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Our mission at Bethel is to lead transformed lives by experiencing, embodying and extending the grace of Christ to others. How we each go about fulfilling this mission will be unique to each one of us and fulfilling this mission will likely reveal our "ministry." All of us are called to be ministers of the gospels. That doesn't mean we will each preach, teach, or lead a small group, but every Christian is called to love God, love others and minister to others. To quote C.S. Lewis, "Every Christian is to become a little Christ. The whole purpose of becoming a Christian is simply nothing else." The Lord has given Anne Brandon a unique ministry, but before I share her calling, let me share a little bit about Anne. Anne is literally a life long Bethel member. She was on the "Cradle Roll" at Bethel. She grew up in Midlothian and she has two wonderful sons, Michael and Carter. Anne has a very successful Real Estate career. She's worked for Long and Foster Realtors for over 40 years. While Real Estate is Anne's vocation, her calling is to help remove the stigma attached to mental illness and to love and care for people who are suffering with mental illness.

This is Anne's testimony in her own words, "In December of 2017, I was part of a journey that culminated in a happy ending but began with a girl on a path of destruction. Her family saw a change in her around Thanksgiving when she seemed withdrawn.

Depression hit hard on December 31st when she questioned the will to live. She couldn't believe that she was this depressed. What happened to bring this on was an imbalance in her brain that persisted until she hit rock bottom. Fortunately her family was there to catch her and help her to believe in herself again. She was diagnosed bipolar and put on medication that helped her lead a normal life again. In addition to medication she also saw a spiritual counselor who tied religion to mental health. She felt lucky to not only have the



support of her church and family but also the blessings of the Lord to continue living. The biggest thing she learned was to take her prescribed medicine and stay positive. She learned to stay focused taking on one task at a time versus an abundance of things at once. Bipolar means being happy or sad to an extreme. It is a state of mind that with medication and counseling can usually be overcome, but rarely cured. Every year about 2 million Americans suffer from bipolar, many of whom lead normal lives after treatment. I am one of these people and I am the girl in this story. Fortunately I no longer suffer the effects of this disease and that is a gift of God's grace. God has worked through doctors, counselors, my wonderful family, our church family and the miracle of modern medicine to get me healthy again. I'm blessed and I'm hopeful that God can use my experience to help others. I'm praying that one day we could form a mental health support group at our church and I'm praying that we would be able to talk about mental illness like we talk about any other disease and there would be no stigma attached to this disease."

It takes a good deal of courage and vulnerability for Anne to share her story. Anne went through a tremendous amount of pain and heartache while she was sick and now she's willing to step into other's pain to let them know they are not alone and the God that loved her through her pain, is there to love them through their pain. In telling her story, Anne shows us what redemption and transformation looks like. God can take the worst of our days and somehow use them to help other people who are facing their dark days. As you go forward in faith let's remember our mission, to live transformed lives by experiencing, embodying and extending the grace of Christ to others. How will you live out this mission? What is your ministry? One clue in answering this question is to look back at the dark days of your life, perhaps you can help others who are going through whatever it is that you've been through. May God bless Anne Brandon and her family and may God bless our Bethel Church family as we live redeemed and transformed lives for Christ. Amen.

Todd

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



"Fatherly Advice from Our Biblical Fathers"

On June 16, we will celebrate Father's Day, a day in which we will honor our fathers--- those men who raised us and dispensed fatherly advice along the way to us. You may recall some words of wisdom from your father or words that you have shared with your children. In keeping with this theme of fatherly wisdom, I thought I would pass along some advice from our biblical fathers words that might help you address the challenges in your life regarding family, faith, integrity, and love.

