

# THE OUTREACH

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If you've attended Bethel for any length of time you've likely heard the name Curtis Salyer. Curtis was responsible for bringing the Gideon Ministry to Bethel. The Gideons do a phenomenal job of placing Scripture in hotels, doctors' offices, schools and many other places. The number of people who have come to Christ through this ministry are too many to count. Recently though, you've heard Curtis' name in a much different context, as we have been praying for him and his wife, Debbie, each week. Curtis had a long, hard fought battle with cancer and that battle mercifully ended on March 9<sup>th</sup> when our Lord called Curtis to his heavenly home. It truly has been a sacred privilege to visit with Curtis on a number of occasions these last few months. A number of my visits coincided with some of Curtis' neighbors who were there to play Bluegrass music for Curtis. It was a blessing to watch Curtis enjoy his beloved Bluegrass and praise his Lord.



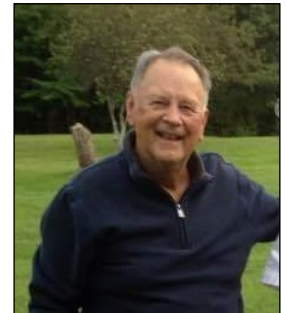
One of my last visits with Curtis was with my wife, Karen, and our visit was particularly memorable. Curtis began by telling us what a blessing it's been having so many church members come to visit with him. He said, "I've learned so much about so many of our church members and it made me regret that I didn't take the time to do this sooner. I've been at Bethel for ten years and I feel like I wasted eight of them by not getting to know people sooner. What we need to do is have a house party every month." I asked Curtis what he meant by "house party." He said, "Just a time to get together and eat a meal and get to know each other. We just need to keep it simple and love each other." I agreed with him that it would be wonderful to do and then I lamented that so many of us seem to be busy with so many things. Curtis said, "It doesn't have to be that way." There was a pause in the conversation as I felt the weight and truth of Curtis' wise words. He is right, it doesn't have to be that way and it probably shouldn't be that way. It seems like we're really good at spending our time on our next "thing." That "thing" may be important, good, worthwhile, maybe even Godly,

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but that "thing" may end up distracting us from the main thing. According to Jesus the main thing is the Great Commandment, loving God and loving our neighbor. It's hard to love our neighbor if we don't actually take time to sit down with them and learn about their hopes and dreams, what challenges they face and what brings them joy. Building loving relationships takes time, but as Curtis will attest, it's time well spent. Perhaps it's the best and highest use of our time. It most certainly will help us to fulfill the Greatest Commandment.

As we continue to pray to "Discover God's Vision Together," let's reflect on Curtis' recent discovery, "Keep it simple and just love each other." Perhaps our lives don't have to be so complicated. Maybe what we need most is to sit down with each other on a regular basis and get to know each other on a deeper level. Maybe "Curtis' House Party" vision is part of the vision that God is revealing to us.

In Curtis' most difficult days his thoughts were on the people of Bethel. Moreover, despite his physical pain he praised his Lord through words and song. This inspired me to consider what would it take for us to be known as a people of praise? Praise at all times for all things. Here's why I write these words. I asked Curtis what he's learned through his difficult journey with cancer and he said, "I've learned to praise God and thank God more. When I've had a good day, I thank God for that good day and when I've had a bad day, I praise God for that bad day because I know another good day is coming." That's faith! That's trusting in the goodness of the Lord.



For years we've had "The Bethel Prayer of Thanksgiving: Thank you Lord for the good times. Thank you, Lord, for the bad times. Thank you, Lord, for all times." I think we can add another prayer to our list. I'm calling it "The Bethel Prayer of Praise." It goes like this: "I thank you Lord for the good days and I praise You Lord for the bad days, because I know another good day is coming. Amen."

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As we go forward in faith; praying, hoping and seeking to “Discover God’s Vision Together,” let’s think about how we can be a church that is focused on really getting to know and loving one another. Let’s create opportunities for this to happen, be it through “Curtis’ House Parties,” small groups, or just inviting each other over for a meal. Curtis Salyer would tell you that time together is time well spent. I thank God for the gift of Curtis Salyer’s life, for his witness and wisdom. May God bless Debbie and the rest of the Salyer family and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church.



