

The Outreach

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What's the greatest expression of love that you can think of? When has someone cared for you in such a way that you knew, beyond any doubt, that the person loved and cared about you? One of the greatest expressions of love that I heard about comes courtesy of Bethel's own Zeke Bookman. Back in the late 1980s Zeke's wife Doris was sick and Zeke lovingly cared for her. Each morning Zeke would rise early to cook breakfast for Doris. Before he delivered her breakfast in bed, Zeke went outside and carefully selected and cut a beautiful long stem rose and placed it in a vase. He placed the rose on the tray and delivered this beautifully adorned breakfast to his wife each morning. With breakfast delivered Zeke would then make his way over to their grand piano where he would proceed to serenade Doris with some beautiful melodies that brought back memories of yesteryear.



Zeke on his 92nd birthday

Zeke could have kept breakfast simple and just delivered Doris her breakfast in bed without any fanfare, and most any of us would be delighted with that! Not Zeke. He thought carefully about what would please Doris and what would bring her joy and delight. In other words, Zeke allowed love to guide his actions.

I was reminded of this love story as I visited Zeke in the hospital. He was recently hospitalized after a bad fall. Zeke is 92 years old and his daughter Betty says, "A bad fall at home has taken Dad on a journey that has included ER twice, Neurological ICU twice, step down unit

rooms twice, Neurological surgery and one very unpleasant rehab for 6 days. Through it all his spirit and sense of humor have remained steadfast. Everyday when we have visited, Dad's concern has been for his daughters and how they were handling the stress involved in this experience. Dad's care and concern for us often superseded the care of himself. When its time to order his daily meals he often orders a sweet roll for my sister and a banana for me. Never once has he complained! He remains firm in his faith and belief of treating others as he wishes to be treated. In return the wonderful doctors and nurses we've encountered have treated him in a loving and caring manner. From the bottom of our hearts we thank his Bethel family for your love, prayers and support!!!"

I was impressed by Zeke's expression of love for his wife in bringing her breakfast in bed, but what he did for his daughters may be more impressive. Think about it: Zeke is in the hospital in pain with various injuries and when it comes time to order his meals; meals that he needs for his own recovery, he thinks of his daughters and their wellbeing and orders them something.

This gives us a glimpse, a tiny glimpse, of the greatest expression of love that I know of: Christ on the Cross. When Christ was suffering, in pain and agony, dying for our sins, He was thinking only of us. Please take a moment in your day and meditate on that kind of sacrificial love. Then let's think about how we can practice sacrificial love in our lives. Like Zeke Bookman, let's let love guide our decisions and actions. I bet if we did this we'd consistently find ourselves in a place of blessing. May God bless Zeke Bookman, his daughters Betty and Pam and may God continue to bless Bethel Baptist Church. Amen.

Todd

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



Domestic Violence in Intimate Relationships

Domestic violence is a topic that we hear about in the news. The stories about violence directed toward spouses and children stir our hearts. The chaos that violence creates within families results in devastating consequences such as injury, mental breakdown, and death. Unfortunately, these news stories have become all-too-familiar to us.

What may not be so familiar is the rise in dating relationship abuse. High school and college students may encounter individuals who exert control over them through these inappropriate behaviors: emotional/verbal, sexual, financial, digital, and stalking. Consider the statistics below from the website *Love Is Respect* a project of the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

- Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.
 - One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.
 - One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.
 - Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence — almost triple the national average.
 - Among female victims of intimate partner violence, 94% of those age 16-19 and 70% of those age 20-24 were victimized by a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend.
 - Violent behavior typically begins between the ages of 12 and 18.
 - Nearly half (43%) of dating college women report experiencing violent and abusive dating behaviors.
- (Source: <https://www.loveisrespect.org/resources/dating-violence-statistics/>)

These alarming statistics prove that more information needs to be disseminated and discussed. If you would like to know more about this issue: how to recognize the signs of abuse and how to help someone in this situation, please make a reservation to attend the second installment of the Lunch and Learn Series: "Dangers in Intimate Relationships" on Tuesday, October 16, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the People of Hope Center (flyers available in the People of Hope). Lunch will be provided free of charge. Please contact Gayle Taylor at church (804) 794-8590 or email her at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com.

Isaiah 41:10 "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand."

