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It was fall 2018 and Walt Ingram was in a dark place. "As dark as I've ever been," Walt said. From the outside looking in, things probably appeared sublime. Walt had an accomplished career working for a civil engineering firm where he'd worked for over 30 years. He said, "I was making a lot of money, running seven offices, five of them in Virginia and two in North Carolina." Despite the blessing of a secure, well-paying job, Walt said, "My job and the pace of life was ruining me personally, spiritually, and it was hurting my marriage." At the time Walt and his lovely wife Amy had been married for 28 years. Walt said, "The job was killing me so I decided to quit." Leaving a place he'd been for 30 years was a monumental decision, but Walt could no longer continue to live at a chaotic pace. It took him a number of weeks for him to decompress and come down from the adrenaline rush of being constantly on the go. For six months Walt didn't do anything. During that time he slowly began to draw closer to the Lord. He said, "I began to realize that I was selfish and I had gotten away from scripture and gotten away from church." As Walt drew closer to the Lord, the Lord drew closer to him. Walt said, "One afternoon I was driving and the Lord spoke to me through an impression. The Lord said to me, 'Keep going down this path and you're going to hell!' I pulled over in a parking lot at the University of Richmond and sat in my truck. What I heard was so real. I never had anything happen like that before. That was the first time I felt like God spoke to me. God spoke to me a second time in a dream. In my dream I was standing in a long line in what felt like an amusement park and my nephew was standing with



Amy and Walt Ingram

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me. Everyone seemed so excited. As I got ready to go on the ride everything went dark. It was a darkness I never felt before. I was in and out of sleep. I couldn't move. I yearned to hear Amy's voice, or my mom's voice, and the aloneness just escalated. It was a nightmare and I realized I was in a pit and I'd be there forever. It felt like hell. I actually had that same dream a second time."

The impression and those dreams were wake up calls. Walt got serious about reading scripture and praying, and he started attending Bethel. During this time someone reached out to Walt about doing some consulting work. Walt said, "During the meeting I excused myself and went to the bathroom and I had a feeling I needed to get on my knees and pray. I thought, 'This is crazy,' but I did it. It would have been a strange sight if someone walked into the restroom. They would have seen a grown man on his knees crying out to the Lord." That was the day Walt turned control of his life over to the Lord.

After praying that day, Walt began thinking about opening his own surveying business, but he hadn't yet mentioned the idea to Amy. Not only was God speaking to Walt, but He was speaking to Amy as well. One night Amy was given a dream where she saw Walt's grandfather, whose name was Thomas. He told Amy that Walt should start his own business and name it ThomaSurveying Walt's first name is also Thomas. Amy told Walt about her dream and Walt knew it was from the Lord. Walt took a step of faith and he and his brother went into business together to form ThomaSurveying. Fast forward four years. ThomaSurveying now employs nine people full time and several other people part time. In four years, their sales have quadrupled and all of their customers have come from word of mouth. They haven't spent a dime on advertising. Walt says people have marveled

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at how quickly the company has grown. Walt is quick to give credit to the Lord. He even does so publicly. Walt's license plate reads "2 Eph 13." Ephesians 2:13 says, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ." Amen.

Walt Ingram, who once was far away from the Lord and described himself as selfish, has been brought near to Christ. Think about Walt's struggle, it sure wasn't easy. Can you imagine dropping to your knees to pray in a public bathroom? When I think about Walt's story, I think about the story of Jacob wrestling with the Lord, or an angel of the Lord, from Genesis 22. One of the lessons of that story is that when we wrestle with the Lord we come away changed. That's Walt. He's been through a struggle, but the Lord has changed him. Walt desires for that change to continue because he has tasted the goodness of God and Walt knows firsthand just how much God loves him and desires to bless him and Amy. Walt says, "I never thought I'd be in a business where we're praying before decisions are made. All the employees know they are people of faith. We pray for wisdom and peace and for all we do to be within God's will. I'm just blessed man. Because of this business, the Lord now puts food on nine people's table and my marriage is better than it's ever been."

I want to encourage you through Walt's story. If you're struggling, don't let go of God. James 4:8 says, "Come near to God and he will come near to you." Walt knows the truth of that verse. More than anything, God wants you to come closer to Him. Keep walking toward God, keep seeking, keep praying, keep trusting and I truly believe God will change your life to give you hope and a future. May God bless Walt and Amy Ingram and may God bless you and our Bethel Church family.

Todd

Community Thanksgiving Service



You are cordially invited to the annual Community Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 20, at 6:00 p.m. Participating churches include New Life United Methodist Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mt.

Sinai Baptist Church, and Bethel Baptist Church. More information will be coming soon.