By Heather Kerns  
Preschool Director

Goodbye winter and welcome Spring!! We are eager to take on this busy and exciting month in our preschool! We will begin the month with Spring Break and our school will be closed from Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>-Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will return to school ready to go full steam ahead throughout the rest of the month.

Mary Florence will lead our preschool chapel lesson for all classes on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This will be a wonderful way to get back to school after Spring Break, and an incredible start to Easter week. I am sure our preschool students will learn so much about the true meaning of Easter during our chapel and classroom time. Our classes will have their Easter celebrations on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> that will include a school wide Easter Egg Hunt!

Our PreK class will be going on a big adventure in April. They will have the opportunity to ride on a school bus and tour Flat Rock Elementary School in Powhatan. They will meet the administration and kindergarten teachers, see the resource classes, cafeteria, playground, and talk to current students. Details are being finalized now with the county and we will share pertinent information with Ms. Glenda’s class as soon as we can. We will have two STEAM After School Enrichment Programs in the month of April. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, our students will make “puffy paint” and paint bunnies. We will have another art-based STEAM on April 27<sup>th</sup> where our STEAMERS will create a salt art Easter egg. Our STEAM days are always so fun and educational. We encourage all potty-trained Bethel students to stay with us until 2:00 and enjoy lunch with their friends and an awesome STEAM lesson.

We will also be holding an “in-house” field trip on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Serpentes Reptile Serpentarium will be visiting our preschool for a live, educational, hands-on demonstration with over a dozen reptiles. Our students are so excited for this experience!

Whew! I am exhausted just typing about all the April happenings at our preschool! It will certainly be a memorable month for our school. We are so grateful to get to have so many fun and memorable experiences together in our last couple months of preschool.

As a reminder, the preschool is currently accepting registrations for our 2023-2024 school year, and we still have a few spots available in our second PreK class, as well as our Parents Morning Out Class. Currently, our 2’s class and 3’s classes are full. So, if you know anyone who is looking for a preschool, please send them our way. We would love to have them!

Thank you again to all who help support the Preschool and myself. You are the reason we are the program we are today!

Heather Kerns  
Bethel Baptist Preschool Director



We will have a Maundy Thursday Service on April 6, at 7 p.m. in the People of Hope Center. We will have special music, and would love for you to join us for this special night of reflection.

# Saturday, April 8 Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends and come join us at 10 a.m. to 12 noon for our annual Easter egg hunt. There will be crafts, snacks, a petting Zoo and the Easter Bunny. And don’t forget the Easter Egg Hunt! Please remember to bring a basket or something to put your eggs in when you find them. Come on out on April 8th, you’ll have a great time.



# Easter Sunday Service April 9, 10:30 am

Join us for our Easter Sunday service on April 9 at 10:30 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. Plan to be blessed by the music and message as we celebrate our risen Lord.



**Missions News**  
**by Frances Morris**

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on **Monday, April 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](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.

**Men's Fellowship Lunch**  
**April 6, at Noon**



The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on Thursday, April 6, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886. All men are welcome.

**Ladies Fellowship Lunch**  
**April 27, at Noon**



You're Invited!

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will meet Thursday April 27, at noon at Four Seasons Restaurant in Midlothian. All women are invited. If you would like more information about the Ladies Lunch, or you plan to attend, please call Shirley Lewis at 804-467-2885 so she can call and reserve a place for you.

**Lilley Sickal Scholarship Fund**



The Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. Scholarships are awarded for post secondary education. If you have been accepted into a technical school program, an undergraduate or graduate college program you may be eligible. If you have any questions please contact Faye Cohen at 317-0352. Applications are available through e-mail by contacting Linda, in the church office or on the round table in the People of Hope Center. Please return your completed application to the church office or to Faye by May 14, 2023.

**Many Thanks**

Many thanks Bethel Church for all your prayers, cards, and visits during my recent hospitalization. The flowers you sent are beautiful and the meals were delicious. Your prayer support was an encouragement as we awaited test results.

