson Hwy, 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.

#### New Book Club Sunday, Feb. 3



The first meeting of the book club is Sunday, February 3 right after church. Bring a bag lunch. We will be discussing "The Man Who Moved a Mountain." The plan is to meet quarterly. We would love for you to join us.

# What's Happening in February





In February, we will learn about SERVICE. Jesus was the perfect example, and each week we will learn to: Serve others because of what Jesus did for us, Look for ways to serve others, Use what you have to serve others, and Serve others without looking for applause.



The dates for photography for our new directory will be **Thursday**, **March 28**, **Friday**, **March 29** and **Saturday**, **March 30**. Friday and Saturday will be opened up first, as it fills up, then **Thursday will be added**.

The directory will be produced at NO COST to the church. After the project is complete families will receive a FREE copy of the directory and a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait as well as a directory app for your smart phone. To make an appointment online please go to <a href="https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2230135028?schedule=bethelbaptistchurch">https://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2230135028?schedule=bethelbaptistchurch</a>. You may also call 1-877-896-9667 Ext. 360

# **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch February 17, Following Church**

If you volunteer in ANY capacity at the church we want to honor you with a volunteer appreciation lunch on February 17 after church in the Hope Center. That includes Sunday school teachers, choir and music group members, nursery volunteers, deacons, tellers, anyone on a committee or team, VBS volunteers, small group leaders...the list could go on forever. If you serve the church in anyway this lunch is for you! The church is able to operate because of volunteers and we want thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Lunch will be from

Candela's and provided by the church. Please RSVP to the church office or sign up in the Hope Center by February 10. See Lauren Moore for questions or more info.





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 2019/2020 school year on February 1st to our church and preschool families first. Enrollment will then open to the public on March 1st. We are offering a \$10.00 discount off the registration fee for all those who register their child before March 1st. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Valentine's and delivering them to their friends!

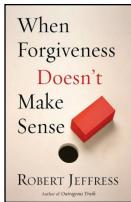
Another thank you is warranted to all the church members and preschool families who have come out and supported our Chick-fil-A nights. This is such an important fundraiser for the school because all the money raised goes to the preschool scholarship fund. We currently have five families who are beneficiaries 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18th 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!

## **New Small Group**

A new small group will begin February 5, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Pat Bartlam will facilitate a study on forgiveness by Robert Jeffress, called "When Forgiveness Doesn't Make Sense." This study goes into why we have difficulty accepting God's unconditional forgiveness? And why we sometimes find it so impossible to grant that same forgiveness to others? Please join us as we talk about the very important topic of forgiveness. Everyone is welcome.



# **Memorial Association Meeting Sunday, February 10, 2018**

## **Bethel Care Team**



Here we are in February already, the month that we celebrate more often then other months, LOVE.

We who serve on this committee often see that word in action, we see the love and devotion that couples give to each other as they take care of each other. Often one has lost their eyesight to be able to read and so the other one reads them the paper, or books, or the newsletter from church, it means they both can still enjoy reading.

Often we see husbands catering to their wives' every need as long as they have the energy to do so. They do things around the house, keep up the yard and ask for help when they need it. Things like cooking can be a challenge for older folks and that's where often times we can help, just by taking dinner once in awhile or a fruit basket or a box of donuts as a treat. We can be that word in so many ways. And the greatest of these is love as the verse goes. Think of the many ways you can reach out to show love this month to others. You can write a note to someone that has meant the world to you and now is the time to tell them or offer to bring dinner to someone. Offer to come over and visit for an hour or so and simple chat or play cards, offer a ride to the grocery store or offer to take someone out to lunch or dinner. Now is the time to show love to one another.

God Bless you as you do unto others.

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

# **Wednesday Night Programs in February and March**



- February 6 Bible Study continues in Matthew with Pastor Todd
- February 13—Valentine's Day Dinner—6:00 p.m. See more info on the last page of this newsletter.
- February 20—Bible Study—6:30 p.m. Dr. Spencer will be returning to Bethel to do a study from the book of Philippians.
- February 27—Bible Study—6:30 p.m. Dr. Spencer continues his study from Philippians.
  - March 6 Dinner—6:30 p.m. Business Meeting—7 p.m.
  - March 13—Bible Study—6:30 p.m. Dr. Spencer continues his study from Philippians.
  - March 20—Bible Study—6:30 p.m. Dr. Spencer concludes his study from Philippians.
  - March 27—TBA (possible picture day)

# من Spirit Night في المناطقة ا

The next Spirit Night fund raiser date will be **Wednesday**, **February 20**, between 5 and 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!

#### **Missions News**

by Frances Morris

#### **Mission Opportunities**

Adults on Mission will meet on Monday, February 4, at 10 a.m. We will travel to Golden Pond for the mission meeting with Barbara Burtchett. Morning snacks and juices will be provided. A musical program will follow the meeting. We will return to Bethel about noon. All members and friends are invited.

<u>Kroger</u>: Please <u>register</u> your Kroger card so Bethel can continue to receive reward points toward Missions. Go to <u>www.Kroger.com</u> 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.

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

<u>Mission Team New Project:</u> Collecting shoe boxes for "Hope for Appalachia." See details below.

