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September 2024 promises to be a very special month for our household, one that we shall never forget, as we become grandparents for the first time! I realize that by writing a newsletter article about my unborn grandson I risk being labeled an obnoxious grandfather. I promise I'll do my best to refrain from showing pictures at church each Sunday while proclaiming, "Isn't he the most beautiful, wonderful, smartest baby ever?!" I want to share this good news with you though, because it is indeed good news and as Romans 12:15 says, "Rejoice with those who rejoice." So, please, rejoice with us as we welcome Augustus "August" Roy Bradbury into the world and into our church. As we've been anticipating August's birth I've been thinking about how God often blesses the world through children. I think about Abraham and Sarah as they awaited for their long hoped for baby. Recall that God promised them a gift of a child and they waited and yearned for this child for about 25 years before he was born. When the promised child finally arrived they named him Isaac, which means "Laughter." Once Sarah found out she was pregnant, she laughed because it seems improbable, impossible, even laughable, that she would ever give birth. After all, she was a geriatric whose womb had been barren for decades. The news of an impending birth must have seemed like a joke, until God intervened and fulfilled His promise. This wasn't the last time that God revealed his glory, might and power through the gift of a child. Think of Moses being set apart and saved from birth to lead God's people out of bondage. Think of Hannah who was also barren and the Lord blessed her with a child whom she named Samuel, which means "God has heard." All of these births foreshadow the Christ child. As much as we have been looking forward to the birth of our grandson I can imagine that our anticipation must pale in comparison to the anticipation that Mary and Joseph must have felt as they knew God was doing a new, miraculous thing in their midst. Can you imagine what they thought, or felt, as they anticipated the birth of Jesus? When Mary first receives word of her impending pregnancy she asks the angel, "How can this be since I'm a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:34-37) I love that last line, "For nothing will be impossible with God." As we wait and anticipate the birth of our grandson I am reminded that God is a God who regularly does the unexpected, works through the improbable and achieves the impossible. He is the bringer of life,

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By Heather Kerns
Preschool Director

We are so excited for all the good that September will bring to our preschool; a fresh start, a new season, and a fun and exciting school year. After working throughout the summer, our teachers are so ready to fill the minds and hearts of our young students with a year filled with fun, learning, and faith. The classrooms, hallways, and playground will be bustling this year as we welcome 48 students to our preschool! We are overjoyed to share our amazing little preschool with so many children and families.

We are thrilled to welcome back all our teachers, and we are confident that our classroom teams will work together beautifully. Ms. Glenda Fisher and Ms. Kat Levermore will, once again, lead one of our PreK classes. Our second PreK class will be led again by Ms. Stephanie Zahringer and Ms. Jen Shearin. Ms. Joanne Williams and Ms. Nadine Cosgrove will be together again this year in one of our 3's classes. Ms. Heather Byrne is back with us in our other 3's class along with Ms. Anne Allen. Ms. Alexis Hammer will be leading our 2's class. Our littlest learners, the Parents Morning Out toddler class, will have myself and Ms. Alexis as their teachers. A huge WELCOME BACK to all of our teachers! We are so blessed to have all these intelligent, fun, godly women in our preschool. Our students are so lucky to start their learning journey with these teachers.

I want to, once again, give an open invitation to all church members to come and see how God is working in our preschool. Our students would love to have guest readers in their classes, learn more about the word of the Lord, or see any special talents you may have and are willing to share. This preschool is such a special place, and the children will brighten even the darkest of days.

Please keep the preschool in your prayers. Specifically, please pray that we have a healthy school year. Pray that we can serve each of the 48 children that have been placed with us this year. Pray for our amazing teachers. They work tirelessly and do such an incredible job. I am so proud to have the opportunity to work with them. And pray that our children come to know the love of the Lord through this school. As always, I am so thankful for your support and encouragement.

light and blessing. He is the God of birth and re-birth, as Jesus reminds us that we must be born again and Paul calls us to a constant renewal of our minds. As I ponder all of these things I wonder what new thing is God birthing in your life? What improbable thing will God birth through the ministry of our church? I want to remind you that with God, nothing, nothing, nothing is impossible! We serve a great and holy God in whom we live, move and have our being. I pray that at Bethel we can do a great job of encouraging each other to have the faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Mary and to follow the Lord wherever He may lead. May God bless you and may God bless Bethel Baptist Church as we work towards our vision of Knowing, Growing and Going in the Love of Christ!

