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Several weeks ago I was talking with Kim Meyerhoffer before church and I asked how her daughter Olivia was doing. She said, "She's doing great. In fact, she wants to talk with you about how the Lord has been working in her life." Olivia and I connected by phone a few days later and she was excited to share what the Lord has been doing in her life. I'd like to share part of her story with you. These are Olivia's words:

Tyler and I moved to Raleigh, North Carolina in December of last year. The decision to move away from our families in Virginia and venture to a new city was tough and unexpected. At the time I had many uncertainties and fears but looking back I know that God was intervening at a pivotal point in my life.

Soon after moving to Raleigh, we got connected to a bible study group in our apartment complex by talking with friends at the local dog park. This bible study became the beginning of my discipleship journey. People our age gathered on Thursdays to meet and discuss the book of James. At first, I was apprehensive about sharing my thoughts with the group because I had so many questions about the gospel that my fellow peers seemed to have the answers to. I quickly learned that the people I was with were not only open to my questions but were excited to hear them.



I began learning more about the life of Jesus and started to feel a sense of peace. Members of the bible study suggested a local church that may help me strengthen my connection to God. Tyler and I began attending weekly services at this church, and in July I joined a class called "Exploring Christianity". This seemed to be exactly the kind

of deeper understanding I needed to become closer to Jesus. In the reading of the book of Mark I discovered salvation. A particular parable stood out to me, Mark 4:30-32 "Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants." My faith was planted within me at a young age, I strayed away from my faith as I got older, and in this moment, I felt like my eyes were open and suddenly I saw that my faith had sprouted tall and strong.

On July 15th I rededicated my life to Jesus. I accepted him as my savior and recognized that my eternal sins had been forgiven when God sacrificed his only son on the cross for me. On September 12th I was baptized at the church we are attending in front of friends, family, and loved ones. I feel like a new person.

I am following Christ's will and see the Holy Spirit working within my professional, personal, emotional, and spiritual being. I will go wherever he sends me, and I agree to do whatever he tells me to do because Jesus has done everything necessary for me and my salvation. I am living my life for Him.

I was so encouraged by Olivia's testimony. There was such joy in her voice when we talked. I want us to notice something that I believe to be crucial to her walk of faith. Olivia was intentional about discipleship. She invested time and effort in learning more about Christ. Not only that, but she attended those Bible studies with humility and a real desire to learn. God honored her commitment and desire and powerfully spoke to her. I'd like to suggest that if you're not in a Sunday school class or small group, please consider becoming a part of a class. Or perhaps consider starting a small group yourself. I believe God honors and blesses the time we spend learning about Him. The peace that Olivia speaks of is available to us all if we diligently seek the Lord. We will hear more of Olivia's testimony in person when she visits us on Sunday, October 10th. Until then, may God bless Olivia and Tyler and may God bless our Bethel Church Family.

Todd

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



"October - National Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

Please consider donating time or resources to places that offer shelter or support to victims of domestic violence. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence notes that "on average, nearly 20 people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States. During one year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men." Seemingly small donations can aid victims in significant ways. Two local agencies offer opportunities where you can help:

Safe Harbor: Safe Harbor provides the support that survivors of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking need to overcome their crisis and to transform their lives.

What can you do?

You can send Walmart or Kroger gift cards to the address below. These cards can help victims pay for groceries, gas, or prescriptions:

Address to send Gift Cards: Safe Harbor, PO Box 17996, Richmond, VA 23226.

To learn about Safe Harbor, go to the website: <https://safeharborshelter.com/>. The home address is 2006 Bremono Rd Suite 201, Richmond, VA 23226. For more information, call Cathy Easter, Executive Director at (804) 249-9470.

Chesterfield Domestic Violence Task Force: The Chesterfield County Domestic Violence Task Force is a coalition of agencies and concerned citizens dedicated to providing leadership in preventing and responding to domestic violence in our community.

What can you do?

