

THE OUTREACH

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Susie Hilton is one of our newest members, and I recently had the blessing of sitting down with her to learn about her incredible time as a missionary in both Hong Kong and India. I'd like for you to hear Susie's story as well, so for this month's newsletter, I'm sharing an interview I did with her.

Susie, please tell us a little about yourself. Where did you grow up and go to school?



Susie Hilton

"I grew up in Wingate, NC. Wingate is a small college town outside Charlotte that most people only know about as one of the small towns they drive through on the way to the beach. I studied Cross-Cultural Studies at Toccoa Falls College and later attended the University of Richmond for post-graduate studies."

You shared with me that you served as a missionary in both Hong Kong and India. How did the Lord lead you to serve in those two places?

"As a child growing up in North Carolina, I developed an interest in learning about different cultures. Through Girls in Action (GAs), I learned about Lottie Moon and Amy Carmichael, who became my early role models. My aunt further nurtured this curiosity by taking me to JAARS/Wycliffe, where I learned about Bible translation and had the privilege of spending time with missionaries on home assignment. These experiences allowed me to hear firsthand accounts of how God was working in diverse communities around the world. I was captivated by the richness of various cultures and the powerful ways God used ordinary people with diverse skills and talents to do extraordinary things. I was inspired by these stories, and I envisioned myself working in a village orphanage one day.

Fast forward to high school, and I felt a persistent pull to do more. When my church offered a trip to India, I eagerly seized the opportunity. At 17, my life was forever changed by the people I met in those two weeks. I experienced God in ways I had never experienced Him before. The people I met in that small village in India, with their passion and love for God, lit a fire in me. I was overwhelmed and eager to jump in, but I was 17 and a senior in high school. Right then, I would have given up everything and stayed. The night before we left, I was crying out to God, overwhelmed with a desire to serve. I was struggling to understand why God would light this fire in me just to go back home and return to school to study and play basketball. It all seemed so trivial. I was reading Isaiah chapter 6 and calling out to God for comfort.

Isaiah 6:8 became a guiding promise in my life. God asked Isaiah, "Who shall I send, who will go for us?" and Isaiah answered God's call with, "Here I am; send me." I prayed earnestly for God to send me immediately, but instead, He gently reminded me I needed to go home and finish school. I often found myself repeating this prayer over the years: "Send me; I will go," envisioning a life dedicated to working in a remote village in India. However, God didn't send me to teach children in an orphanage. Instead, He sent me to unexpected places—Nepal, the bustling city of Hong Kong, where I taught elementary school and volunteered with refugees, and finally back to India seven years later, where I found myself working with Fortune 500 companies instead of children. Most recently, God has brought me here to Bethel Baptist Church. Bethel has already been an answer to my prayers.

Over the years, one of my heartfelt prayers has been to find a community where I could grow deeper in my faith. While many verses and passages in the Bible resonate with me, Isaiah 6:8 remains a constant reminder that I need to be willing to follow God's call. When I feel lost or overwhelmed, He gently reminds me that I just need to say 'yes' to the opportunities before me. I don't have to fret about the how or the when; instead, I can trust that He will provide direction, support, and the right people to challenge and teach me as I serve Him." Continued on page 2

What have you learned about God through your missionary work? What have you learned about people?

"Through my missionary work, I have learned that God is immense, alive, active, creative, and constant. He is the one who does the work; I am privileged to witness it. My experiences have revealed to me a profound truth about humanity: regardless of our backgrounds, beliefs, or circumstances, we all share the same fundamental needs. We need and desire a relationship with God and the unique joy that only He can provide.

Time and time again, I have seen that nothing is impossible with God, and I know that sounds like a cliché, but the most content and joyful people I know have lived the hardest lives and have suffered so much from the world. Yet, they love God and worship Him with a genuineness and depth that is indescribable.

When we strive to serve others, we will never be fulfilled. We will be disappointed and frustrated. We will never complete the task because the needs around us are overwhelming, and we will always fall short, physically or emotionally. What I have learned—and am continuing to learn, as I often need God's reminders—is that when we serve God, we will not be defeated by our shortcomings or the shortcomings of those we partner with. We will not be discouraged; we will not be pulled in multiple directions



When I first went overseas as a missionary, I thought I was going to be the hands and feet of Jesus and serve people wherever God led me. I learned that God did not call me to serve others; He called me to serve Him. When I focus on serving God rather than serving

others, I do not become overwhelmed. I am energized rather than being drained. We are all broken, we are all sinners, we are all selfish, and we all need God's loving grace and provision. I love helping people, and I love teaching, and I am thankful that God allows me to serve Him through these gifts. My prayer continues to be "Here I am, send me," and I pray that I will be a living testimony of God's love and truth."

