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On February 9th Mike Rider is going to lead a study on the Holy Spirit. The study will meet over Zoom for eight weeks and we want to invite you to be a part of the study. I believe the fact that Mike will lead this study is a work of the Holy Spirit. As you are all aware we continue to pray for the Lord to send us a youth minister. While we wait on the Lord, I have felt a pull to minister to the youth on Wednesday nights which means that I need to step away from the Sacred Circle Bible Study for a season. I had been praying and asking the Lord for direction and one morning as I was sitting in silence Mike Rider's name came to me and I was led to ask him if he'd be willing to facilitate a study on the Holy Spirit. Mike and I met and he agreed to look over the material, to pray and seek the Lord's council. When we met, he told me that he actually led a study on the Holy Spirit a number of years ago at Bethel. I thought, "Wow, the Lord could really be doing something here. That can't be a coincidence." I asked Mike about how the Holy Spirit has guided his life over the years. He said, "I grew up in a Pentecostal house church and the Holy Spirit was pretty important to me. I learned

early on that the Holy Spirit is a person, the third person of the Trinity." Mike said he came to Christ early on in life, but like many of us, he said, "I wanted God in the car, but just not at the wheel. I liked to be in control." Also like many of us, it took a tragedy in Mike's life to highlight just how much we need the Lord. Mike's mother,



Mike and Paige Rider

Dolores Rider, battled Melanoma for several years. At one point they thought they had the cancer under control. She got clean scans for eight years, but then the doctors discovered a tumor in her abdomen. Doctors removed the tumor, but it grew back and it was inoperable. They did everything they could do until there was nothing else to do. Mike was called to Georgia where his parents lived to say goodbye. Mike said, "When I got there and walked in the room my mom had gone back so much that I couldn't even

recognize her." That visit was Mike's last visit with her, she passed away shortly after Mike returned to Richmond. She was 58 years old. Mike said, "I was in shock. It was a really bad time for me. I wasn't prepared to say goodbye and then there were some things that happened afterward that I wasn't prepared to handle. For seven or eight years I was walking through the desert. The only way out of the hole I was in was through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit saw me through that time and often it was the Spirit working through other people. One of my co-workers kept inviting me to Promise Keepers Rallies. I kept turning him down; I kept making excuses. In reality, I knew I needed it, but just kept telling him no and kept my heart closed. Finally I relented and went to a Promise Keepers Rally, which was held on the infield of Charlotte Motor Speedway. It was in the middle of June in 95 degree heat." Mike's wife, Paige, quips, "This had to be the work of the Holy Spirit because two things that Mike hates are crowds and the heat! Some people have mountain top experiences, but the Lord had to put Mike through 'hell' in order to soften his heart." Mike said, "It was the Holy Spirit working through Promise Keepers and other really good friends that helped me out of the desert. Looking back there were lots of little things that let me know that the Lord was with me." For example, Mike said his mom was famous for stockpiling items that were on sale. "If I needed a new pair of blue jeans, I'd tell my mom and she'd go back to the closet and pull a pair out of her stockpile. I've even seen her buy dog food that was on sale and we didn't have a dog! She'd bless our neighbors with some dog food. She just loved finding deals." One day, about 10 years after his mother passed away, Mike was sitting with his dad on the front porch of his father's mountain cabin enjoying the view. His dad told him that the Lord really blessed him with Dolores. He said, "She's still looking out for me, even though she's been gone for 10 years." Mike said, "How does she do that?" "Well I opened my last pack of underwear that she bought me this morning!" Mike just laughed. He said it's moments like that where God whispers to him.

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A Note From Your Worship Pastor by Gayle Taylor



"The Loving Gift of Forgiveness" by Gayle Taylor

In his first letter to the Thessalonians, Paul says, "We [Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy] always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." The letter encourages the members of this church to remain faithful in the face of opposition and praises their efforts of witnessing. Furthermore, he says that Timothy has shared a report of the Thessalonians' characteristics of faith and love.