You can donate cell phones. The Chesterfield Domestic Violence Task Force collects unwanted, old, used smartphones for the following purposes:

- Given to domestic violence victims to dial 911
- Recycled phones provide funds to assist domestic violence victims

Collection bins are located in all Chesterfield County Libraries and in the lobbies of the Chesterfield County Government Complex, the Lane B. Ramsey Administration Building, and the Community Development Building. For more information about ways to help, go to the website: <https://www.chesterfield.gov/228/Domestic-Violence-Task-Force> call Lindsay G. Cassada, DSVRC Coordinator at (804) 318-8265.

Wear a purple ribbon to show your support and to create awareness!



Note from Our Parish Nurse

The Faith Community Nurse office has some supplies if needed. Sometimes home health items are difficult to get and the expense can add up quickly during a difficult stressful time. The Parish Nurse office has a variety supplies that include things like: individually wrapped gauze rolls, Q-tips, bandages, trash bags, saline spray, tape, wraps, alcohol wipes, etc., if needed. Items are on the top 3 shelves in the tall cabinet and labeled. You are welcome to contact me, Donna Brooks or Linda in the church office to pick up items you may need. The nurse office also has a wheelchair and several walkers available to borrow. Please sanitize before and after use. I have wipes and hand sanitizer in the office.



Blessings all, Cindy

Ladies Fellowship Lunch Thursday, October 28, at noon

Please join us for our next Ladies Fellowship Lunch Thursday, October 28, 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 Cheryl Grubbs at 804-350-8217 by the Tuesday before the lunch, so she can make the appropriate number of reservations. All women are invited.



You're Invited!

Men's Fellowship Lunch Thursday, October 7, at noon

Our next lunch is set for Thursday, Oct. 7, 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.

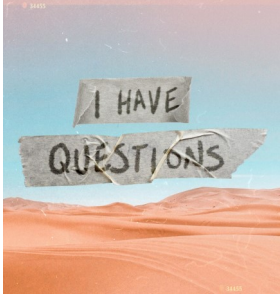


Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 7



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

Youth News Connect



You have questions. I have questions. We all have questions. Let's face it, life isn't easy. In times of loss, grief, pain, or doubt, it's normal to have questions—and it's okay to ask them. If you've ever tried to make sense of your circumstances or wished life didn't have to hurt so much or wondered why God

won't fix what you're going through, you're not alone. This month we'll hear about a few people from Scripture who know exactly what it's like. We're going to explore hard questions you thought you weren't allowed to ask, like "When people are hurting, where is God? When I'm hurting, why does God feel far away? If God is good, why do bad things happen? And when life hurts, is God Listening?"

October Calendar:

- 6 Connect, 7 pm
- 13 Connect, 7 pm
- 20 Connect, 7 pm
- 27 Connect, 7 pm
- 29 Connect, 7 pm

Save the Date! Oct. 29 Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm

Come one, come all!!! Host a trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat community event.



By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

Fall is in the air and we are having the best time in preschool! We have had our students in the building for a month now, and we couldn't be more thrilled with how our year is going. Our students have learned their classroom routines, have made friends with their classmates, they are learning SO much, and having so much fun! We are so thankful that we are able to return to an immersive preschool experience filled with circle time, centers, large and small group activities, and recess this year. Our teachers have done such a phenomenal job of making the classrooms safe and clean and making sure all the students can have the preschool experience they love and deserve.

We will head out on our first field trip of the school year (actually, our first field trip since before Covid) on Tuesday, October 5th. We will be visiting Lloyd Family Farms in Rockville, VA for a morning of hayrides, farm animals, and pumpkin picking. We are so excited to have some fall fun with our preschoolers!

We are so thankful for the continued support of the church family, as well as our preschool families. We could not do what we do without the abundance of encouragement and help that pours into our school. Please continue to pray for our preschool; pray for healthy students and teachers, pray that our students come to know the Lord, and pray that we continue to be blessed with the most phenomenal children and families.

Library News



The Bethel library will be open to everyone, adults and children, on the second Sunday of each month beginning with October 10th. The library will open right after worship service. We will be displaying some adult books in the entry of the People of Hope. The library workers will be so happy to see our library books coming off the shelves.

