THE OUTREACH

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Part of our mission at Bethel is to BE the church in the community. That mission has taken us beyond the walls of the church to places like Crestwood Elementary School. We've had a longstanding relationship with Crestwood where we've provided them with backpacks for students who need some extra food to make it through the weekend. We've also donated to their clothes closet, provided breakfast for their teachers for a back to school meeting and, most recently, began a prayer partner ministry with their teachers. As we've tried to be a blessing to them, they have certainly been a blessing to us. We've gotten to know some of their administrators and teachers and we've learned how the Lord is at work at Crestwood. One person whose story I want you to know about is Hannah Salisbury. This is her story in her words:

In February 2018, I began walking around my school and praying for my coworkers, students, and families. I prayed for their salvation and that those who knew Jesus would be bold in their faith. One day I prayed that Jesus' name would be spoken in the hallways and classrooms of my school. Jesus soon answered that prayer in bigger ways than I could have imagined. A couple months later as I was teaching a reading group, I



Hannah Salisbury

realized that one of my second grade students was reading an old Bible. The eight year old boy opened to the front page and started reading the definitions of the words. He told me, "I want to learn more about God, heaven, and hell." After taking in what I had just heard, I asked him, "Where did you get that Bible from?" The student said, "I got it from our library."

Jesus opened my eyes that day and put it on my heart to get engaging Bibles in the elementary schools in my county.

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Bibles in which they could read and would be excited to check out of the library. After rallying a team of friends, family, and people from my church, we donated the *Action Storybook Bible* in all of the 38 public elementary schools in our county.

Hannah's mission didn't stop with Chesterfield County. The Lord has expanded her vision and she's now on a mission to get Bibles in every elementary school in the country. To accomplish this vision Hannah began a Non-Profit organization called, "Bibles in Schools." Hannah is going to visit Bethel on Sunday, November 7th to tell us more about her mission and how the Lord is working through this ministry.

As we think about Hannah's story, please note how it started: With a prayer walk around the school. I hope Hannah's story will inspire us to think about our prayer life. Prayer is foundational in our relationship with the Lord. Prayer is the oxygen that fuels our relationship with the Lord. When is the last time you prayed? How often do you pray? Have you ever taken a prayer walk? After you read this article, I want to challenge you to stop what you're doing and pray. Share with the Lord what's on your heart and mind. Give him your worries and cares and then ask the Lord to speak to you. Then...listen...just sit guietly for a while and pay attention to your thoughts and trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in you, just as the Holy Spirit was at work in Hannah. As you commit yourself to prayer, I believe the Lord will speak to you and lead you to the truth of 1 Corinthians 2:9, "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him." This is true for Hannah and its true for you and me as well. We hope to see you on November 7th in worship as Hannah blesses us with her story. Until then, may God bless Hannah Salisbury and may God bless you and our Bethel Church family.

Much love to you all.

Todd

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



"Grateful Praise" by Gayle Taylor

When I see the news each day, I want to weep,
But I give praise, O Lord, for You hold this world close in Your keep.
When I watch people hurt one another with their words of hate,
I give praise, O Lord, for You keenly watch situations, small and great.
When I allow angry thoughts to crowd my mind,

I give praise, O Lord, for You correct my attitude until it is refined.

Grateful praise!

Grateful praise!

Grateful praise!

Send me out, O Lord, to share the Good News that is sublime I give praise that You lead me to vital conversations in good time. Show me the way, O Lord, to be the presence that is calm; I give praise that You pour courage over me like a balm.

Enter my thoughts, O Lord, when the world wants to take control; I give praise, ever thankful that You make me whole.

Grateful praise! Grateful praise! Grateful praise!

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness (Colossians 2: 6-7).

Community Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, November 21, 2021 New Life United Methodist Church 900 Old Hundred Road Midlothian, VA 23114 6:00 p.m.



You are cordially invited to the annual Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. Participating churches include New Life United Methodist, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, and Bethel Baptist Church. New Life United Methodist Church will host the service, and Todd Bradbury will bring the message.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch

We will not have the Ladies Fellowship Lunch this month since our date falls on Thanksgiving Day.

Library News



There are things in God's world that will change in November. Winter is not my favorite time of year. The leaves will be falling. I love trees but not falling leaves. Darkness comes much sooner and cold weather will keep us indoors more. Maybe you are a person who enjoys these things.

The library is in full swing with our preschool kids. Cindy Wight explained how our library works to the children and how to take care of their books. Boys, girls, moms, dads, please remember the library is open to all after worship each 2nd Sunday of the month. The next Sunday we will be open is November 14th. Our books are missing you!!

Hope everyone can enjoy their families this Thanksgiving. Each of us has so much to thank God for.

Happy Thanksgiving, Barbara Bell Media Director

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

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, November 4, at noon. We will meet at Henry's Market, 1901 Anderson Hwy, Powhatan. Everyone will be responsible for the cost of their own lunch. Please call the church office if you plan to attend so we can make the appropriate number of reservations. All men are invited.