By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

October was such a busy and fun month at our preschool! We attended our fall field trip to Lloyd Family Farms where we rode tractors, played in a hay fort, went through corn mazes, hung out with farm animals, and picked pumpkins. Firefighters from Station 5 in Midlothian visited our preschool and gave a fire safety demonstration and our students got to explore the firetruck. We started our STEAM (After School Enrichment Program) and our little scientists got to make "exploding pumpkins" and observe candy corn as it was dropped into different liquids. We also began our Thursday library days with Ms. Cindy, which is always a favorite for our students and teachers. Mary Florence led chapel for us again this month, and we are so thankful for her time with us!

November promises to bring lots more fun and plenty of activities. We will focus on being thankful, kind, and grateful for all our blessings. We will have more STEAM programs, Friendsgiving in our classrooms, and chapel. We will also begin collecting items for the Powhatan Christmas Mother and talk about the importance of being a blessing to others. Our school will be closed on Tuesday, November 8th for Election Day and for the week of Thanksgiving (November 21st-November 25th).

As always, we thank you all for supporting our school and students. We continue to ask for prayers that our students and teachers remain healthy, prayers that our children come to know the love of the Lord, and prayers that we can continue doing what we love to do, teaching these amazing children!

Missions & Ministry Celebration December 7, 7 p.m.

The Quarterly Missions and Ministry Celebration will be held on December 7, at 7 PM. We will have the meeting in person in the POH Center and you can also participate via Zoom. We will begin the meeting with communion. If you're attending over Zoom please have your communion elements prepared. In terms of the meeting itself, the major item on the agenda is to approve the budget for 2023. The Zoom link will be sent out by email the week before the meeting.



The deadline for the December Outreach is November 10th. All information should be emailed to the church or dropped off at the church before November 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, November 7, 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 November 3, at Noon

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on November 3, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886.



Ladies Fellowship Lunch November 17, at noon

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will meet Thursday, November 17, at noon. The place will be announced at a later date. 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!

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.

Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that you sent for Dwight's memorial service. We are very grateful for all the work and love that provided the most delicious desserts and cakes along with the famous "Lees Chicken" and sides for the reception. Your love and support helped my family receive the blessing of honoring Dwight.

All Our Love, Peggy Keatts and Family

Dear Bethel Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the cards, phone calls, texts and especially the prayers during the past two months that you have prayed for my husband. The support you have given us has been amazing and we have felt every prayer. We are happy and so thankful for the good report and we praise the Lord for it. We pray blessings on each of you and blessings on Bethel Baptist Church.

Love, Charles and Linda Gardner

Hope for Appalachia

Many thanks to everyone who contributed items to Hope for Appalachia, the WMU Winter Project. Rev. Woody Moore came by and picked up the items and he was very excited with the amount of things that were collected. The items are going to Bell County Kentucky and will be provided to the school Resource Officers, who, in turn, distribute them to children as needed. Thank you so much for your generosity.



Pat Reynolds, Frances Morris and Rev. Moody

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.

Bethel Care Team



Welcome to November and to all the wonderful things that come about during this month. For most of us it's looking forward to that big day nearing the end of the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving with our families and our friends. We seem to take this holiday for granted, but in reality, we should put a lot of thought into all the things in life we have to be so thankful for. Everyday we thank God for our blessings, but do we really stop and think about the very simple things in life that we don't give a second thought about. The joys of eyesight, to see the wonders of our world and to fill the need in our everyday lives. The comfort of family in the good times and in the bad times, more and more we depend on each other for support as we go through life. Simple thank yous that we miss giving to others who are there for us and for specific needs that come along. Join me in stopping to really give thanks for our lives and our joys and being important in someone else's life. Our pastor Todd and the team of workers who make our services come together each Sunday are surely people we need to give thanks for. How blessed we are to be a part of such a loving and devoted congregation. Give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and worthy to be praised. Please enjoy your holiday season for thanksgiving.

Beginning at the end of this month we will have a special mailbox to hold Christmas Cards for our shut-ins. It's placed near the church mailbox and if you would put cards to those I will mention, I am sure they will be so appreciative. They will be visited in December and I would love to have them available to take to them. Please try to have them done by the 18th...doesn't give me much time to visit all of them so close to Christmas.

Barbara Burchett, Lee Elam, Myrna Perkins, Zeke Bookman, Peggy Heath, Conner Smith, Curtis Sayler, Marie Justis, Shirley Roberts and Barbara Phillips, and Dolly Smith.

I thank one and all for your help with this ministry. Please pray for each and everyone of these precious members of our church,

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

Audio Visual Help Needed

The AV Team is looking for people to join our team. This ministry is an important part of our worship service and our Live Stream. We also assist the church for weddings, funerals, and other special events. The only qualifications are that you should not be intimidated by buttons, switches, computers, or technology in general, you should have a decent working knowledge of Microsoft Windows 10, and you should have a decent ear for music. We will provide all training and you will not be responsible for operating the systems until you are comfortable. Once trained, you will generally only be put on the schedule once a month and you will have ample time to request time off. The AV Team is not only an important ministry of the church but it's also FUN. Please pray about this because we could REALLY use more help. If you would like to join the team or if you have any questions please contact Bruce Moseley at (804) 640-5081 or bruce@moseleyelectronics.com.



Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due November 13



If you haven't picked up a box yet, there is still time. Bethel is collecting shoe boxes through November 13. Just pick up an empty box and fill it with goodies and bring it back to Bethel. Leave it on the table marked "Shoebbox Ministry." Thanks so much.

Note from Our Parish Nurse



World kindness day is November 13th. See the link below for more info:

<https://nationaltoday.com/world-kindness-day/>

When we are kind and empathetic, it can increase our confidence, happiness, and positivity. When others witness or receive acts of kindness, it may encourage them to pass on an act of kindness to someone else.

- A few ideas to spread kindness.
- Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.
- Include moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.
- Go slightly outside of your comfort zone to make someone smile.
- Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in a while.
- Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger, or even yourself).

Kindness quotes:

- "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."
Unknown
- "Give away kindness like you've got a hole in your pocket."
Bob Goff
- "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
Aesop

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

May we all live a life of intention, good character, integrity, and kindness. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Cindy
RN FCN

Church Council Meeting November 7, 7 p.m.

November Birthdays



1 Brian Keaton	19 Lee Elam
2 Vera Caniglia	19 Jimmy Jackson
2 Tony Caniglia	19 Heather Kerns
4 Rose Mary Main	19 Delia Loving
5 Judy Pulley	19 David Morris
6 Roe Cole	20 Stanley Watkins
7 Brenda Peck	21 William Ferebee
9 Ryder Hansen	21 Patrick Weir
11 Diane Moseley	24 Benjamin Ellis
11 Curtis Salyer	26 Maddy Wight
11 T.D. Watkins III	26 Donna Lewis
12 Angela Pearce	26 Penny Woodford
12 Linda Gardner	27 Tina McNeel
13 Bonnie Surma	28 Charles Maine
13 Brad Chauncey	29 Brooke Moseley
13 Shawn Mayberry	29 Jeb Redmond
16 Blaine Walton	30 Doug Turner
18 Michele Ratliff	
18 Pat Reynolds	
18 Henry Loving	

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

November 9, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

November 19, 11 am to Noon

(Special Thanksgiving Distribution)

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

December 17, 11 am to Noon

(Special Christmas Distribution)

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



Wednesday Night Programs in November



November 2 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom

November 9 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom

November 16 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom

November 23— No Sacred Circle

November 30 — Sacred Circle/Dr. Spencer—6:30 p.m. Zoom

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)

Library News



Our preschoolers will have visited the library by the time you read this. I hope everyone was happy with their book selections. Of course, as Fall approaches their books will be about the falling leaves, pumpkins, Halloween and Thanksgiving. Hope you enjoy reading the books they brought home.

We are entering one of the great holiday seasons. During Thanksgiving we should be counting our blessings and thinking about the many things going on in the world today and remembering that God has this world in his hands. Enjoy this holiday with your family and friends and enjoy the Fall season God created.

"I'm thankful for Thanksgiving and the family time we share. When we hold hands and bow our heads, God's love is always there." Author: Bonnie Jensen

Barbara Bell, Media Director

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.

Christmas Poinsettias Forms due November 13

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out a form and drop it in the offering plate along with your payment or bring it to the church office before the deadline. Forms are available from the church office or on the round table in the People of Hope Center. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. **Checks should be made payable to Bethel Baptist Church.** These plants will be used to decorate the church during the Christmas season. Please take them home after the service on December 24, unless you need to take them sooner. Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Kagels at 804-514-3989.



Holiday Hours

Below are the church office closings for the upcoming holidays:

Thanksgiving—Office will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, November 23 and 24 (and Friday as usual).

Christmas—Office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 22 (and Friday as usual) and Monday, December 26.

New Year's Day—Office will be closed Thursday, December 29 (and Friday as usual).

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

The Boxcast App



The Boxcast App is 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 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 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 in the corner near the food pantry.



November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	2 Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm	3 Men's Lunch—Noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (Downstairs)	4 Circle of Truth—5 pm	5
6 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	7 Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	8 Boy Scouts—7 pm	9 Charlotte's Party—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom	10 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	11 Boy Scout Field Day/Camping—5:30 pm	12 Boy Scout Field Day/Recruiting Day—all day
13 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	14 Sharing & Caring—9 am	15 Boy Scouts—7 pm	16 Sacred Circle—6:30 pm Zoom Youth Group—6:30 pm	17 Ladies Lunch—Noon (place to be Announced) AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (Downstairs)	18 Circle of Truth 5 pm	19 Charlotte's Party—11 am to noon (Thanksgiving Distribution)
20 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Community Thanksgiving Service—6 pm	21 Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am	22 Boy Scouts—7 pm	23 Office Closed All Wednesday night activities cancelled for tonight	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25	26
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9:30 am Sunday School | 10:30 am Worship

Happy Thanksgiving

