

THE OUTREACH

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We are excited to introduce our new Family Life Minister, Jeremy Meads, who will officially join us on June 1, 2025. Jeremy brings a heartfelt passion for serving God's people and a deep commitment to nurturing faith across all ages. Here's a Q&A to help you to get to know him, along with an invitation to a special welcome event.

Getting to Know Jeremy Meads

Q: Tell us a little about yourself, where you grew up, went to school, hobbies, and maybe an interesting fact that not many people would know.

A: *I grew up in Fredericksburg, Virginia, just about an hour north of Richmond. I went to James Madison University to study History and am currently enrolled at BSK Theological Seminary, working towards my Master of Divinity. I am an avid golfer, despite not being very good at it.*

My wife, Virginia, and I love to travel and see live music. I am also a huge racing fan, and I very much look forward to the reopening of Southside Speedway!

Something about me that not many people know is that I briefly lived in Alaska when I was a kid. My dad was in the Air Force, and we were stationed there for a few years.

Q: Tell us your call story. How did the Lord call you into the ministry?

A: *I first felt a calling into ministry while I was at JMU. I had a campus minister through BCM who changed the way I viewed Jesus. While I was growing up, Jesus always felt distant. I knew that Jesus died for us, but I was unaware of just how much love and care an action like that took. In college, I took a spring break trip to Leslie County, Kentucky, which was one of the ten poorest counties in the United States at the time. While there, we did a spring break VBS for the local kids, and it had a much different feel than any event I had ever volunteered for in the past. I felt a calling that there was justice work to be done. I was given opportunities at our local church to work with youth and children and started vocational ministry in 2019. I have worked in various ministry roles over the last six years, and each stop has made the picture more and more clear of what God is calling me to do.*

Q: What are you most looking forward to in your new role, and what do you hope the Lord will accomplish through you?

A: *I am looking forward to getting to know everybody! I love to hear people's stories. We are people who are shaped by our experiences and our relationships. We each bring a unique viewpoint, and we all make up the larger Body, even when we disagree. I'm excited to see the Youth and Children of Bethel grow into wonderful people.*

Something I've heard in class several times is that Youth and Children are the present of our church today, but they could be the future of someone else's church. We face an uncomfortable truth when we deal with our kids going away to college or beginning careers that may take them to other places. However, we need to be prepared to send them into the world, and we want to make sure they know they are fully loved by God and that it is so imperative to share that same unconditional love with others. The other half of the role is really exciting to me as well. More recent studies are showing Seniors are being abandoned by the Church. This doesn't happen out of malice or negligence; however, it does still happen. I want to make sure you know, regardless of age, you are loved by God and loved by the church. Through visits and phone calls, everyone deserves to feel like part of a community, and age or sickness should never keep someone from feeling their community around them.

I'm excited for this new chapter at Bethel Baptist Church. I believe Jeremy will thrive in his role as Family Life Minister. Jeremy's focus on building relationships and sharing God's unconditional love will be a blessing to our congregation. I believe Jeremy's ministry will be another step in realizing our vision of "Knowing, Growing and Going in the Love of Christ."

In addition to welcoming Jeremy, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mary Florence for her dedicated service as our Youth and Children's Minister. Mary stepped into this role under challenging circumstances and has faithfully shepherded our youth with grace and commitment. We are grateful that Mary and her beautiful family will continue to play an important role in our church, and we trust that God has a wonderful plan for their future. Thank you, Mary, for your incredible work!

*Join Us for a Welcome Cookout! To celebrate Jeremy's arrival, we invite the Families of our Youth and Children to stay after worship on **Sunday, June 8, 2025**, for a cookout filled with fun, games, and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Jeremy, his wife, Virginia, and their daughter, Eliza, as we welcome them into our church family. As we prepare to welcome Jeremy, let's lift his ministry up in prayer, asking God to guide his steps and use him to touch lives at Bethel Baptist Church.*

Let's also pray for Mary and her family as they continue their journey with us, and let's pray for one another, that the Lord will unite us all in love and service. May God bless Bethel Baptist Church as we work towards "Knowing, Growing and Going in the Love of Christ."

Todd

Ministry & Missions Meeting

The quarterly Ministry & Missions Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 4 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 in the People of Hope Center prior to the meeting and the night of the meeting.

Men's Fellowship Lunch is June 5

The Men's Fellowship Lunch for June is **Thursday, June 5, 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.

Ladies Fellowship Lunch

The Ladies Fellowship Lunch will be on **Thursday, June 26 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.

July Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July Outreach Newsletter is **June 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 **June 10**. Thank you for your help!

Bethel Merchandise Now Available for Pick-Up!

Great news! If you ordered any Bethel merchandise, it's ready and waiting for you. Please contact Kim in the church office to schedule your pick-up time.

