

# THE OUTREACH

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Jeffrey Brian Bonner. Thomas Francis Kenney IV. Dylan Jim Wilson. Joshua Bryant Baldwin. Who are these four people and why have I given you their full names? These four people are very near and dear to the hearts of Sharon and Tom Kenney. Sadly, all four are deceased. Jeffrey is Sharon's son by her first marriage. On April 14, 1989 Jeffrey took his own life. Ten years later on May 15, 1999, Tom & Sharon's son Tommy was killed by a drunk driver. On April 6, 2013, their grandson Dylan died of complications from Cystic Fibrosis. On October 10, 2019, their grandson Joshua died in a motorcycle accident. Four

tragic deaths. Can you imagine what it would be like to have to deal with those losses? When Sharon got the news that Joshua was killed, she said, "I became numb. I couldn't feel anymore. I screamed out to God, 'God you won! You broke me! Why have we lost 4 children?' At that moment I really felt forsaken by God. I felt like I had done something so bad that

I was being punished. I had lost faith at times, but at that moment, I felt like God was punishing me." Tom & Sharon unfortunately knew too well the pain of losing a child. They both leaned on each other as they kept asking God why?

There are certainly times in life where we can feel like God has forsaken us, forgotten us, or worse, is punishing us. What can we do when those awful feelings slap us in the face? First, we can admit how we feel. Just tell the truth. Both Jesus and the Psalms give us permission to bring all of our emotions before God. When Jesus was on the cross, he cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" These are the opening words from Psalm 22. The Psalms encourage us to be brutally honest with God. Sharon was able to get to a place where she could admit her feelings about



Sharon and Tom Kenney

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God to someone. That someone was her neighbor, Betty Siler, who just happened to be a gifted Christian counselor. Betty often went out of her way to call Sharon to check on her and encourage her to discuss her feelings. In their conversations Sharon learned that, "My feelings are my feelings. They aren't right or wrong. Betty never told me I was wrong to feel the way I felt. Other people were telling me things like, 'You shouldn't feel that way.' Betty never did that. She walked the walk and talked the talk. She always listened to me and really cared about me." Sharon's anxiety began to ease through her talks with Betty.

The other thing we can do when we feel like God has forsaken us is to hang on to the truth of Scripture. Deuteronomy 31:6 says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Then there is one word in Psalm 22 that I think is extremely important in understanding our relationship with God when we feel forsaken, it is the word "Yet." In the first two verses of Psalm 22 the Psalmist cries out to God and wants to know God's whereabouts and why doesn't God answer his plea for help? Then in verse 3 it says, "Yet, you are enthroned as the Holy One." The Psalmist cries and complains to God, but He will not let go of God. Even though Sharon felt forsaken, she never let go of God and God never let go of Sharon. God was present through His people. God sent Betty to minister to Sharon and, in a small way, I think God worked through a funeral I performed to help minister to Sharon & Tom.

In November of 2021 I was asked to do a funeral for a gentleman that committed suicide. Little did I know that Sharon and Tom were in attendance and that their son also committed suicide. This gentleman also worked with Tom for the last 25 years and had a close friendship. This was the first time I'd ever done a funeral for someone that took their own life. I reached out to my former seminary professor for advice. He told me to address the "elephant in the room." So I spoke about how this gentleman made one extremely poor decision to take his life, but he shouldn't be defined by that one decision, just as we would not want to be

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defined by any one poor choice that we made. I also offered that he was now in the hands of a graceful God and that God forgave him of that decision. As I understand Christ, I believe that when we give our lives to Christ, all of our sins, past, present and future, are paid for and forgiven by Christ. I don't recall all of what I said at the funeral, but the Lord spoke to Sharon & Tom that night and they both felt like they needed to visit Bethel. It had been a long time since they attended church.

Sharon said on her first visit to Bethel she looked at the cross hanging in the People of Hope Center and she felt peace wash over her. It was a deep peace that she hadn't felt for a long time. Sharon told me, "I now know that God did not forsake me. I know it's nothing I did to cause these tragedies. I know God is not evil." Amen. Indeed, God is love. God is good. God will NEVER leave us or forsake us, even though it might feel like it sometimes. When those times come along, as they surely will, remember that we have our Savior's permission to cry out to the Lord. Cry out, but remember that word "Yet." This awful, heartbreaking thing is happening, yet God is still enthroned and He is a God that is well acquainted with suffering. He suffered for us, and He suffers with us, and He is with us.

