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One of the things I believe is that God will put the right people, in the right place, at the right time to help us on our journey of faith. Michelle Simon also shares this belief. I met Michelle in the early 2000s as we both worked in the community banking industry. Michelle has spent most of her career in bank marketing. We were recently reunited when Michelle and her husband Dave and their son Jackson visited Bethel. The timing of her visit couldn't have been more perfect. Our website administrator is moving to Europe to do mission work so we needed someone else to manage our website. Little did I know that Michelle is co-owner in a marketing company that happens to design and develop websites and they are now managing our website. Again, God puts the right people, in the right place at the right time.

As Michelle and I talked about our website, I was blessed to learn about her journey of faith. Michelle is from Oak Hill, West Virginia and she had attended Oak Hill Baptist since she was born. The youth program at Oak Hill was very influential in her life. Her youth minister helped her learn how to connect to God and Michelle was also involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in High School. After graduating from high school, Michelle attended West Virginia University and, like many of us, Michelle said, "God took a back seat in my life while I was in college."



Michelle and Dave Simon and son Jackson

After college Michelle was living in Bluefield, West Virginia, but she felt a pull to move to Richmond. She had friends in the area and there were more job opportunities available in Richmond. Unfortunately, things didn't go very smoothly for her at first. She was in a job she didn't like, struggled to make ends meet, and perhaps the worst part, she felt alone. Her mom encouraged her to come back home and leave Richmond behind, but the pull was still

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there to stay. Michelle continued to struggle with these feelings until one day they overwhelmed her. Broken and in tears she cried out to the Lord. Michelle said, "I was sitting outside and I looked up at the sky and I saw the face of Christ. The clouds had formed the face of Christ and it was crystal clear. I was taken back. I stared at it for a least a couple of minutes. At the same time I was overcome by the Holy Spirit. I couldn't move. That incident left me with a sense of peace and I felt like it was all going to work out." Within a month of that experience Michelle landed a great job with a local bank. She also began attending First Baptist Church in Richmond and eventually joined the church and found a Sunday school class where she made some wonderful friends.

Perhaps the biggest challenge in her life was trying to become a mother. Michelle and her husband had a difficult time trying to have a baby. She went to several doctors without any results. Michelle said, "I was not giving up on God and I wasn't giving up on having a baby. We decided to go through various treatment options and after several years we were able to conceive."

I asked Michelle what she's learned about God through her journey of faith. She said, "I've learned about the importance of prayer. In all of these situations, I put as much time and energy into my prayer life as I did trying to find solutions to my problems. As I cried out to God, I've seen that He listened and He's answered my prayers, but believe me I was uncomfortable in the process. There was a point that I could have gone back home, but if I did then I wouldn't be where I am spiritually today. I would have been comfortable, but I wouldn't have grown." Michelle said there were plenty of times she felt like she's been "In the wilderness." Just as Jesus was tested in the wilderness she has also been tested and she has grown in her faith because of these tests.

One final thing about Michelle. In July of this year she, along with two other work colleagues, Joe Shearin and Julie Hill, started a company called The WOW Collaborative. WOW came from Joe Shearin who was a former president and CEO of a local community bank. He encouraged his employees to deliver the kind of customer service that would cause the customer to leave saying,

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"Wow! That was exceptional service." Michelle and Julie picked up on WOW service and they made it an acronym for "Women On their Way." Their company helps women entrepreneurs by doing educational seminars, mentoring and being a partner for women in business. They also provide marketing and branding services as well as website administration and social media management. This endeavor would not have been possible if Michelle hadn't connected with both Joe and Julie earlier in her career. "I'm thankful that God has put people like Joe and Julie in my path and for the fertility doctor that I worked with, finding him was like a miracle. God really has guided me through prayer and through other people."



