

# THE OUTREACH

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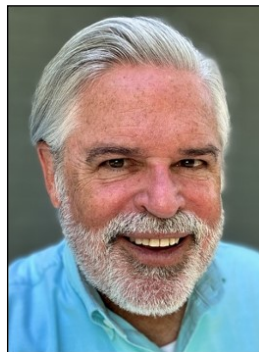
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March will be a BUSY month at Bethel. I've got several highlights that I'd like to share with you. First, on Sunday March 3, we're going to update the congregation on our Vision process during the worship service. We'll share with the congregation the next steps in how we are planning to live into our vision of "Knowing, Growing and Going in the Love of Christ." We've been working hard on these next steps and we're excited to share.

Then please mark your calendars for Monday, March 4, at 7 pm. Matt Thornhill will visit Bethel and he'll share with us a very compelling idea: The Future of Your Church is Already in Your Pews. I heard Matt deliver this presentation at a meeting of the Middle District Baptist Association and his presentation was highly educational, compelling and very practical as he offered several unique suggestions for church growth.

Who is Matt Thornhill and how is he qualified to speak about church growth? Matt is a marketing professional and some 20 years ago he realized the future of companies, churches and other nonprofits depended on understanding older consumers, starting with "Boomers." Matt has done groundbreaking research on the Boomer market and has written about his insights in his book, "Boomer Consumer." Matt has consulted with leaders from Walmart, Google, Verizon, P&G, Lowes, Samsung, Wells Fargo and Lincoln Financial. He's given over 1,000 speeches on the topic of older consumers.



Matt Thornhill

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The demographic reality facing most churches is an aging membership. Many lament that they are not attracting young people to church and they believe their future looks bleak. On March 4, I believe Matt will open our eyes to the idea that this demographic reality may, in fact, create opportunities for us! He'll explain easy-to-implement strategies and tactics to reach the unchurched of every age in our community, tapping into the resources we already have at Bethel: Boomers! I hope you'll make every effort to attend this fun and educational presentation as we continue to think and dream about the future of Bethel.

Saturday, March 23, we're hosting a community Easter Egg Hunt, complete with face painting, games and a petting zoo! The fun starts at 10 am and continues till noon. Please invite your friends and neighbors with children. This is always a fun event!

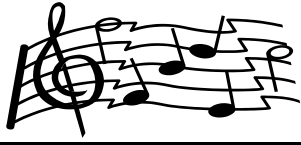
Sunday March 24, is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. On Thursday, March 28 we will have a very special Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm. This service is always a very solemn service as we contemplate the sacrifice that Christ made for us. To reflect the harsh reality of His loving sacrifice, we always exit the service in darkness and silence.

Finally, Sunday March 31 is Easter Sunday! We've got a very special Easter service planned, beginning with breakfast at 8:45 am., prepared by our Men's Brotherhood. Our Easter service will have plenty of great music and I'm looking forward to sharing the great news of our Lord's resurrection! Easter Sunday is certainly a great way to end a very busy March. I look forward to connecting with you at all of these wonderful events.

May God bless you and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church!

*Todd*

*A Note From Your  
Music Director  
by Stephanie Blanton*



Jesus, Man of Miracles...

For the past several Sundays, Pastor Todd has preached on the miracles Jesus performed. As the choir sang a few Sundays ago, from “walking on water as if were land, casting out demons with fervent commands, turning the wedding water to wine, offering hope of a heavenly kind” Jesus created quite a stir with these miraculous wonders. In Mark 5, a woman was miraculously healed simply by touching the hem of Jesus’s garment as he walked past her. She had such faith in Jesus’s healing power that she knew a simple touch of His garment would cure her.

While Jesus does not physically walk the streets of Powhatan or Midlothian or other earthly places healing the sick and calming storms, God the Father “is still in the business of performing miracles.”

His miracles are all around us, we only have to open our hearts and minds to see them. Miracles like successful surgeries, good news from medical tests, healing of diseases; roofs over our heads, food on our tables, and clothes on our backs – for some, these are miracles; the birth of a baby, the sun rising over the trees in the morning and setting the sky a blaze orange as it sets in the evening, the rebirth of nature as spring arrives and the earth awakens.

God may not always provide us with the miracle for which we pray. We may not get that job or promotion; we may not get the positive tests results; a treatment may not work; a loved one may die; a marriage may fail; a relationship may fall apart.