During February, the month in which we share tokens of love on Valentine's Day, let us re-visit an important "token" of Christian love. One of the best gifts that we can give to others (and to ourselves) is the gift of forgiveness. It is easy to hang onto grudges and to replay in our heads the harsh words others have said to us. We live in a society that invites dissension and, unfortunately, this unforgiving climate sometimes overshadows relationships in the Christian community. But we are not of this world. We belong to Christ who gave us the best example of forgiveness as He forgave even those who put him on the cross. In his book, *The Scandal of Forgiveness*, Philip Yancy notes:

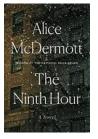
As God's image-bearers, we are charged with the task of showing the world what God is like. I cannot imagine a more effective way of doing so than following Jesus' example. We who deserve God's wrath receive God's love; we who deserve God's punishment receive God's forgiveness. And if we mirror that pattern in our human relationships, we reveal to the world the likeness of God" (6-7).

So, I send greetings of love and encouragement to you, Bethel, as you minister to others in the many ways that you do. I thank you, too, for your encouragement as I minister from the U.K. May you and I pledge to reveal God's likeness to others in this new year and to forgive often.



Book Club News

The Book Club is reading the novel, *The Ninth Hour*, by Alice McDermott and recommended by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). Here is what CBF says about this book: "Tracing three generations of an Irish immigrant family,



The Ninth Hour tells a story that is both individual and universal in its understanding of the human condition. Meditating on fairness, faith, sacrifice, duty and love, it illuminates the bonds that unite or divide us."

Join us for the discussion in April. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact the church office.

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"It's little things that I go back to again and again and now I understand where those little things come from. The Holy Spirit is with us all the time, he's inside of you. If you know how the Spirit works, you can give God the credit." One thing I appreciate about Mike is his humility. He said he told one of his daughters, "Anything coming out of me that's good is from the Holy Spirit. God gets the credit. Anything coming out of me that's bad, that's me." One thing that Paige shared that I think sums up Mike's experience is this, "When Mike had that seven or eight year walk through the desert, he missed a lot of blessings, because he missed where the Spirit was leading him. Once he began to be led by the Spirit, many, many blessings began to come into his life."

One thing I pray is that our church would be led by the Holy Spirit. I pray that my life and your life will be Holy Spirit led. If you would like to learn more about the Holy Spirit and get closer to the Lord then please consider signing up for Mike's class. Again, it starts on February 9th over Zoom. The cost of the book is \$10 and you can sign up by calling the church office.

I want to thank Mike for his willingness to lead this study and I'm certain you'll be blessed if you take the study. May God bless Mike and Paige Rider and their family and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church!

Men's Fellowship Lunch Cancelld for February

The Men's Fellowship Lunch for February has been cancelled due to the high number of Covid cases. We will re-evaluate at a later date to see what we will do in March. For any questions, please call Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886



Ladies Fellowship Lunch Cancelled for February

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon has been cancelled due to the high number of Covid cases. We will re-evaluate at a later date to see what we will do in March. If you have any questions, or would like more



information about the Fellowship Luncheon, please call Shirley Lewis at 804-467-2885,

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Church Family.

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful basket that was given to us for Christmas and would especially like to thank Shirley Lewis for all the care she put into it and for delivering it to us. We are blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

Blessings, Bob and Barbara Hale

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely ornament and Visa gift card. I look forward to another great year with our music ministry.

Cathy Marshall

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

I just want to thank Bethel Baptist Church for helping me with my Moose Den project in association with the ladies at VCCW. From all of us to all of you, many thanks for all the smiles you helped provide to our grandchildren over the holidays. We are so thankful for everyone at Bethel.

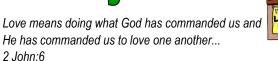
Blessings to you all, Carrie Persichini, Katherine Mitchell and Michelle Critzer

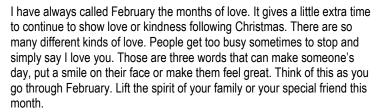
Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas ornament and the gift card. That was sweet of you to remember me. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. I pray 2022 will be a great year for everyone at Bethel.

Happy New Year, Linda Gardner

Library News





Our kids in preschool love Valentines. This is a big deal to them and the library is all decked out with Valentine books for the children to enjoy. These children are so sweet and a joy to watch. It's easy to fall in love with each and everyone of them. Happy Valentine's Day.

