

THE OUTREACH

A People of Hope. A Culture of Grace.

1100 Huguenot Springs Road, Midlothian, VA 23113
bbc1817@verizon.net | www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org
804-794-8590



BETHEL
BAPTIST CHURCH

Vol. 53 No. 9 September 2021

Inside This Issue

Article from Todd
Mission News
Many Thanks
Book Club
Sharing & Caring
Sunday School

pg. 1
pg. 5
pg. 5
pg. 4
pg. 6
pg. 4

Associate Pastor's Note
Charlotte's Pantry
Just for Fun
Boxcast App
Library News
Ladies Fellowship Lunch

pg. 2
pg. 6
pg. 5
pg. 4
pg. 3
pg. 5

Birthdays
Wednesday Night Programs
Ways to Give
Dominion Speedway
Note From Our Parish Nurse
Youth News

pg. 6
pg. 6
pg. 5
pg. 3
pg. 5
pg. 5

Preschool News
Pregnancy Help Center
Missions & Ministry Celebration
Church Office Closed
Women's Getaway

pg. 3
pg. 3
pg. 6
pg. 4
pg. 4

For this month's newsletter I'd like to introduce you to our new Preschool Director, Heather Kerns. Heather grew up in Chesterfield and attended Monacan High School. She went on to graduate from VCU with a master's degree in Education. She taught kindergarten for five years at Reams Road Elementary School. Heather's husband Tommy works as a corporate executive at Haley Automotive Group. Heather and Tommy have three sons, Peyton 12, Braxton 9 and Landon 7. The Kerns are a baseball family. All three boys play baseball. Peyton actually started playing at age three. Both Tommy and Heather coach baseball. In fact, they're entering their 17th season of coaching. Heather is also a long distance runner. She's run 6 marathons and close to 50 half marathons. She said long distance running, "Is a battle of the will to push yourself when your body tells you to stop." Among all of these activities she somehow finds time to be the president of the PTO for Flatrock Elementary school.

Heather grew up going to Woodland Heights Baptist Church where both of her parents were Sunday School teachers. The Kerns attend Passion Community Church. Heather began working at Bethel's Preschool as a substitute

teacher, then taught full time in 2019 and she's now our Director. I asked Heather what attracted her to the role of Preschool Director and to Bethel's Preschool. She said, "Both Braxton and Landon attended Bethel Preschool and it felt so different from other preschools. Braxton, who hardly left my side, walked in and immediately began to thrive with Glenda as a teacher. One incident really stuck out

to me about the Preschool. Braxton learned about Charlotte's Food Pantry in Glenda's class and that year for his birthday he decided that instead of presents he wanted people to donate to the food pantry. When I saw how the Preschool spoke to my child, I felt such a calling to be here in some way. When the job of Preschool Director came open, I thought that this would be



Continued next column

an even bigger opportunity to pour myself back into the children and community to lead them into a faith driven life and start them off at a young age." I asked Heather what her hopes and dreams are for the Preschool. She said, "I just want to make sure that the reputation of Bethel's preschool remains positive and continues to grow, not only in terms of numbers, but in terms of depth of faith. I've got big shoes to fill coming in after Carter and I want to make her proud. I'm thrilled to be here and grateful for the opportunity and can't wait to see how the program moves forward in the coming years. It's a culmination of all of my passions for education, children, and my faith. My children led me here and I feel like it's come full circle. This is where I'm supposed to be." I asked Heather how she knew that the Lord led her to Bethel. She said "I feel a peace and a comfort I haven't felt in a long time. Even though we're in Covid I know all will be fine, I just have to trust. There's a calmness and things will work the way they're supposed to work out."

They're a couple of things that stuck out to me in my conversation with Heather. First, I appreciate and applaud her goal of teaching our preschoolers how to live "faith driven lives." That's the goal not only for the preschool, but for our church as well. My hope is that each one of us can allow our faith in Christ to permeate all areas of our lives and that every day will be lived out to the glory and honor of Christ. The second thing that spoke to me is the peace and comfort Heather has in taking on this new role. When we face a decision in life, the presence, or absence, of that peace is a pretty good indicator of God's will. When that deep, internal peace is present, that's a good sign of the Lord's leading. I'm delighted that the Lord led Heather to us and Heather is correct, she's got big shoes to fill. I want to thank Carter Cosgrove for her many years of dedicated and faithful service to Bethel and I ask you to join me in welcoming Heather to our Bethel church family. Please pray for her, our preschool teachers and students, that God would work through them to help them lead faith driven lives. May God bless Heather and her family. May God bless our preschool and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church. Amen.