Holiday Hours

Below are the church office hours for the upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving—Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, November 24 and 25 (and Friday as usual).

Christmas—Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 23 and December 24 (and Friday as usual) and Monday, December 27. **New Year's Day**—Office will be closed Thursday, December 30 (and Friday as usual).

Church Council Meeting November 8, at 7 p.m.

Youth News Connect



Being a good friend is easy! As long as you make time to hang out, remember their birthday, and answer their texts, you're eligible for the Great Friend Award . . . right? Friendship might feel easy when life is easy, but it gets more complicated when your friends are hurting or struggling. What should you do? What should you say? What should you not say?



When our friends need help, there are no easy answers, but in this series, we'll follow the lead of a few people who've been there. Through the stories of Job. Ruth. Naomi. Elijah, and Eli, we'll see how God invites us to "be with" people when they're grieving, lonely, in need or feeling hopeless, and how God is already with them.

November:

- 3: Connect, 7-8:30 pm
- 10: Connect, 7-8:30 pm
- 12: Fall Retreat (12-14)
- 17: Friendsgiving, 7-8:30 pm.
- 24: No Connect. Happy Thanksgiving

Save the date: 12/11. Youth Christmas Party, 3-5 pm.

The Manger Project Dec. 5th, after Church

The Manger Project is a one-of-a-kind Christmas tradition that helps families focus on the true meaning of Christmas while building a wooden manger. This hands-on experience gives parents a chance to teach their kids hard work, perseverance, and most importantly. why the manger (God coming to earth as a



baby) is so important to their faith. Save the date so you can join us on December 12, for lunch and The Manger Project. More details to follow.



By Heather Kerns **Preschool Director**

We are having such a wonderful year with our preschoolers! The months are flying by, and I can't believe we are already in November. October was a busy month in our school! We were able to attend our very first field trip since October 2019; we visited Lloyd Family Farm for a morning of tractor rides, corn mazes, hay castles, corn pits, barn animals, pumpkin picking, and fellowship! We had such a great time together and we are so thankful to be returning to our "pre Covid" activities. We also had a visit from the Station 5 Fire Department in Midlothian with a safety demonstration and tour of the fire truck. The students (and teachers) had so much fun and learned a lot.

We began an after-school enrichment program during the month of October, too. Preschoolers can stay after school on select Thursdays and eat lunch with their friends, and then participate in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) lesson. Our program has been a huge success so far and the students and teachers are having a blast becoming scientists, engineers, and mathematicians! During the month of November our children will be learning how to "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The preschool will, once again, be participating in the Powhatan Christmas Mother program. Giving to others is sometimes an abstract idea for this age group, so this is a tangible way for our students to understand how important it is to give rather than receive.

Bethel Preschool will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. November 1st-2nd for elections following the Chesterfield County Public School calendar. In addition, we will be closed Thanksgiving week (November 22nd-26th).

As always, we thank you all for supporting our school and students. We continue to ask for prayers that our students and teachers remain healthy, prayers that our children come to know the love of the Lord, and prayers that we can continue doing what we love to do, teaching these amazing children!

Newsletter Deadline

Please note the newsletter deadline for the December, and January Outreach will be the 10th of each month due to the holidays. Thanks for your help on this.



Missions & Ministry Celebration December 1, Mark your calendar



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



So here we are already looking forward to the holiday season, fall is upon us and the leaves are everywhere, what a glorious sight. Our team has been busy doing each job as best we can. I am sorry that I have been away for the month, but I am home now and ready to get busy and make some visits if possible. As I write this, I am thinking if nothing else. I can knock on the door and leave a small package to brighten someone's day, even if I cannot come inside for a visit. A nice pie or brownies or treat of some kind is always welcome as is a quart of soup, delivered nice and warm. It only takes a small act of kindness to make someone feel special. That is our goal, to make our home bound people feel special and to let them know we care about them. If you know of someone who needs our attention, please feel free to let us know, you can call the church and let Linda know and she will pass the message along to me. Everyone have a happy Thanksgiving, remember all that we have to be so thankful for, we live in a country that is not perfect, but indeed we are free to worship our God in peace. We have our families to be thankful for and our church family that we are blessed to be a part of in many of the ways we serve. May God continue to guide us as we make our plans for the year that

Blessings to all, Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

is right around the corner.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7

On Sunday, NOVEMBER 7, Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 AM! Don't forget to turn your clocks back <u>before you go to bed</u> on Saturday night or you will be wondering where everyone is on Sunday morning.

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:

- 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.

In Person 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. **Please Note**: The nursery has been moved back to the Preschool classrooms.

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=UW0rZ2F0OEp4RUJN VHhlK1pGRmlDQT09

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993

Passcode: 139739

Operation Christmas Child



Don't forget to pick up a shoe box, fill it with goodies and then return it to Bethel. All boxes need to be returned to Bethel by November 14.