One final thought: In the opening lines of this article, I wrote out the full names of Sharon and Tom's sons and grandsons. Why? Sharon says, "I want people to know their full names because they matter. God put them here and they made a difference. They matter to God and they matter to me." So I say, thank you Lord for the gift of our lives. Thank you for Jeffrey Brian Bonner, Thomas Francis Kenney IV, Dylan Jim Wilson, and Joshua Bryant Baldwin. Thank you for people like Betty Siler who reminds us that You are present through listening ears and caring hearts. Thank you for Sharon and Tom Kenney and thank you for the people of Bethel who have opened up their hearts to welcome Tom and Sharon into our family of fellowship. Thank you, God, for this reminder that we matter to you and to each other. May God bless Tom and Sharon Kenney and may God bless each one of you.

*Todd*



By Heather Kerns  
Preschool Director

We are so excited for all the good that September will bring to our preschool; a fresh start, a new season, and a new and exciting school year. After working throughout the summer, our teachers are so ready to fill the minds and hearts of our young students with a year filled with fun, learning, and faith. The classrooms, hallways, and playground will be bustling this year as we welcome 40 students to our preschool! We are overjoyed to share our amazing little preschool with so many children and families.

We have made some classroom changes and added some new faces to our school and we are confident that our teacher teams will work together beautifully. Ms. Glenda Fisher will, once again, lead our PreK class. Ms. Kat Levermore has moved up with her class from last year and will be in our PreK class as the assistant teacher. Ms. Joanne Williams will be our lead teacher in one of our 3's classes and Ms. Nadine Cosgrove will be the assistant. We are thrilled to welcome Ms. Stephanie Zahringer, who will be our lead teacher in the second 3-year-old class, as well as her assistant, Ms. Heather Byrne. Ms. Nancy Dewire and Ms. Susan Brown will be teaming up again in our 2's class. Our littlest learners, the Parents Morning Out toddler class, will have me as their teacher. We are so, so blessed to have these intelligent, fun, godly women in our preschool. Our students are so lucky to start their learning journey with these teachers.

I want to, once again, give an open invitation to all church members to come and see how God is working in our preschool. Our students would love to have guest readers in their classes, learn more about the word of the Lord, or see any special talents you may have and be willing to share. This preschool is such a special place, and the children will brighten even the darkest of days.

Please keep the preschool in your prayers. Specifically, please pray that we have a healthy school year. Pray that we can serve each of the 40 children that have been placed with us this year. Pray for our amazing teachers- they work tirelessly and do such an incredible job. I am so proud to have the opportunity to work with them. And pray that our children come to know the love of the Lord through this school. As always, I am so thankful for your support and encouragement.

God bless,  
Heather Kerns  
Preschool Director

*A Note From Your Worship Pastor  
by Gayle Taylor*



### **"Grandparents and Legacies of Faith"**

Fun fact: Grandparents Day occurs on the first Sunday after Labor Day and was instituted in the U.S. in 1978. It's a day to honor our grandparents with loving gestures and tokens. This year, it falls on September 11. Many of us may not have our grandparents physically with us anymore, but we probably have cherished memories about them that live on. I know that I do.

My maternal grandmother, Eva, was a humble and quiet person. Raised in the country, she helped care for her younger siblings, learned to cook, canned vegetables, and sewed clothes. As a young mother, she made clothes for her two daughters, and, later, as a grandmother she made not only clothes for her four grandchildren but also beautiful quilts. She was a fantastic cook. Two of her specialties were caramel cake and homemade rolls.

I believe the most enduring legacy of Eva, however, was her faith. Her Bible rested on the end table in the living room, and it was a well-used Bible. Until a horrible bout of shingles across her eyes took place, Eva read her Bible every day. But she not only read the Scriptures, she lived them. She never spoke ill of anyone and she did quiet, behind-the-scenes acts of kindness. At her funeral, the relatively new pastor of the church who lived across the way from my grandparents said that one day Eva brought a basket of goodies to the house. He shared that "it should have been me to go visit them, but Eva walked over to welcome me and my family into the community." She never mentioned this loving gesture, but I'm sure there were many others like it. Also, I am sure that my grandmother prayed for her family. Her legacy of faith lives on today through her family. I hope that even just a little bit of her faith lives in me.