God bless you all  
Margaret & Bob Gillis

Dear Bethel Baptist Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all the prayers, love, visits, and "Thinking of You" cards you sent to our Mama, Delores Ann "Mema" Renick, during her stay at The Crossings at Bon Air. She, especially, loved the personal pictures you included inside. It put the biggest smile on her face and generated "Back in the Day" conversations. Following Mama's passing, and at her "Celebration of Christian Life" we continued to benefit from your expressions of concern and sympathy by the music played and sung, poems read, memories relived, and the beautiful fragrant flowers. The vase of mixed flowers has lasted a long time. Mama would have loved them. As Mama would say "I Love You MORE". Thank you for your donations to the Fort Lee Baptist Church Benevolent Fund in memory of our Beautiful Mother, Delores Ann "Mema" Renick.

In Christian Love,  
Deborah & Eddie, Deane & Julie,  
and Duane & Kathryn

Dear Bethel church members and friends,

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, text messages, food and most importantly your prayers, during my recent hospital stay. The bountiful fruit basket the church sent was beautiful and a wonderful surprise! I am enjoying its contents every day. It's such a blessing to be among such caring people!

May God bless you all,  
Dennis Glazener

Dear Bethel Church Family,

Jim and I want to thank the church family for the phone calls and cards we received earlier this year. Jim's surgery was a great success. My Covid was wild and just as I cleaned up, then Jim got pneumonia. Please don't give up on us, we will be back. We will be moving on April 4th and if we are blessed with better health we will see you soon after.

Thank you again,  
Jim and Melba Brock

## 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.

## Monday Small Group Sharing and Caring

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



## Bethel Care Team



Hello Everyone. Oh my goodness it's April already, how can this be? April is always a beautiful month when the weather is finally warming up and the flowers are beginning to peak through the earth and the birds are singing and the world appears to wake up from it's long winter nap.

Let's stop and appreciate God's beautiful world, let's reach out to others and make plans for visits and bring some joy into other's lives. Easter celebrations will be bringing families together again since the Christmas holidays, having time for each other and the many friends in our lives is one of God's blessings to us. I am sure there will be church activities planned for our littles in our church and special services for worshiping our risen Lord. Be a blessing where you are planted, do unto other's, use your talent to bless others. Anything we do in service to the glory of God will be blessed in a mighty way.

Please enjoy this month of renewal, and send a card to a shut in or make a call and chat, we surely miss Barbara Hale who was so faithful in her calling ministry. Our verse this month is one we should always strive to present to other's.

*Colossians 3:14 But above all these things put on LOVE, which is the bond of perfection.*

May God bless us as we serve.  
Shirley Lewis/team lead

## 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 last 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. The zoom class will be from Robert Brooks class in the Providers classroom.

The zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461349993?pwd=UW0rZ2F0OEpl4RUJNVHhklpGRmIDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

## April Birthdays



2	Sarah Riley	16	Nancy Dewire
3	Sam Watson	17	Cole Rogers
3	Bob Worthy	20	Lisa Evans
3	Amy Belts	20	Mary Longnecker
3	Colby Robinson	20	Debby Patteson
3	Chase Robinson	21	James Heath, Jr.
5	Dylan Rogers	21	Aleta Jenkins
5	Eric Mead	22	Carter Cosgrove
6	Burt Chauncey	24	Jarvis Florence
6	Deborah Acree	25	Peyton Baker
7	Charles Stump	26	Mary Lynn Smith
8	Nancy Verne	27	Schuyler Doughtie
13	Beth Deyerle	30	Reagan Gilbert
14	Philip Dewire		
15	Bruce Moseley		

## Sacred Circle New Time

Sacred Circle meets each Wednesday night at 6:15 p.m. Please remember this is a new start time. **We are back to meeting in person in the People of Hope Center**, but you still have the option to join virtually via Zoom. We'd love for you to join us as we study the Word and learn together. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday nights. **(Please note we will not meet on April 5th since we are having a Maundy Thursday service on April 6, at 7 p.m.)**

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

### Upcoming pantry schedule:

April 12, 2023—5 to 6:30 p.m.  
 April 28, 2023—9 to 11 a.m.  
 May 10, 2023—5 to 6:30 p.m.  
 May 26, 2023—9 to 11 a.m.



