

THE OUTREACH

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Last month I attended a leadership seminar hosted by the Middle District Baptist Association. The keynote speaker was the President of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, John Upton. John presented a lot of practical content, but there was one word that captured my attention – VISION. John shared an interesting perspective on how a church finds its vision. John said this: “Vision is not created by committees or by analysis. Vision is not a by-product of a study or a consultant. Vision comes from passionate love; it’s having your heart broken by something.” Then he asked, “What is it that breaks your heart? Find out what breaks your heart, and there’s your vision.”

I’ve been asking myself, “What breaks my heart?” My first experience with heartbreak happened when I was 6 years old. The memory is seared in my mind. My grandfather was the pastor of a small church and he’d been the pastor for 17 years. There was a group of people in the church who believed my grandfather’s time as pastor should come to an end. There was another group who believed my grandfather was doing a fine job and wanted him to stay. In a meeting one Sunday following the worship service, two “gentlemen” started yelling at each other. Both of their faces were red with anger as each one shook their finger at the other. Confused and heartbroken, I asked my mother as we drove home from church, “Mom, I don’t understand why those two men were yelling at one another. I thought Christians were supposed to treat each other with kindness?”

Today, almost 50 years later, I find myself still asking that question. It’s understandable as we have a lot to be angry about in this world, but it’s how we express our feelings with each other that puts a burden on my heart. The Apostle Paul has a helpful word for us in Colossians 4:6,

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“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Full confession, I’ve failed to live up to Paul’s words in my life. Ashamedly, I’ve spoken with people out of anger, and I’ve had conversations that have been less than grace-full. We all have moments when we allow emotion to cloud our thinking and our speech. I bring up that old memory of the two angry men, and I share with you my own failings because these two things helped me to answer the question of what breaks my heart. My answer is: When Christians aren’t Christlike, my heart is broken. Answering this question has helped to clarify my call to become more Christlike and to help and encourage other people to do the same.

So, I ask you: What breaks YOUR heart? What has God put in front of you that you can’t ignore? John Upton shared that having our hearts broken by Jesus is a good thing. On the evening before Jesus was crucified, he shared the Last Supper with his disciples. Matthew 26:26 says, “And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it.” Jesus does the same with our hearts. He breaks it and, in our brokenness, we find that we are blessed. Why? A broken heart is an open heart and when our hearts are open Jesus can pour into us, filling us with His Holy Spirit. Once our hearts are broken for the situations and people around us, our vision becomes clear.

So, Bethel, I ask again, “What breaks your heart?” If you have an answer, please reach out and share it with me. I’d love to know how you answer that question. My prayer is that Jesus will help you answer that question and give you a vision of His desire for your life and give us a vision for Bethel. May God bless us as we go forward in faith.

Todd

A Note From Your Worship
Pastor by Gayle Taylor



Can the Book of Acts Teach Us to Be the Church in a Post-Pandemic World?

The small group, **Koinonia 7*, recently completed an exciting study on the Book of Revelation. Now, the group will tackle the Book of Acts and you are invited to join in! The Book of Acts was probably written between 80-90 CE by a gentile Christian whom church tradition names as Luke. His account presents what the early church and its disciples encountered after Jesus' death and resurrection. Luke's narrative style is quite readable and engaging. But is this book relevant in our own time?

Yes! This book *is* relevant to those of us trying to be the church in a strange new world of post-pandemic fog. Our discussions during this study will debate and discover how the early church offers (from Luke's perspective) a fresh way going forward toward being the church in the way that Jesus himself envisioned it.

Our seven-week study begins on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Both Wendy McClellan and I will facilitate this study. A sign-up sheet will be on the round table in the POH Center. You can also sign up by contacting me at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com.

The purpose of *Koinonia 7* is to carefully examine a selected Biblical text, to challenge each other with questions and ideas, and to pray for each other. There is no book other than the Bible for our studies (thought the facilitators will consult relevant commentaries in preparation for the weekly discussions). Our hope is to learn and grow in our faith and to have true fellowship with one another.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."
Acts 2:42



*Koinonia 7 = "koinonia" means "fellowship" in Greek. The group meets at 7:00 p.m., thus the name.

Healthy Fun from Our Parish Nurse, Cindy Luck



Healthy Food

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YOGURT
APPLE
BANANA
BROCCOLI
CHERRY
CHEESE
BREAD
APRICOTS

AVOCADO
CANTALOUPE
RASPBERRY
TOMATO
CRANBERRY
LEMON
LIME
FIG
ONION

ARTICHOLES
GINGER
SPINACH
SQUASH
GARLIC
PEANUTS
SHELLFISH
SALMON
CRAB



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Men's Fellowship Lunch June 2, at Noon

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on June 2, at noon. The restaurant will be determined later. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886



Ladies Fellowship Lunch June 23, at Noon

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be Thursday, June 23, at noon at Mabel's Restaurant in Powhatan. All women are invited. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the Ladies Lunch, please call Shirley Lewis at 804-467-2885,



You're Invited!