But there is one miracle we will all receive because of the greatest miracle of all – eternal life with Jesus Christ.

May we allow God to perform miracles of comfort and strength during difficult times when it is not our will but His, and may we always keep our eyes on the prize: Eternal Life with Jesus Christ!

## Ministry & Missions Celebration



The Ministry and Missions Celebration (aka business meeting) is Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the People of Hope Center. Please join us in person, or on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent out by email before the meeting. We will have communion so please remember to have your communion ready if you are joining us on Zoom.

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By Heather Kerns  
Preschool Director

We are so ready for March, Spring, and warmer weather to come our way! Spring promises new beginnings, and we cannot wait to see what the next few months bring. It is incredibly hard to believe that we only have a few more months with our amazing students and families. We have had such a great year together and we will certainly cherish the rest of our time together.

We hope to see many of you at the Bethel Museum of Fine Art Preschool Art Exhibition on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30! Our preschoolers are so excited to have this special time to showcase their creative masterpieces for their friends, family, and church members.

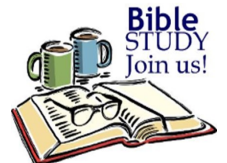
As you know, open enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year began last month. We have been overwhelmed, in the best possible way, by the response we have had. All our preschool classes are almost completely full! We are beyond grateful to our wonderful families for recommending our little school to people in the community, as well as all of those who will be returning to Bethel again next year, for allowing us to continue doing what we love to do! We cannot wait to share all the exciting things that are happening with our preschool in the future, thanks to all your support and love.

Looking ahead to the month of April, our preschool will be closed for Spring Break from April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, and we will have our schoolwide field trip to the Richmond Metro Zoo on April 24<sup>th</sup>!

I cannot adequately describe what an incredible year we have had in our preschool. The love and support of the church and our preschool families has been more than I could have ever dreamed. As always, I am so appreciative to all of you for helping make our program so successful.

God Bless you,  
Heather Kerns

## Wednesday Night Programs in March



March 6 — Ministry & Missions — 7 p.m. (No Sacred Circle)  
March 13 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.  
March 20 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.  
March 27 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.

# Many Thanks

Dear Bethel Family,  
Barbara and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, flowers, cards, visits and our goodie baskets. We are so blessed to have Bethel as our church family.

Love,  
Barbara Phillips and Shirley Roberts



Dear Bethel Family,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were sent after my knee replacement surgery. Thank you also for your prayers, phone calls, meals, visits, and cards. They all meant so much to me and brightened my days. I feel very blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Susan Brown



Dear Bethel Family,  
Thank you so much for the love you showed me while recuperating from my fall. Your prayers, calls, cards and goodies were greatly appreciated and your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be remembered. I feel blessed to have such a loving and caring church family. You are the best.

Love and Blessings,  
Pat Reynolds



Dear Bethel Family,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, food, visits and the delicious goodie basket you sent to Bill. We appreciate everything so much.

Love and Blessings,  
Bill and Joyce Bullock



Dear Bethel Family,  
I am so blessed to have you for my church family. I always know that you care and will be praying for me in my time of need. Thank you for the delicious fruit and snack basket, for meals brought, offers of assistance, prayers, visits, cards, calls, texts, and emails. Ora and Bob took great care of me, and we were all comforted and overwhelmed by so much Christian support and love. I am well on my way to recovery and will soon be ready to assist you in any way I can. I'm just a phone call away. (804) 690-2669.

Much love,  
Judy Barker

# Many Thanks

Dear Todd and My Bethel Family,  
Thank you so much for all your prayers thoughts and cards during my sister's recent illness and death. She was a great sister and I will miss her. She often told me she had lived a good life and when God caller her home she'd be ready and she was. We are all grateful for all the times we had as a family. That is a comfort and joy to all of us.

Gratefully,  
Betty Hicks and Family



Dear Bethel,  
Wow! I have never felt so loved! Your outpouring of prayers, food, cards, visits and phone calls have meant so very much during my time of recovery. The basket of flowers is beautiful and reminds me spring is on the way. How blessed I am to be a part of such a loving church family.

Aleta Jenkins



Dear Bethel family,  
Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers following my recent surgery. Also, thank you for the many cards, phone calls, and prayers. I was warned that my recovery would take a while, so please continue with your faithful prayers.