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

## Wednesday Night Programs in April



April 5 — No Sacred Circle  
 April 12 — Sacred Circle/Todd Bradbury—6:15 p.m.  
 April 19 — Sacred Circle/Todd Bradbury—6:15 p.m.  
 April 26 — Sacred Circle/Todd Bradbury—6:15 p.m.

## 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
- 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)

## A Note from Our Library

Easter is almost here. Do you have your plans ready?



As I began writing, I started thinking of the many Easters I have been blessed to have. Thinking back, Easter was always a very special day. I would wear a new outfit which included a hat, gloves, shoes, hair and nails fixed and a corsage. Things sure have changed.

The library has its Easter books on display. The children are excited. They know the Easter bunny will be good to them. For us adults it's another time when we can enjoy getting together with our families and friends. I hope you can take time to pause and think about all Jesus has done for you and me.

Happy Easter.  
 Barbara Bell, Media Director

*Jesus said, "I'll tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom, of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."*  
 Matthew 18:2-5

## Note from Our Parish Nurse



Resurrection

The link below has simple instructions to make a resurrection garden.

<https://www.seedsfamilyworship.com/resurrection-garden/>

"...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

Jesus gives us a choice to come to Him and ask forgiveness.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.'"

John 11:25 NIV

Jesus came to give you a life full of forgiveness, grace, and freedom. What a beautiful gift, a fresh start and knowing that we never walk alone.

Father, shine Your light in us and over us. May we make a difference in the world for Your glory and purpose, in peace and healing.

Blessings and happy Easter.  
Cindy Luck RN FCN

## Mission Opportunity

August 10 – 13, 2023

Deep Roots Clairvaux Farm  
Earleville, MD



### Deep Roots Goal

End homelessness one family at a time

### What will we be doing?

Providing a Vacation Bible School Program with the Puppets

Assist with family meals and projects around the farm

### Where will we be staying?

On the farm in the Mission House

### Who can assist?

Anyone! Don't need to be a puppeteer! All ages welcome!

### For additional information or to sign up contact:

Andrea Hale [Andrehale1@verizon.net](mailto:Andrehale1@verizon.net)



## Coming to Bethel

Saturday, April 22nd at 6 p.m.

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Mark your calendars now and  
make plans to attend.

Tickets: \$10 at the door.

For more information  
call 804-350-1422

# April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Funeral Service for Curtis Salyer 11 am in POH
2 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	3 Preschool Spring Break Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs) WMTU—10 am	4 Preschool Spring Break Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	5 Preschool Spring Break NO SACRED CIRCLE NO YOUTH GROUP Choir Rehearsal—6:15	6 Preschool Spring Break Men's Fellowship Lunch—noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (downstairs) Maundy Thursday Service—7 pm	7 Preschool Spring Break	8 Easter Egg Hunt—11 am
9 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	10 Preschool Spring Break Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs)	11 Preschool Chapel—9:45am Boy Scouts—7 pm	12 Charlotte's Partry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:15 Zoom or in person Choir Rehearsal—7:15 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	13 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	14 Circle of Truth—5 pm	15 Judy Moschler's Service—Graveside Only at Debra at 10 am
16 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	17 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs)	18 Boy Scouts—7 pm	19 Sacred Circle—6:30 Zoom/ or in person Choir Rehearsal—7:15 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	20 Preschool—STEAM—12:30 pm AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (downstairs)	21	22 Concert: The sound—7 pm POH
23 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	24 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs) Deacon Meeting—6:30 pm	25 Boy Scouts—7 pm	26 Sacred Circle—6:15 Zoom/ or in person Choir Rehearsal—7:15 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	27 Preschool—STEAM—12:30 pm Ladies Fellowship Lunch—noon at Four Seasons AA Meeting—5:30 pm	28 Charlotte's Partry—9 to 11 am	29
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**9:30 am Sunday School | 10:30 am Worship**

**EASTER AT BETHEL**

**April 6th - 7 Pm**  
Maundy Thursday

**April 8th - 10AM - 12PM**  
Easter Egg Hunt

**April 9th - Easter Sunday - 10:30 AM**  
Resurrection Sunday Celebration with  
Easter Cantata