The pre-schoolers will start using our library on October 7th. Ms. Cindy will be helping these wonderful kids check out books and also read a story to them. Once again we will see their happy faces as they pick out their special books. Those of us who work in the library will be thrilled to see our books in action.

Barbara Bell, Media Director

Operation Christmas Child



It's shoe box time again!! We will be collecting shoe boxes starting Oct. 1. All shoeboxes will need to be returned to Bethel by Nov. 14. Boxes will be available for pickup soon. You will also have the opportunity to do a box online, if you would rather not shop. Details are coming soon.

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



Hello everyone, it's good to connect once again. God willing we will once again minister to our home bound members, this will depend on the virus situation and the recommending of our church leaders. Masks will be worn when we visit and calls ahead will be made to insure the member wants a visit. Let me introduce our team members to you and tell you what they do for our team. Barbara Hale makes our phone calls and is very faithful in her ministry. Madeline Talley sends our cards for birthdays and get wells and sympathy and does a wonderful job. Nancy Blankenship is one of our visiting team members, she enjoys the one on one time with our membership. Faye Cohen has expressed interest in helping out in any way possible, she is a retired nurse and might have some good ideas for us to share with our home bound members. Shirley Lewis/Team lead loves to visit and she has a traveling library that she shares with those who love to read, She is always ready to lend a hand in any way possible. She loves to cook and shares with those who need a meal delivered.

In the past we have taken baskets for different holidays to everyone. This has become harder to do as the years have caught up with me. I will be doing things for special times and that's not to say maybe a Valentine basket might be made for those we see, but I will be taking something less complicated most of the time. Really in all seriousness folks like a visit and conversation more than anything and to know that their Bethel family is keeping them in our prayers and are thinking of them and miss them and that they are not forgotten.

As we start this year, please pray for our safe travels as we visit, for us to speak with love and kindness and that we will all stay well and be able to minister to our folks as we are lead. May we spread the love of Christ as we go outside the walls of our church building and bring some joy to someone waiting.

Thank you for your support and thank these ladies as they serve in the name of Bethel Church.

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

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.

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.

There will not be a class in the Historic Sanctuary. If you have been going to the class in the Historic Sanctuary you are welcome to join any of the 3 Adult classes above. 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=UW0rZ2F0OE4RUJNWHhIK1pGRmIDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993

Passcode: 139739



Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Church Family,

The Kiiffner and the Colley family thank Todd and church members for their prayers and service at the passing of Robin Kiiffner. We were very grateful to be able to accommodate her family and friends in the Hope Center and continued prayers are appreciated. Paul and I are very grateful for our church family.

Thank you,
Suzanne Kiiffner

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers, well wishes, and cards. We are truly blessed to be a part of the wonderful Bethel family.

Sincerely,
Henry Loving

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

Thank you for the lovely welcome back to school today. The breakfast was quite delicious! What a kindness to our staff on this rainy day back to work. Thank you for fueling our bodies and praying for us (and our students) this year!

Crestwood Elementary,
4th grade: Jamie, Kara, Patrick, Mallory

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for mama's memorial service and for the outpouring of love we have felt during this time. The service and reception were perfect and we so appreciate the hard work that went into both. She loved her church family.

With gratitude,
Sissy and Sherwood
and Nancy and Russell

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.



Just for Fun – by Gayle Taylor

Below are suggested October readings that will cause you to quake!

1. "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" – Rev. Jonathan Edwards
Sermon delivered at First Church of Christ on July 8, 1741.
The congregation reacted by fainting, shouting, and barking like dogs!
2. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" – Washington Irving
3. "Young Goodman Brown" – Nathaniel Hawthorne
4. *Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley
5. "The Cask of Amontillado" – Edgar A. Poe
6. "Good Country People" – Flannery O'Connor
7. *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* – Robert Louis Stevenson
8. *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
9. "The Minister's Black Veil" by Nathaniel Hawthorne
10. "The Monkey's Paw" by W.W. Jacobs
11. "The Yellow Wallpaper" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
12. "The Lottery" by Shirley Jackson
13. "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge" by Ambrose Bierce
(Inspired the haunting song "I Cheat the Hangman" by the Doobie Brothers)

Missions News by Frances Morris

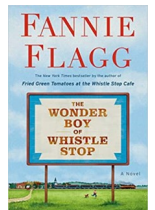
Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, October 4, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center.