## **New Mission Project**

We will be collecting items for "Hope for Appalachia" during the month of February. "Hope for Appalachia" is a church-wide mission project that provides school supplies as well as the good news of Jesus Christ to children in grades 6



through 8 during the Easter season. Shoe boxes

will be available in the People of Hope and in the Parlor to put your items in. Our goal is to fill 40 boxes. Please return them to Bethel by February 28.

Items to put in your box are:

- Toothpaste
- Tooth brush
- Comb/brush
- Socks
- Chapstick
- Colored pencils
- Pencils

- Sharpeners
- Ballpoint pens
- Hair bows/ties
- Highlighters
- Erasers
- Deodorant
- Small notebook

## Parish Nurse February 17



Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, February 17, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Stop by and Cindy will be happy to answer your health questions or check your blood pressure.

#### **Many Thanks**

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful Christmas gift card and lovely ornament. I hope you enjoyed this special season as much I did through the music and messages. To the anonymous friend who remembered me at Christmas, thank you so much for your gracious gift. I am truly blessed to be part of the Bethel family and I look forward to the great things God has in store during this new year.

Cathy Marshall, Accompanist

Dear Todd, Gayle, and Church Members,

Thanks to Bethel Members for the many Get Well, Christmas cards, gifts, visits and prayers. I hope I can resume some of my normal activities but for now I will remain at Lakewood. I have missed attending Church and hope I can visit soon.

"May the Good Lord Bless you and keep you"

Zeke Bookman

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, gifts and additional gift 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,

So many times in life I have been given the opportunity to help others but that is not a task I take on alone. For my church family that pitched in to help me produce a few extra smiles for a very happy mimi, bamma, and me maw and their grandchildren, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. No matter our given situations we can always fulfill God's work and that's to love each other and serve each other and that is a blessing within itself. My added blessing was to see and hear how touched "our" grandmother's were. Thank you all for being a blessing in our lives.

Blessings and Love, Carrie Persichini

Dear Bethel Church,

I'd like to thank Bethel Baptist Church for the generous gifts & cards received at Christmas. They were most appreciated. It is an honor to work here.

Love, Kathy Tuttle

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Pat and I would like thank everyone for the wonderful fruit basket that was given to us after my surgery. We would also like to thank you for the calls, food, visits and prayers during this time. They were very much appreciated. We are blessed to part of such a loving and caring church family.

Love, Mac and Pat Herndon

# Iron Bell Music Concert Friday, February 1, 7 p.m.



Iron Bell Music is returning to Bethel for another night of praise and worship. Iron Bell Music is passionate about cultivating a heart of adoration in believers through creating worship music that leads people into the knowledge of God. We were blessed to experience Iron Bell Music in concert last year and it was an incredible night of worship. We fully expect God to do great things again.

Tickets are \$10.00 each. **You can get your tickets until noon on February 1** at <a href="https://www.itickets.com/events/408921.html">https://www.itickets.com/events/408921.html</a> Show is at 7 p.m. in the People of Hope Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Be sure to go to the church's Facebook page and share this event.

For any questions, see Lauren Moore.

# A Note From the Library



I am sure by now that everyone's Christmas decorations have been safely packed away, since we are moving into the month of February. I have always called February the month of love.

Valentine's Day gives us a wonderful chance to say to the special people in our lives "I Love You". It may be family, friends or someone just very special. Take time during this month of love to make the "someone's" in your life happy, be it with a treat, or a hug, or just spending a little extra time with them.

Our preschool children enjoy Valentine's Day in a big way so the library will have our Valentine's books out along with our winter books. The children will have plenty to choose from.

God loves the word LOVE so see how much love you can spread this month.

Love, Barbara Bell Media Director

# February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					I ESL—9 am Iron Bell Music Concert—7 pm	2 Girl Scouts—3 pm
3 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Adults on Mission (POH)—10:00 am Puppets—6:30 pm	5 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	6 Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal —7:30 pm	7 Men's Fellowship Lunch—12 pm Henry's Market Ladies Fellowship Lunch—12 pm Jiangs AA Ming—5:30 pm	8 ESL—9 am	9
10 Boy Scout Sunday	II Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am	12  Boy Scouts—Eagle Ceremony— 7 pm Sanctuary & POH	13 Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Valentine's Dinner—6:00 pm	14 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	15 ESL—9 am	16 Girl Scouts—3 pm
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Parish Nurse—9:00 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Volunteer Lunch—following worship	18 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am CBF Mtg—8:30 am to 5 pm Puppets—6:30 pm	19 CBF Mtg—8:30 am to noon Boy Scouts—7 pm Building & Grounds—7 pm	20 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night—5 to 8 pm Bible Study (Dr. Spencer)—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal —7:30 pm	21 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	ESL—9 am  Charlotte's Pantry Distribution Today 9 to 11 am	23 Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby—7 am to 3 pm (need AV)
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#### **WORSHIP TIMES**

9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship



For more information, please call Carter Cosgrove at 804-794-8590 or go to our website at www.bethelbaptistpreschool.com.

# Valentine's Day Dinner February 13, 6:00 p.m.

Join us on February 13, at 6:00 p.m. for dinner in the People of Hope Center. We will enjoy a wonderful meal and share a time of story telling. The cost of the dinner is \$7.50. The menu is a taco bar, salad and desserts. You can sign up on the sheet on the round table in the People of Hope or by calling the church office at 804-794-8590.