Welcome New Members that Joined in September



Pete and Debbie Walmsley
Joined September 9, 2018



Brenda Stone
Joined September 9, 2018



Sam Watson
Joined September 16, 2018

October Birthdays



5	Jimmy Morris	21	Jarrett Elam
5	Daniel Rogers	22	Kevin Yeager
9	Bubba Colley	23	Vernon Sadler
9	Jenny Hansen	24	Barbara Bell
9	Ann Jamerson	25	Jennifer Redmond
10	Jacqueline Cody	25	Stacey Lamb
10	Patsy Condrey	25	Jarrett Taylor
11	Teresa Dobbins	28	Lisa Brown
11	Jim Jamison	28	David Gillespie
12	John Bransford	29	Erin Carlson
14	Bryan Camden	29	Sharon Butler
14	Glenn Riley	30	Gary Bailey
16	Brad Saxton	30	Angela Prater
17	Becky Moseley	31	Shirley Roberts
20	Kiley Proffitt	31	Stuart Condrey
20	Blake Rogers		

Trunk or Treat October 27, 6 to 8 p.m.



Join us for food, games, crafts, a hayride, and TREATS! Candy donations are very much appreciated. If you would like to donate candy please drop it in the box in the People of Hope or bring it by the church office.

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, October 4, at noon

Please join us on Thursday, October 4, at 12 noon at Mabels in Powhatan for our Ladies Fellowship Lunch. If you plan to attend please text or call Margaret Gillis at 804-305-6931. All women are invited.



Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

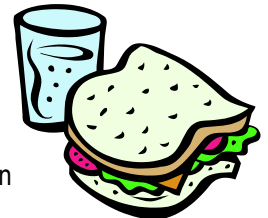
- Music Ministry/Choir (See Gayle Taylor)
- Adults on Mission (Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.)
- Charlotte's Pantry (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (See Lauren Moore)
- Friends of the Homeless (5th Mondays at 8:30 a.m. (See 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 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)

Men's Fellowship Lunch Thursday, October 4, at noon

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, October 4, 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 October



This month, we will learn about CONTENTMENT. Everything we have comes from God, and He is faithful to provide what we need. Each week, we will learn:

1. God can help you be okay no matter what
2. Stuff can't keep you happy
3. Wanting what others have can make you miserable
4. Don't miss out on what you have now.

Regardless of what we have or the situation we face, we can respond to God with CONTENTMENT.

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

October 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

October 26, 9 to 11 a.m.

November 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

November 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Special Thanksgiving Distribution)

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



Wednesday Night Programs in October



October 3—Bible Study, Book of James—6:30 p.m.

October 10—Bible Study, Book of James—6:30 p.m.

October 17—Bible Study, A Study on the Prophets—6:30 p.m.

October 24—Bible Study, A Study on the Prophets—6:30 p.m.

October 31—Bible Study, A Study on the Prophets—6:30 p.m.

Join us on October 3, as Gordon Rutland continues his study on the Book of James. He will conclude his study on October 10. Then on October 17, Dr. Biddle will do a 3 week study on the Prophets. Dr. Biddle is a professor at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond. He has written several books and has lectured throughout the U.S and we are looking forward to having him back with us.



By Carter Cosgrove
Preschool Director

Fall is definitely in the air and Bethel Baptist Preschool is in full swing. We now have 24 children currently enrolled in our program. Our teachers are loving their classes and the children are having fun! The month of October is a very busy and exciting time for our preschool!

The preschool will have a big day on Tuesday October 9th. We will have our annual Pumpkin Patch trip to Lloyd Family Farms. Our students will have so much fun visiting all the animals on the farm, learning about the life cycle of the pumpkin, and picking out their very own pumpkins. It will be a time had by all.

The preschool will hold our 5th annual Yard Sale on Saturday, October 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the church. I would like to thank everyone in advance for all of your help and support. Without you we wouldn't be able to make it so successful. Your support has meant the world to me and to the preschool. The money we raise from this year's yard sale will go toward the Preschool Scholarship Fund.

On Tuesday, October 16th our children will get to dress up in their finest and take class pictures with Michelle Proctor from Michelle Proctor Photography. This is always a special time for our families. Pictures are worth a thousand words and last a lifetime!