I'd like to thank Susie for the privilege of interviewing her for this article. There were a couple of things that really stuck with me—her reminder that we are all called to serve Christ and keep Him at the center of our lives, and her challenge to always be ready to say, "Here I am, Lord, send me." Let's take that to heart—listening for Christ's voice and following His call, wherever He leads. I'm so grateful that God has brought Susie to Bethel. I know she'll be a blessing to our church and I pray we'll be a blessing to her. I pray God will continue to bless Susie. May God bless you, your family, and may God continue to bless Bethel Baptist Church. Amen.

Todd

A Note from Our Parish Nurse

March has several medical focuses and nutrition is one of them. Remember, good nutrition leads to a healthier you!

Good nutrition benefits include:

- ◆ Contributes to an increase your life span
- ◆ May increase your immunity
- ◆ May strengthen bones
- ◆ May lower your risk of various diseases

Courtesy of the CDC

Grocery cost are up 8.5% according to AARP. AARP offers these suggestions to help keep grocery costs down:

- ◆ Plan your meals to avoid impulse buying
- ◆ Seniors can save money during Senior Shop Days
- ◆ Shop the sale ads, look for buy one-get one discounts and use coupons
- ◆ Review tips and guidelines for healthy eating here:
https://www.dietaryguidelines.gov/sites/default/files/202103/Dietary_Guidelines_for_Americans-2020-2025.pdf

Changes to insurance policies have caused some medications to increase in price. The GoodRx and AARP websites are a good place to compare prescription costs.

- ◆ www.aarp.com
- ◆ <https://www.goodrx.com>

"My son, do not forget My teaching, but keep My commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity." **Proverbs 3:1-2 NIV**

May you all have a wonderful, healthy month.

Cindy Luck RN FCN

Ladies Fellowship Lunch is March 27

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

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.

March Birthdays

Best Wishes to all Celebrating a Birthday in March

1 - Abbey Brooks	18 - Jim Bradley
2 - Curt Nellis	18 - Shannon Gerace
2 - Judy Barker	17 - Wendy Theriot
3 - Nancy Humphreys	17 - David Wilson
3 - Cheyenne Nelson	18 - Laura Hughes
3 - Wendy Palmore	20 - Micah Gilbert
4 - Conner Brock	20 - Robert Brooks
4 - Kylie Grubbs	20 - Kimberly Cody
4 - Layne Puryear	20 - Pat Bartlam
5 - Matthew Truban	20 - Colin Patteson
6 - Pat Beltz	21 - Cindy Wight
6 - Tricia Hill	22 - Steve Dragnich
6 - Kari Liverman	22 - Margaret Watkins
6 - Christine Cullen	24 - Joe Atkinson
6 - Jeanne Yeager	24 - Doug Acree
7 - Jean Redmond	26 - Barbara Hale
8 - Donna Brooks	27 - Brayden Rider
9 - Debbie Weir	28 - Andrea Hale
10 - Coleman Goodman	28 - Connor Smith
10 - Faith McNeel	29 - Carrie Persichini
10 - Jennie Sadler	29 - Bobby Moseley
11 - Gayle Taylor	29 - Debbie Passmore
14 - Howard Humphreys	29 - Kenny Passmore
14 - Mark Justis	30 - Bill Redmond
14 - Debbie Salyer	31 - Rylan Mead
14 - Scott Tooley	

Wednesday Night Programs in March

Wednesday, March 5 - **No Sacred Circle** - Quarterly Ministry & Missions Meeting
 Wednesday, March 12 - Sacred Circle - 6 pm, People of Hope Center
 Wednesday, March 19 - **No Sacred Circle** - Preschool Art Show
 Wednesday, March 26 - Sacred Circle - 6 pm, People of Hope Center

Welcome New Members!

Bethel Baptist Church warmly welcomes the newest members of our congregation! We are so happy you chose Bethel as your home church and look forward to getting to know you better.



Welcome Brandon and Kaitlyn Lafond! Welcome Faith Keaton!

Ministry & Missions Meeting Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm

The quarterly Ministry & Missions Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 5 at 7 pm** in the People of Hope Center. The meeting will be in person and also available via Zoom and will begin with communion. If you are attending over Zoom, please have your communion elements available. The Book of Reports and the Zoom link will be sent electronically prior to the meeting and hard copies of the Book of Reports will be available at Worship Service on March 2 and the night of the meeting.