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,

Words of appreciation are not enough to express our thanks and the love we felt during our time of grief for the loss of Barbara Hale. We thank everyone that made us a delicious meal during that tough week. We also appreciate the hugs, prayers, cards, the nice reception, and the flowers that the church has provided. We also would like to thank Todd, Cathy, and Linda for making the service personal and special to us. Please continue to pray for strength in the coming months for our family.

With Love,

Bob, Robin and Len, Travis and Andrea, Ciara and Jacob, Christa and Jack, Cassie, and Carrieann

Dear Bethel,

Thank you so much for your generosity in supporting Women Rise at United Way. Thank you for being true partners in the Gospel work. I thank God for you! Your \$1,719 will cover two childcare bills and we are so grateful. Our team was floored by your generosity.

Be blessed and stay in touch,

Sammie

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

Dear Bethel,

My dad, Joe Atkinson, is doing better since his hospital stay. That was a roller coaster for us for sure. My family thanks everyone that sent their thoughts and prayers and good vibes during this crazy ride. God surely had his hand in it. So grateful. Thank you to Pat Reynolds for the yummy meals. This was so very thoughtful and helpful.

God bless,

Suzanne Kiiffner and family

Dear Bethel Church,

Thank you so much for the gift card and all the cards and phone calls I received for Administrative Professional Day. Everyone always make me feel special and I can't thank you enough.

Blessings, Linda Gardner

Sharing and Caring Monday Small Group



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



By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

As I reflect on my first year as the Bethel Baptist Preschool Director, I am moved to tears by the incredible support I received from so many people. 'Thank you' doesn't seem like an adequate way to convey my genuine gratitude and appreciation for the countless people who helped guide me through this year, gave an abundance of patience and grace as I fumbled through my new roles, prayed over me, and went along with all my crazy ideas. The Bethel community is truly one of a kind and I would not have been successful in this new endeavor if it weren't for all of you.

In addition to the church community, this special preschool has the most amazing teachers, students, and families. Their support, love, and dedication make our school the best there is (in my ever-so-biased opinion). Our teachers stood strong through a THIRD school year in a pandemic with everchanging guidance and protocols, staffing changes, and went along with all my crazy ideas (are we sensing a theme here?!). They showed up every single day with smiles on their faces, incredible lesson plans for our students, and a genuine love for the children at Bethel. Our students truly brought us SO much joy during a time of uncertainty in our world and community. The relationships formed within the classrooms between the children and with the teachers has been so special to see. These memories will last a lifetime.

As we take the next couple months to plan for the upcoming school year (and enjoy a little time off), I am so excited to see what the next year brings for our preschool. With a new classroom, we will get more students to love on, new teachers to add to our team, and more adventures to enjoy. There's lots of excitement and anticipation for what's to come at Bethel Preschool.

Thank you all, again, from the bottom of my heart, for everything you've done to help support the preschool this year. It means more than I can say and I can't wait to do it all again in August!

Pregnancy Help Center

If you haven't picked up a bottle yet, there is still time!

Take your bottle home and fill it with change, cash or checks. Checks should be made payable to PHCC. (Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield). Bring your bottles back on or before Father's Day (June 19). This is their largest fundraiser and your participation helps to provide education, support services and material goods and soon, ultrasounds for women facing difficult life choices. If you would like to help out with donations, their main needs right now are diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6), wipes and clothing, (sizes 18 months—24 months). You can bring your items to church and leave them on the same table where you picked up a bottle.



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



The care team wishes everyone a very happy summer ahead. Oh, how the time flies, but I feel sure we are all ready to welcome in the warmer weather and the beautiful sunshine, flowers and many will look forward to seeing the ocean waves on their vacations. God created this time of year for us a "vacation" from the gray skies of winter and we celebrate the happy times it brings to many of our Bethel families and their loved ones. Such times are for us to slow down and enjoy each other, sometimes it's to celebrate a national holiday and sometimes it's a time of being able to minister to other's that wait upon us to visit and make their day. Such is the aim of the Bethel Care Team. We have lost one of our most treasured members, Barbara Hale, who has been written about in our Outreach for the month of May. She was our telephone contact person and was faithful to a fault in calling our shut in members and others who were sick and I just don't know who is going to replace her calling ministry. If you have a love of chatting on the phone, I have the list she went by and would love to have someone come on board and help us in this way. So many looked forward to her calls and conversation. Do pray about this and let me know. As I write we have several of our church members with challenging medical issues, they need help in lots of ways and we do whatever we can to minister in different ways. Our precious Conner might be undergoing serious surgery in the next month or so and will have a long recovery, he will soon turn 13, goodness, another teenager in our mist to love and support, please pray for the Smith family as they make these decisions for him. Keep in mind to pray for our pastor, our church, our membership, the bereaved, the sick and let's pray for ourselves to help others in anyway we can. This is the mission of our Bethel Care Team.