I would like to remind everyone of the Chick-fil-A night on Wednesday October 17th. The preschool was so successful last year that we were invited back by Chick-fil-A to continue our Wednesday night fundraisers. Thank you to all who came and supported this event last year. We hope you will continue that support for this year. We must bring in at least \$300.00 in food sales every month to keep our slot so please come and support the church and the preschool by having dinner with us. Please be sure to tell the cashier it is for Spirit Night. Once you have enjoyed your meal be sure to come by and see me and take a chance at the prize wheel. It is only a dollar and you can win free food and stuff. I hope to see you there!

Lastly, I would like to thank all the church families that helped with the Preschool School Supply Drive. You have made our teachers so happy with all the items that were given. I can't tell you how much card stock and how many glue sticks we go through every year! Your generous donations have helped ease that burden of restocking our supply cabinet. I promise all items will be put to good use by my staff and our students. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart!!

Preschool Yard Sale Fundraiser October 13, 8 till Noon

The Preschool will have a yard sale on October 13, from 8 a.m. to noon. If you would like to sell your own items, you may rent a table or space for your own table for \$20.00. You may also donate items to the preschool to sell. Please bring your donations to the church and drop them off between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday. For more information please contact Carter Cosgrove or the church office at 804-794-8590.



Bethel Care Team



It's fall and the colors of the leaves are beautiful as they show off their many shades, however, they look much prettier on the trees than off...Amen???

It's a glorious time of year and we can enjoy the coolness in the air and all the activities that October brings. I miss a lot of this because we take this time of year to go to the beach for an extended vacation. It's usually still very warm and when we return November 1, everything is a mess in our yard, leaves and acorns everywhere and we have to get to work mighty fast. Such is life in many ways, we take the good times for granted and put off thinking of the chores that are always waiting for us. It's called responsibility I suppose. God equips us to navigate thru life even as He planned the seasons, each in it's own way makes for our beautiful and perfect landscape. I am blessed to recharge during this time and get ready for the upcoming holidays, as with the time zone we fall back and slow down in order to maintain our joy in serving. In my last outreach I mistakenly left out Cathy Williamson, who is such a faithful member of our team and we appreciate all the visits she makes on behalf of our church.

We continue to be blessed to be a blessing to others. Please pray for our team.

Shirley Lewis, Team Lead



New Book Club Sat. November 3

If you are a reader, you will love this group. It's a book club! We would love for you to join us. The plan is to meet quarterly starting Saturday, November 3. The name of the book is "The Man Who Moved A Mountain" by Richard C. Davids. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Barbara Bell or Gayle Taylor.



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

The next Spirit Night fund raiser will be Wednesday, October 17, 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. If you're going to Bible Study, please feel free to get your dinner to go and bring it with you. 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 Wednesday, October 1. We will leave Bethel at 9:30 a.m. to go to Mercy Mall. Everyone is invited to attend. We will go out to eat after the meeting.

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.

A Note From the Library

I see a few signs of fall, but it can't be fall yet. I am not ready. Where did summer go? I hope everyone had a great summer! Of course that means you had time for some great reading. When you receive this newsletter our preschool children will have already visited the



church library. Each week Cindy Wight reads a story to them and then they each get to check out 2 books. They really enjoy choosing their books. The library has a big variety for them to choose from. Some new ones and some old. I hope you enjoy God's beautiful fall season. You'll be

hearing from your library again soon. Happy fall.

Barbara Bell,
Media Center Director

Parish Nurse October 21

Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, October 21, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Stop by and Cindy will be happy to answer your questions or check your blood pressure.



Connect

YOUTH NEWS by Lauren Moore



We are attending a weekend retreat at Camp Willow Run November 2-4. The deposit has been paid with youth funds so the cost per student is now only \$52. **Please RSVP by October 14 along with a check for \$52 made out to Bethel Baptist with fall retreat in the memo line.** Please see me if you need help covering the cost of camp. CWR is a Christian summer and retreat center that is owned and operated by Youth Camps for Christ, Inc., and is a non-profit, interdenominational Christian camp and retreat center located on beautiful Lake Gaston near Littleton, NC. This weekend is packed full of Bible study, worship, and games including the Super High Cup competition. Their trained staff will also be operating many recreation areas such as high ropes, climbing wall, canoeing, archery, riflery, giant swing, basketball, and others. During the weekend there will be large group worship and Bible study sessions along with small group times where our youth group can spend time together. Our staff has a desire to see young people grow and mature in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ and this weekend provides that opportunity!

