

# THE OUTREACH

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Jimmy and Jean Jackson are two of our newer members of Bethel. Jimmy is a retired plumber and building inspector for Chesterfield County. Jean worked as an office manager and bookkeeper for an insurance agency in Goochland. They've been married 63 years and have one daughter. The Jackson's are very committed to our Lord, in fact, Jimmy has been on 17 mission trips and Jean has been on 16 trips all over the world. One very interesting part of their testimony is Jimmy was in hospice care for nearly three months and the Lord healed him. I don't believe I know anyone who has gone into hospice care only to be completely healed, but Jimmy is one such person. His entry into hospice care began on March 19, 2015 when he went for an outpatient procedure to remove a stone from his bile duct. When he returned home he had severe pains which ended up being pancreatitis. The condition got worse and he was admitted to ICU with septic shock. Jimmy says, "I was out of it. I have no memory of my time in ICU those first few days." In addition to the septic shock he had kidney failure, Atrial Fibrillation and was placed on a ventilator. He spent 10 days in ICU then transferred to progressive care for several weeks. Jean did her best to help manage his care and at one point she became very concerned that he wasn't progressing fast enough. She asked the doctor what could be done and the doctor told her, "Frankly Mrs. Jackson I didn't think he was going to make it out of ICU!" Eventually he improved enough to be sent to Sheltering Arms. While he was in rehabilitation he developed blood clots in his legs. Rehab was slow, but there was incremental progress and he was eventually sent to a long term care facility. He was there for two weeks and he started to decline rapidly. At one point Jimmy lost his voice and was so weak that he said, "I prayed to die and go home to Jesus. I'd wake up in the morning and I was actually disappointed to be alive. I hurt so bad." Since the Lord wasn't answering his prayers, he thought he'd help the Lord along by refusing to take his medication. He talked to a pastor about his decision and the pastor told him, "Jimmy, if the Lord wants you he'll call you. He doesn't need anyone to volunteer to die."



So Jimmy took his medication, but was still very weak. Jean said, "I didn't know where to turn. I relied on other people. I talked to my pastor at the time and he put me in touch with a hospice worker." He was evaluated for hospice care and was admitted to hospice care on May 22, 2015. Jimmy would receive this care from home. Once Jimmy got home he was so excited to be there that he actually began to feel better. He started eating and getting out of bed on his own. It took him several days to get strong enough to walk up the landing to his steps. He continued trying to walk up the stairs. After two weeks of hard work, he made it to the top of the stairs. He actually got strong enough to cut grass while he was in hospice! Jimmy did say that he was so weak it took him two hands to turn the steering wheel on the lawn mower. Finally, after nearly three months, the doctors realized that Jimmy was being healed and he was taken out of Hospice care in August.

I asked Jimmy and Jean to reflect on this time in their lives and how it impacted their faith. Jean said, "Jimmy's time in hospice increased my faith immensely. I trusted the Lord before, but now I'm more conscious of trusting the Lord. It used to be I didn't think about trusting the Lord, now I think about it more and I think about how God surrounds you with His love and care." Jimmy said, "The Lord has been good to me. During that time I relied on Psalm 23:4, 'Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.' I felt like I walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Thy rod and staff were people who comforted me and prayed for me and helped me in the work that needed to be done. I guess one thing I learned from being sick is that it has given me a great compassion for those who are sick. I do think about death more because I came so close to dying. This has certainly made me more grateful. The other thing is I guess the Lord has left me here for something." I asked him if he knew what that "something" was? Jimmy said, "No, not really, it's something I don't understand, but one thing I do know is that God still works miracles." I'd like to offer Jimmy an answer to his question. I believe the Lord left him here to do exactly what he's doing. Jimmy and Jean are declaring the praises of God and offering testimony to the goodness of God. They continue to serve God and share with others all that God has done for them. In fact, Jimmy is scheduled

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



### **"Blest Be the Tie that Binds English and American Baptists"**

Baptists have been singing the hymn "Blest Be the Tie" for quite some time. It is a well-beloved hymn that most good Baptists know, at least the first verse! It was written by Rev. John Fawcett, a Baptist minister in Hebden Bridge, England. The pastor's story is quite interesting and indicates his strong connections with his congregation and his ties to America.

John Fawcett was born in 1739, and, after hearing a sermon by the famous Great Awakening minister, George Whitfield, he experienced a conversion at age 16. Initially a Methodist, he was ordained as a Baptist minister three years later at Wainsgate Baptist Church in Old Town, Calderdale, England in 1765. This church sits high up above the village of Hebden Bridge (1) Photo source: <http://hebdenbridgeartsfestival.co.uk/event/rob-hopper-gather/>. Though this church is currently not in use as a place of worship, it offers space for cultural events. The church was renovated in 1859. Inside are beautiful stained-glass windows and mosaic-tiled flooring. A local trust foundation attends to its upkeep.