Payment Information:

- If you have not yet paid, please bring your payment at the time of pick-up.
- Make checks payable to **Bethel Baptist Church**.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you soon!

A Daughter's Tribute Sparked Father's Day

Father's Day was the brainchild of Sonora Smart Dodd, a daughter who wanted to honor her father, William Jackson Smart, a widowed Civil War veteran who raised six children alone. Inspired by Mother's Day, she proposed the idea in 1909, and the first celebration took place on June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. Despite early support, Father's Day wasn't recognized nationally until 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law. It had been celebrated in various forms since 1910, but it took over 60 years to gain official status.

Senior Sunday

Seniors of Bethel parents and grandparents who graduated from high school, trade school and college this year will be recognized on **Sunday, June 29 during worship service**.

If you have not sent in information for your child or grandchild and wish for them to be recognized, please send their full name, school they are graduating from and a photo, if available, to Kim Arnold in the church office as soon as possible.



Great June Concert

The Pine Ridge Boys are headed to Bethel Baptist Church! Join us **Saturday, June 21 at 6:00 pm** in the People of Hope Center for a wonderful night of gospel music.

Hailing from Inman, South Carolina, the Pine Ridge Boys are a true embodiment of pure southern gospel. Their harmonies resonate with a deep connection to the music's roots, showcasing a genuine passion for the message they convey. No ticket is needed and a Love Offering will be collected.



June 1—Dran Epps	June 18—Pat Herndon
June 6—Betty Tooley	June 18—Jane Watkins
June 6—Stuart Turner	June 18—Ardelle Florence
June 7—Magadalina Maine	June 18—Tammy Gillespie
June 8—Michael Bell	June 19—Forest Yeager
June 8—Dennis Glazener	June 20—Jillian Ratliff
June 10—Russell Wright	June 21—Faith Keaton
June 11—Paige Rider	June 23—Anne Cullen
June 12—Nate Mead	June 23—Dave Jeter
June 13—Eddie Stagg	June 25—Myrna Perkins
June 14—Nancy Blankenship	June 25—Billy Redmond, Jr.
June 14—Clayton Bruce	June 30—Julia Boykin
June 17—Christine Bordwine	June 30—Andrea Mead
June 18—Gordon Henry	

Wednesday Night's in June

Wednesday, June 4 - No Sacred Circle Due to Ministry & Missions Meeting
 Wednesday, June 11 - Sacred Circle, 6 pm, People of Hope Center
 Wednesday, June 18 - Sacred Circle, 6 pm, People of Hope Center
 Wednesday, June 25 - Sacred Circle, 6 pm, People of Hope Center

New Email Addresses at Bethel

We are in the process of upgrading all of the church email addresses. This will provide a more reliable flow of the church's incoming and outgoing email. Please change your address book to reflect the following updates:

Todd Bradbury, Pastor: tbradbury@bbc1817.org
 Jeremy Meads, Family Life Minister: jmeads@bbc1817.org
 Kim Arnold, Administrative Assistant: karnold@bbc1817.org
 Church Office (this forwards to Kim): office@bbc1817.org
 Stephanie Blanton, Worship Leader: sblanton@bbc1817.org
 Mary Florence, Youth & Children's Director: mflorence@bbc1817.org
 Heather Kerns, Preschool Director: hkerns@bbc1817.org
 Bruce Moseley, Technical Support: webmaster@bbc1817.org

Charlotte's Pantry

June Pantry Schedule

- Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 5 to 6:30 pm
- Friday, June 27, 2025, 9 to 11 am

How to Help

Charlotte's Pantry is currently accepting donations of the following items:

- Non-Perishable, Unexpired Food Items
- Toiletries such as Hand Lotion, Shampoo and Tooth Paste

A Note from Our Parish Nurse

Each year, on the second Saturday in June, the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) Family & Fitness Day is celebrated. The day promotes the importance of parks and recreation in keeping families and communities healthy and active.

[Family Health & Fitness Day | National Recreation and Park Association](#)

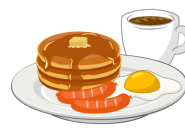
Father's Day falls on the same weekend so why not plan a fun family activity together? Suggestions include: visit a park, have a cookout, go to the beach, take a hike, create a scavenger hunt, golf or putt-putt golf, or maybe host a backyard dance party!

Don't forget to stay hydrated and use sunscreen!

Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (NKJV)

Blessings,
 Cindy Luck RN FCN

Brotherhood Breakfast on June 29



Join us on **Sunday, June 29, at 8:45 am** for our Brotherhood Breakfast. The Brotherhood will begin preparing breakfast at 7:15 am and will serve promptly at 8:45 am. We invite all members of the Brotherhood to assist with setup, meal preparation, and cleanup. As always, breakfast side dishes are enthusiastically welcomed. Monetary donations are also appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on **June 29**.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to me through calls, texts and cards. The thoughtful basket was filled with wonderful goodies like fruits, candy and cookies—all things we love.