Love you folks,  
Jimmy Jackson



Dear Bethel Family,  
I want to thank everyone for the calls, prayers and the goodie basket you sent while Bill was in the hospital and the cards and prayers since he has been home. We are so blessed to be part of the loving Bethel Family.

Love,  
Bill and Ardelle Florence



Dear Bethel Family,  
I just wanted you all to know what a blessing you have been to my parents during Mother's knee surgery. To know that you were stopping by, bringing food, and encouraging them throughout her recovery brought tremendous comfort to me personally, living so far away. I am thankful to be part of the Bethel family, a family that Loves so well!

Sincerely,  
Julie (Jenkins) Strohkorb

## Missions News by Frances Morris

**Women's Missionary Union Meeting**—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be **Monday March 4, 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 March 7, 2024

The Men's Fellowship will meet for lunch on Thursday, March 7, 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 March 28, 2024

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be the LAST Thursday in the month which is March 28. 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.

## Charlotte's Pantry Schedule

**Upcoming pantry schedule:**

March 13, 2024 — 5 to 6:30 p.m.  
March 22, 2024 — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



## Note from Our Parish Nurse



March Health Awareness topics include the following:

- March 1-31: National Colon Cancer Awareness Month - CDC guidelines recommend age 45 to start a baseline for colorectal testing.

For more information please click the link below:

<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal/index.htm>

- March 1-31: National Kidney Month - Kidney.org has information on kidney disease and donation/volunteering opportunities available:

<https://www.kidney.org/atoz/content/howkidneyswork>

Spring begins Tuesday, March 19. I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to some sunshine and warmer temperatures. With the warmer weather, it is a great time to walk more, garden, and plan some outdoor activities. Stay hydrated and don't forget your sunscreen. Plan a walk with a friend, it is safer and a great way to enjoy some quality time.

Easter falls on Sunday, March 31st. I pray you all have a wonderful, blessed Easter.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'" John 11:25-26 NIV

Blessings,  
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

### 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.

## Sunday School Classes

The following classes are meeting in person:

- The Providers Class meets in the Providers Classroom in the People of Hope.
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- 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.
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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:

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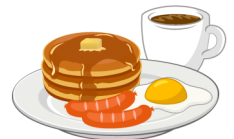
## Daylight Savings Time March 10, 2024

On Sunday, March 10, Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM! Don't forget to move your clocks forward before you go to bed on Saturday night or you will be late to church on Sunday morning.



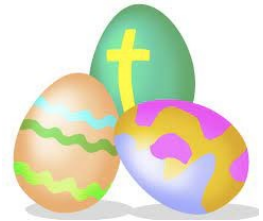
## Brotherhood Breakfast

Join us on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 8:45 am for our brotherhood breakfast. Our brotherhood led by Stanley Watkins along with his famous Stan Cakes will prepare breakfast beginning at 7:15 am. We will serve promptly at 8:45 am. We welcome all Brotherhood (Gentlemen) within the church to help us prepare the meal. As always breakfast side dishes are welcome i.e., Bruce's Potato Sausage Casserole. & others. Donations are welcome. All proceeds will go to Young Life. We look forward to seeing you Easter morning.



## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23

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. Join us on March 23, you'll have a great time.



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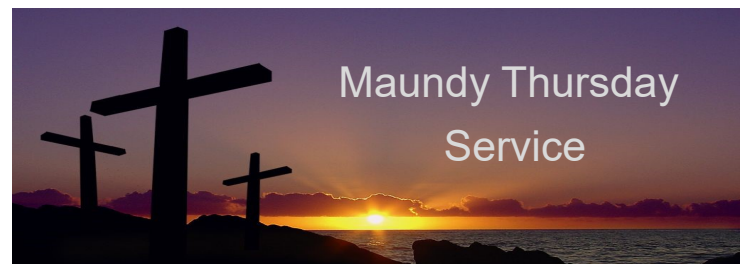
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We will have a Maundy Thursday Service on March 28, at 7 p.m. in the People of Hope Center. We will have special music, and would love for you to join us for this special night of reflection.

The deadline for the April Outreach is March 10th. All articles, thank you notes, birth dates, ministry information and other items should be emailed to the church office or dropped off at the church office before March 10th. Thank you for your help on this.

