

The Outreach

A People of Hope. A Culture of Grace.

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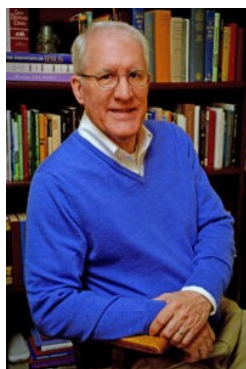
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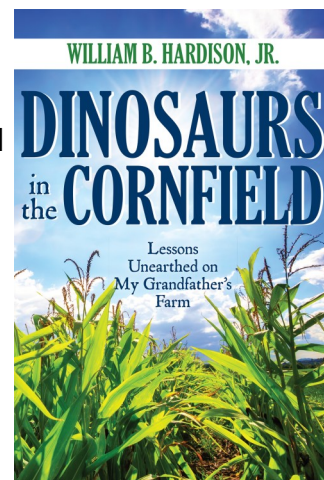
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One of my mentors in ministry is a gentleman named Bill Hardison. I came to know Bill while I was the Youth Minister at May Memorial Baptist Church. Bill is a gifted preacher and storyteller and what made many of his sermons memorable were the stories that he told about his grandpa. Bill's grandpa was a farmer and a gifted storyteller himself—a man full of country wisdom. When Bill was a boy he'd often spend several weeks each summer on his grandpa's farm in Tennessee. Bill is from Northern Virginia and each summer he experienced a bit of culture shock having to go from the noise, hustle and bustle of Northern Virginia to the quiet tranquility of a rural farm in Rock Spring Tennessee. Bill admits that he would have rather stayed home to play little league baseball, but that desire soon faded once his Grandpa began to introduce Bill to the wonders of living on a farm. On one occasion, Bill's Grandpa showed him a fossil of a fish that was embedded on some limestone found on the farm. Then his grandpa explained how the fossil had been around since the time of dinosaurs and how at one time that whole area of Tennessee was part of the sea. It didn't take long for Bill's imagination to run wild with the images of dinosaurs romping through the Tennessee country side. Suddenly the farm came to life and Bill began to look forward to these summer trips to the farm. With each trip to the farm Bill would collect more stories from his grandpa. Fortunately for us, these stories have now been compiled into a book entitled, "Dinosaurs in the Corn Field."



There are 17 stories in the book and each story has a lesson which helps with Christian character formation. For example, the story about the dinosaur in the cornfield cultivated within Bill a sense of awe and wonder. Bill's grandpa often encouraged Bill to stop and pay attention to nature and the miracle of God's creation. Bill calls these stories "Legacy Stories." Legacy stories are memories of events experienced in childhood that have been told and retold to us by our parents and grandparents. If we can remember and pay attention to the stories, they can shape our character. The problem for many of us is that we've forgotten some of our own legacy stories. That's where Bill's book can help us. By telling his Grandpa's stories, Bill invites us to remember and tell our own legacy stories. How do we do that? For the answer to that question I'll invite you to come to hear Bill Hardison speak on two Wednesday evenings in July. Bill will be with us July 11 and July 18. He'll not only regale us with stories from his book, he'll also share with us the importance of our own "Legacy Stories" and how we might use them to shape or re-shape character traits within us. Please join us for these two very informative, inspirational, and educational evenings. Our program starts at 6:30 p.m. on July 11 and 18. May the Lord Bless my friend and mentor Bill Hardison and may the Lord bless Bethel Baptist Church.

