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One of the most meaningful experiences I've had since joining Bethel was hosting a "Messiah in the Passover" dinner a few years ago. The good news is if you missed it, you'll have another chance to attend on April 9 at 6:00 pm! We've invited Derek Blumenthal from Chosen People Ministries to guide us through a traditional Jewish Seder, or Passover meal. Along the way, he will highlight the many ways Christ is revealed in the Passover. Here's a little more about Derek and the "Messiah in the Passover" experience:

Derek, can you tell us a bit about yourself, where you grew up, where you went to school, and how you came to receive Christ as your Lord and Savior?

"I was born in Philadelphia but grew up mostly in Southern New Jersey. My father is Jewish, and my mother is not. Although I wasn't raised in a particularly religious home, our Jewish culture was always an important part of our family life. During high school, some friends invited me to start attending Young Life meetings with them. Young Life is a Christian ministry for teens, and it was through hearing the Gospel at these meetings, along with experiencing the love of the Messiah through my friends and Young Life leaders, that I gave my life to Jesus. Interestingly, this happened on my 16th birthday, so I celebrate both my physical birth and spiritual rebirth on the same day each year!



Derek and His Family

When I was a freshman at Drexel University in Philadelphia, I attended a campus Bible study where a guest speaker—who happened to be the first other Jewish believer I had ever met—spoke about Messianic Judaism and ministry to Jewish people. God used that moment to ignite a passion in my heart for this particular ministry, which I eventually decided to pursue."

Tell us about "Messiah in the Passover." How have you seen it impact people's lives, and why should folks attend?

"I've been involved in Jewish ministry for 15 years, and during that time, I've had the privilege of sharing the Gospel through the Passover Seder many times, often with Jewish people who have

not yet believed. I couldn't even begin to count how many times I've seen the light bulb go on in people's minds as they connect the rituals of the Seder, the history of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, and the salvation offered to all through Yeshua, our Passover Lamb. It's a deeply rich and edifying experience that I believe your church will love. I encourage you to ask your congregants to pray about inviting their Jewish friends and neighbors to the event, as they will hear the Gospel clearly presented. Let's see what God will do!"



Derek Blumenthal

I am really looking forward to experiencing another "Messiah in the Passover" dinner, and I hope you are as well. We will serve Lee's Chicken with all the sides and you can register on the sign-up sheet at the round table in the People of Hope Center or by calling the church office by Monday, April 7. We will have a basket to collect donations for the dinner, with a suggested amount of at least \$10 per person. Additionally, we will take up a love offering for Chosen People Ministries. This event will be a wonderful way to prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday, which is on April 20.

Also, don't miss our special Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm on April 17. This service is always a very somber and reflective experience. And please invite your young friends to our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

I'm looking forward to these many unique ways we can learn about and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Each of these events will help us live out our vision of Knowing, Growing, and Going in the Love of Christ. May God bless Derek and his ministry, and may God bless you, your family, and Bethel Baptist Church!

-Todd



Preschool News

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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, March 31 - Sunday, April 6 and we will look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday, April 7. We will return to school ready to go full steam ahead the rest of the month.

Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support our third 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 the funds we raised 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. We are especially grateful to our preschool Room Moms who organized the amazing raffle baskets for the event. 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 8 and 9. Joanne Williams and Pastor Todd will lead chapel for our students on April 15, and we will be visiting Maymont on Tuesday, April 22. 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 experiences together in our last couple months of preschool.

Looking ahead to May, we will host our annual Mother's Day tea on May 8 and our Father's Day event on May 15. Our end of year celebration and PreK graduation will be May 22. This is also the last day of day of school.

As a reminder, the preschool is currently accepting registrations for our 2025-2026 school year, and we still have a few spots available in our 3's classes and PreK classes. Currently, our 2's and Parents Morning Out classes are 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 me and the Preschool. You are the reason we are the program we are today!

Heather Kerns, Bethel Baptist Preschool Director

A Note from Our Parish Nurse

National Health Month has daily topics and I have chosen foot health for the April newsletter.

Easter is a time to reflect, repent and renew. The Bible has many verses about walking with Jesus and walking to spread the gospel.

Feet are the foundation for so many important daily aspects of our lives. Feet support us and allow us to remain active.

Health suggestions from Harvard Medical are:

- 1) Foot hygiene - keep them clean, trim toenails, massage, and lotion them
- 2) Look for swelling, unusual cracks, discoloration, any changes. Discuss changes with your doctor.
- 3) Stretch and exercise your feet.
- 4) Wear proper shoes.
- 5) See a podiatrist when needed.

"And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Romans 10:15 (KJV)

"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life." **Proverbs 6:23 (KJV)**

Blessings and may you all have a wonderful Easter season.
Cindy Luck RN FCN

Ladies Fellowship Lunch is April 24

The Ladies Fellowship Lunch will be on **Thursday, April 24 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.

May Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May Outreach Newsletter is **April 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 **April 10**. Thank you for your help!

April Birthdays

Best Wishes to all Celebrating a Birthday in April

1 - Ed Woolridge	15 - Bruce Moseley
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	20 - Tim Reynolds
5 - Eric Mead	21 - James Heath, Jr.
6 - Burt Chauncey	21 - Aleta Jenkins
6 - Deborah Acree	22 - Carter Cosgrove
7 - Charles Stump	24 - Jarvis Florence
7 - Rebecca Lint	25 - Peyton Baker
8 - Nancy Verne	26 - Mary Lynn Smith
10 - Linda Downey	27 - Schuyler Doughtie
13 - Beth Deyerle	30 - Reagan Gilbert
14 - Philip Dewire	

Care Team News

The Valentine deliveries and visitations are complete and resulted in many smiling faces! We are all looking forward to spring! Please keep our members and Care Team in prayer.