# Bethel Care Team



Hello Everyone,

This year of 2024 is rushing onward and here we are in March already, the month that brings us officially into Springtime, Daylight Savings Time and we celebrate St Patrick's Day. It's a happy month, surely one that keeps us on our toes. There can be snow and there is always windy days and best of all there is the blessing of more sunshine and longer days. God has blessed us with "weather" that brings interest into our lives, somedays it makes us stay inside and rejoice with a nice book to read or a chat with a friend on the phone, other days we can enjoy a nice walk. Whatever the day, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

I came across this Bible verse that describes our Care Team in many ways. Let me share it with you. 1Corinthians 12:6 (NRV) There are different ways the SPIRIT works. But the same God is working in all these ways and in all people. We all have talents that we can share, do we put them to work? I think our Bethel team works hard to do special deeds to make other's happy in different ways.

We serve in our own ways, some people are good at conversation and just a little visit, others are the most wonderful cooks and can take a meal to someone who is in need of such a blessing. Thank you to all who share their different talents with us to minister to the needs of our Bethel families when the need arises. You are all a blessing and my prayer going forward is to continue serving the Lord with gladness and that we are a blessing to others.

Enjoy your month of March and it's "weather" in our lives. Go, Do, Bless someone today.

Shirley Lewis/Team Lead

# March Birthdays



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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Abbey Brooks     | 18 | Jim Bradley       |
| 2  | Curt Nellis      | 18 | Shannon Gerace    |
| 2  | Judy Barker      | 18 | Laura Hughes      |
| 3  | Nancy Humphreys  | 20 | Micah Gilbert     |
| 3  | Cheyenne Nelson  | 20 | Robert Brooks     |
| 3  | Wendy Palmore    | 20 | Kimberly Cody     |
| 4  | Conner Brock     | 20 | Pat Bartlam       |
| 4  | Kylie Grubbs     | 20 | Colin Patteson    |
| 4  | Layne Puryear    | 21 | Cindy Wight       |
| 5  | Matthew Truban   | 22 | Steve Dragnich    |
| 6  | Pat Beltz        | 22 | Margaret Watkins  |
| 6  | Kari Liverman    | 24 | Doug Acree        |
| 6  | Christine Cullen | 24 | Joe Atkinson      |
| 6  | Jeanne Yeager    | 27 | Brayden Rider     |
| 7  | Jean Redmond     | 28 | Andrea Hale       |
| 8  | Donna Brooks     | 29 | Carrie Persichini |
| 9  | Debbie Weir      | 29 | Bob Moseley       |
| 10 | Coleman Goodman  | 29 | Debbie Passmore   |
| 10 | Faith McNeel     | 29 | Kenny Passmore    |
| 10 | Jennie Sadler    | 30 | Bill Redmond      |
| 14 | Howard Humphreys | 31 | Rylan Mead        |
| 14 | Mark Justis      |    |                   |
| 14 | Debbie Salyer    |    |                   |
| 14 | Scott Tooley     |    |                   |
| 17 | Wendy Theriot    |    |                   |
| 17 | David Wilson     |    |                   |

# Promised Land Quaret

## COMING IN JUNE!

Since January 2000, this exciting group of four men has traveled the highways and byways of America – and even overseas – to spread the message of Hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ. The Promised Land Quartet will be at Bethel on June 19, 2024 at 7 pm. Mark your calendars and **SAVE THE DATE!**

Concert: 7 pm in the People of Hope Center

Doors Open at 6 pm (No tickets, a Love Offering will be received.)



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Circle of Truth—5 pm	2
3 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH Communion Sunday	4 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) WMU—10 am POH Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (Downstairs)	5 Garden Club—9 am Boy Scouts—7 pm	6 Ministry & Missions Celebration—7 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm	7 Men's Fellowship Lunch—noon at Italian Delight AA Meeting—5:30 pm	8 8	9
10 <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	11 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)	12 Boy Scouts—7 pm	13 Charlotte's Party—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm	14 AA Meeting—5:30 pm Bethel Preschool Museum of Fine Art—6:30 pm	15 Circle of Truth—5 pm	16
17 Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	18 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (Downstairs)	19 Boy Scouts—7 pm	20 Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm	21 AA Meeting—5:30 pm	22	23 Easter Egg Hunt—10 to 12 noon
24 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH	25 Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)	26 Boy Scouts—7 pm	27 Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm	28 Ladies Fellowship Lunch—Noon at the Four Seasons AA Meeting—5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service—7 pm	29 <b>Good Friday</b> Charlotte's Party—9 to 11 am	30
31 <b>Easter Sunday</b> Brotherhood Breakfast—8:45 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH						

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**WORSHIP TIMES**

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



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