

# THE OUTREACH

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Two things that I routinely pray for is wisdom and guidance. I think we all would like some assurance that the decisions we make are in keeping with God's will. Bob and Ellen Moseley recently faced a major decision and they found themselves asking the Lord for both wisdom and guidance. Their story begins five years ago when Bob contracted osteomyelitis, which is an infection of the bone. His right leg became infected as the result of a skin cancer treatment. Since that time, he's had six surgeries to try to heal this radiation wound and get rid of the infection. He's had the best care available from the skilled doctors at UVA Health Medical Center. In addition to the six surgeries, they've done a number of procedures to eradicate the infection. They de-breeded Bob's leg and placed a wound vacuum on several times. He's had several rounds of high dosage intravenous antibiotics and he's had several skin grafts. Despite all of these efforts the infection remained. As you can imagine, the issue with his leg has dominated Bob's and Ellen's lives over these past few years and it all came to a head several weeks ago. The doctors informed him that they were at the end of what they could do. The doctors suggested one final procedure called a "Wound Flap" where they would take muscle from behind the leg to cover the wound on the front of the leg and they would give him a new, revolutionary type of antibiotics. There was no guarantee the procedure would work and if it didn't Bob would need to have his leg amputated below the knee. Bob faced a major decision. On the one hand, why not try the procedure and make every effort to save the leg? On the other hand, if the procedure didn't work the infection would potentially be given more time to spread further up the leg and into the rest of his body. Bob and Ellen have been through so much already, so there was a case to be made to not do the surgery and just go ahead and remove the leg and move forward with life. As you can imagine this was no



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easy, black or white decision and time was of the essence. After gathering all of this information the first thing Bob did was pray. Not only did Bob pray, he asked others to pray. He called me on a Saturday morning and explained the situation and said he really needed a decision by Monday. I could hear the concern and the weight of the decision in Bob's voice. He said, "This is no easy decision, after all I'm kind of attached to my leg!" So we prayed for the Lord to give Bob clarity of thought, wisdom and discernment. On Monday I reached out to Bob to see how the Lord answered his prayer. Bob said, "It occurred to me over the weekend that the Lord wasn't going to give me a black or white answer, but it also occurred to me that He has already given me the tools I needed to make this decision. I realized that God has worked through the gifts and talents of doctors at UVA and they've guided me every step of the way. So I am led to trust them and believe God is working through them. I told my surgeon that I'd like to go ahead and try the Wound Flap procedure so that I can do everything I can to save my leg, but I also told him if he was in the middle of the operation and he knew it wouldn't work to go ahead and take my leg." When Bob told me this it was one of those moments in my life when I had to thank the Lord for allowing me to be a pastor. I was so impressed and inspired by Bob's decision. This was truly a step of faith. Take a moment and imagine yourself in Bob's position. Imagine that you are getting ready for the operation and they are about to administer the anesthesia. Before you go to sleep, wouldn't you think to yourself, "Will I wake up with my leg or not?" That's what I would have thought, but amazingly, that's not what Bob thought. Right before the operation Bob reports that he was "Comfortable with moving forward with whatever the outcome was going to be. I had confidence in my savior." Bob's anxiety that he felt that Saturday was gone and he was at peace. Ellen and Bob's brother Bruce said they saw the change in Bob over the weekend and thought this was nothing short of a miracle. That's faith!

Let's notice that the Lord didn't give Bob a direct answer, but he did lead him to take a step of faith and trust the outcome. Only time will tell if the surgery worked long term, but Bob's

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



### "Make the Music Happen!"

Church members often comment on how much they love music in the worship service. For most, music speaks to their spiritual self and helps them to connect with God and to prepare them for worship. We are so fortunate at Bethel to have so much talent available within the congregation to utilize in our worship services, but we still need more participation to make the music happen! Maybe you have considered singing or playing in one of our groups, but you were not sure how to proceed. This article will outline the groups we offer:

**Circle of Truth:** this is a praise team that meets on two Friday evenings and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday mornings for rehearsals. The group typically performs 1-2 times a month. Contact persons: Sarah Oatman or Bruce Moseley.

