

THE OUTREACH

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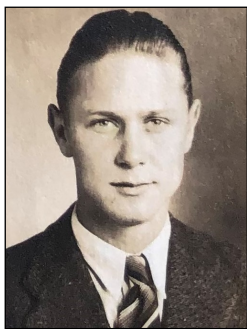
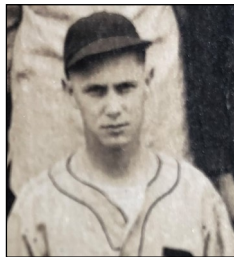
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My wife Karen was recently sent some pictures of her father when he was in high school. His name is Gray Younce. Unfortunately, Karen doesn't have many pictures of him from his younger years, so these photos were a delightful surprise. Karen said, "Having these pictures to look at was a wonderful experience for me. I don't have many pictures of my father as a young man because when he was small their house burned and they lost everything, including all family pictures. It is hard for me to imagine my father as a young man. He always seemed capable and experienced, knowing how to do everything. My father was a man who valued God, family and friendships. I always remember him



helping our neighbors by giving them vegetables or just helping in whatever way they needed. I remember one time a neighbor's lawn mower broke and they asked if they could borrow daddy's lawnmower. Rather than lend them the mower, he cut their grass. My father was a deacon at Graceland Baptist Church. He even helped rebuild the church after it burned down. My father was someone you could count on to help in any situation. He was fun loving, warm with an infectious laugh. He made everyone around him smile. My father truly was one of a kind! He is missed as much today as the day he died 25 years ago." I echo Karen's words. He is greatly missed and those pictures were a reminder to me of a life well lived.

As I looked at his youthful face in those high school pictures, I wondered what he might have been thinking at the time? He was young, handsome, and in great shape; the

world, as the saying goes, was his oyster. When those pictures were snapped in the early 1940s I doubt he was thinking that one day, decades into the future, that picture would bring joy to his future family, but that's exactly what happened. We looked at those images and remembered the man that he was and the joy he brought to his family.

As we approach Father's day, Gray Younce remains an inspiration to me of a Godly father. He was a hard working dairy farmer for many years. I suspect it's nigh impossible to be a farmer and not believe in the Lord. Gray's faith truly informed his life. He was selfless and cared deeply about others. Beyond being a helpful neighbor and faithful church member, he was a wonderful father to his children and an incredible father-in-law to me. When he passed away so many people told us how much Gray meant to them. I could see the impact of his life on his family, his church family and our community. His death caused me to evaluate my life and it ultimately led me to a closer walk with the Lord. Gray died in May 1998 and I was called into the ministry in May 1999. I believe one event led to the other, proving once again, all things work for the good of those who love the Lord. God brought something good from something tragic.

Those high school photos of Gray certainly took us down memory lane, but they also caused me to think about the future. Suppose years from now a family member receives a photo of you or me. As they look at your photo, what will they think? What would you like them to think? If we are faithful in seeking the Lord, listening to His voice and following His call on our lives I suspect that our photos will be a blessing to our families. I hope that when people look at our photos, they will be a memorial to a life lived to God. Gray Younce's photos are most certainly a memorial to a life that glorified our Lord. May God bless us as we seek to follow our Heavenly Father and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church. Amen

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Todd

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be held on **Monday, June 5, at 10 a.m.** in the People of Hope Center. All women are invited.

Bethel Preschooler Cards/Gifts: If you have signed up to send something 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 June 1, 2023

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on Thursday, June 1, 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 June 29, 2023

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will meet the LAST Thursday in the month which is June 29. They will meet 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.



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.



Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Baptist Church family,
Saying thank you doesn't seem like enough to show how much your caring and thoughtfulness have meant. I enjoyed Shirley's visit and the basket was great. Thank you for the time you put into it. Many thanks to everyone.

Love, Lee Elam

June Birthdays



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

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 (your name could be here)

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)

4 Ways to Give at Bethel

1. In Person: Drop your check in the offering plate as they pass it in 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.

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=UW0rZ2F0OEpl4RUJNVHhIK1pGRmlDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

Wednesday Night Programs in June



June 7 — Sacred Circle—6:00 p.m.

