

# THE OUTREACH

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Why? One of the most frequently asked questions that I receive as a pastor is, "Why?" "Why did God allow THIS to happen to me?" Usually, "THIS" refers to something upsetting or tragic, but occasionally someone will ask the "Why" question in reference to something miraculous. Randy Hill is one such person. Randy and Tricia Hill recently moved their church membership to us from Bethel Baptist Church in Yorktown, Va. They've lived their lives in the Hampton area and moved to Richmond four years ago to be closer to two of their three adult sons and their families. Randy enjoys golf and woodworking and Tricia enjoys painting, refinishing and repurposing old furniture and traveling. We are blessed to have them to be a part of our Bethel Church family and they come with quite a story.



Randy and Tricia Hill

Twelve years ago Randy survived a "widow-maker" heart attack. Randy wasn't feeling well and they decided to go to a Patient First type of facility, but on the way they quickly changed their plans based on how Randy felt. Randy said, "Tricia dropped me off at the Emergency Room door and a nurse took one look at me and immediately called for a 'Code Blue.'" Randy's face was ashen gray and within seconds there were literally twenty people surrounding him trying to help him. When Tricia came into the emergency room she was met by a doctor who told her to call her sons and tell them to come to the hospital as soon as possible. The situation was grave. Doctors were able to quickly put a stent into place and Randy's life was saved, but the heart attack caused significant damage to the bottom of Randy's heart. He said, "The bottom of my heart was literally dead and over time my heart managed to grow new veins to help supply blood to my body." During this time the doctors also installed a defibrillator to help ward off future heart attacks. Fast forward six years. Randy is running through the airport when his defibrillator kicks in and saves him from another heart attack. When he went to the doctor to have it replaced the doctor exclaimed how fortunate he was because the defibrillator battery had drained down to 1%!

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The doctor was surprised it worked with only 1% battery. Another miracle! Randy's life was spared a second time. Fast forward another six years to January of this year. Randy started thinking, "It's been six years since my last heart episode and six years prior to that is when I had my heart attack, maybe I should go for my heart check sooner, rather than later." He was scheduled to go in May. Within a few days of that feeling, the cardiologist office called and said that they would like Randy to come in before the end of January. When the doctor examined Randy he told him everything was great. Randy said "I didn't think that was a good answer and I felt the need to push for a heart catheterization." During the catheterization the doctors determined he needed heart surgery as the blockages were in the same location as previous stents. Randy said that feeling of needing to push for the catheterization and the cardiologist calling sooner than expected was a direction from the Holy Spirit.

During the surgery, not only were the blockages bypassed, but the surgeon discovered that the dead part of his heart had begun to calcify and attach itself to the walls of the heart sack. This new discovery led doctors to tell Randy that he would have been dead within six months had he not had the surgery. Blessedly the surgery went well and the doctor was able to remove all of the calcification. That's miracle number three if you're counting!

When Randy shared his story with me he said, "I keep asking the Lord, 'Why?' Why did the Lord save me on three separate occasions? I feel like the Lord wants me to do something, but He hasn't revealed what that something is." Over the years people have asked me similar questions. I remember long time Bethel member Ed Boyer once said to me, "In spite of all my health problems, God has chosen to leave me here for some reason. I wish I knew why." There it is again, that age old "Why" question. I've thought about that question with regards to Ed and Randy and others like them who genuinely desire to know and follow God's will. While I cannot answer their "Why" questions I do have a couple of thoughts and my thoughts come from John 9.

In John 9, Jesus and his disciples encounter a man who has been blind since birth. The disciples want to know, "Who sinned to cause this blindness? Was it the man or his parents?" In that culture, it was

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believed that if you suffered from a disease then sin was the root cause. So the disciples wanted to know who sinned. In other words, "Why did this happen?" (As a side note, stop and think about the ridiculousness of their question. The man was blind from birth. The blind man would have had to sin in utero in order for his sin to cause his blindness! Crazy). If you read the text, you'll notice Jesus doesn't answer the disciples "Why" question. Instead Jesus says in John 9:3, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." Notice that Jesus points His disciples past the "Why" question and insists that this situation will ultimately bring glory to God. Jesus then goes on to heal the man of his blindness.