**One Accord:** this is an eclectic and semi-a cappella group that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room. This group performs 4-6 times a year. Contact person: Gayle Taylor.

**Choir:** this group sings gospel, contemporary, and traditional Christian songs. The choir also presents a Christmas cantata. Some folks like to participate only in the Christmas presentation and attend the early portion of choir rehearsals during which we rehearse cantata selections (7:30-8:00 pm). This group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Contact person: Gayle Taylor.

**Hand Bell Choir:** this group meets on select evenings in the fall and the spring to prepare Christmas and Easter music. Contact person: Bill Carlson.

Maybe you would like to sing a one-time special or would like to try out one of these groups on a temporary basis. Please consider lending your talents to Bethel. It is a win-win blessing for you and for the church!

*Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you.  
I will praise you as long as I live,  
and in your name, I will lift up my hands.  
Psalm 63:3-4*

## Pregnancy Help Center

Brenda Peck has started volunteering at the Pregnancy Help Center in Chesterfield. She found that right now they have need of diapers (newborn and up to 2 years old) and baby formula. If you would like to help please bring your donations to church and leave them in the corner of the People of Hope next to Charlotte's Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please see Brenda Peck.



By Heather Kerns  
Preschool Director

Hello from Bethel Preschool! We are gearing up to begin another fabulous school year in just a couple weeks! We are hopeful that we will have a much more "normal" year after so much chaos and uncertainty over the last year and a half. There are lots of new and exciting changes happening in our school this year and we ask that you all keep our teachers, students, and school in your prayers as we embark on this journey.

As you know, Carter Cosgrove has stepped down as the Director of the preschool to focus her attention on her family and daughter's health. She will be tremendously missed, as she was such an integral part of the ongoing success of the Bethel Preschool program. My name is Heather Kerns, and I am honored to be the new Director of the preschool program. I am beyond thrilled to be in this position and am excited to see how the preschool continues to grow. I am no stranger to Bethel; my children went through the preschool, I subbed for several years in the preschool, and then became the lead teacher in the 3's class.

Our first day of preschool is Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to welcome several new staff members this year, as well as many familiar faces. Our preschool classes are full, and we have several returning families, as well as many who are new to Bethel. It is going to be a wonderful year in our preschool. We are grateful for your continued prayers and support.

Heather Kerns  
Bethel Preschool Director



It's time to rock out a new school year! Join us on August 15 after church in the Hope Center for lunch and games to celebrate the beginning of a new school year! The church will provide lunch. All you need to bring is your family and a smile :) All preschool and elementary families are invited to join us. Let's wrap up the summer and roll into a new year together!

RSVP by August 8 via Evite email. Feel free to invite a friend and their family! Please contact Lauren Moore (804-337-1497, [laurenelmoore@gmail.com](mailto:laurenelmoore@gmail.com)) for more information or questions.

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doctors give him a 70% chance of success at this point. In the meantime, Bob will continue to place his faith in the Lord and trust God for the outcome. Bob wanted me to relay that this story is not about him.

He said, "Make sure people know it's about what the Lord has done." He also said, "I would like to let folks know that one thing I've learned from our Prayer and Listening class on Wednesday nights is the importance of daily conversational prayer with the Lord. It's important to pray all the time, not just when we need something. The gift of a relationship with our savior is a gift we all have. He surrounds us and all we have to do is recognize God is always with us." Amen!

Bob and Ellen want to thank everyone at Bethel who has prayed for them and helped them through this difficult time in their lives. As they were telling me how many folks have sent them cards and made them meals, I am reminded that not only is Christ with us, but we are surrounded by a great "cloud of witnesses." Let's continue to pray for Bob's healing and let's also remember that the next time you face a decision, pray and ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment. The Lord may give you a direct answer, or the Lord may lead you to do as Bob did, and take a step of faith, either way, you're in the hands of our loving savior. May God bless Bob and Ellen Moseley and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church. Amen.