In a letter that the apostle Paul writes to Timothy, he reflects on the legacy of a grandmother's faith: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that first lived in your grandmother, Lois, your mother, Eunice, and now, I am sure, lives in you." (2 Timothy 1:5). What a beautiful compliment for Timothy to receive!

As I look toward the birth of my own granddaughter this month, I pray that this little one, who will be loved and spoiled by both sets of grandparents, will have a strong faith in God. I pray that she will have a legacy of faith left by all of her grandparents. I hope that you, too, have been blessed with the legacy of a grandparent's faith and that if you should be lucky enough to become a grandparent yourself, that you will remember the endurance not only of a grandparent's love, but of a grandparent's faith.



## **Many Thanks**

Dear Bethel Baptist Members,

I would like to thank the church and especially the Monday morning Caring/Sharing Bible Study group, for the prayers, food, phone calls and goodie basket I received during my recent heart attack. It is a great feeling to know such a large group of Christians were praying that God's hand would guide the doctors, nurses, and others that cared for me during my stay in the hospital. Things went extremely well, and I have resumed my normal activities with no restrictions.

Dennis Glazener

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

We want to thank you for all your prayers, calls, cards and support for our family during a tragic event in our family. The death of Cissy and Carrie was devastating to our family, it was such a blessing to have our church family praying for us. Please continue to pray and for Linwood and Patsy Pulley and all our family.

Love, John and Judy Pulley

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

We would like to thank each of you for the outpouring of love on our family during this very difficult time. The calls, texts, cards, emails, and meals touched our hearts and each one of them are incredibly appreciated. Thank you for loving us so well.

All our love,  
The Moores

## **Ladies Fellowship Lunch September 29, at Noon**

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will meet Thursday, September 29, 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 Shirley Lewis at 804-467-2885.



**You're Invited!**



## Missions News by Frances Morris

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on Monday, September 12, at 10 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. The date changed due to the Labor Day holiday. Mary Florence will be our speaker this month. 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](http://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.

## 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.

## Men's Fellowship Lunch September 1, at Noon

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on September 1, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886.



JUST FOR FUN by Gayle Taylor

### Fun Fall Facts

(See answers below)

1. How many apples does it take to create one gallon of apple cider?
2. What is Fall's full moon called?
3. If a leaf is very red, what does this indicate?
4. Where does the name "pumpkin" originate?
5. Each autumn, which insects migrate from the U.S. to Mexico and some parts of Southern California? (They fly at speeds ranging between 12 and 25 miles per hour).
6. Where do pumpkins grow in the world?
7. How many varieties of apples are there?
8. Why was the full moon important to farmers?
9. Pumpkin spice is actually the spice mix used for pumpkin pies made from these ingredients, plus 1 that is missing. Which spice is missing? *2 teaspoons ground ginger, 2 teaspoons ground nutmeg, 1 ½ teaspoon ground allspice, 1 ½ teaspoon ground cloves*



Source: <https://www.triviaquestionquiz.com/fall-trivia-questions-and-answers-for-adults-printable/>

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2. The Harvest Moon, because in late summer and early autumn many crops would ripen all at once.
3. The redder the leaf, the more sugar that leaf is storing. That is why maple trees are so vibrant.
4. The name "pumpkin" comes from the Greek word 'pepon,' which means 'large melon'
5. Monarch butterflies
6. Pumpkins are grown all over the world: six of seven continents (all except Antarctica), to be exact.
7. Over 8,000 varieties of apples
8. In late summer and early autumn, many crops would ripen all at once. This made farmers have to stay in the fields long after sundown to harvest them and the moonlight became essential to their harvest.
9. 3 tablespoons ground cinnamon.

ANSWERS

## 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.

## Small Group News

### New Koinonia Group in Sept.

Koinonia 7 begins a new 5-week study on Monday, Sept. 19. at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We will be studying the Book of James. The purpose of this group is to study the Word and to encourage one another in our faith journey. We really hope that all will experience a sense of true koinonia (fellowship) within the group.



A sign-up sheet is available in the People of Hope sanctuary on the round table. You can also contact Gayle at [revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com](mailto:revgayletaylor18@yahoo.com). You will receive a Zoom invitation a day before the first meeting.

No study books ... just your Bible!  
All are welcome!