Barbara Bell, Media Director



By Heather Kerns Preschool Director

February is here and it is always an enjoyable month for our preschoolers. Between winter weather and Valentine's Day celebrations, this month always brings lots of fun and excitement! We began our enrollment for our current students and church families in January, and open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year begins on February 1st. Families who register their students before March 1st will receive a \$10.00 discount on their fees and we will, once again, be offering sibling discounts for families who enroll more than one child. If you know of anyone who may be looking for a wonderful, little preschool, please keep Bethel in mind. We are confident that our school will have a full roster for our next academic year, which is just so thrilling.

Valentine's Day celebrations will take place on Thursday, February 10th for all our preschool classes. Our teachers will be planning a special day of treats and Valentine exchanges. The children always LOVE to share their cards and creations with their friends, and it makes for such sweet memories. Teachers will be reaching out to parents soon about how they can contribute to their class parties.

Our STEAM After School Enrichment program will be held this month on February 3rd and February 17th. This program has taken off more than we could have ever imagined and has truly become such an incredible time of learning, exploration, creation, imagination, and FUN! Watching our students become scientists, engineers, artists, and mathematicians and work together to create and to solve problems brings us so much joy. (Sometimes I think the teachers may have more fun than the students...)
I would also like to remind everyone that the preschool will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day. This is subject to change if we have anymore inclement weather closures.

Finally, I want to once again thank all the church members, staff, and preschool families who have done everything possible to keep our program up and running this year during the pandemic. We are all working so hard to maintain normalcy for our children and students in such crazy times, and everyone has been so supportive and kind that I could not be prouder to be a part of this amazing program! Thank you for all your support, sacrifices, and faith in what we do here. Please keep up the good work so we can continue to the end of the year.

Thank you again to all who help support the preschool; you are the reason we are the program we are today!

Memorial Association Meeting Feb. 13, 2022 Following Worship

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.

Bethel Care Team



How quickly the time flies and we are already into February, the month where we celebrate the word "LOVE" more often.

We who serve on this committee often see this word in action, we see the love and devotion family members give to one another in so many different ways. Especially during this past year, families have had to step up and provide going grocery shopping for their family members or taking them to appointments, banking issues and just being present in their parents or relatives lives more then before. These times call for patience and concern and most of all "LOVE". These past months have been very long and lonely for many, and phone calls and cards have been important in keeping relationships alive. Some of us have continued to visit as safely as possible and see the joy it brings when you make an effort to be "present" in someone's day.

We are now in the winter months, when things are slow and often the weather is miserable, but it gives us time to do unto other's and love one another in different ways. Keep our shut in's in mind as this month allows in your life, stop and make a call and brighten up someone's day. You will feel the LOVE yourself.

God Bless you as you reach out and bless each other, Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Your Bethel Care Team Shirley Lewis Team Lead

The Boxcast App



The Boxcast App is now available to view our complete church services on your Apple TV,

Roku, or Smart TV. 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.
- Search for the church's channel by searching for Bethel Baptist Church Midlothian, VA. (NOTE: Spelling and punctuation is important when searching.)
- 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

The following classes are meeting in person:



- The Providers Class meets in the Providers Classroom in the People of Hope.
- The Endeavors Class meets in the Endeavors Classroom in the People of Hope.
- The Salt and Light class meets in the Salt and Light Classroom in the Education Building.
- Students in grades K-5 will meet in the Jigsaw Room downstairs.
- Students in grades 6-12 will meet in the Youth Room downstairs.

The nursery remains open during the Sunday School hour for our younger children.

We will still offer zoom to those who can not be here. The zoom class will be from Robert Brooks class in the Providers classroom.

The zoom link is:

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Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, February 7, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center.

<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>Kroger</u>: 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**. You will still get your points toward gas.

Note from Our Parish Nurse

Valentine's Day during a pandemic... Maybe try something *new* this year. Send a "thinking of you" card to a friend or relative, drop a few cards off to a nursing home, or do a random act of kindness. Remember you are never alone:



The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. (Deuteronomy 31:8)

"The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart."

~ Helen Keller

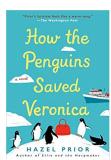
Stay safe and remember there are a few supplies in the nursing office if you have a need. Vaccines are still available at many local pharmacies.