Todd

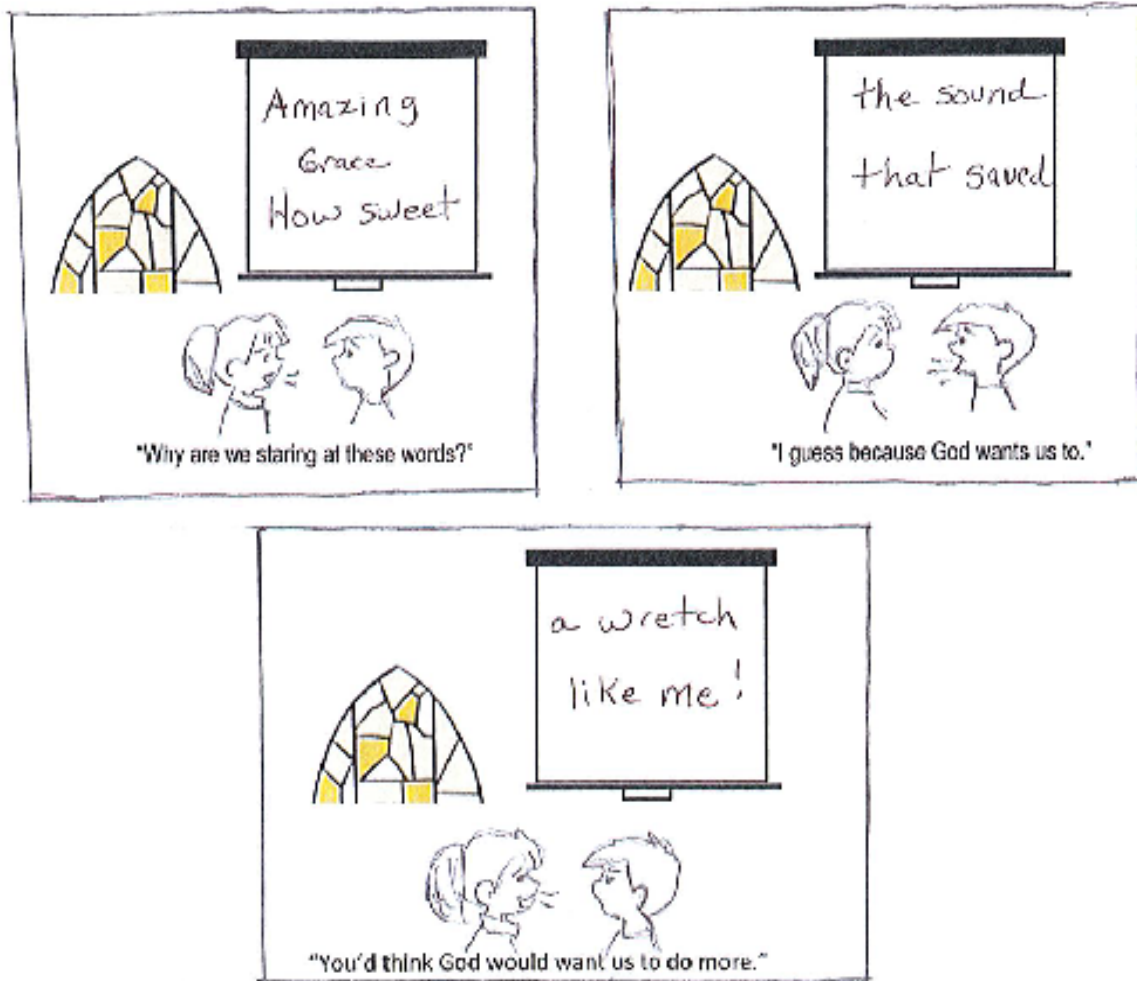


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A Note from Your Associate Pastor and Music Minister



"Bethel Banter" by Gayle Taylor



On a serious note, computers and on-screen lyrics can be convenient additions to our church services, but they can also lull us into a sense of complacency during worship. It is easy to be less engaged with the meaning of songs when we stand and read the words from a screen. But this does not have to be the case! The words should help direct our worship in a way that God appreciates and desires. We need to remember the purpose of corporate singing: is it to praise the screen? **NO!** Is it for the church to commit its worship as one voice toward God? **YES!**

Psalm 95:1 "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!"

What's Happening in July



In July, we continue our summer theme which is all about CONFIDENCE. Since God is stronger than anyone, He can do things that would be impossible for you and me. We will continue to seek answers to the following questions:

"Why does Jesus matter?

How could God use you?

What happens when you trust yourself more than God?

How would you live if you believed God could do the impossible?"

Join us as we continue to get AMPED UP for summer!

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

July 11, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
July 27, 9 to 11 a.m.
August 8, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
August 24, 9 to 11 a.m.



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

Parish Nurse

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



July 4th Holiday

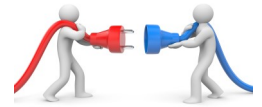
The church office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of the holiday.

Happy 4th of July!!