June 14 — Sacred Circle—6:00 p.m.

June 21 — Sacred Circle—6:00 p.m.

June 28 — Sacred Circle—6:00 p.m.

Note from Our Parish Nurse



June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month!

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that affects memory, thinking, and behavior. Symptoms eventually grow severe enough to interfere with daily tasks.

By incorporating brain exercises into your everyday life, you'll get to challenge your mind, sharpen your cognitive skills, and possibly learn something new along the way, too, staying active.

The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) is available around the clock, 365 days a year. This is a free service. The link below has free training sections about Alzheimer's. Lots of great information.
<https://training.alz.org>

Please visit the Faith Community Nurse desk in the nursery for additional information and Alzheimer's handouts.

If anyone has a wheelchair in good working condition that they are able to donate to Bethel, it would be greatly appreciated. We do have 2 rollator walkers and 2 plain walkers that can be borrowed anytime. Feel free use them if needed to attend a wedding, reunion, or if needed during church service.

A prayer for today:

Father, help me to use my opportunities and my time to help others who are in need. Lord, please bless all fathers and leaders and guide them to a deeper knowledge of You. Amen.

Happy Fathers Day,
Cindy Luck RN FCN

Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

Upcoming pantry schedule:

June 14, 2023 — 5 to 6:30 p.m.

June 23, 2023 — 9 to 11 a.m.

July 12, 2023 — 5 to 6:30 p.m.

July 28, 2023 — .9 to 11 a.m.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR CHARLOTTE'S PANTRY

If you have a strong back and can lift up to 50 lbs., we NEED YOU to help Charles Martin and Brenda Peck approximately once a month for a couple of hours. The duties would involve helping load and unload items that have been ordered for Charlotte's Pantry into a truck and unloading the truck at the Pantry. The date and time would vary depending on when the orders are placed and fulfilled by Aldi.

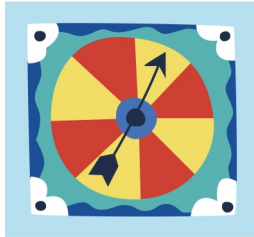
If you are available and interested, please contact Brenda Peck at 804 690-7036.

Thank you for considering this opportunity.

Vacation Bible School July 9 thru July 13

IT'S TIME TO LEVEL UP VBS!

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Twists & Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."



Join us from July 9 thru July 13 from 6 to 8 p.m., for fun-packed adventure. Bring your children, invite your friends and neighbors

and come out for lots of games, snacks and fun. If you would like to help with VBS, please call Mary Florence.

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME

Mission Opportunity

There's Still Time to Sign UP!

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



Ministry & Missions Celebration June 7, 7 p.m. in the People of Hope



Coming June 2

Friday, June 2 at 7 p.m.

1100 Huguenot Springs Road
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Mark your calendars now and
make plans to attend.

Love offering will be received

For more information
call 804-350-1422

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Fellowship Lunch—noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (downstairs)	2 Circle of Truth—5 pm POH Silver Family Concert—7 pm POH	3 Dennis Glazener Party—12:30 pm POH
4 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	5 Sharing & Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs) WMLU—10 am	6 Lifetime Seeing—8 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	7 Sacred Circle—6 pm Zoom/or in person Ministry & Missions Mtg—7 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	8 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	9	10
11 Graduation Sunday Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	12 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs) Robotics Camp—9-11 am	13 Robotics Camp—9-11 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	14 Robotics Camp—9-11 am Charlotte's Pantry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Zoom/or in person Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm	15 Robotics Camp—9-11 am AA Meeting—5:30 pm Girl Scouts—6 pm (downstairs)	16 Circle of Truth—5 pm	17
18 Father's Day Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	19 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs)	20 Boy Scouts—7 pm	21 Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Zoom/or in person Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm	22 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	23 Charlotte's Pantry—9 to 11 am Rehearsal & Dinner—4 pm AV Requested	24 Wedding 3 pm POH AV Requested
25 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	26 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (downstairs)	27 Boy Scouts—7 pm	28 Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Zoom/or in person Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7:00 pm	29 Ladies Lunch 12 Noon at Four Seasons AA Meeting—5:30 pm	30	

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