On Managing a Stressful Family Relationship

Abraham's words to nephew Lot: "Let's not have any quarreling between you and me, or between your herdsman and mine, for we are brothers. Is not the whole land before you? Let's part company. If you go to the left, I'll go to the right; if you go to the right, I'll go to the left." (Genesis 13: 8-9). *The art of negotiating goes a long way in resolving family conflicts!*

On Keeping the Faith

Moses' charge to the Israelites: "Make sure there is no man or woman, clan or tribe among you today whose heart turns away from the Lord our God to go and worship the gods of those nations; make sure there is no root among you that produces bitter poison." (Deuteronomy 29:18). *It is important to be aware of those who seek to poison our beliefs or to cause strife within the family of God.*

On Being a Man of God

David's advice to Solomon: "So be strong, show yourself a man, and observe what the Lord your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go..." (1 Kings 2: 2-3). *Following God's laws always leads to the right destination!*

On Asking for the Right Blessing

Solomon's request of the Lord: "So give your servant a discerning heart...and to distinguish between right and wrong" (1 Kings 3: 9). *Asking for direction from the Lord is a good way to begin each day!*

On Defining Love

Paul's advice to the Church of Corinth (and us): "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails"

(1 Corinthians 13: 4-8). *These verses, often used in wedding ceremonies, apply to all of us in our relationships with family and friends.*

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On Understanding the Depth of God's Love

Jesus speaks about the Father to his disciples: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 9-10;12-13). *Perfect love consists of a servant's heart that desires to follow the ways of our Father in heaven.*

I wish all of the fathers a wonderful day and I hope this advice proves to be useful. You may find yourself passing this along to others!



Missions News

by Frances Morris

Mission Opportunities

WMU will meet on Monday, June 3, at 10 a.m. We will go out to lunch after the meeting.

Annual Baby Bottle Blessing donations will be collected through Father's Day. Pick up a baby bottle and fill it with change, bills, or a check (made out to PHCC). Your support of the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield helps women in our community make life affirming decisions.

Standing Rock The following donations are needed for Standing Rock Indian Reservation: Fast food toys and Grocery shopping bags. The deadline for donations is July 14.

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.



CROSSROADS
Intersecting Life and Mission

Summer Camp

There is still time to register. Summer camp @ Crossroads in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of VA begins this month. Cheryl Grubbs is going the weeks of 6-10 to 6-15 and also 7-8 to 7-13. If you want to go either of these weeks you can ride with Cheryl. Scholarship money is available to help campers if needed. For more information please call Cheryl at 804-350-8217.

Blessings to all, Cheryl Grubbs

Youth News

by Lauren Moore



The countdown is on! We leave for camp on Saturday, June 22 and return Friday, June 28. We covet your prayers as we head off to Boston at the end of the month. In this one week we have the opportunity to spend more time together than we will in a year's worth of Sundays. That's time of fellowship, service, worship, breaking bread together and breaking down barriers together. Please pray not only for our safety, but for God to stir in the heart's of our students, for our student's hearts to be softened, for eyes to be opened as we serve a community in need, and for relationships to be developed, deepened, and healed. We thank you for your prayers and can't wait to share how the Lord moved in our time at camp.

June Calendar

- 5: No Connect (Business meeting)
- 12: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Dinner provided.
- 19: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Dinner provided.
- 22-28: Camp.
- 26: No Connect (Camp).

Vacation Bible School July 21 to 25

Registration is OPEN!

Vacation Bible School will be here soon. (July 21 to 25) We will be on an African adventure exploring the fact that life is wild, but God is good! Kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Online registration can be found [here](https://vbspro.events/p/events/704345) or go to <https://vbspro.events/p/events/704345>. For a paper copy please contact the church office or Lauren Moore at 804-337-1497. Be sure to sign up and tell a friend!



We remain in need of several crew leaders for the week of VBS. A crew leader is an adult who stays with a specific group of children as they rotate through stations each evening. There are 2 crew leaders per group. The more crew leaders we have the smaller our crews will be! Smaller crews are important to ensure each student is able to fully take in and participate in each lesson and smaller numbers decreases behavioral concerns.

We already have a great group of folks signed up, but we are on the prowl for more! If you are interested in being part of this amazing week and coming alongside our VBS team please contact Lauren Moore or Lisa Hardy.

What's Happening in June



The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.

GALATIANS 5:22-23A, NIRV

This summer in Jigsaw, we will be talking about the Fruits of the Spirit, and how we can use them to change the world around us. In June, we will be talking about Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, and Kindness. See you there!