Todd

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



"Loving Your Neighbor as Yourself"

I recently attended a webinar called "The Missing Skill to Loving Your Neighbor" sponsored by Fresh Expressions. The speaker, Dr. Dee Stokes, encouraged the participants to consider their personal biases and to examine their cultural intelligence. It is fairly easy to love our neighbors when they look and think like we do, but not so easy when they look differently, express themselves differently, and sometimes cook differently than we do! Even when we think that we are open-minded and accepting of others, the webinar showed me that all of us have biases to some degree. To that end, I believe that Dr. Stokes offered some valuable "do's" and "don'ts" as all of us try to follow what the Bible teaches about loving our neighbor. Below is a list of what Dr. Stokes advised concerning what we **should not say** and how we **should act**.

We Should Not Say This...

- "I know exactly how you feel"
- "What do your people think?"
- "I don't see color."
- "You are so articulate."
- "People with disabilities are so courageous."

We Should Act Like This...

- Get to know your neighbor.
- Be more culturally sensitive
- Be an agent of change
- Be more incarnational ('becoming like Jesus' to a culture').
- Be a transforming presence

To give an example that puts the actions above into context, this illustration from Jesus helps to bring it all together:

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV) The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

"Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

Continued next column

Continued from previous column

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise.

As we enter the fall season, may we check our prejudices at the door of grace and strive to be the merciful neighbor that Jesus instructs us to be.

National Neighbor Day, Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Note from Our Parish Nurse

I can hardly believe the summer is almost over. The first day of fall is Sept. 22nd, and I know some will welcome the Pumpkin Spice Lattes.

Unfortunately, the flu season will begin soon.

Per the CDC website:

"In the United States, flu season occurs in the fall and winter. While influenza viruses circulate year-round, most of the time, flu activity peaks between December and February."

Look for flu vaccine clinics to start up soon. "The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." (Psalm 29:11)



Blessings,

Cindy L.

RN FCN

Ladies Fellowship Lunch Thursday, September 30, at noon

Please join us for our next

Ladies Fellowship Lunch

Thursday, September 30, 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!

Youth News Connect



Another school year is underway! Surrounding school systems began the 2021/2022 school year on August 23. Please join us in continuing to pray for our students and teachers!

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.
Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.
Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.
Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.
Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.



September Youth Calendar

- 1: Connect, 7 pm.
- 8: Connect, 7 pm.
- 15: Connect, 7 pm.
- 22: Connect, 7 pm.
- 29: Connect, 7 pm.

Save the date: Fall retreat at Camp Willow Run, November 5 — 7 or 12 — 14.



By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

September is such a special time; the changing of seasons and the beginning of a new school year brings such excitement and joy! We are so thankful to have our school filled with students as we embark on our year of fun, learning, and faith. Our teachers have been working tirelessly to plan and prepare for our year together, and we are confident that we will have a wonderful and safe school year. We have 27 students currently enrolled in our program!

We are excited to welcome Katherine Levermore "Ms. Kat" to our preschool team. She will be leading our 3-day three-year-old class. She has a lot of prior experience working with youth in church settings and I know that she will be an asset to our program. Our PreK class will be led by Glenda Fisher and Jen Matthews and our 2-day class will once again be taught by Nancy Dewire and Susan Brown. These four ladies have made such a positive impact on our preschool program, and I know they will continue to bless us this year. With the pandemic still very much a part of our reality, the preschool will be taking precautions to make sure we keep our children, our staff, and our community safe. We will wear masks and be vigilant with our cleaning practices to keep our doors open, and children learning every day.

Please pray for the preschool. Pray that we navigate another year of Covid and can keep us all safe and healthy. Pray that our students come to know the love of the Lord through our school. We are humbled and privileged to have the most amazing and fulfilling jobs in the world and will continue to pour our love into our students.

Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

Sunday School ReLaunch

We are excited to gather our students again during the Sunday school hour! K-5 students will meet for Sunday school in the Discover's room and 6-12 students will meet in the youth room. We look forward to jumping back into Sunday school with you!

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.



Library News



Hi Everyone,

Hope all of you are enjoying your summer. Very soon it will be over. The start of the new church year is just around the corner. But before I talk about the upcoming year, I need to give a big thank you to my staff. Susan Younce, Mary Camden, and myself cataloged everything in the work room. Now if we are doing something special all we have to do is look it up in a notebook and find exactly where it is. Cindy Wight inventoried all our children's books. This helps us decide and plan for the next year.

All of us working in the library are very excited to welcome back all of our children. It has been a very lonely time for us this past year. The library will open in October for our preschool and every 2nd Sunday of every month for our Jigsaw and anyone who wants to check out a book from the library. Let's hope this ministry will show our children the joy of books. Please pray for our library ministry to have a great year.

Barbara Bell, Media Director



WMUV GETAWAY THIS FALL!

Sometimes we all need to get away. But what if your weekend away could have a lasting impact on your faith, mental health, relationships, and community? Save the date to join us this November for 24 hours of retreat, bible study, worship and a variety of breakouts at Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, Virginia. Choose your dates: November 5-6 or 6-7, 2021. The WMUV annual meeting will take place the afternoon of November 6. Registration for Getaway 2021 is now open via [Eagle Eyrie's website](#).