Christmas Poinsettias Forms due November 14

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a form and drop it in the offering plate along with your payment or bring it to the church office before the deadline. Forms are available from the church office or on the round table in the People of Hope



Center. The cost of each plant is \$8.00. Checks should be made payable to Bethel Baptist Church. These plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. You may take them home after the service on December 24. Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Kagels at 804-514-3989.

Many Thanks

Dear Church Family,

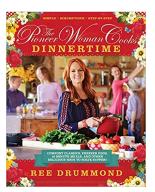
Thank you so much for the card and gift card for Clergy Appreciation Day. Bethel is the best!

Gayle Taylor

Library Book of the Month

This month we are spotlighting The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Dinnertime. If you are a fan of her tv show, or are looking for some new ideas for dinner, then check out this book.

The recipes are easy to follow, and includes pictures of each step, so it is great for the beginner cook as well. Look for it on display in the POH Center.



Pregnancy Help Center

Brenda Peck volunteers 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.





Just For Fun by Gayle Taylor

Here are Some "Thankful Things" to Do Each Week in November

Week of November 1: Thanks for Our Creation

- Put out birdseed for your feathered friends.
- Make peanut butter pinecones for your squirrel friends.
- Pick up trash in your neighborhood.
- Send a donation to your local Animal Shelter.
- Pray for all people to take better care of God's creation.

Week of November 8: Thanks for Our Friends and Family

- Send a note of encouragement to a friend.
- Make a simple craft and share with a friend.
- Prepare Thanksgiving cards and include a reason you are thankful for that person.
- Pick up a treat and drop off at your family member's house.
- Pray for the health and safety of your friends and family.

Week of November 15: Thanks for Our Community and Country

- Thank folks who have provided a service to you.
- Give the gift of food by donating to organizations that will provide a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need.
- Contact the Veteran's Administration and discover ways to help veterans.
- Call your local domestic violence shelter to learn what you can do to support its program.
- Pray for your community members and for those who serve in the military.

Week of November 22: Thanks for Our God

- Keep a gratitude journal for the week and list your blessings.
- Spend quiet time each morning with God.
- Attend a community Thanksgiving service.
- Praise God each day in song.
- Pray that you will trust God to take care of you.



Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, November 1, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. The presentation will be given by Lynda Haylie and Ellie Ray from "Dolls on Mission."

<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 <u>register</u> your Kroger card so Bethel can continue to receive reward points toward Missions. Go to <u>www.Kroger.com</u> 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.

November Birthdays



- 1 Brian Keaton
- 2 Vera Caniglia
- 2 Tony Caniglia
- 4 Rose Mary Main
- 5 Lori Denise
- 5 Judy Pulley
- 6 Roe Cole
- 7 Brenda Peck
- 9 Ryder Hansen
- 11 Diane Moseley
- 11 Cuntic Column
- 11 Curtis Salyer
- 11 T.D. Watkins III
- 12 Angela Pearce
- 12 Linda Gardner
- 13 Bonnie Surma
- 13 Brad Chauncey
- 13 Shawn Mayberry
- 16 Blaine Walton
- 18 Michele Ratliff
- 18 Pat Revnolds
- 18 Henry Loving

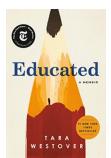
- 19 Lee Elam
- 19 Jimmy Jackson
- 19 Heather Kerns
- 19 Delia Loving
- 19 David Morris
- 20 Stanley Watkins
- 21 William Ferebee
- 21 Patrick Weir
- 24 Benjamin Ellis
- 26 Jerry Blankenship
- 26 Maddy Wight
- 20 Maddy Wight
- 26 Donna Lewis
- 26 Penny Woodford
- 27 Tina McNeel
- 28 Charles Maine
- 29 Brooke Moseley
- 29 Jeb Redmond
- 30 Doug Turner

Book Club News

The Book Club is currently reading *Educated* by Tara Westover.

Here is a synopsis provided by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: "An unforgettable memoir about a young girl, who, kept out of school, leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University."

The discussion of the book will take place in January. Please see Gayle Taylor if you would like a copy of the book.



Wednesday Night Programs in November



November 3 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom November 10 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom November 17 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom

November 24 — No Sacred Circle (Happy Thanksgiving)

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:

November 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m. November 20, 11 a.m. to noon (Special Thanksgiving Distribution) December 8, 5 to 6:30 p.m.



December 18, 11 a.m. to noon (Special Christmas Distribution) 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.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	ī.	Sat
	I Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am WMU—10 am	2 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	3 Sacred Circle Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	4 Men's Fellowship Lunch— noon at Henry's AA Meeting—5:30 pm	5 Circle of Truth—5 pm	6 Girl Scouts—3 pm
7 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	9 Boy Scouts—7 pm	10 Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle Zoom—6:30 pm Connect—7 pm	II AA Meeting—5:30 pm	12	13
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21 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Thanksgiving Service—6 pm at New Life UMC	22 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	23 Boy Scouts—7 pm	24 Office Closed No Wednesday Night Activities	25 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
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WORSHIP TIMES

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