Pilgrimage to Greece

There is still time to sign up! Reach out to Todd or Karen to learn more about the *Pilgrimage to Greece* trip (**October 7 - 18, 2025**). This journey will take us through the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, visiting historic sites like **Athens, Corinth, Thessalonica and Philippi**.



We truly believe this pilgrimage will deepen your understanding of Scripture and the early church. It's been said visiting the lands where the Apostle Paul traveled is like experiencing a "5th Gospel," offering fresh insights into the Word of God and its applica-

tion to our lives. We'd love for you to experience this with us!

April Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the April Outreach Newsletter is **March 10**. All articles, thank you notes, ministry information and other items should be dropped off in the church office or emailed to karnold@bbc1817.org before **March 10**. Thank you for your help!

March Brotherhood Breakfast

The next Brotherhood Breakfast will be held **Sunday, March 30 at 8:45 am**. If you are able to help cook and/or set-up, please plan to arrive at 7:00 am. If you are able to bring a dish, please let Bob Moseley know. Everyone is welcome!



Preschool News

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 **Wednesday, March 19 at 5:30 pm!** 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 2025-2026 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 **March 31—April 5**, and we will have our schoolwide field trip to Maymont on **April 22!**

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 all of you,

Heather Kerns, Bethel Baptist Preschool Director

Charlotte's Pantry

March Pantry Schedule

- Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 5 to 6:30 pm
- Friday, March 28, 2025, 9 to 11 am

Men's Fellowship Lunch is March 6

The Men's Fellowship Lunch for March is **Thursday, March 6, at noon at the Italian Delight Restaurant in Powhatan**. If you have any questions please contact Bruce Lewis at 804-467-2886. All men are welcome.

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

For over a century, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has fueled Southern Baptists' missions in North America. Churches and individuals have stepped into this story and contributed more than \$2 billion to the ongoing narrative of God's work.

**Your gifts support over 3,000 missionaries and their families.
100% of your gifts go to the mission field.**

Step into the Story by picking up the 2025 Prayer Guide for the Week of Prayer (March 2—9) for North American Missions. Prayer Guides and giving envelopes are available on the round entry table.

Crossroads Summer Camp

Crossroads Summer Camp is a residential camp program for youth ages 8-16. During the week, campers participate in Bible study, worship, missions exchange, swimming, crafting, high ropes, sports, and more. Cabins and activities are staffed by counselors who have completed training, background checks, and CPR/First Aid certification. The camp offers opportunities to build new community within cabins, grow in self-confidence, and receive encouragement and mentorship from counselors passionate about following Jesus.

The cost is \$395/person and includes lodging, meals, activities, and a camp t-shirt. **Scholarships are available through Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Cheryl Grubbs at 804-350-8217 for more information on scholarships.**

Visit www.crossroadscamp.com/camp for more information on camp sessions.

Many Thanks!

Dear Bethel Church Family,

We want to thank you all so much for the calls, cards, goodie basket and most of all your prayers during Bill's recent hospital stay. We are so blessed to have such a loving church family.

Love,
Bill & Jean Redmond

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, text messages, meals and visits! You're all so very special to me! You all truly are amazing! Thank you also for the special turkey dinner. Love my Bethel family.

Love you all,
Debbie Mead

Dear Precious Bethel Family,

Thank you for the gorgeous vase of flowers, the many get well cards, text messages, phone calls, home visits and the delicious food I received after my knee replacement surgery.

I am doing well in my recovery and so thankful for all the prayers going up for me. The prayers of many are powerful and they work! ♥

In Christian Love,
Cheryl Grubbs



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March 20—March 23, 2025



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The Boxcast App

The AV Team has a way to view Bethel's complete church services on your Apple TV, Roku, or Smart TV, using the Boxcast app. The app will provide a simple, high quality way to view services on your TV so the entire family can watch 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 the channel the church's logo will appear. Select this channel.
4. You are DONE.

Four Ways to Give at Bethel

1. **In Person:** Drop your check in the offering plate as it is passed in the People of Hope Center Sunday mornings.
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 Bethel's website there is a link to give. Click on the link and you'll be prompted to give through either your bank account or a credit card. You may also use this 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 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.

Daylight Savings Time!



On Sunday, March 9, Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM!

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour before going to sleep Saturday night so you are not late to church Sunday morning.