Todd

Many Thanks

To the Ladies of Bethel,

I wish to thank you for the card of encouragement and prayers. Most of you know me, and some through dad. I am very blessed, indeed. Your prayers are working. My PSA numbers are well inside the normal range, God, is very good to me. I have 2 more chemo sessions in August. After that, we will address the heart issues. I am grateful for all ya'll have done, and are doing.

In Him,
Chad Salyer

Dear Bethel Family

I am so thankful for each and everyone of you as I recently went through this terrible accident of falling off my porch landing. With each text, phone call, cards, meals, and more, Russell and I have felt so loved and supported by these acts of kindness. Your encouragement means so much to me. Now it is one day at a time with baby steps. I will get there with all my prayers being answered. Bethel has been such a blessing to me! Thank you kindly for the beautiful flowers. We will be looking so forward to getting back to our Sunday School class and church. Please accept my deepest gratitude.

Love,
Susan Wright.

Dear Bethel Family,

We would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls after Rodney's hernia operation. All went according to plan and he is doing really well. We are so happy to be a part of Bethel Baptist Church. Such a great group of Believers!

Rodney and Mary Smith

Dear Bethel Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your donations towards our food bank. We here at The Free Clinic of Powhatan strive to provide for our clientele, and with your support we are able to do that. We truly appreciate your kindness.

Sincerely,
The Staff and Volunteers at The Free Clinic of Powhatan

September Birthdays



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|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Noah Moseley | 14 | Charles Martin |
| 1 | Ian Weir | 14 | Ellen Moseley |
| 2 | Parker Mead | 14 | Linda Redmond |
| 2 | Sarah Moschler | 14 | Karen Smith |
| 3 | Burnette Elam | 14 | Harold Wigfield |
| 3 | Rodney Smith | 15 | Teresa H. Troncali |
| 4 | Jaydah Sanchez | 16 | Peggy Heath |
| 5 | Janet Goodman | 16 | Heath Humphreys |
| 5 | Malin Blanco | 16 | John Stinson |
| 5 | Melanie Hansen | 16 | Lisa Wilkerson |
| 5 | Robert Tansey | 17 | David Ellis |
| 8 | Michelle Stine | 17 | Elliemae Mead |
| 9 | Susan Brown | 18 | Tammie Butler |
| 9 | Mary Camden | 19 | Paul Kiiffner |
| 9 | Page Chauncey | 20 | Martha Vaughan |
| 9 | Benjamin Cody | 21 | Gayle Rogers |
| 9 | Bernard Curlee | 22 | Bill Carlson |
| 10 | Tom Kenney | 22 | Christina Brock |
| 11 | Brian Hardy | 23 | Faye Brown |
| 11 | Rachel McClellan | 24 | Gray Bradbury |
| 12 | Jon Hansen | 25 | Gloria Jamerson |
| 12 | Cathy Williamson | 25 | Mike Garland |
| 12 | Greg McLeod | 28 | Jim Brock |
| 12 | Olivia Moss | 28 | Cheryl Grubbs |
| 13 | Amanda Brownson | | |

Hope for Appalachia PK & Kindergartners Bags

We are collecting the following items for Hope for Appalachia for our Pre-Kindergartners and Kindergartners.

Items: New winter hat & gloves, small stuffed animal, box of crayons, box of markers, pencils, toothbrush, full-sized toothpaste, fun toy item, and coloring book. (please no candy or snacks). For more info go to <https://hfavateam.com> or see Pat Reynolds or Frances Morris.



Churchwide Yard Sale

The Community Engagement Team is sponsoring a church-wide yard sale on **Saturday, October 5 from 8 am to noon**. Proceeds will go to fund various community projects, big and small.