-Jane Ruehrwein

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.

We are grateful for your contributions and we thank you for your gifts.

Join Us for Holy Week Services

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday, 10:30 am, POHC

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm, POHC

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday, 10:30 am, POHC

Pilgrimage to Greece

Join us for the next Zoom informational meeting on **Monday, April 7 at 8:00 pm** to discuss 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 application to our lives. We'd love for you to experience this with us!

Topic: Greece Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84414052507>

Meeting ID: 844 1405 2507

Day and Time: Monday, April 7 at 8:00 pm via Zoom



Charlotte's Pantry

April Pantry Schedule

- Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 5 to 6:30 pm
- Friday, April 25, 2025, 9 to 11 am

Please consider supporting Charlotte's Pantry by providing any of the following items:

- ◆ Cash Donation
- ◆ Non Perishable Food Items
- ◆ Toiletries such as Hand Lotion, Shampoo and Tooth Paste

Wednesday Night's in April

Wednesday, April 2 - Sacred Circle, 6 pm, People of Hope Center

Wednesday, April 9 - **No Sacred Circle - Messiah in the Passover**

Wednesday, April 16 - **No Sacred Circle - Join us for Maundy Thursday on 4/17**

Wednesday, April 23 - Sacred Circle, 6 pm, People of Hope Center

Wednesday, April 30 - Sacred Circle, 6 pm, People of Hope Center

Many Thanks!

Dear Bethel Family,

I was so happy to be back with you following my recent eye surgery. Complete healing will take a while but I am thankful that it went so smoothly. I have received an excellent report from my doctor and will have another follow up in early April. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your prayers, cards, text messages and other expressions of care and concern during this time.

Special thanks to Joe Oatman who is always willing to assist when needed. I don't know about you all but I am so blessed whenever Joe plays keyboard or piano for us!

Blessings,

Cathy Marshall, Accompanist

Bethel Baptist Church,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and wonderful fruit basket we received. All the prayers and love have been greatly appreciated.

Fondly,

Ellen Moseley

Thank you Bethel family for the beautiful flowers, and especially for the prayers and well wishes after my surgery. I'm progressing well and plan to be back in church soon.

Pat DeNunzio

Bethel Church Family,

I want to thank you for all of your prayers, phone calls, cards and goodie basket from the church during my recent illness and hospital stay. I am truly blessed by you all.

Love,

Donna Brooks

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.

Please contact any member of the AV team if you have any questions.

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News from the Library

The Small and the Mighty, by Sharon McMahon, is a must-read for anyone who loves history. She proves the most remarkable Americans are often ordinary people who didn't make it into the textbooks. Not the presidents, but the telephone operators. Not the aristocrats, but the schoolteachers. Through meticulous research, she discovers history's unsung characters and brings their rich, riveting stories to light for the first time. Come by the library and check it out!



-Cindy Wight

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Grab your Easter baskets and come to Bethel on **Saturday, April 19 from 10:00 am to noon** for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Stay and enjoy face painting, crafts, games and food.



Men's Fellowship Lunch is April 3

The Men's Fellowship Lunch for March is **Thursday, April 3, 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.

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>6 Communion Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC ● WMU, 10 am, POHC ● Ladies Coffee Group, 6 pm, POHC 	<p>1</p> <p><i>Preschool Closed Spring Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garden Club, 10 am, POHC 	<p>2</p> <p><i>Preschool Closed Spring Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room ● Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm 	<p>3</p> <p><i>Preschool Closed Spring Break</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Men's Fellowship Lunch, Noon at Italian Delight Restaurant ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room ● Circle of Truth Rehearsal, 5:30 pm 		<p>5</p>
		<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preschool Spring Pictures ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preschool Spring Pictures ● Charlotte's Parity, 5 to 6:30 pm ● NO Choir Rehearsal ● Youth Group, 6:00 pm, POHC ● Messiah in the Passover Demonstration and Community Dinner, 6 pm, POHC 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room ● DEADLINE for Articles for the May Outreach Newsletter 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 Palm Sunday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC ● Ladies Coffee Group, 6 pm, POHC 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preschool Egg Hunt and Class Parties ● Choir Rehearsal and Circle of Truth Practice, 5:30 pm 	<p>17 Maundy Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Preschool Egg Hunt and Class Parties ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room ● Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm, POHC 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bethel Preschool Easter Eggstravaganza Fun Friday, 9 am to Noon, POHC 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bethel Easter Egg Hunt, 10 am to Noon
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 9 am, POHC ● Ladies Coffee Group, 6 pm, POHC 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room ● Youth Group, 6:30 pm, Downstairs ● Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ladies Fellowship Lunch, Noon at Four Seasons Restaurant ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room ● Garden Club Flower Show Set-Up, 2 pm to 7 pm, POHC and Classrooms 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Garden Club Flower Show Set-Up/Show/Clean-up, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm, POHC ● Charlotte's Parity, 9 to 11 am ● Garden Club Flower Show, 1 to 4 pm, POHC—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 	<p>26</p>
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