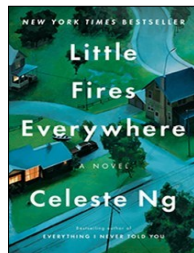
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## Book Club News

The Book Club is currently reading *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

Here is a synopsis provided by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship:

"In Shaker Heights, everything is planned, and no one embodies this spirit more than Elena Richardson, whose guiding principle is playing by the rules. The arrival of Mia Warren and her daughter Pearl upends this carefully ordered community. *Little Fires Everywhere* explores motherhood, the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster." Dona Carlson will lead the discussion of the book on **September 19** after the worship service. Please bring a bagged lunch and drink to the meeting. If you would like a copy of the book, please see Gayle Taylor.



## The Boxcast App



The AV Team is pleased to announce that we now have a new way to view our complete church services on your Apple TV, Roku, or Smart TV using the Boxcast app. This will provide a simple high-quality means to view our services on your large screen TV so the entire family can watch the service together. Please follow these instructions:

1. Add the Boxcast app to your device.
2. Search for the church's channel by searching for Bethel Baptist Church Midlothian, VA . (NOTE: Spelling and punctuation is important when searching.)
3. Once you find our channel the church's logo will appear. Select this channel.
4. You are DONE.

Please contact any member of the AV team if you have any questions.

## Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary & Classroom

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the historic sanctuary, in person for our joint Sunday School class or you can join The Salt & Light class that Bob Beasley teaches. It meets in the Salt and Light classroom. Both classes are teaching from the Formations Adult Bible Study. If you need a book, you may pick one up in the church office or in the historic sanctuary.

## Dominion Speedway Every Saturday in August

Local driver Dan Rogers, son of Gayle and Bill Rogers, drives car #33 in the Dominion Stock Division at Dominion Speedway. Races start at 7 p.m. every Saturday (unless rained out).

Dan has the record in his division for the fastest time since the track opened. He has won 7 out of the last 9 races. Come out and cheer him on.





# Many Thanks

Dear Friends at Bethel Baptist Church,

You are all beyond wonderful to supply the food pantry here at the Free Clinic of Powhatan. Your considerable efforts brings food, security and happiness to our neighbors. Thank you for this loving gift of care, concern, and kindness. Your Christian leadership is a beautiful example for all.

Sincerely,

Betsy Blandford, Volunteer Coordinator

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, calls and all the ways you showed caring and thoughtfulness in the recent death of my brother, Bill Woodfin. Your love and encouragement brought us comfort and peace at a time it was needed the most. We are blessed by your friendship.

Pat and Bruce Bartlam

Dear Bethel,

Thanks to our church family for the prayers, cards, fruit basket, and well wishes during my recovery.

Blessings,

Bob and Ellen Moseley

## Missions News by Frances Morris

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, August 2, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center.

**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.

**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 **QW701**. You will still get your points toward gas, Bethel will just get credit for any amounts you spend at Kroger.



Just for Fun

by Gayle Taylor

### Sun and Summer Fun

Can you name these songs that have to do with sunshine or the summer? (Answers Below)

1. "There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave..."
2. "Trees swayin' in the summer breeze, Showin' off their silver leaves, as we walked by..."
3. "Shadows around me, shadows above me, Never conceal my Savior and Guide..."
4. "Well I'm a gonna raise a fuss, I'm gonna raise a holler About workin' all summer just to try an' earn a dollar..."
5. "There is gladness in my soul today, And hope and praise and love, For blessings which He gives me now, for joys 'laid up' above..."
6. "Now every time I go for the mailbox, gotta hold myself down, 'Cause I just can't wait till you write me you're coming around..."
7. "You are a fire burning away the darkest night Out of the ashes You create a brilliant life..."

ANSWERS  
1. "Send the Light"  
2. "A Summer Song"  
3. "Heavenly Sunlight"  
4. "Summertime Blues"  
5. "Sunshine in My Soul"  
6. "Walking on Sunshine"  
7. "Sunshine"

## Hope for Appalachia Winter Clothing Drive

Winter is coming and it gets pretty frigid in the Appalachia Mountains! We are collecting coats, scarves, hats, gloves and mittens for children and adults through "Hope for Appalachia" ministry. The collection will run until Sunday August 29. You can bring your items to the People of Hope building and drop them in the boxes marked "winter clothes." Thank you for your help keeping our friends in Kentucky warm this winter.