Shirley Lewis
Team Lead

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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461349993?pwd=UW0rZ2F0OE4RUJNVHhK1pGRmlDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

Book Club News



The Book Club is reading the novel, *Refugee* by Alan Gratz recommended by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Here is what the CBF says about this novel:

"JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . . ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . . MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home." Join us for the discussion on Monday, September 12, at 10 am in Gayle Taylor's office. If you would like a copy of the book, please contact the church office.

Address for Gayle and Jeff Taylor



If you would like to write to Gayle or Jeff Taylor, please see address below. Use stamps as you would in the U.S.

Jeff and Gayle Taylor
PSC 45, Box 2619
APO AE 09468



Life Line Screening will be at Bethel again on Tuesday, June 14, 2022. Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Two ways to register and receive a special discount: call toll free 1-800-679-5192 or go online to LLSA.SOCIAL/HS. Flyers with more information are on the round table in the People of Hope Center.

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, June 6, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. All women are invited.

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: To register your Kroger card for missions, go to www.Kroger.com and sign in. Then click on "Community" on the tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is **QW701**. You will still get your points toward gas.

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.
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.



JUST FOR FUN by Gayle Taylor



June ~ A Month for Weddings



Matching Game:

Can you match these famous couples from the Bible?
(See answers below)

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| 1. Abraham | A. Priscilla |
| 2. Boaz | B. Delilah |
| 3. David | C. Elizabeth |
| 4. Isaac | D. Ruth |
| 5. Jacob | E. Sarah |
| 6. Aquila | F. Abigail |
| 7. Samson | G. Rebekah |
| 8. Zechariah | H. Rachel |

ANSWERS
E (Abraham/Sarah)
D (Boaz/Ruth)
F (David/Abigail)
G (Isaac/Rebekah)
H (Jacob/Rachel)
A (Aquila/Priscilla)
B (Samson/Delilah)
C (Zechariah/Elizabeth)

Rocky Railway Coming July 18



Join us July 18, for our Vacation Bible School as we climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Each day our kids will learn relevant Bible points making it easy to apply well after VBS is over. So join us!! ALL ABOARD! Rocky Railway is on the Way! More details coming soon.

June Birthdays



1	Dran Epps	18	Jane Watkins
2	Jennifer McLeod	18	Tammy Gillespie
3	Joyce Cole	18	Pat Herndon
3	Debby Stagg	18	Gordon Henry
6	Betty Tooley	19	Forrest Yeager
6	Stuart Turner	20	Jillian Ratliff
7	Magdalena Maine	20	Piper Roach
8	Bradley Roach	20	B.B. Whitley
8	Michael Bell	21	Tyler Barden
8	Dennis Glazener	21	Faith Keaton
8	Deborah Mayberry	23	Anne Cullen
10	Todd Tooley	23	Dave Jeter
10	Russell Wright	25	Myrna Perkins
11	Paige Rider	25	Billy Redmond
12	Nate Mead	26	Bob Hale
13	Eddie Stagg	30	Julia Boykin
14	Nancy Blankenship		
14	Mary Berry		
16	Bob Hansen		
17	Christine Bordwine		
17	Tyler Dickerson		
18	Ardelle Florence		

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 (on hold due to Covid)

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

June 8, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
June 24, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
July 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
July 22, 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 June



June 1 — Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m. Zoom
June 8 — Ministry & Missions Mtg—7 p.m.
June 15 — Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m. Zoom
June 22 — Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m. Zoom
June 29 — Sacred Circle—5:30 p.m. Zoom

Ministry & Missions Celebration June 8, 7 p.m. in the People of Hope



June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>2</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (Downstairs)	<i>3</i> Circle of Truth—5 pm	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<i>6</i> Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am WMU—10 am	<i>7</i> Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>8</i> Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Ministry and Missions Club—7 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>9</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<i>13</i> Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	<i>14</i> Life Line Screening Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>15</i> Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>16</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (Downstairs)	<i>17</i> Circle of Truth—5 pm	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Father's Day Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<i>20</i> Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	<i>21</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>22</i> Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>23</i> Ladies Lunch—Noon at Mabel's AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>24</i> Charlotte's Pantry—9-11 am	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<i>27</i> Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	<i>28</i> Garden Club Board Mtg—10 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>29</i> Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>30</i> AA Meeting—5:30 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.



We are looking for a Lead Teacher and an Assistant Teacher for our new 3 year olds class. Classes are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week from 9 am to 1 pm. If interested, please call Heather Kerns at 804-794-8590 or email her at bbcweeschool@gmail.com