What I take away from this beautiful Scripture is this: While it's certainly fine to ask the "Why" question, perhaps we should also ask the "How" question. How can I bring glory and honor to God from this situation? For that question, Randy already has part of an answer. Before his first heart attack Randy coached wrestling and football teams. Some of the young men on those teams did not have a father figure in their life and many of them did not have any knowledge of the Lord as they never attended church. Sharing God's love and plan for those young men was an experience that helped both Randy and Tricia as much as it helped those young men. Those boys are now men and several of them have reached out to Randy to thank him for his Godly guidance all those years ago. Randy has used his miraculous healings to bring honor and glory to God. My guess as to why God saved Randy's life is so that Randy and Tricia will tell their story and bring God the glory and honor so that other's might come to know the Christ that we know and love. I want to encourage us, the next time we want to know "Why," go ahead and ask the question, but let's also ask a second question as well, "How?" "How can God be glorified through my situation?" One way God is gloried is when we tell our stories of faith. I want to thank Randy and Tricia for telling their story. There is actually much, much more to their story that space does not permit me to tell. The next time you see them, ask them, they'll be glad to tell you what the Lord has done for them. As we live into our Vision of Knowing, Growing and Going in the Love of Christ, may we all be willing to tell others what the Lord has done for us. May God bless Randy and Tricia Hill and may God bless you and our Bethel Church family.

Todd

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

### Upcoming pantry schedule:

April 10, 2024 — 5 to 6:30 p.m.

April 26, 2024 — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



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 Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>-Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>. We will look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will return to school ready to go full steam ahead throughout the rest of the month.

Thank you, THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Bethel Preschool Museum of Fine Art Exhibition and fundraiser. We are thrilled with how successful the event was and are so excited to put those funds to good use on our preschool playground and in our classrooms. A special thanks to all the teachers who have worked hard throughout the year to curate the perfect art pieces for each child, and to Kat Levermore who took on the logistics of the show and mounted each piece of artwork, and we are especially grateful to Andrea Mead for organizing the art vendors part of the show and being a wonderful liaison for the preschool and church. We are beyond grateful to everyone who supported the show in any way. Highlighting our wonderful students' work AND raising money for our preschool is just the best feeling!

Our preschoolers will have spring pictures taken on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Mary Florence will lead chapel for our students on April 16<sup>th</sup>, and we will also be visiting the Metro Richmond Zoo on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our students are so excited for these experiences!

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.

Looking ahead to May, we will host our annual Mother's Day tea on May 9<sup>th</sup>, our Father's Day event on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and our end of year celebration and PreK graduation on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. May 23<sup>rd</sup> will also be the last day of school.

As a reminder, the preschool is currently accepting registrations for our 2024-2025 school year, and we still have a few spots available in our 3's classes, PreK classes, as well as our Parents Morning Out Class. Currently, our 2's class is 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

## Missions News by Frances Morris

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be **Monday April 1, at 10 a.m.** in the People of Hope. 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](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 4, 2024

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on Thursday, April 4, 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 25, 2024

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be the LAST Thursday in the month which is April 25. It will be at noon at the 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 a.m. in the People of Hope Center. For more information, contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

## Wednesday Night Programs in April



April 3 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.  
April 10 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.  
April 17 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.  
April 24 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.

## Note from Our Parish Nurse



World Autism Awareness Day is April 2nd. Below are two links that provide information and facts about Autism:

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) CDC

(<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/index.html>)

The Autism Society of Virginia link to enhance our knowledge about Autism

(<https://ascv.org>)

The resource center has many interesting links about Autism from childhood, adult, financial, legal, and faith-based opportunities.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

I pray that Springtime brings with it new beginnings of hope, faith, and love. Spring is a peaceful time with warmer weather, longer daylight hours, sounds of the birds chirping, and flowers blooming. I pray we all have a wonderful April. Stay healthy.

Cindy Luck RN FCN

## 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 Cindy Wight)
- Care Team Ministry, Jane Ruehrwein

### 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)



# The Boxcast App



The AV Team has a way to view our complete church services on your Apple TV, Roku, or Smart TV, using the Boxcast app. 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.

Simply 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.

## 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.



# Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,  
Thanks to all for your thoughts, prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital. A special thank you for the beautiful hydrangea. I look forward to planting it in our yard.

