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One of the things that continues to be impressed upon me is the value of a listening ear. I believe listening is a form of love. Not only do I believe it, but I also believe that part of being faithful to the Greatest Commandment, "Loving God and Loving our Neighbors," means creating space where we can actively listen to God and listen to each other. To this end I'm excited to announce the formation of Bethel's first Prayer and Listening (PALs) Group. A PALs group consists of a group of people who are dedicated to the idea of coming together to share each other's stories, to listen to one another and pray for each other.

The PALs group idea emerged from a conversation I had with Brian Moseley. Brian is married to his lovely wife Becky and they have two children Austin and Trevor. Brian works for Moseley Electronics and is on our AV Team. He is a US Army Veteran and he bravely and honorably served our country by completing three tours of duty. Brian served in Operation Enduring Freedom in Guantanamo Bay in 2002-2003. Then he served in Operation Vigilant Relief in 2005, which was a disaster relief operation in Mississippi after hurricane Katrina. Finally, Brian served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Al Anbar, Iraq from 2007-2008. As you can imagine, Brian saw and experienced things that no one should have to see or experience. Tragically some of these things happened after Brian's tour of duties ended. Brian has lost three close Army friends to suicide. As a result of these experiences, the Lord has given Brian a burning desire to help our Veterans. Brian wants to bring Veterans together to support one another.

Thus the idea of a Veterans PALs group was born. We're going to offer a place where Bethel Veterans can come together to simply talk about their experiences, listen to one another and to pray for one another. Prayer and listening is one way we can offer love and care to our Veterans.

Brian will have some help in this journey from Bud Hines. Bud is a US Army Veteran and he spent some time in a POW camp in Korea. Bud knows all too well the difficulty our soldiers face when they come home. I'm grateful for folks like Brian and Bud and I'd like to ask you to pray for them and for the Vets that may want to participate in this group.



Bud Hines and Brian Moseley

Here are the details of the first Veterans PALs meeting. The group will meet on August 18th immediately following the worship service. If you're a Veteran of the US military you're invited to participate. It doesn't matter if you served in combat or not. ALL Veterans are invited. At this first meeting we're going to serve you lunch and then we'll spend some time simply listening to each other and praying for one another. Praying and listening: They are the only things on the agenda, but they are important things because listening to one another and praying for each other is a form of love and love changes lives!

May God bless Brian Moseley and his family. May God bless Bud Hines and his family. May God bless all of our Veterans and may God bless Bethel Church.

In Christ and with love,

Todd

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



Baptist Rebellion! Virginia Baptist's Role in Religious Liberty

"I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing" ~ Thomas Jefferson

In Colonial America, oppressive taxation and restrictions imposed by England birthed a restlessness and unhappiness in the residents in the New World, spurring them to take action and to seek liberty. One area that emerged in Colonial America as a hot topic was freedom of religion. Already in place, of course, was the Anglican Church, the preferred church of England; however, other groups such as Baptists, Methodists, Quakers, Presbyterians, and others had surfaced. Taxes, collected to support the Anglican church, infuriated the Baptists, as were other restrictions imposed upon them such as the "requirement to register their meeting-houses and the endless red tape involved, and refusal of the authorities to acknowledge the validity of their marriages" (275-276). Frequently, Virginia Baptists incurred various types of persecution including being "whipped, fined, beaten by mobs... and/or exiled" as well as having their ministers imprisoned (270). Even when jailed, however, Baptist ministers frequently preached through their cell bars!

To voice their anger, the Baptists put together petitions which outlined reasonable arguments to give them the freedom to practice their beliefs. In 1784, with four Baptist associations in place, the members put together a General Committee composed of delegates to speak and to write petitions on behalf of the Baptists. One item that particularly angered the Baptists was the General Assessment Bill. This bill, proposed by the legislatures, recommended that a tax would be collected to support **all** religious organizations with the caveat that the citizens could determine to which denomination their taxes would support. The Baptists did not agree with this proposal, for they believed that church and state should be clearly separate. Their response to the General Assessment Bill asserted that "they no more wanted laws *favoring* than laws *opposing* them.... They asked that the government attend to its proper civil and economic duties and simply leave religion alone" (275). For Baptists, keeping the government separate from religion "seemed both scriptural and practical; but to many reared in the state church tradition, it seemed too radical to comprehend" (275).