Bethel Care Team



Hello everyone, the Bethel Care Team wishes everyone a very happy summer ahead. My how the time flies and we are ready to welcome in this beautiful warm weather and enjoy the sunshine and flowers and ocean waves and fishing and swimming that summertime brings into our lives. God created this time of year as a "vacation" from the gray skies of winter and we celebrate the times of happiness it brings to most families. Vacation time with our loved ones is a special time to slow down and enjoy each other and our friends, sometimes it means visiting other members of our family that live a good distance away and that brings joy on both ends. It's a wonderful time of year and I will also take some time to slow down and get some rest. Never think that our folks will be neglected during the summer months, we always keep in touch and visit with our "folks" wherever they are, in their home, in the hospital or in a rehab facility. We take good care of our members. Please remember to pray for the well being of our dear ones. As I write we have several in rehab and some that are awaiting surgery in the summer. Our precious Conner is going to have surgery in July and we pray for his doctors and his family as they journey with him during this time. He and his family are very special to all of us and we want him to recover and return to us as soon as possible.

I will be taking time off for the next couple of months from the Newsletter article. Have a great summer and be safe and enjoy each and every day as we live to serve our Lord.

Keep in mind to pray for our church, our pastor, our membership, the bereaved, the sick and pray for ourselves to help those mentioned in anyway we can. That is the mission of the Bethel Care Team.

Shirley Lewis,
Care Team Lead

June Birthdays



2	Jennifer McLeod	18	Pat Herndon
3	Joyce Cole	18	Gordon Henry
3	Debby Stagg	18	Jane Watkins
6	Betty Tooley	19	Forrest Yeager
6	Stuart Turner	20	B.B. Whitley
8	Michael Bell	21	Tyler Barden
8	Dennis Glazener	23	Anne Cullen
8	Deborah Mayberry	23	Dave Jeter
10	Todd Tooley	25	Myrna Perkins
10	Russell Wright	25	Billy Redmond
11	Paige Rider	26	Bob Hale
13	Eddie Stagg	30	Julia Boykin
14	Nancy Blankenship		
14	Mary Dance		
16	Bob Hansen		
17	Tyler Dickerson		
18	Ardelle Florence		
18	Tammy Gillespie		

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, June 6, at noon

Our next lunch will be June 6, at noon at Olive Garden. 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.



Next Business Meeting June 5, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.

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, June 6, at noon

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, June 6, 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.



Parish Nurse June 16



Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, June 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.

Many Thanks

To My Bethel Baptist Church Family from my "Moose Den",
Thank you all for bringing smiles to those frowns and giving some
broken hearts a starting place to mend. Keep spreading God's word
and practicing his works.

Prayers to all, Carrie Persichini

Dear Bethel Church Family,
Thank you for all the calls, texts and more so for the prayers during the
loss of my precious daddy. The flowers sent for his funeral were
beautiful and brought a smile to our face.

God Bless, Jon and Kelly Grubbs and Family

Dear Bethel Church Family,
Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers that you sent for my
dad's funeral. Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, caring words,
prayers and food. Your thoughtfulness means so much.

Love, Nancy Humphreys and Family

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

To the at least 65 members who gave a great amount of time and
energy making the week of CARITAS a memorable one for our 32 lady
guests. Many volunteers helped out in more than one area, food,
laundry, staying over night, entertaining, setting up and taking down
the classrooms and many other needed jobs. It took the entire church
to make this ministry a success.

Frances Morris

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and for the
beautiful flowers from the Church and the Deacon Board during this
very difficult time of the passing of my Mom. Your support and love
have meant so much to me and my family. We are so blessed to be
part of such a wonderful and loving church family.

Donna and Steve Lewis

Dear Shirley and Bethel Church,

Thank you for remembering me with a lovely Easter Basket. I truly
loved it. I especially loved the pudding and the crosses.

Love, Bobby Brooks



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.

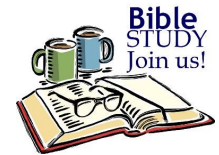
Patriotic Program 4 p.m. July 7 in the People of Hope

July will be here soon and with it comes
our annual patriotic celebration. This year
we will have special music by The
Crestmen, a quartet from Staunton, VA.
We will recognize our veterans and have
some multi-media presentations. We will
have the program first and then enjoy a
fellowship time of hotdogs and chips. We
are asking for donations of cookies and
brownies for dessert.