Bethel Preschooler Cards: If you have signed up to send a card to a preschooler, please be sure to remember his/her birthday and any upcoming holidays.

Kroger: Please **register your Kroger card** so Bethel can continue to receive reward points toward Missions. Go to www.Kroger.com 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.

Library Book of the Month

We want to let you know about some of the exciting new library books we have added to our collection, so each month we will feature our "Book of the Month". This month's book is "The Wonder Boy of Whistle Stop". Written by Fannie Flagg, this story revisits our favorite characters from her popular novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café". If you enjoy a folksy, feel-good story, then come to the library and check it out!



October Birthdays



2	Bryan Trentham	20	Kiley Proffitt
3	Mike Luck	20	Blake Rogers
4	Dwight Keatts	21	Jarrett Elam
5	Daniel Rogers	22	Kevin Yeager
6	Caroline Keaton	23	Vernon Sadler
7	Brenda Jeter	24	Barbara Bell
8	Ralph Mead	25	Jennifer Redmond
9	Bubba Colley	25	Stacey Lamb
9	Jenny Hansen	25	Jarrett Taylor
9	Anne Jamerson	26	Destiny Chong
9	Debbie Mead	28	Lisa Brown
10	Jacqueline Cody	28	David Gillespie
10	Patsy Condrey	29	Erin Carlson
11	Teresa Dobbins	29	Sharon Butler
12	John Bransford	30	Gary Bailey
12	Malinda Davis	30	Angela Prater
14	Bryan Camden	31	Shirley Roberts
14	Glenn Riley	31	Stuart Condrey
16	Brad Saxton		
17	Becky Moseley		

Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

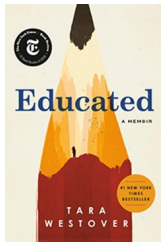
- Music Ministry/Choir (See Gayle Taylor)
- WMU (Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m.)
- Charlotte's Pantry (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (See Lauren Moore)
- Friends of the Homeless (5th Mondays at 8:30 a.m. (See Ardelle Florence)
- 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

Book Club News

The Book Club is currently reading *Educated* by Tara Westover which is recommended by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. According to CBF, this book is "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 book discussion will take place in December after church. Dona Carlson will lead the discussion. Feel free to bring a bagged lunch and a drink. If you need a copy of the book, please contact the church office.

Wednesday Night Programs in October



October 3 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom
 October 10 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom
 October 17 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom
 October 24 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom
 October 31 — Sacred Circle 6:30 p.m. Zoom

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

October 13, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 October 22, 9 to 11 a.m.
 November 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 November 20, 11 a.m. to noon (Special Thanksgiving 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.

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Circle of Truth—5 pm	2 Girl Scouts—3 pm
3 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—	4 Sharing and Caring—9 am WMU—10 am ESL—9 am	5 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	6 Sacred Circle Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	7 Men's Fellowship Lunch— noon at Henry's AA Meeting—5:30 pm	8	9
10 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—	11 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	12 Boy Scouts—7 pm	13 Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle (Summer Break cont.) Connect—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	14 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	15 Circle of Truth—5 pm	16 Girl Scouts—3 pm
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WORSHIP TIMES

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

We need your help! We are hosting our annual Trunk or Treat community event on Friday, October 29 at 6:30 pm. This year we are offering a walk-through experience! All participants will walk in one direction through a Halloween trail behind the church and finish their time with us by visiting trunks in the Hope Center parking lot. Families will be staggered as they enter the trail and cars will be spaced out in the parking lot. Each trunk will be provided a small table/stand for children to take their candy from instead of handing candy to each child. We look forward to a fun evening of serving together and welcoming the community onto our campus. To sign up to host a trunk or receive more information, please contact Lauren Moore (laurenmoore@gmail.com, 804-337-1497).