Wow! Imagine Baptists standing as a radical voice! This religious voice of resistance, however, caught the ear of James Madison who composed "A Memorial and Remonstrance on the Religious Rights of Man." His arguments convincingly "sounded the death knell for general assessment in Virginia and probably in several other states as well" (279). The following year, 1785, Thomas Jefferson introduced a bill that would establish religious freedom in Virginia. This bill, known initially as Bill No. 82, "A Bill for establishing religious freedom" but which became the [Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom](#), passed with Madison's support and the support of Baptists.

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The legacy of this action to Jefferson appears substantial since he insisted that it be included as one of three achievements for which he wanted to be remembered, the other two being the *Declaration of Independence* and the creation of the University of Virginia. Additionally, the legacy of this bill to the rest of America is that it established a model that greatly influenced the position on religion that our country supports to this day.

The following is a portion from the *Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom*:

We the General Assembly of Virginia do enact [Be it enacted by the General Assembly] that no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place, or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer, on account of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.

Those early Virginia Baptists can take responsibility for having some rebellious blood in their veins and for having the courage to hold fast to their religious convictions. May we thank God that we can freely worship each week in the church of our choice without retribution or oppression from any entity.

Source: *The Baptist Heritage: Four Centuries of Baptist Witness* by H. Leon McBeth

Missions News

by Frances Morris

Mission Opportunities

WMU will meet on Monday, July 1, at 10 a.m. We will have a picnic lunch, following our meeting.

Standing Rock The following donations are needed for Standing Rock Indian Reservation: Fast food toys and Grocery shopping bags. The deadline for donations is July 14.

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**. (Note: this is a new number). You will still get your points toward gas, Bethel will just get credit for any amounts you spend at Kroger.

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.



July 4th Holiday

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

Happy 4th of July!!

Youth News

by Lauren Moore

Mark your calendar! Our annual pool party and cookout at Bruce Moseley's is this month. Thank you, Bruce! Please RSVP to the Evite in your email by July 7, and sign up to bring something to share. We will meet at Bruce's house after church on July 14 for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and swimming.

July

3: No Connect
10: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Dinner provided.
17: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Dinner provided.
24: VBS, 6-8:30pm.
31: Activity TBD

Vacation Bible School July 21 to 25



The countdown is on! In just a few short weeks Bethel will turn into an African adventure where kids will explore the fact that Life is wild, but God is good! Kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. We ask for your prayers leading up to this week and during the week of VBS. We ask that you would pray for God to send us children who need to hear the gospel, children who need a church home, and children who need to be loved on. We ask that you would pray for God to make all our volunteers strong and courageous in sharing the gospel and give them strength and endurance for a long week of leading children to know the character of God. We know that where the Lord is working that the enemy is also working to bring us down so we ask that you lift up every child, volunteer, parent, and our church for protection from the enemy as we work to bring children and families closer to our heavenly Father.

Donations needed:

You will notice our Roar Board in the back of the Hope Center. These are non perishable food items that are needed for snack each night of VBS as well as our closing celebration on the final night. Please consider taking a sticky note or two and donating toward VBS. Thank you!

What's Happening in July



The fruit the Holy Spirit produces is love, joy and peace. It is being patient, kind and good. It is being faithful and gentle and having control of oneself.

GALATIANS 5:22-23A, NIRV

This summer in Jigsaw, we have been talking about the Fruits of the Spirit, and how we can use them to change the world around us. In July, we will continue learning about the Fruits of the Spirit by talking about Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. Come join us.

Pool Party, July 14



DON'T FORGET! All Jigsaw Families, please respond to the pool party and cookout Evite in your email no later than July 7. Also, please sign up to bring something to share. See you at Bruce's after church on July 14!

Puppet Team Mission Trip August 1 - August 4



The Puppet Team is going on a mission trip to the Eastern Shore. They will be doing Vacation Bible School for the children of migrant workers. They are collecting school supplies and back packs to give to the children (grades K—12) to start their new school year. **Please bring items and put them in the designated boxes by July 28.** For more information, contact Andrea Hale. Items needed are listed below:

- Back packs
- #2 Pencils
- Large pink erasers
- Paper
- Spiral notebooks
- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils/markers
- Safety scissors
- Highlighters
- Pens (blue or black)
- Rulers