Facilitators: Wendy McClellan  
Debbie Salyer  
Gayle Taylor



The deadline for the October Outreach is September 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 September 10th.

## 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.

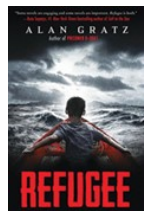
We will still offer zoom to those who can not be here. The zoom class will be from Robert Brooks class in the Providers classroom.

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461349993?pwd=UW0rZ2F0OEpl4RUJNVHhK1pGRmlDQT09>

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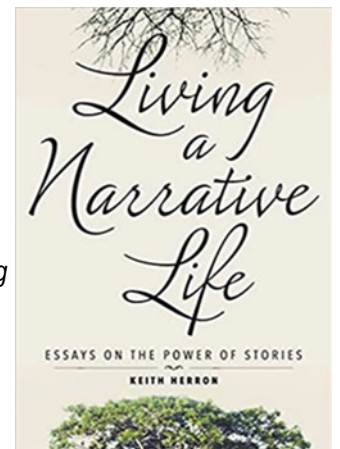
## Book Club News



The Book Club will discuss the novel, *Refugee* by Alan Gratz on Monday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Gayle Taylor's office.

The next book that we will discuss is titled *Living a Narrative Life: Essays on the Power of Stories* by Keith Herron. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of the book (no cost for the book).

Here is a review posted by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: "All of life is a story," author Keith Herron writes. Our stories are sources of self-understanding, and if we draw guidance from those stories, each has something valuable to offer. *Living a Narrative Life* is an exploration of our vault of stories assembled along the arc of life. As Herron explains, "This is the richness of life: to know your own stories, to value and understand them, and to share them with others. In doing so, we are all enriched." By making sense of our stories, by mining them for their shades of meaning, and by sharing them in community with others, we deepen our understanding not only of ourselves but also of our place in our families and world. Join us on December 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Gayle Taylor's office to discuss this intriguing book!



## September Birthdays



1	Noah Moseley	13	Amanda Brownson
1	Ian Weir	14	Charles Martin
2	Parker Mead	14	Ellen Moseley
2	Sarah Moschler	14	Linda Redmond
3	Burnette Elam	14	Karen Smith
3	Rodney Smith	15	Teresa Hudson Troncali
4	Jaydah Sanchez	16	Peggy Heath
5	Janet Goodman	16	Heath Humphreys
5	Melanie Hansen	16	John Stinson
5	Robert Tansey	16	Lisa Wilkerson
8	Joan Pearce	17	David Ellis
8	Michelle Stine	17	Elliemae Mead
9	Susan Brown	18	Tammie Butler
9	Mary Camden	19	Paul Kiiffner
9	Page Chauncey	20	Martha Vaughan
9	Benjamin Cody	21	Gayle Rogers
9	Bernard Curlee	22	Bill Carlson
11	Brian Hardy	22	Christina Brock
11	Rachel McClellan	23	Faye Brown
12	Jon Hansen	24	Gray Bradbury
12	Cathy Williamson	25	Gloria Jamerson
12	Greg McLeod	25	Mike Garland
12	Olivia Moss	28	Cheryl Grubbs

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

### Upcoming pantry schedule:

September 14, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

September 23, 9 to 11 a.m.

October 12, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

October 28, 9 to 11 a.m.



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

## Wednesday Night Programs in September



September 7 — Ministry and Missions Celebration—7 pm

September 14 — Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m. Zoom

September 21 — Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m. Zoom

September 28 — Sacred Circle—6:30 p.m. Zoom

## 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
- 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 Meetings 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)
- 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

## Ministry & Mission Celebration Sept. 7, 7 pm

## Sharing and Caring Monday Small Group



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.



# Bethel Care Team



Once again time flies and summer has officially ended and the children will be starting school and so the year begins again for so many of our children and youth. We wish them a good year of learning, a good year of friendships and a year of memories of special times and events that will happen this school year. Most of us are at the age where we look back on our years at school and remember a special teacher or two that made an impact on our lives, many of us attend regular lunches with old classmates and tell stories of times past. These are some of the joys of friendships old and new, for many times we reconnect with people we knew of, but were not involved with in school and so we make new friends even now. School is so different now that we can hardly imagine the degree of learning our young ones are expected to take in each day. They need our prayers for a peaceful and safe learning place. God bless them as they go about their new year.