God Bless You All, Jimmy Bradley

Dear Bethel Family,  
Thank you for the beautiful hydrangea plant I received after my hospital stay. I'm happy to say I'm fully recovered. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. We are blessed to be part of such a loving family.

Sil and Pat DeNunzio

Dear Friends at Bethel Baptist Church,  
Your prayers, thoughtfulness and love made a difference not only in the outcome of the surgery but in my recovery. Thank you for checking with Tricia and truly demonstrating Christ's love.

Love, Randy and Tricia Hill

Dear Bethel Family,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful hydrangea sent to us last week. It is beautiful and we will plant it in our yard in memory of my sister, Pat Simmons.

Many Thanks, Betty Hicks and family

## 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 right 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=UW0rZ2F0OEpl4RUJNVHhK1pGRmlDQT09> Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

# Bethel Care Team



Hello everyone,

Isn't there a saying that April showers brings May flowers? Well I am sure there have been enough showers that we should all be looking forward to the May flowers. I hope this finds everyone in a spring mood and looking forward to all the beautiful weather coming our way. It's the most beautiful time of year in my opinion.

This past few months have seen our Team working and serving our people in a fresh new way. We have had another Bethel member step up and become a treasured person in our visiting world. Jane Ruehrwein has reached out to many of our friends to become a welcomed member of our team. We thank her so much for her interest in our Care Team. We have visited with our ladies Barbara, Betty and Margaret and took them their Valentine gifts and had a nice visit, we visited with Lee Elam in Blackstone for a great reunion with her as we have not seen her for a good bit. We visit often with Peggy and her sister Linda and we shared many times with Myrna and Joyce and Bill and Marie and Barbara and Shirley. Often visits become a natural way of bringing friendship into our lives with each and everyone of these. It's not a "thing" it's natural to want to visit a friend. They always love to hear of the activities of the church and welcome the visit and the treats that often come with the visit. Jane has been a wonderful person and welcomed by all of them she has visited.

So the committee stays busy, Bethel is blessed with many who help so many others and often go without appreciation. Our deacons, work so hard with their families and others and many depend on them, David Wilson works his schedule around many he helps all the time. Our love for our members is one of the wonderful blessings of being a member of Bethel. We share a community of love within our membership.

Have a wonderful spring.

"Add to your brotherliness....love" 2 Peter 1:7

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead



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 **Thursday, June 20, 2024**, in the People of Hope Center. 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 only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. Flyers are on the round table in the People of Hope Center. Register by calling toll free 1-877-754-9648, or online at <https://LLSA.SOCIAL/HS>

## April Birthdays



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

## Fun Facts About April

- ◆ The arrival of the Cuckoo bird signifies that Spring is here. The Cuckoo bird will sing from approximately April 14th to April 24th each year.
- ◆ The First Sunday in April was often times called daffodil Sunday, since in Victorian times people would pick daffodils from their gardens and take them to people in the hospitals.
- ◆ April 7th is National NO Housework Day (that's my kind of day)
- ◆ April 20th, is National Husband Appreciation Day.
- ◆ On April 11, 1970, Apollo 13 was launched and ran into difficulties about 2 days later, it was then that the famous line "Houston **we've had a** problem here," came to be, but today it is usually misquoted as "Houston we have a problem." (for these facts and more [www.thefactsite.com](http://www.thefactsite.com))



HAPPY SPRING!!

**IN CONCERT**

**PROMISEDLAND  
QUARTET**



**DATE:** Friday, April 19, 2024

**TIME:** 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Bethel Baptist Church  
1100 Huguenot Springs Rd  
Midlothian, VA 23113  
Information: (804) 305-3185

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# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p><b>1</b> Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) MMU—10 am POH Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (Downstairs)</p>	<p><b>2</b> Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b> Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>Men's Fellowship Lunch—noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> Preschool Spring Break</p> <p>Circle of Truth—5 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Communion Sunday</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (Downstairs)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Charlotte's Partry—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Movie Night—7 pm POH <i>On a Wing and a Prayer</i></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Promised Land Quarter—7 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH New and Prospective New Member Luncheon (Following service)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Ladies Fellowship Lunch—Noon at the Four Seasons AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Charlotte's Partry—9 to 11 am</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>				



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