After seven years in serving Wainsgate, Rev. Fawcett was offered a higher paying position at a church in London. Initially, Fawcett accepted the appointment, preached his farewell sermon, and prepared to depart with all of his belongings packed into a cart. When he saw the outpouring of love and sadness from his congregation at his imminent departure, he changed his mind and decided to stay. It was from this occasion that he wrote, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" in 1772.

In 1777, having outgrown the church building, Rev. Fawcett, along with some Wainsgate members, moved to Ebenezer Baptist Church, down from the high hillside and into the center of the same town. This building could accommodate approximately 500 attendees. Currently, this building is in use as the Hebden Bridge Arts Centre (2).

Rev. Fawcett started one of the first Sunday Schools in England in 1786. He also opened a school to train Particular Baptist ministers at his residence. The Baptist Academy in Bristol invited him to become its President in 1793, but he declined this honor. Instead, Rev. Fawcett focused on his ministry and writing. He wrote over 100 hymns, many poems, and several theological essays. He acquired the D.D. degree from America in 1811 and passed away on July 25, 1817, having served his much beloved church for the entirety of his ministry. Rev. Fawcett is buried at

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the Wainsgate Church cemetery and a picture of him is on a wall inside of the church building [Source: John Julian, *Dictionary of Hymnology* (1907) Hymnary.org and <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk>].

I had the privilege of visiting the charming town of Hebden Bridge during my recent visit to West Yorkshire and I share photos below of Wainsgate Baptist Church, the building of the former Ebenezer Baptist Church (now the Hebden Bridge Arts Centre), and the Hope Baptist Church (built in 1858) which became the "new" home for the Ebenezer congregation.



(1) Wainsgate Baptist Church



(2) Ebenezer Baptist Church



Hope Baptist Church

The Hope Baptist Church experienced considerable growth during the latter half of the 1800's --- so much so that it needed to build onto the church and to install more seating to accommodate its increasing attendance. This church is still currently used for worship and for community gatherings.

In reviewing the connection between these churches, one consistent tie emerges: Rev. John Fawcett's strong love for his congregation which resulted in a legacy of the growth of Christianity in the Hebden Bridge community. May the words of his famous hymn continue to inspire us to love our sisters and brothers in Christ, and may our love for one another increase this year and become a legacy for future Christians.

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."



## **Baby Bottle Campaign Deadline June 6**

The annual Baby Bottle Campaign for the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield (PHCC) is underway. Please continue to collect your spare change to fill your bottles. Bring the filled bottles back to Bethel by June 6. Thank you so much for participating in this campaign.



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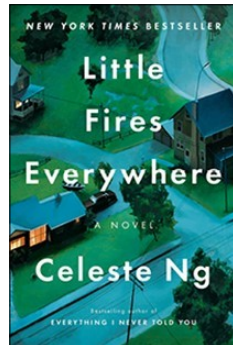
to give his testimony to the WMU on June 7th at 10 am at Bethel. You're invited to come and listen on the 7th. I know Jimmy's testimony will bless you. I offer you Jimmy and Jean's testimony hoping that we can be reminded of important life truths; truths that sometimes take a tragedy to reveal. Here's the truth: God is good. God can be trusted. God has a plan. Faith is central. Let's lean into these truths and live our lives as an offering to the Lord. Let's serve Him by serving others and practice the presence of God in all we do. May God continue to bless Jimmy and Jean Jackson and may God continue to bless our Bethel Church Family.

Todd

## Book Club News

The Book Club will meet after worship on June 13 to discuss *Miracles and Other Reasonable Things* by Sarah Bessey. Please bring a bagged lunch and drink to the meeting if you like.

The next book to be discussed will be *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."



If you would like a copy of the book, please contact Gayle Taylor at [revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com](mailto:revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com). The discussion for *Little Fires Everywhere* will take place on September 12 after the worship service. Please bring a bagged lunch and drink to the meeting.

## Happy Father's Day June 20, 2021

## Hoops! Come Join Us

We are taking every measure to ensure our students and volunteers stay safe so if you haven't been back to church yet, please consider joining us!



## Pastor's Message Posted on YouTube



The pastors message will be posted on YouTube. It will be available by searching YouTube using Bethel Baptist Church Midlothian Virginia, and the stream to YouTube will be available by 12 a.m. on Monday morning each week.

## Joint Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Historic Sanctuary

Join us each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the historic sanctuary, in person or on Zoom for our joint Sunday School class. Our teachers are Sherwood Dance, Gayle Rogers, David Grubbs, John Pulley, Howard Humphreys and James Willis. They will be rotating each week and they are teaching from the Formations Adult Bible Study. If you need a book, you may pick one up in the church office or there are some in the historic Sanctuary.