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 6, due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Happy Labor Day!

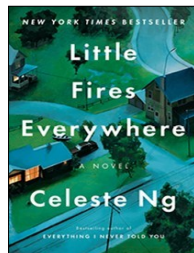


Book Club News

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 book. If you need a book, you may pick one up in the church office or in the historic sanctuary.

Dominion Speedway September Races

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. on race nights (unless rained out). Dan has the record in his division for the fastest time since the track opened. The schedule had not been set at the printing of this newsletter. Check out <https://www.dominionraceway.com/oval-track-schedule> for the latest on dates and times.



Many Thanks

Thank you dear people of Bethel for all the cards, calls and emails regarding my fall and broken leg. It has been quite the journey but things are definitely looking up. I also appreciate the flowers and gift basket. Thanks again and hope to see you all soon!

Mary Lynn Smith

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,
We are so grateful for everyone's prayers and expressions of concern and encouragement for my mother's recovery. She is doing well and is now doing physical therapy. Thank you for your continued prayers for a full recovery.

Cathy Marshall

The family of Bernice Smith would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness and prayers during Mama's recent illness and passing. We were surrounded by love from our church family and so appreciate the beautiful service, the reception and flowers sent on Mama's behalf.

Sissy & Sherwood and Nancy & Russell

Dear Bethel Family,
Thank you for your kind donation to Gideons International in memory of my mother. Your love and support means so much at this time. She was a member of her church for 60 years. Thank you again.

Jane Watkins

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.



*Seven FUN Things to Do in September with Friends or Family

**NOTE: The word "September" comes from the Latin root septem-, meaning "seven," because in the original Roman republican calendar September was the seventh month of the year rather than the ninth. Source: dictionary.com*

1. Go apple picking.
2. Go on a hayride.
3. Have a bonfire and tell scary stories.
4. Make a craft with fall leaves and pumpkins.
5. Enjoy a walk at the local botanical garden or one of the parks.
6. Make pinecone bird feeders.
7. Go to a high school football game.



Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, September 13, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center.

Hope for Appalachia Winter Clothing Drive: The deadline to donate to the winter clothing drive is September 12. Bring clothing donations to 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 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.

September Birthdays



1	Noah Moseley	14	Ellen Moseley
1	Ian Weir	14	Linda Redmond
2	Parker Mead	14	Karen Smith
2	Sarah Moschler	15	Teresa Troncali
3	Burnette Elam	16	Peggy Heath
3	Rodney Smith	16	Heath Humphreys
4	Jaydah Sanchez	16	John Stinson
5	Janet Goodman	16	Lisa Wilkerson
5	Melanie Hansen	17	David Ellis
5	Robert Tansey	17	Elliemae Mead
8	Joan Pearce	18	Tammie Butler
8	Michelle Stine	19	Paul Kiiffner
9	Susan Brown	20	Martha Vaughan
9	Mary Camden	21	Gayle Rogers
9	Page Chauncey	22	Bill Carlson
9	Benjamin Cody	22	Christina Brock
11	Brian Hardy	23	Faye Brown
11	Rachel McClellan	24	Gray Bradbury
12	Jon Hansen	25	Gloria Jamerson
12	Cathy Williamson	25	Mike Garland
12	Greg McLeod	28	Cheryl Grubbs
12	Olivia Moss		
13	Amanda Brownson		

Missions & Ministry Celebration

Our Missions and Ministry 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. 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. 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 September



September 1 — Missions & Ministry Celebration 7 p.m.
 September 8 — Sacred Circle Summer break continued
 September 15 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom
 September 22 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom
 September 29 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom

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:

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

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Todd on Vacation Ministry & Missions Celebration—7 pm Connect—7 pm	<i>2</i> Todd on Vacation AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>3</i> Todd on Vacation Circle of Truth—5 pm	<i>4</i> Todd on Vacation
<i>5</i> Todd on Vacation Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<i>6</i> Labor Day	<i>7</i> Todd on Vacation Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>8</i> Todd returns from Vacation Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle (Summer Break cont.) Connect—7 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 and Caring—9 am WMTU—10 am	<i>14</i> Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>15</i> Sacred Circle Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>16</i> MDBA Ministers Lunch AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>17</i> Circle of Truth—5 pm	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	<i>20</i> Sharing and Caring—9 am	<i>21</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>22</i> Sacred Circle Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>23</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm	<i>24</i> Charlotte's Pantry—9 to 11 am	<i>25</i> Gideon Event (?)
<i>26</i> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—	<i>27</i> Sharing and Caring—9 am	<i>28</i> Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>29</i> Sacred Circle Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	<i>30</i> AA Meeting—5:30 pm		

Bethel Baptist Church

1100 Huguenot Springs Road
Midlothian, VA 23113

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT 2133
MIDLOTHIAN, VA 23112

Change Service Requested

WORSHIP TIMES

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



*Let this be a September
to Remember*