Let me introduce our team members for this year, sending cards of sympathy, get well and birthdays is Madeline Talley, calling to check in on our folks is Faye Cohen and visiting is Shirley Lewis and our wonderful transportation person David Wilson. We try to keep in touch with our homebound and our facility bound Bethel members as much as possible. Please remember those in our church who are struggling with health issues and we are praising God for his healing of our young man Conner Smith. He was so very sick and is now doing so well. He is such a strong young man and we are so happy that all is going so well now. Make someone's day better today, make a phone call, share a story and say a prayer for someone.

*Do unto other's as you would have them to do unto you.*

Shirley Lewis/ Team leader

# 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.



# Note from Our Parish Nurse

September is National Preparedness Month. Remember to check your supplies and to include nonperishable foods, flash lights, batteries, and medications on the list.



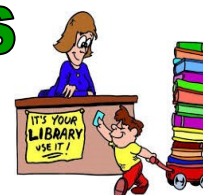
Just a historical fact: on April 1, 1979, FEMA was born! President Jimmy Carter signed an executive order establishing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

According to NationalToday.com, "There are four steps to emergency preparedness — Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery."

Lord, thank you for your protection and promises. Thank you for blessings of peace and strength over our lives. Lord, you never fail us and we are never alone.

Happy Fall,  
Cindy Luck

# Library News



Fall is fast approaching. Soon the Bethel library will be in full swing. You read this right, in my talks with a few newer members of the church this summer, they did not realize that there was a library. The Bethel library has been here as long as I can remember. It has always been a working library. The children have always played a big part. The Sunday schoolers checked out books, the adults checked out books. We are located in the education building. When that building was built so was a beautiful library and work room. Right now we serve the kids in our preschool from the start to the end of the school year. We have five voluntary people, wonderful, who come faithfully. Our staff is here on Wednesdays and Thursday mornings. We are open every second Sunday of the month directly following church service. It is our pleasure to serve in this ministry. God has truly blessed this library through the years. The staff wants it to be a blessing to all Bethel people, so come one, come all and check it out.

Barbara Bell, Media Director



# Lifemark the Movie In Theaters 9-9-22

David's comfortable world is turned upside down when his birth mother unexpectedly reaches out to him, longing to meet the 18-year-old son she's only held once. With the encouragement of his adoptive parents, David embarks on a journey of discovery that leads to a staggering truth from his past. From executive producers Kirk Cameron and the Kendrick Brothers—creators of WAR ROOM and FIREPROOF comes **LIFEMARK**, based on an incredible true story that celebrates adoption, reconciliation, and love.



## Hope for Appalachia WMU Winter Project

The WMU (Women's Missionary Union) is collecting new hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and blankets for children. These items will go toward the winter project for Hope for Appalachia and will be provided to the school Resource Officers where they minister, who, in turn, distribute them to children as needed. Items can be handmade! Please bring your items to the People of Hope and place them on the table marked Hope for Appalachia Winter Project. The deadline for all items to be returned is Sunday, October 2. If you have any questions, please ask any WMU member.



## Operation Christmas Child Coming in October



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 Sunday, Nov. 13. Boxes will be available for pickup soon. If you would rather not shop, you may build a box online, go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>.



### 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://lisa.social/HSC>

More information coming soon.



# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Lunch—Noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (Downstairs)	2 Circle of Truth—5 pm	3
4 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	5 <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b> NO Sharing & Caring	6 Boy Scouts—7 pm	7 Ministry & Mission Celebration—7 pm No Sacred Circle Youth Group—6:30 pm	8 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	9	10
11 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	12 Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am WMU—10 am	13 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	14 Charlotte's Partry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal —7:30 pm	15 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Sacred Circle—6 pm (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6 pm	16 Circle of Truth—5 pm	17
18 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	19 Sharing & Caring—9 am Koinonia Small Group—7 pm ESL—9am	20 Boy Scouts—7 pm	21 Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 Zoom	22 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	23 Charlotte's Partry—9–11 am	24
25 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	26 Sharing & Caring—9 am Koinonia Small Group—7 pm ESL—9 am	27 Boy Scouts—7 pm	28 Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:30 pm	29 Ladies Lunch—Noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm	30	

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## **WORSHIP TIMES**

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



Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers for helping to make Vacation Bible School a success, and many thanks to the 22 AMAZING kids that attended. Mary Florence, Youth Minister