## Dominion Speedway Every Saturday in July

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. every Saturday (unless rained out). Dan just set a record in his division for the fastest time since the track opened. His division is not racing for the next 4 weeks, but come out in July and cheer him on.





# Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Baptist Church Friends and Family,

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers given in honor of my mom, Nancy Glazener. She would have loved them so. They were a beautiful symbol of the things she loved and also a celebration of her life well-lived and perfected as she is now with Jesus and worshipping in ways that she never could here on earth! Bethel has always been a special place for our family. Over the years it has welcomed my parents and their young family, taught them, prayed for and with them, provided support and encouragement, gave mom a place to share her gifts for music and teaching young children. You have all shown Jesus to them and to the community in supporting and walking through hard times. Thank you for loving Jesus and loving our family.

With Much love and appreciation, Sharon and Eric Butler and Dennis Glazener

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, calls, and especially the beautiful fruit basket you sent me. I really appreciate it very much. Looking forward to getting back to church.

Love, John Pulley

Dear Bethel Church family,

Thank you for all of your support, cards, calls and the wonderful basket of goodies, during Mike's illness. You have blessed us and we appreciate you so much.

Cindy, Mike, and Megan Luck

## Missions News by Frances Morris

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, June 7, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. Jimmy Jackson will be our guest speaker. He will be sharing about his mission trip to Honduras. Everyone is invited.

**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](http://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.



Just for Fun (by Gayle Taylor)

"Famous Fathers"

Can you fill in the answers to these questions about fathers?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Father of Invention.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Father of our Country.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Father of Science.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ played the father in the 1950 movie *Father of the Bride*.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ played the father in the 1991 movie *Father of the Bride*.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ was the father of King David.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ means "father of a great multitude."
8. \_\_\_\_\_ was to be named Zacharias, after the name of his father, until his mother intervened.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Father of Classical Music.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ is the Father of Modern Architecture.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



1. Thomas Alva Edison (his inventions include the phonograph, the incandescent light bulb, and the motion picture camera.)
2. George Washington
3. Galileo Galilei
4. Spencer Tracy
5. Steve Martin
6. Jesse
7. Abraham
8. John
9. Johann Sebastian Bach
10. Frank Lloyd Wright

ANSWERS

## Ministry & Missions Meeting

Our Ministry and Missions Celebration (Business Meeting) is June 2, at 7 p.m. We will meet in-person or you can join us online at [www.bethelchurchmidlothianva.org](http://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](mailto:bbc1817@verizon.net). We will be monitoring emails during the meeting. We hope you'll join us on June 2, as we celebrate what the Lord is doing at Bethel.



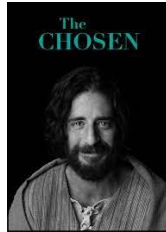
# Youth News Connect

by Lauren Moore



Do you know the number 1 crowdfunded tv series in history? Do you know the first-ever multi-season tv series based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ? Do you know what Christian tv show has a 99% audience rating on Rotten Tomatoes? Let me tell you! The answer is *The Chosen*.

*The Chosen* is a crowdfunded, multi-season series based on the life of Jesus and is a must-watch! Through crowdfunding, the show has raised \$23 million for seasons 1 and 2. Funds are currently being raised for season 3. Season 1 has been released and season 2 is airing now. There are long-term plans to film 7 seasons. The show has been so well received and beloved it's not surprising the creators are looking to film 7 seasons.



Here is what Bethel member Wendy McClellan has to say, "I loved Season 1! I hated for it to end. I'm working on season 2. The episodes cause me to fall in love with Jesus all over again, every time I watch them. The series is spearheaded by Dallas Jenkins (the son of Jerry Jenkins, best known for the Left Behind series) and bursts forth from the pages of the gospels. You are transported realistically back in time. Back to the time of Jesus and his merry band of followers and their Jewish traditions. We are treated to front row seating to the Lord's way of doing things, which is unlike the limited, narrow minded way of man. We are also given glimpses into the lives of other pivotal players in the gospels such as Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Peter, James, John, Matthew, and more. I'm afraid to share too much because I don't want to give anything away. I want you to treat yourself and enjoy the experience as well. Blessings!"

The show is based on the life of Jesus through the eyes of those that were closest to him, the disciples (aka The Chosen). As of August 2020, it has been viewed nearly 50 million times in 180 countries. It is currently being translated into 70 languages. If you take just a few minutes to research *The Chosen* you will see for yourself what the fuss is all about! If you find yourself looking for a new show, wanting to 'clean up' what you watch, or just have some extra time on your hands this summer you will not regret watching this show! I promise it's that good! You can view *The Chosen* multiple ways. The easiest way is to watch on YouTube, but you can also download The Chosen app to your phone and cast it to your TV. If you are interested in watching The Chosen and need help please contact Lauren Moore ([laurenelmoore@gmail.com](mailto:laurenelmoore@gmail.com), 804-337-1497) and she will happily assist you. Be warned, you may spend many hours binge-watching this show! I hope this show will be a blessing to you as it has been to many others.