July Birthdays

1	Ben Doughtie	17	Dona Carlson
2	Linda Harris	17	Samuel Ferebee
2	Janice Jones	18	Elaine Bradley
2	Bonnie Toibin	18	Nancy Glazener
3	Cathy Marshall	19	Ramon Bookman
3	Ciara Hale	19	Kevin Gilbert
3	Keith Bradbury	19	Rob Camden
4	Margaret Gillis	20	Glenna Chenault
5	Amy Powell	21	Cindy Walton
6	Trula Smith	24	Wendy McClellan
6	Terri Worthly	24	Lauren Rogers
7	Marie Justis	26	Bill Florence
7	Don Laslie	26	Stacey Elem
8	Tammy Bell	27	Austin Moseley
9	Debbie Walmsley	27	Karen Wooldridge
9	Ruby Waller	28	Ann Powell
9	Charlie Stump	29	Stephen Lewis
10	Kayla Patteson	31	Tommy Justis, Jr.
12	Matthew Riley	31	Gene Gwaltney
14	Ken Martin	31	Cindy Luck
14	Carolyn DeNoon	31	Megan Luck
16	Mike Rider		

Morning Devotional at Chick-fil-A



Join us at Chick-fil-A at Westchester Commons Shopping Center each Monday morning at 8 a.m. We will enjoy breakfast and a devotional time together. This is a wonderful time of fellowship. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

NO Ladies Fellowship Lunch

The Ladies Fellowship Lunch will **NOT** meet this month due to the 4th of July holiday. Our next Ladies Fellowship lunch will be August 1, at noon at Red Lobster.



NO Men's Fellowship Lunch

The Men's Fellowship lunch will **NOT** meet this month due to the 4th of July holiday. Our next lunch is set for Thursday, August 1, at noon at Henry's Market in Powhatan.



Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir (See Gayle Taylor)
- Adults on Mission (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 Gayle Rogers)
- 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 1st Thursday of each month at noon (See Margaret Gillis)
- Youth Group Meetings every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. (See Lauren Moore)
- Bible/Discipleship Study Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (See Gordon and Shirley Rutland)
- 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)

Parish Nurse July 21



Cindy Luck will be available in the Parish Nurse office on Sunday, July 21, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. Stop by and Cindy will be happy to answer your health questions or check your blood pressure.

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

July 10, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
July 26, 9 to 11 a.m.
August 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
August 23, 9 to 11 a.m.



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

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Thank you to everyone for your cards, prayers, phone calls and all your expressions of encouragement and support during my recent hospital stay and illness. The fruit basket was delicious, and Pat and I both enjoyed it very much. It is such a blessing to feel the love and caring from our Bethel family.

Love, Bruce and Pat Bartlam

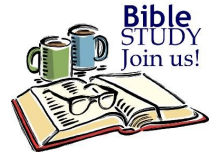
Powhatan Free Clinic

If you know of anyone who has low-income and does not have health insurance, tell them about the Free Clinic. To become a patient, a person must first register to determine eligibility. To find out about how to register, call (804) 598-5637. Patients from Chesterfield and Powhatan are being accepted once eligibility is determined.

Chick-fil-A NO Spirit Night

Chick-fil-A has decided NOT to do Spirit Nights during the summer months. Our Chick-fil-A fund raisers will return in September.

Wednesday Night Programs in July



July 3 — No Bible Study due to Holiday
 July 10—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.
 July 17—Sacred Circle Bible Study—6:30 p.m.
 July 24—No Bible Study due to Vacation Bible School
 July 31—No Bible Study due to Summer Break

Art and Music Festival August 10, 11 a.m to 2 p.m.

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date

Please join us in the People of Hope to experience the talents of local artists and musicians!



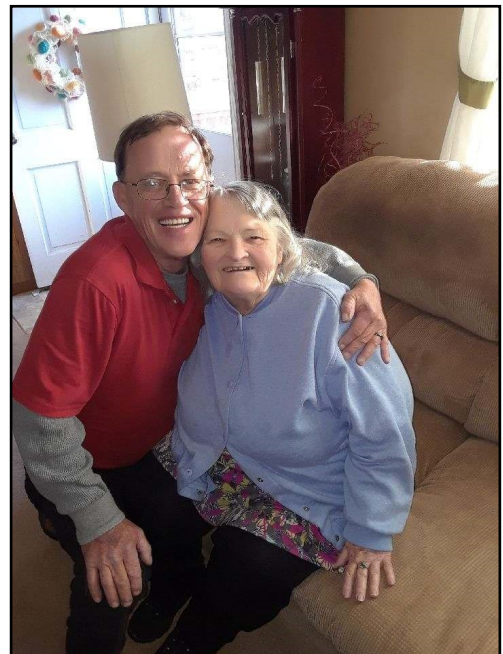
Special Event:
 Silent auction of selected artwork will benefit the Lilley Sickal Scholarship Fund

If you would like to display your artwork or would like to participate musically, please contact Gayle Taylor at revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com.