Clean out your attic and start setting aside items you would like to donate. We will have more details to follow regarding when and where to bring your items.

Also, volunteers would be appreciated. We will need help during the week prior to the sale and on the date of the sale. If you are willing to help, please contact Sissy Dance, ddance9149@gmail.com or (804) 837-5899. This will be a fun time for fellowship and an opportunity to engage with the shoppers. Let's tell them what a great place Bethel is.

Missions News by Frances Morris

Women's Missionary Union Meeting—The monthly meeting of the WMU will be **Monday September 9, 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 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 September 5

The Men's Fellowship lunch for September is Thursday, September 5, 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 September 19

The Ladies Fellowship Luncheon will be on Thursday, September 19. 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.



You're Invited!

Wednesday Night Programs in September



September 4 — Missions/Ministry Celeb 7 p.m.
September 11 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.
September 18 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.
September 25 — Sacred Circle — 6 p.m.

Missions & Ministry Celebration Sept. 4, 7 p.m. People of Hope

Note from Our Parish Nurse



[September is Healthy Aging Month Celebrates 30 Years | Healthy Aging@](#)

A new school year has begun and now is a great time to focus on healthy aging.

Some tips to encourage the celebration of aging; meet new people, renew hobbies that you love, get outside in the fresh air, or maybe try an exercise class.

The LifeLong Learning Institute offers a large variety of free and moderately priced classes for a yearly membership fee. They are located at 13801 Westfield Road, Midlothian, Virginia 23113. Classes from finances, fitness, bible, music, civil war, games, travel and more are available. Check out their website for their monthly calendar of events.

[Lifelong Learning Institute in Chesterfield](#)

September also recognizes Alzheimer's month and encourages us to stay active, eat healthy and get a good nights sleep. More information can be found on their website. Alzfdn.org

3 John 1:2, it is written, "Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, just as it is well with your soul." NIV

May you all enjoy each new day, for it is a gift.

Live, Laugh, Love

Blessings,
Cindy Luck RN FCN

Bethel Cookbook

Bethel is long overdue on publishing a cookbook. Anyone can pull up an apple pie recipe on the internet but nothing is better than your Grandma's apple pie, or your mother's beef stew. Send me your family favorites to be included in a new cookbook from family and friends of Bethel. Please send your favorite recipes to Susan Reynolds. Her contact information is socccergal01@gmail.com. If you prefer you can write out your recipes and give them to Susan on Sunday mornings. Proceeds from the cookbook will go to Blessing Warrior. Any questions, call Susan at 804-833-3901. **The last day to submit recipes is September 1.**



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 info, contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

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.

Charlotte's Pantry

Upcoming pantry schedule:

- September 11, 2024 — 5 to 6:30 p.m.
 September 27, 2024 — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
 October 9, 2024—5 to 6:30 p.m.
 October 25, 2024—9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



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=UW0rZ2F0OE4RUJNVHhK1pGRmlDQT09> Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993 Passcode: 139739

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)

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>Communion Sunday Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><i>2</i> Labor Day</p> <p>NO Sharing and Caring ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>Ministry & Missions Celebration—7 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am Classroom WMU—10 am POH ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>Garden Club—10 am Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>The Chosen Group—2 pm Charlotte's Party—5 to 6:30 pm Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>AA Meeting—5:30 pm COT—5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (downstairs)</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>The Chosen Group—2 pm Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Ladies Fellowship Lunch—Noon at the Four Seasons AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (Downstairs)</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Boy Scouts—7 pm</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>The Chosen Group—2 pm Sacred Circle—6:00 pm Youth Group—6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—7 pm</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>AA Meeting—5:30 pm</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>Charlotte's Party—9 to 11 am</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p>Sunday School—9:30 am Worship—10:30 am—POH</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>Feeding the Homeless—8 am Sharing and Caring—9 am ESL—9 am (Downstairs) Girl Scouts—6:30 pm (Downstairs)</p>					

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