Michelle and Dave Simon and son Jackson

God has now placed Michelle, Dave and Jackson in our path. Not only is Michelle our new website administrator, but Jackson also attends our preschool. I thank God that He's sent the Simon family to Bethel. As I think about Michelle's story, I want to offer you a word of encouragement. If you're "in the wilderness," lost or wondering how it's all going to work out, cry out to the Lord. Do as Michelle has done and spend as much time in prayer as you do other activities. Pay attention to the people God puts in your path and trust! Trust that God is leading and guiding even when you don't feel that is true. Trust and have faith in the Lord, for He is good and once his plans begin to unfold, I think you too will have a "WOW moment." Amen. May God bless the Simon family and our Bethel Church Family. Thanks be to God that we have a God that gives us WOW moments every day. Amen.

Todd



By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

October is here which means our preschool classes have settled into their routines and are learning so much and having a blast! The halls are being filled with student artwork and our teachers are always coming up with the most creative lessons. Seeing kids excited to get out of the car in the morning is the best feeling! And we have, once again, been blessed with the most incredible and supportive preschool families who help make our jobs so enjoyable.

This month will be filled with excitement. We will go on our annual field trip to Lloyd Family Farms in Rockville, VA for a morning of hayrides, farm animals, exploration, and pumpkin picking. We will also restart our STEAM After School Enrichment program, a preschool favorite! Our students will be able to stay at school until 2:00 on Thursdays and eat lunch with their friends and then do a STEAM experiment. This month we will be making exploding pumpkins and observing what happens to candy corn when it's placed into different liquids. It's always so fun to see our preschoolers turn into scientists and engineers.

As our preschool continues to grow, we are so thankful for the support of the church. We are appreciative for your patience and willingness to be flexible so that the preschool can bless as many families as possible. This little preschool is just so special, and we are going to have an incredible year!

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 6



On Sunday, NOVEMBER 6, 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.



The deadline for the November Outreach is October 10th. All articles, thank you notes, ministry information and other items should be emailed to the church or dropped off at the church office before October 10th. Thank you for your help on this.

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, October 3, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. All women are 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: To register your Kroger card for missions, go to www.Kroger.com and sign in. Then click on "Community" on the tab bar and click on "community Rewards." The church member number is **QW701**. You will still get your points toward gas.

Men's Fellowship Lunch October 6, at Noon

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on October 6, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan. If you have any questions, please call Dennis Glazener at 804-349-6087.



Ladies Fellowship Lunch October 27, at Noon

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will meet Thursday, October 27, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan. All women are invited. If you have any questions, or would like more information about the Ladies Lunch, please call Pat Reynolds at 804-379-4049.

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,
We thank everyone for the calls, cards and wonderful basket. All meant so much in Rob's recovery. We appreciate all the support we have from Bethel.

The Camdens

Dear Bethel Family,
Thank you for the lovely basket of fruit at the passing of our son Dale. All your prayers, cards and support were much appreciated and uplifting during this sad time.

God Bless You,
Bob and Margaret Gillis and family

Dear Bethel Family,
We would like to thank our church family for the glazing globe and the plaque and the card you gave us. We also want to send out a special thank you to the Care Team and especially Shirley Lewis.

Love,
Shirley Roberts and Barbara Phillips

Dear Bethel Church Family,
Steve and I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during and since my elbow surgery in September. I also want to thank you for the beautiful cards, phone calls, texts, and the delicious meals you provided. We appreciate everything so much. We are so blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Love,
Donna and Steve Lewis

Monday Small Group Sharing and Caring



The "Sharing and Caring" group meets every Monday at 9 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. For more information, please contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

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.

The Boxcast App



The Boxcast App is now available to view our complete church services on your Apple TV, Roku, or Smart TV. 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.

Pregnancy Help Center

If you would like to donate to the Pregnancy Help Center of Chesterfield (PHCC), their main needs right now are diapers (sizes 4, 5 and 6), wipes and clothing, (sizes 18 months—24 months). You can bring your items to church and leave them on the table near the food pantry.



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 now meets in the 2nd room on the left in the Education Building (it is marked Salt and Light)
- 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.