Sunday School Classes

The following classes meet weekly:

- The Providers Class meets in the Providers Classroom in the People of Hope Center
- The Endeavors Class meets in the Endeavors Classroom in the People of Hope Center
- The Salt and Light Class meets in the last room on the right in the Education Building (it is marked Salt and Light)
- Students in grades K-5 meet in the Jigsaw Room, downstairs
- Students in grades 6-12 meet in the Youth Room, downstairs

The nursery is open during Sunday School for our younger children.

The Zoom class is from the Providers classroom.

The Zoom link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87461349993?pwd=UW0rZ2F0OE4p4RUJNVHhIK1pGRmIDQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 6134 9993

Passcode: 139739

Opportunities!



Mission/Ministry

- Music Ministry/Choir
- WMU (Meets the first Monday of each month at 10 am)
- Charlotte's Pantry (See Brenda Peck)
- Backpack Ministry (See Vera Caniglia)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Ministry (during worship)
- Friends of the Homeless (Meets 5th Mondays at 8:30 am. See Ardelle Florence)
- AA Meeting every Thursday at 5:30 pm
- Puppet Team (See Andrea Hale)
- Media Center (See Cindy Wight)
- Care Team Ministry (See Jane Ruehrwein)

Fellowship/Discipleship

- Men's Fellowship Lunch meets the first Thursday of each month at noon (See Bruce Lewis)
- Ladies Fellowship Lunch meets the last Thursday of each month at noon (See Shirley Lewis)
- Youth Group meets every other Wednesday night at 6:30 pm
- Sacred Circle, meets every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm
- Sunday School Classes meet every Sunday at 9:30 am
- Brotherhood Breakfast is held every 5th Sunday (See Bob Moseley)
- JIGSAW children's ministry meets every Sunday (See Tina McNeel)
- Sharing and Caring Group meets every Monday at 9 am in the People of Hope Center (See Bruce Bartlam)

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>●Communion Sunday</p> <p>●Sunday School, 9:30 am</p> <p>●Worship, 10:30 am, POHC</p> <p>●Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs</p>	<p>3</p> <p>●ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs</p> <p>●Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC</p> <p>●MMU, 10 am, POHC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>●Garden Club, 10 am, POHC</p> <p>●Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC</p>	<p>5</p> <p>●Choir Rehearsal, 6 pm</p> <p>●Ministry & Missions Meeting, 7 pm, POHC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>●Men's Fellowship Lunch, Noon at Italian Delight Restaurant</p> <p>●AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room</p>		<p>8</p> <p>Don't forget to...</p>  <p>Move your clocks forward one hour before going to sleep!</p>
<p>9</p> <p>●Sunday School, 9:30 am</p> <p>●Worship, 10:30 am, POHC</p> <p>●Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs</p>	<p>10</p> <p>●ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs</p> <p>●Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC</p> <p>●DEADLINE for Articles for the April Outreach Newsletter</p>	<p>11</p> <p>●Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC</p>	<p>12</p> <p>●Charlotte's Partry, 5 to 5:30 pm</p> <p>●Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room</p> <p>●Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Downstairs</p> <p>●Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>●AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room</p> <p>●Circle of Truth Rehearsal, 5:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Scouting America Troop 800</p> <p>Mulch Orders Due</p>
<p>16</p> <p>●Sunday School, 9:30 am</p> <p>●Worship, 10:30 am, POHC</p> <p>●Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs</p>	<p>17 <i>Preschool Closed</i></p> <p>●ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs</p> <p>●Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>●Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC</p>	<p>19</p> <p>●Bethel Preschool Museum of Fine Arts, 5:30 pm, POHC</p> <p>●Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm, Choir Room</p>	<p>20</p>  <p>●AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room</p>	<p>21</p> <p>●Bethel Preschool Parents Spring Break Fun Friday, 9 am to Noon, POHC</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>●Sunday School, 9:30 am</p> <p>●Worship, 10:30 am, POHC</p> <p>●Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs</p>	<p>24</p> <p>●ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs</p> <p>●Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>●Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>●Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room</p> <p>●Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Downstairs</p> <p>●Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>●Ladies Fellowship Lunch, Noon at Four Seasons Restaurant</p> <p>●AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room</p>	<p>28</p> <p>●Charlotte's Partry, 9 to 11 am</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>●Brotherhood Sunday, Breakfast at 8:45 am, POHC</p> <p>●Sunday School, 9:30 am</p> <p>●Worship, 10:30 am, POHC</p>	<p>31 <i>Preschool Closed Spring Break</i></p> <p>●ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs</p> <p>●Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC</p>					

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