Frances Morris, BBC Mission Team



God has blessed Bethel in many ways this year! **One of those ways is that many of our families and children have returned post-Covid.** We are celebrating because we have had some amazing people step up to lead this past (unpredictable and wild) year in our children's ministry! **However, we need more adult volunteers to continue supporting the children's ministry this fall.** We need more adult volunteers to raise their hand and say "Yes!" and choose to invest in the lives of our kids! We have two requirements of our leaders in children's ministry, that you **1) love God, and 2) love kids.** That's it! You don't need tons of experience to serve with kids. You don't need 20+ years of experience as a teacher. **You just need a willing heart and a desire to invest in the lives of kids.** YOU can make a difference! You have no idea what God can do through you! If you're on the fence or haven't decided where to get involved for the fall, I would like to invite you to join the children's ministry team on Sunday mornings. If you're interested in serving as a Sunday school or Jigsaw teacher or assistant or have questions about serving, please contact me at [laurenmoore@gmail.com](mailto:laurenmoore@gmail.com) or 804-337-1497. I will walk you through everything. We trust that God has big things planned for our children's ministry this coming year! In Christ,  
Lauren Moore, Minister to Children and Youth

## Youth News Connect



### August 2021 Calendar

- 4: Connect. 7-8:30 pm.
- 11: Gleaning for the World. ½ day service project in Concord, VA. Look for details via email.
- 18: Connect, 7-8:30 pm.
- 25: Back to school cookout at The McNeel's. 6-8 pm. Church will provide the entree and everyone is asked to bring a side. Families are welcome to stay. RSVP and details to come. All rising sixth graders and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Note from Our Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse office has a wheelchair and several walkers! These can be useful to borrow for weddings, family reunions, etc. Please sanitize before and after use. I have Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer in the office. Hope everyone is staying well and enjoying the summer.



Blessings,  
Cindy Luck, FCN

## Ladies Fellowship Lunch Thursday, August 26, at noon

We are happy to let everyone know that the Ladies Fellowship Lunches have started back again. They are on the **last** Thursday of each month.

The next one will be August 26, at noon at Mabel's Restaurant, 1800 A South Creek One, Powhatan. Each person is responsible for the cost of their own lunch. If you plan to attend please call Shirley Lewis at 804-794-6585 by the Tuesday before the lunch, so she can make the appropriate number of reservations. All women are invited.



You're Invited!

## 4 Ways to Give at Bethel

1. **In Person:** Drop your check in the offering plate as you enter or leave the People of Hope on Sunday morning.
2. **Send a check to our secure mailbox:** The address is: Bethel Baptist Church, 1100 Huguenot Springs Rd. Midlothian VA, 23113.
3. **Online Giving:** On our Website there is a link to give. Once you click on the link you'll be prompted to give through either your bank account or a credit card. Here's the link for online giving: <https://www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org/giving/>
4. **Text Giving:** Simply text the dollar amount you'd like to give to (804)361-8590 and follow the prompts. You'll be asked to enter a debit card or credit card number. The minimum amount for text giving is \$10. The platform we're using is safe and secure and you'll be given the option of an email receipt at the end of your transaction. As always, we are grateful for your contributions to the church and we thank you for your gifts.