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=UW0rZ2F0OEpl4RUJNVHhK1pGRmIDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

Note from Our Parish Nurse



2022 Drive Thru Flu Vaccine Clinic

Get your yearly flu shot in the comfort of your car on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Bon Secours Westchester Emergency Center, 601 Watkins Centre Parkway, Midlothian, VA 23114. Hosted by Bon Secours Richmond Health System.

It is Flu season, don't forget to wash your hands and cover up those coughs and sneezes.

One of my favorite verses is: "Be still and know that I am God." Psalms 46:10 NIV

From Proverbs 31 Ministries:

Three ways to calm your heart today:

1. Take one minute to press "pause" on life. Stop what you're doing and take deep breaths for just 60 seconds.
2. Write down three things in life you are grateful for.
3. Walk outside and look at creation. Remember the sky is not falling, and we can trust God is still in control.

Happy Halloween.

Blessings, Cindy Luck, RN FCN

October Birthdays



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

Opportunities for:

Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir
- 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 (during worship)
- 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 Shirley Lewis)

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 Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.
- 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)
- Sharing & Caring Group meets every Monday at 9 a.m. in POH (See Bruce Bartlam)

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

October 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
October 28, 9 to 11 a.m.
November 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
November 19, 11 am to Noon
(Special Thanksgiving Distribution)



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

Wednesday Night Programs in October



October 5 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom
October 12 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom
October 19 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom
October 26 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom

Library News

Summer has come to an end. I want to know where it went. Our preschoolers are settling in. They have not come to the library as of yet, but when they do come, Ms. Cindy will talk to them about how to take care of their library books. Ms. Cindy loves to read to them and we love to see them. It is so exciting as the year progresses to watch them change and grow. We do have some new books that we are excited to share with them. Please remember that the library will be open on the second (2nd) Sunday of each month following the church service. All are welcome and invited to check us out and see what your Bethel Library is doing.



Barbara Bell,
Media Director

Bethel Care Team



It's fall and the colors of the leaves are so beautiful as they show off their many shades, however, they look much prettier on the trees than on the ground. Amen???

It's a glorious time of the year and we can enjoy the coolness in the air and all the activities that October brings. I miss a lot of this because we take this time of year to go to the beach for an extended vacation. It's usually still very warm and when we return on November 1, everything is a mess in our yard, leaves and acorns everywhere and we have to get to work mighty fast. Such is life in many ways, we take the good times for granted and put off thinking of the chores that are always awaiting us. It's called responsibility I suppose. God equips us to navigate thru life even as he planned the seasons, each in its own way makes for our wonderful world and perfect landscape. I am blessed to recharge during this time of our get away and get ready for the upcoming holidays as with the time zone we fall back and slow down in order to maintain our joy in serving, I am so blessed to have our team that works so hard in helping me keep connected with our homebound or facility bound or in their new homes. They are such devoted members who reach out in love to them. We hope we are continuing to be a blessing to others, please pray for our team.

Shirley Lewis, Team Lead

Operation Christmas Child October thru November 13



It's Shoebox time AGAIN!! Operation Christmas Child begins with You. From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country. Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the Gospel and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and in many places, they also offer The Greatest Gift, a Gospel story booklet Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients, and invite children to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program.

Bethel is collecting shoe boxes the month of October and into November. Empty boxes are available in the People of Hope Center and in the parlor. All shoeboxes will need to be returned to Bethel by Sunday, Nov. 13.

(Some information taken from www.samaritanspur.org)



COMING TO BETHEL ON OCTOBER 11.

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Bethel Baptist Church on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

An Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

An ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a serious medical emergency.

Atrial Fibrillation

A 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. Afib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.

Osteoporosis Risk

An ultrasound is performed to measure the shin bone for abnormal bone mass density. This can help assess the risk of osteoporosis, a disease where bones become weak and brittle.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for a low price and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://llsa.social/HSC>

Pick up a flyer on the round table in the People of Hope for more information.

October 2022

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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 28 from 6 to 8 pm. This year, like we did last 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. 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 Mary Florence by email at mrsflorence2013@gmail.com or by cell phone (804-647-5962).