Special Thanks from the Care Team

There is a saying that goes something like "Give credit where credit is due." I suppose we should say that we should give thanks for the blessings of those "silent workers" that we have within our church family. One of those special people is David Wilson. He has been faithful to a fault bringing Barbara Burtchett to church, since she has been healthy enough to return to us. She enjoys the choir that she was a member of for many years and she enjoys "being" among her friends and David makes that possible for her. He travels a good distance to get her and to return her to her caregivers each Sunday. Also, as pictured, he is such a good friend to Peggy Heath. He will visit her especially when she is in the hospital or in a rehab facility, he plays cards with her and takes her some of her favorite treats. One of which is "fried green tomatoes." He gives of his time and his talents for so many and he is appreciated and remembered today for all these gestures of kindness. God tells us to "do unto others" and in that spirit I believe David dwells. The Care Team appreciates your help, David, and God loves you and we do too.

Shirley Lewis, Care Team Lead



Patriotic Program 4 p.m. July 7 in the People of Hope Center

This year we will have:

- special music by The Crestmen, a quartet from Staunton, VA.
- We will recognize our veterans and have some multi-media presentations.
- The program will be first and then we will enjoy a time of fellowship with hotdogs, chips and dessert.

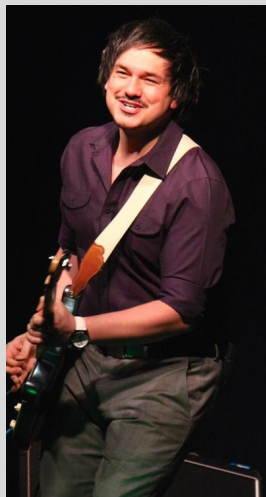
We are asking for donations of cookies and brownies for our dessert, and we need volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. If you can help, please contact Cathy Marshall at musicbycathy@gmail.com



Parker Night of Praise July 26, 7 p.m.



Ivan Parker



Josh Parker




The Harvesters

Tickets: Adult \$12 in advance & \$15 at the door Children ages 6-12 \$5 in advance & \$7 at the door **All tickets are general admission and on a first come basis**

Tickets are available for purchase from Carol Lawson (804) 350-1422 or Danny Parker at (919) 776-4055 Doors Open at 6 p.m.

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am WMU —10:00 am Puppets—5:30 pm	2 Boy Scouts—7 pm	3 No Wednesday Night Activities	4 	5 Friday Small Group—7 pm	6 Circle of Truth Rehearsal—10 am Girl Scouts—3 pm
7 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Patriotic Service—4 pm	8 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	9 No Garden Club Boy Scouts—7 pm	10 Charlotte's Partry—5 to 6:30 pm Bible Study —6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm NO Choir Rehearsal	11 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	12	13
14 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	15 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Life Line Screening—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	16 Boy Scouts—7 pm	17 Bible Study—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm B & G—7 pm NO Choir Rehearsal	18 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	19 Wedding Rehearsal—5 pm Friday Small Group—7 pm	20 Bogert/Peters Wedding—2 pm Girl Scouts—3 pm
21 VBS Begins Parish Nurse—9 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am VBS Begins—6 to 8:30 pm	22 VBS Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—5:30 pm	23 VBS NO Boy Scouts	24 VBS VBS—6 to 8:30 pm No Regular Wed. Night Activities	25 VBS Ends AA Meeting—5:30 pm	26 Parker Night of Praise—7 pm Charlotte's Partry Distribution—9 to 11 am	27
28 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	29 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Feeding the Homeless—8:30 am Puppets—5:30 pm	30 Boy Scouts—7 pm	31 Connect (Youth Activity TBD)—6 to 8:30 pm NO Bible Study Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm			

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WORSHIP TIMES

9:30 Sunday School | 10:30 Worship



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