## August Birthdays



2	Nicholas Peck	20	Raymond Moschler
2	Chesney Florence	21	Joann Cole
4	Patrick Ferguson	21	Susan Wright
5	Malin Carlson	21	Frances Morris
5	Nora Estep	21	<b>Todd Bradbury</b>
5	Michael Watkins	22	Luke McNeel
6	Vivian Speas	22	Travis Hale
7	Nick Elam	23	Robert Baker
7	Jill Sheek	24	Marshall Cole
9	Walker Smith, Jr	24	Kaylin Stine
9	Bud Hines	24	Thom Kagels
10	Josie Stump	25	Sam Wight
12	Jan Gilbert	26	Penny Trentham
12	Elizabeth Humphreys	26	Reid Watkins
12	Romy Merchant	28	Glenda Fisher
12	Marjorie Stagg	28	Kelly Grubbs
13	Lisa Hardy	29	Barbara Breschel
14	Katie Beltz	29	Dennis Marshall
14	Beth Saxton	29	Paul Sherwood
14	Tommy Stagg	29	Diane Roper
16	Travis Brock	30	Louis Blanton
17	Anne Brandon	31	Wray Brown
18	Linda Call	31	Carolyn Turner
18	James Painter	31	Robert Watkins
20	Paul Merchant		

## Ministry & Missions Celebration

Our Ministry and Missions Celebration (Business Meeting) is Wednesday **September 1, at 7 p.m.** We will meet in-person or you can join us online at [www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org](http://www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org). Our time of celebration will begin with communion. If you're watching online and have a question or concern that you'd like to share please email us at [bbc1817@verizon.net](mailto:bbc1817@verizon.net). We will be monitoring emails during the meeting. We hope you'll join us on September 1, as we celebrate what the Lord is doing at Bethel.



## Wednesday Night Programs in August



August 4 — Sacred Circle/Pals (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.  
 August 11 — Summer Break (Sacred Circle resumes September 8)  
 August 18 — Summer Break (Sacred Circle resumes September 8)  
 August 25 — Summer Break (Sacred Circle resumes September 8)

## Opportunities for:

### Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir (See Gayle Taylor)
- WMU (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 Ardelle Florence)
- AA Meeting every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Puppet Team (See Andrea Hale)
- Media Center (See Barbara Bell)
- Care Team Ministry (See Pat Reynolds)

### Fellowship/Discipleship

- Men's Fellowship Lunch 1st Thursday of each month at noon (See Bruce Lewis)
- Women's Fellowship Lunch last Thursday of each month at noon (See Shirley Lewis)
- Youth Group Meetings every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. (See Lauren Moore)
- Sacred Circle Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
- 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)
- Sharing & Caring Group meets every Monday at 9 a.m. in POH

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

### Upcoming pantry schedule:

August 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
 August 27, 9 to 11 a.m.  
 September 8, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
 September 24, 9 to 11 a.m.



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

## Sharing and Caring Monday Small Group



The "Sharing and Caring" group meets every Monday, in the People of Hope Building at 9 a.m. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Marriage Enrichment Sunday</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Pre-Ordered Box Lunch—following Worship Service Preschool Nurse Training—7 pm	<b>2</b> Sharing and Caring—9 am WML—10 am	<b>3</b> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<b>4</b> Sacred Circle / Pals Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<b>5</b> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<b>6</b> Circle of Truth—5 pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<b>9</b> Sharing and Caring—9 am	<b>10</b> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<b>11</b> Charlotte's Partry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle (Summer Break) Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<b>12</b> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Student Lunch (UPGRADE)— following Worship Service	<b>16</b> Sharing and Caring—9 am	<b>17</b> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<b>18</b> Sacred Circle (Summer Break) Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<b>19</b> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<b>20</b> Circle of Truth—5 pm	<b>21</b> Vow Renewal Ceremony—11 am
<b>22</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<b>23</b> Sharing and Caring—9 am	<b>24</b> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<b>25</b> Sacred Circle (Summer Break) Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<b>26</b> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<b>30</b> First Day of Preschool Sharing and Caring—9 am	<b>31</b> Boy Scouts—7 pm				

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### WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 am Sunday School | 10:30 am Worship



For more information, please call Heather Kerns at  
804-794-8590 or go to our website at  
[www.bethelbaptistpreschool.com](http://www.bethelbaptistpreschool.com).

## We're Going Back To School



Bethel Preschool starts back August 30, 2021  
Powhatan County Schools start back August 23, 2021  
Chesterfield County Schools start back August 23, 2021