Connect

YOUTH NEWS by Lauren Moore



We continue to step in for the preschool Chick-fil-A nights for the summer. Please join us between 5 and 8 pm on July 18 for dinner. Proceeds will benefit a community service project in Powhatan of the youth's choosing. Remember to let your cashier know you are there for Spirit Night!

July Youth Calendar

4: No Connect

11: Connect, 6:30-8pm. Sign up for dinner if you'd like to eat at church before Connect.

18: Chick-fil-a night, 5-8pm. We will 'man' the station, collect receipts, run the wheel and give out prizes. Meet at Chick-fil-A as you can and leave as you need. We will eat together as usual at 6:30pm. No money needed. I have to be at Chick-fil-A the entire time so we will not be taking the van.

21: VBS Decoration day, 10am. We need all hands on deck to help turn Bethel into a sports arena!

24: No Connect (VBS)

29: Pool party and cookout. We will go to Bruce Moseley's following service for a time of community and fun! Each family is asked to bring a side dish. More details to come.

Men's Fellowship Lunch & Ladies Fellowship Lunch

The Men's Fellowship Lunch and the Ladies Fellowship Lunch has been cancelled for this month due to the 4th of July holiday. Both will resume on Thursday, August 2.



Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

The next Spirit Night fund raiser will be Wednesday, July 18, between 5 and 8 p.m. Proceeds go to the youth this month for a community service project in Powhatan. Dine-in or grab dinner to go and take it with you to Bible study. Please remember to mention Spirit Night when you place your order. Please also note: If you use a gift card with your order, your order will not count toward Spirit Night. Don't forget to spin the wheel, you can win free food, drinks or other items.

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)
- Library Volunteers Needed (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 Pat or Bruce Bartlam)
- Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m. each Sunday
- Zumba every Thursday evening 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)

Puppet Team Mission Trip August 3 - August 5



The Puppet Team is going on a mission trip to the Baptist Home in Salem and the Valley Mission Homeless Shelter in Staunton. They would like to take Bingo prizes and other needed items with them when they go. **Please bring items and put them in the designated boxes by July 29.** For more information, contact Andrea Hale.

Bingo Prizes

Hand sanitizer/Lotions/Body wash
Hair Accessories
Adult or Older Kids Coloring Books
Colored Pencils/Crayons
CD's or DVD's (used or new)
Small Stuffed Animals
Socks/Costume Jewelry

Items Needed for Homeless Shelter

Men, Women, Children's Clothing
Towels, Wash cloths, Twin Sheets
Blankets, Pillowcases
Feminine Hygiene products
All Paper products/plates, tissues
paper towels/Trash bags (55 gallon)
Zip Loc Bags all sizes

Missions News

by Frances Morris

Mission Opportunities

Adults on Mission will meet Monday, July 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Bethel. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 83564. 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.

Vacation Bible School July 22-26, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

VBS registration is open! You can find the registration form on the church website, in the church office, or in the People of



Hope Center. Feel free to take forms to families who may be interested in having their children attend. We want to reach as many families in our community as possible! We invite kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another.

It's not too late to volunteer. We'd love to have you join us in ministering to the kids in our community. Please contact Lauren Moore (laurenelmoore@gmail.com) or Shawn Moss (shawnmoss5114@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer.

Come Help Decorate July 21, 10 a.m.



Please come help us decorate on **July 21 at 10 am.** We need all hands on deck to help turn Bethel into a sports arena. If you aren't able to volunteer for VBS, but still want to help out and pitch in this is the perfect opportunity! We need as many helping hands as possible, please come out and join us!

July Birthdays



1	Ben Doughtie	18	Elaine Bradley
2	Linda Harris	18	Nancy Glazener
2	Janice Jones	19	Ramon Bookman
2	Bonnie Toibin	19	Kevin Gilbert
3	Cathy Marshall	19	Rob Camden
3	Ciara Hale	20	Glenna Chenault
3	Keith Bradbury	21	Cindy Walton
6	Trula Smith	24	Lauren Rogers
6	Terri Worthy	26	Bill Florence
7	Marie Justis	26	Stacey Elem
7	Don Laslie	27	Austin Moseley
8	Tammy Bell	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		
17	Dona Carlson		
17	Samuel Ferebee		

Many Thanks

Dear Pastor Todd and Bethel Church,

Thank you all so much for your help and support for the Matias Family Fundraiser. With your help, we were able to raise over \$2,200.00 to help this family. As the meal purchases did not exceed the threshold, Texas Roadhouse was able to give the proceeds directly to the family. We are most appreciative for your help, as it enabled various businesses to donate the prizes for our successful raffle.