Blessings, Cindy

Library Book of the Month

"How the Penguins Saved Veronica" written by Hazel Prior, is the story of 85 year old Veronica McCreedy. She is estranged from her family and wants to find a worthy cause to leave her fortune to. If you are looking for a light, fun story, come by the library and check it out. Available in large print.



Pregnancy Help Center

Brenda Peck volunteers at the Pregnancy Help Center in Chesterfield. 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.



Newsletter Deadline

The Outreach deadline is the 15th of each month. Please email your information to the church office or drop it by the office before the 15th. Thanks so much for your help on this.





JUST FOR FUN by Gayle Taylor

February Frolics

Can you complete these famous lines about love?

(Answers below)

1.	"Shall I compare thee to a?"
2.	"Love is patient, love is"
3.	"How do I love thee? Let me"
4.	"Tis better to have loved and lost than to
5.	"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love"
6.	"All you need"
7.	"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

with all your mind and with all your strength.

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5. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Tis better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all.

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

Love is patient, love is kind.

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

ANSWERS

Sacred Circle Holy Spirit Class

On Wednesday, February 9, Mike Rider is going to lead a study on the Holy Spirit. The study will meet over Zoom for eight weeks and we want to invite you to be a part of the study. If you would like to learn more about the Holy Spirit and get closer to the Lord then please consider signing up for Mike's class. To find out additional information, read Todd's article on page 1 of this newsletter. The cost of the book is \$10 and you can sign up by calling the church office.



February Birthdays



- **Bruce Lewis**
- 2 **Curt Nellis**
- 2 Kaelyn Keaton
- 5 Matthew Truban
- 6 Shannon Truban
- Lauren Birt
- Jeff Huband
- 7 Charlie Jamerson
- 8 Suzanne Kiiffner
- 8 Robert Yeager
- 9 Jason Moore
- 11 Sharon Laslie
- 13 Pamela Cody
- Emily R. Montaigne 13
- Brian Moselev
- Barbara Phillips
- **Bob Gillis**
- Natalie Realubit
- Josephine Realubit

- 15 Sara Currie
- Nicole Mayberry
- 16 Sarah Moseley
- Stephen B. Theriot
- 17 Kaitlyn Patteson
- 17 Madeline Talley
- Jeff Ratliff
- 18 Tweedle Richardson
- 21 Elizabeth Bradbury
- 21 Coen Moore
- 22 Carter Brandon
- 23 Kilby Proffitt
- 25 Mark McNeel
- Shannon Cramer
- Peggy Keatts
- Dee Garland
- 27 Joseph Thomas
- Doug Jamison

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

February 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m. February 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. March 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m. March 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



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

Wednesday Night Programs in February



February 2 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom

February 9 — Sacred Circle Holy Spirit Study 6:30 p.m. Zoom

February 16 — Sacred Circle Holy Spirit Study 6:30 p.m. Zoom

February 23 — Sacred Circle Holy Spirit Study 6:30 p.m. Zoom

Sharing and Caring Monday Small Group



The "Sharing and Caring" group is taking a break from meeting due to the high number of Covid cases. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

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
- 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 Shirley Lewis)

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. 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

New Small Group, Koinonia 7

On Monday, February 7, Delia Loving and Gayle Taylor will facilitate a small group called Koinonia 7. We will host the group on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. and will begin with a 7-week study on the Book of Revelation. The purpose of this group is to study the Word and to encourage one another in our faith journey. We really hope that all will experience a sense of true koinonia (fellowship) within the group.

A sign-up sheet is available in the People of Hope sanctuary on the round table. You can also contact Delia at dwleees@verizon.net or Gayle at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com. You will receive a Zoom invitation a day before the first meeting.

We hope you will join us!



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] Boy Scouts—7 pm	2 Sacred Circle—6.30 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	3 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	4	<i>S</i> Girl Scouts—3 pm
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Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Grace Fellowship—5 to 6 pm	WMU—10 am	Boy Scouts—7 pm	Sacred Circle Holy Spirit Class Begins-6:30 pm Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	AA Meeting—5:30 pm	Circle of Truth—5 pm	Concert Brian Free and Assurance—6 pm (POH)
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WORSHIP TIMES

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

Brian Free and Assurance



Saturday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church
1100 Huguenot Springs Road Midlothian, VA
Details: (804) 794-8590
\$10.00 per person donation at the door.