Youth calendar next column

## June Youth Calendar:

2. Connect, 7 pm.
9. Service day at the Boy Scout Camp. Check email for details.
- 16: Connect/Rain date for service day at the Boy Scout camp
- 23: Connect, 7 pm.
- 30: Pool day at Bruce Moseley's. 11 am - 3 pm. Pick up/drop off at Bruce's or ride the van. More details to come.

## Upcoming dates to note:

- July 11-17: Impact Camp
- July 14: No Connect
- July 28: No Connect
- Aug 11: ½ day trip to Gleaning for the World in Concord, VA. Meet at church at 11:15 am. Lunch at church. Van will leave at 12 pm. More details to come.
- Aug 25: Back to school cookout at the McNeel's, 6-8 pm.

## 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.

## June Birthdays



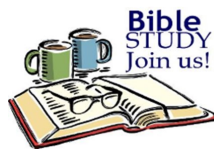
1	Dran Epps	17	Tyler Dickerson
2	Jennifer McLeod	18	Ardelle Florence
3	Joyce Cole	18	Jane Watkins
3	Debby Stagg	18	Tammy Gillespie
6	Betty Tooley	18	Pat Herndon
6	Stuart Turner	18	Gordon Henry
7	Magdalena Maine	19	Forrest Yeager
8	Bradley Roach	20	Jillian Ratliff
8	Michael Bell	20	Piper Roach
8	Dennis Glazener	20	B.B. Whitley
8	Deborah Mayberry	21	Tyler Barden
10	Todd Tooley	21	Faith Keaton
10	Russell Wright	23	Anne Cullen
11	Paige Rider	23	Dave Jeter
12	Nate Mead	25	Myrna Perkins
13	Eddie Stagg	25	Billy Redmond
14	Nancy Blankenship	26	Bob Hale
14	Mary Dance Berry	30	Julia Boykin
16	Bob Hansen		
17	Christine Bordwine		

## Sharing and Caring Monday Small Group



The "Sharing and Caring" group meets on the first Monday, of each month outside the People of Hope at 9 a.m. If the weather is bad, we will meet inside the People of Hope. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

## Wednesday Night Programs in June



June 2 — Ministry & Missions Mtg 7 p.m.  
 June 9 — Sacred Circle/Pals (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.  
 June 16 — Sacred Circle/Pals (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.  
 June 23 — Sacred Circle/Pals (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.  
 June 30 — Sacred Circle/Pals (Zoom) 6:30 p.m.

## Opportunities for:

Please note: Some of these ministries are on hold due to Covid

### 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 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.
- 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)

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

### Upcoming pantry schedule:

June 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
 June 25, 9 to 11 a.m.  
 July 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
 July 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

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



# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Boy Scouts—7 pm	2 Ministry & Missions Celeb— 7:00 pm Connect Youth—7 pm	3 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	4 Small Group—6 pm	5
6 Sunday School—9:30 am (Historic Sanctuary) Worship—10:30 am—POH	7 Sharing and Caring—9 am WML—10 am - Speaker Jimmy Jackson	8 Life Line Screening—8 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	9 Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle /Pals Zoom—6:30 pm Youth Service Day at Boy Scout Camp	10 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	11 Charlotte's Pantry—9 to 11 am	12
13 <b>Graduation Day</b> Sunday School—9:30 am (Historic Sanctuary) Worship—10:30 am—POH	14 Sharing and Caring—9 am	15 Boy Scouts—7 pm	16 Sacred Circle /Pals Zoom—6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm	17 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	18 Small Group—6 pm	19
20 <b>Father's Day</b> Sunday School—9:30 am (Historic Sanctuary) Worship—10:30 am—POH	21 Sharing and Caring—9 am	22 Boy Scouts—7 pm	23 Sacred Circle /Pals Zoom— 6:30 pm Connect Youth—7 pm	24 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	25 Charlotte's Pantry—9 to 11 am	26
27 Sunday School—9:30 am (Historic Sanctuary) Worship—10:30 am—POH	28 Sharing and Caring—9 am	29 Boy Scouts—7 pm	30 Youth Pool Day—11 am Sacred Circle /Pals Zoom—6:30 pm			

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## **WORSHIP TIMES**

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



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[www.bethelbaptistpreschool.com](http://www.bethelbaptistpreschool.com).