Thanks again,

The Maxtons
Friends of the Matias Family

Dear Pastor Todd and Bethel Church,

Chris and I just want to thank you and the church for all the prayers you have sent our way. Chris seems to be slowly improving and I hope he keeps improving so he can get a kidney transplant. Your prayers mean so much to us and I know God is listening, so please continue to pray for us. We love you all.

Chris and Stacey Elam

Many thanks to everyone who helped with CARITAS!

It took a lot of volunteers throughout the week, including those helping behind the scenes but we all came together for another successful week. Many thanks to each of you.

Missions Team

Dear Bethel Family,

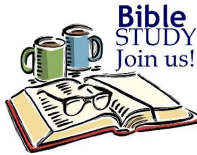
Thanks for the support and love all through my childhood and into my adulthood. Bethel helped me grow in Christ and helped me become who I am. The prayers and the graduation gift were wonderful and thoughtful. Thanks for thinking of me as I start my career.

Ciara Hale

Worship Schedule

We now meet each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the People of Hope Center.

Wednesday Night Programs in July



July 4: No Bible Study due to July 4th holiday.

July 11: Lessons Learned on the Farm with Bill Hardison at 6:30 pm.

July 18: Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A and Lessons Learned on the Farm with Bill Hardison continues at 6:30 pm. Please support the Youth Group and go to Chick-fil-A Spirit Night. You can eat there before class or get it to go and bring it to class with you.

July 25: No Bible Study due to Vacation Bible School

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.





Live Night of Praise
Friday, July 27, 7 p.m.
Featuring Ivan Parker, Josh Parker
and The Harvesters Quartet



Ivan Parker

**All tickets are general admission,
first-come basis, and may be purchased in
advance or at the door.**

**For advance tickets, please call
Carol Lawson at 804-350-1422
or Danny Parker at 919-776-4055.**

Tickets: \$15 (adult) \$7 (children)

Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.




Josh Parker



The Harvesters Quartet

July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am Community Fish Fry—5 pm Patriotic Program—6 pm	2 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Adults on Mission—10 am Puppets—6:30 pm Handbells—7:15 pm	3 Boy Scouts—7 pm	<i>4th of JULY</i> 	5 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm Financial Peace Univ—7:00 pm	6	7
8 Sunday School —9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	9 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—6:30 pm Church Council—7 pm	10 Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm	11 Charlotte's Pantry Distribution—5 to 6:30 pm Lessons Learned on the Farm with Bill Hardison—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	12 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm Financial Peace Univ—7:00 pm	13	14
15 Jimmy vacation Parish Nurse—9:00 am to 10:15 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—(POH) 10:30 am (16 Jimmy vacation Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Puppets—6:30 pm Handbells—7:15 pm	17 Jimmy vacation Small Group with Gayle Taylor 6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm Building & Grounds—7 pm	18 Jimmy vacation Chick-fil-A Spirit Night—5 to 8 pm Lessons Learned on the Farm with Bill Hardison—6:30 pm Connect (Youth) - 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	19 Jimmy vacation AA Meeting—5:30 pm Zumba—7:00 pm Financial Peace Univ—7:00 pm	20 Jimmy vacation	21 Jimmy vacation VBS Decoration Day—10 am
22 Jimmy Returns Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	23 VBS Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am	24 VBS	25 VBS	26 VBS Ends Financial Peace Univ—7:00 pm	27 Charlotte's Pantry Distribution—9 am to 11 am Ivan & Josh Parker & the Harvesters—7 pm	28
29 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am	30 Chick-fil-A Morning Devotional—8 am Feeding the Homeless—8:30 am Puppets—6:30 pm Deacon Meeting—7 pm	31 Small Group with Gayle Taylor—6:30 pm Boy Scouts—7 pm				

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WORSHIP TIMES

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www.bethelbaptistpreschool.com and
click on preschool.