Tom and I are sincerely blessed to be part of the Bethel family. We feel it all the time, but especially in this time when so many of you reached out to me.

I am feeling much better and looking forward to coming back to church. Again, I thank you so much for your love, prayers and kindness.

Sharon Kenney

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, love, care, visits, cards and calls during Mark's surgery and recovery. What a wonderful healer we have looking over us and guiding us. God Bless you all.

Carol and Mark Kimmel

Dear Bethel Church Friends,

Thank each of you so much for all the love and caring you have shown us these past months. From the auto accident, the death of our grandson, and a bout with Covid, you have showered us in so many ways that showed you care. Your love and thoughtfulness sustained us.

Pat and Bruce Bartlam

Bethel Church Family,

We just want to thank everyone for all of the wonderful cards you sent on my 90th birthday. I enjoyed reading every card. Thank you for your part in making it such a special day. I am so blessed to belong to such a caring church family.

Love,

Bill and Jean Redmond

Dear Bethel Family,

Thank you for all your prayers, the beautiful cards and phone calls after my recent surgery. I am so grateful and blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Love,

Donna Lewis

Thank you church family for your prayers, cards, phone calls and meals following my hip replacement. Your prayers were felt prior to and after surgery, as I felt so calm during these time periods.

So thankful for each of you,

Faye Cohen

A Heartfelt Farewell to Glenda Fisher

As we end another school year at Bethel, we find ourselves bidding farewell not only to our cherished students but also to a beloved teacher whose impact has been immeasurable. After ten years of dedicated service, Glenda Fisher is retiring (technically her second retirement!) from her role as a Bethel PreK teacher.

Glenda has been a beacon of warmth and kindness, greeted each day with a smile that brightened our halls and a heart full of compassion. Her unwavering dedication to her students, their families, and the Bethel community has left an indelible mark. Heather Kerns, Bethel's Preschool Director, fondly recalls Glenda's engaging stories, her deep commitment to her role, and the unique traditions she established with each class.

Glenda's approach to teaching was inspiring. She poured her heart into crafting lessons that were not only educational but also filled with love and care. Every theme was thoughtfully planned, every book carefully chosen, and every activity designed to nurture the minds and spirits of her students. Her organizational skills ensured that the preschool environment was always a place of order and warmth.

As Glenda embarks on this new chapter of her second retirement, she looks forward to spending more time with her granddaughter and eagerly anticipates the arrival of her second granddaughter later this summer. While we will miss her dearly, we are filled with gratitude for the decade of love, learning, and laughter she shared with us.

On behalf of everyone at Bethel, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Glenda for her years of service. May God continue to bless you and your family in this next season of life.






Sharing and Caring

The "Sharing and Caring" group meets each **Monday morning at 10 am** (note new time) in the People of Hope Center. For more information, contact Bruce Bartlam at 804-739-2936.

Be Prayerful

- For our Pastor and his family
- For the Holy Spirit to lead our services
- For our new Family Life Minister and his family
- For our JIGSAW Children's program and the leader
- For our youth group
- For our Pantry teams. Please be in prayer for all the people and families that are blessed through this ministry.
- For our backpack teams
- For our nursery workers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday Welcome Jeremy Meads! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 10 am, POHC ● WMU, 10 am, POHC 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NO Sacred Circle ● NOTE TIME CHANGE: Choir Rehearsal, 6 - 6:45 pm ● Ministry & Missions Quarterly Meeting, 7pm, POHC & Zoom 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Men's Fellowship Lunch, Noon at Italian Delight Restaurant ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room 	6	7
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ● Welcome Cookout with Jeremy for Youth & Children and Families, Following Worship ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 10 am, POHC 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC ● DEADLINE for Articles for the July Outreach Newsletter 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charlotte's Pantry, 5 to 6:30 pm ● Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room ● Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room ● Circle of Truth Rehearsal, 5:30 pm 	13	14 Flag Day 
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 10 am, POHC 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room ● Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room 	20 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Pine Ridge Boys, in Concert, 6 pm, POHC, No Ticket Needed
22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 10 am, POHC 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts, 7 pm, POHC 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sacred Circle, 6 pm, Endeavors Room ● Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ladies Fellowship Lunch, Noon at Four Seasons Restaurant ● AA Meeting, 5:30 pm, Providers Room 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charlotte's Pantry, 9 to 11 am 	28
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brotherhood Breakfast, 8:45 am, POHC ● Sunday School, 9:30 am ● Worship, 10:30 am, POHC ●  Senior Sunday, Graduate Recognition During Worship ● Girl Scouts, 5 pm, Downstairs 	30 First Day of Summer Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ESL, 8:30 am, Downstairs ● Sharing and Caring, 10 am, POHC 					

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WORSHIP TIMES

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