October Calendar

- 3: Connect, 6:30-8pm
- 10: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Meet in the food pantry.
- 17: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Chick-fil-a for dinner then back to church for lesson. Van leaves at 6:30. No money needed.
- 20: Hope Supper Table, 2:45-4pm. Powhatan Fairgrounds.
- 24: End of month activity: TBA
- 27: Trunk or Treat, 6-8pm. Volunteer to help run a station or scare kids :)
- 31: No Connect...Happy haunting!

Lunch and Learn Program October 16, 11:30 a.m.



"Dangers in Intimate Relationships"

Come out and learn more about domestic violence in intimate relationships.

Lindsay G. Cassada, Coordinator from the Domestic and Sexual Violence Resource Center in Chesterfield will share the following information:

- How to recognize the signs of domestic abuse.
- How to encourage dialogue about this issue within the community.
- How to utilize resources to help victims in abusive intimate relationships.

Join us for discussion and a complimentary lunch of tossed salad, lasagna, bread and dessert from Henry's Market. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Gayle Taylor at church (804)794-8590 or email her at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com.

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,

I have a hard time putting into words what it has felt like to go through a hardship and actually feel God's love and your love through prayers, its just amazing. I'll take this any day over going through a hardship and feeling alone. Your love and support means so much. Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I have enjoyed looking at those. I love you all so much.

Love always,
Shawn Moss

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

The family of Ann Mitchell thanks you for your support during our time of loss. The flowers were beautiful and greatly appreciated.

Love,
Gordon Mitchell and family

I would like to thank my ushers Sissy Dance, Nancy Humphreys, Dona Carlson, Diane Beasley, Mary Florence, Thom Kagels, Mac Herndon, Doug Turner, Robert Brooks, John Pulley and Scott Myerhoffer for their hard work, dedication and dependability. Your help is very much needed and appreciated.

Bill Rogers

Dan Rogers would like to thank everyone that came out to support him at Southside Speedway this year. It was great to see several Bethel race fans there. Dan won 9 out of the 12 races and took home the championship in the Grand Stock Division. Thanks again for your support.

Dear Gayle, Todd and Our Bethel Church Family,
How do we ever thank you for the visits, calls, texts, cards, thoughts, prayers and the beautiful dish garden basket? We do so from the bottom of our hearts and with deepest appreciation. Through ER, ICU, hospital stays, surgery and rehab, you've been with us as has God's grace.

Fondly,
Betty, Pam and Zeke



Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 4



On Sunday, NOVEMBER 4, Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 AM! Don't forget to turn your clocks back **before you go to bed** on Saturday night or you will be wondering where everyone is on Sunday morning.

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Adults on Mission—leave at 9:30 am to go to Mercy Mall Deacon Meeting—7 pm	2 Small Group with Gayle Taylor 6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	3 Bible Study (James)—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	4 Ladies Fellowship Lunch—12 pm Men's Fellowship Lunch—12 pm AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	5 Small Group—6:00 pm (Parlor)	6 Girl Scouts—3 pm
7 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Three Bridges Concert—6 pm Boy Scout Meeting—5 pm (Parlor)	8 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am	9 Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	10 Charlotte's Partry—5 pm Bible Study (James)—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	11 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	12 Small Group—6:00 pm (Parlor)	13
14 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	15 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am	16 Lunch & Learn—11:30 am to 1 pm Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm B & G—7 pm	17 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night—5 to 8 pm Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	18 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	19 Small Group—6:00 pm (Parlor)	20 Girl Scouts—3 pm
21 Parish Nurse—9:00 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am	22 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am	23 Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	24 Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	25 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm	26 Charlotte's Partry Distribution—9 am to 11 am Small Group—6:00 pm (Parlor)	27 Trunk or Treat—6 to 8 pm
28 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	29 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Feeding the Homeless—8:30 am	30 Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	31 Bible Study—6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm			

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9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship

Three Bridges Concert October 7, 6 p.m.



Three Bridges' music is rooted in traditional "southern gospel" and "black gospel" music. This blended style has made Three Bridges an internationally-acclaimed Gospel group — one that is known for tight harmonies, a unique vocal style, an exciting and energy packed stage presence and, most importantly, for spreading the joy of the Good News of Christ.

A love offering will be received