Anyone who has not provided a photo of a veteran (living or
deceased) must do so no later than **June 1st**. You can email photos
to Cathy Marshall ASAP to musicbycathy@gmail.com. Please
remember to invite a friend, or better yet, invite a veteran.



Wednesday Night Programs in June



June 5 — Dinner & Business Meeting—6:30 p.m.
June 12 — Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.
June 19—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.
June 26—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.

New Member Meet-N-Greet

Attention New Members! Please join us on
June 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Gayle Taylor's office for
an informal gathering of Bethel's newest
members. Come enjoy coffee, doughnuts and
good conversation as we get to know each
other better.



Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

June 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
June 28, 9 to 11 a.m.
July 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
July 26, 9 to 11 a.m.

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



Jordan's Bridge Concert June 9, 6 p.m.

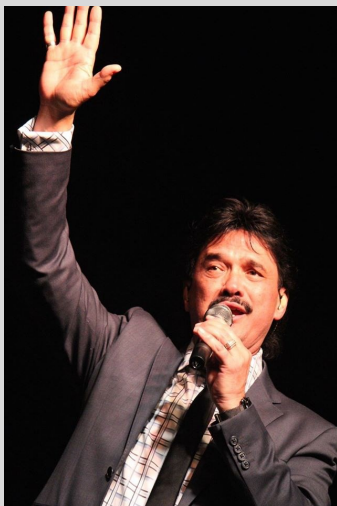
You may recognize these guys from other groups (from left to right): Dale Shipley-Lead from Perfect Heart, Million Dollar Quartet & Freedom Quartet; Phil Barker-Tenor from Singing Americans, Dixie Melody Boys & Harvesters Quartet; Rick Sheets-Baritone been in gospel music promotions for many years and Burman Porter-Bass from Palmetto State Quartet, Blackwood Gospel Quartet and Dove Brothers Quartet.

Come and worship with us, bring a friend!
For directions or details, call (804) 794-8590

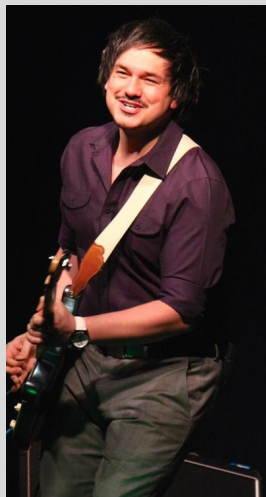


A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED.

Parker Night of Praise July 26, 7 p.m.



Ivan Parker



Josh Parker



The Harvesters

Tickets: Adult \$12 in advance & \$15 at the door Children ages 6-12 \$5 in advance & \$7 at the door **All tickets are general admission and on a first come basis**

Tickets are available for purchase from Carol Lawson (804) 350-1422 or Danny Parker at (919) 776-4055 Doors Open at 6 p.m.

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Circle of Truth Rehearsal—10 am to noon Girl Scouts—3 pm
<i>2</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	<i>3</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am WMU—10:00 am Puppets—5:30 pm	<i>4</i> No Garden Club Tues. Small Group—11 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>5</i> Dinner & Business Mtg.—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal —6:00 pm	<i>6</i> Men's Fellowship Lunch—12 pm Henry's Market Ladies Fellowship Lunch—12 pm Olive Garden AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>7</i> ESL—9 am	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> GRADUATION SUNDAY New Member Meet-n-Greet—9:30 am (Gayle Taylor's office) Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Jordan's Bridge Concert—6 pm	<i>10</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	<i>11</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>12</i> Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal —7:30 pm	<i>13</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>14</i> ESL—9 am Friday Small Group—7 pm	<i>15</i> Circle of Truth Rehearsal—10 am to noon Girl Scouts—3 pm
<i>16</i> Parish Nurse—9 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	<i>17</i> Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	<i>18</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>19</i> Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal —7:30 pm	<i>20</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>21</i> ESL—9 am	<i>22</i>
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<i>30</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Children in Action—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am						

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Change Service Requested

9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship



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