



Bethesda Banner

Bethesda
Presbyterian
Church

4858 McConnell's Hwy.
York, SC 29745
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Sunday School
9:45
Worship Service
11:00

One Spirit ~

One Body ~

Many Gifts



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The Coming Birth of Jesus

In the sixth month after Elizabeth had become pregnant, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. He was sent to a virgin. The girl was engaged to a man named Joseph. He came from the family line of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel greeted her and said, "The Lord has given you special favor. He is with you."

Mary was very upset because of his words. She wondered what kind of greeting this could be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary. God is very pleased with you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son. You must give birth to a son. You must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king like his father David of long ago. He will rule forever over his people, who came from Jacob's family. His kingdom will never end."

How can this happen?" Mary asked the angel. "I am a virgin."

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come to you. The power of the Most High God will cover you. So the holy one that is born will be called the Son of God. Your relative Elizabeth is old. And even she is going to have a child. People thought she could not have children. But she has been pregnant for six months now. Nothing is impossible with God."

"I serve the Lord," Mary answered. "May it happen to me just as you said it would." Then the angel left her.

*Will you say yes to God
this Advent season?*



If you would like to choose a name from the Angel Tree, please contact the church office. The gifts need to be turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 8.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone special in your life, please sign up on the form in the back of the vestibule or contact the church office. The cost of the poinsettias is \$12 each.

Opportunities for Worship this Christmas

Thursday, December 12 - CDC Christmas Program at 7:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Saturday, December 14 - Christmas Caroling from 3:00-5:00 pm. Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 15 - "JOY" choir program at 11:00 am in the sanctuary

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. A time of prayer will be held at 5:30 pm in front of the sanctuary for those who have lost loved ones.

Oh, Come Let us Adore Him



Bethesda enjoyed having Dr. Tito Palacios and Dr. Allan Chavarria join us for Worship on Sunday, November 10. All previous members of Bethesda's mission teams to Guatemala gathered at the Childers' home for lunch. Later in the day, Dr. Tito and Dr. Allan played pickle ball for the first time. Although it was their first time playing, they beat everyone!

Bethesda received a Christmas card from La Mision with the following message:

*Our team at Fundacion La Mision appreciates
your support and prayers in 2019.
We wish you a Merry Christmas full of the
blessings from our Lord Jesus Christ.*

December

December Calendar

Monday, Dec. 2: Hand Chimes 6:30 LP
Boy Scouts 7 pm in FH

Tuesday, Dec. 3: Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 4: Morning Circle 10 am FH
Dinner 6:30 pm FH
Choir and Christmas Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 5: Bible Study 6:30 in FH
Mobile Food Pantry 9 am

Saturday, Dec. 7: Evening Circle at Amicks 10 am

Sunday, Dec. 8: Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC
Worship Committee 6 pm in SR
Admin Committee 7 pm in SR

Monday, Dec. 9: Hand Chimes 6:30 LP
Boy Scouts 7 pm in FH

Tuesday, Dec. 10: Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm LP
Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 11: Dinner 6:30 pm FH
Full rehearsal for "JOY" 7 pm

Thursday, Dec. 12: CDC Christmas Program 7 pm in FLC
NO Bible study

Friday, Dec. 13: Mobile Food Pantry 9 am

Saturday, Dec. 14: Christmas Caroling 3-5 pm FH

Sunday, Dec. 15: Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC
Session 7 pm SR

Monday, Dec. 16: Boy Scouts 7 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Staff Meeting 10 am FH
Dinner 6:30 pm in FH
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Dec. 19: Bible Study 6:30 pm in FH

Friday, Dec. 20: Mobile Food Pantry 9 am

Sunday, Dec. 22: Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:00 pm

CDC closed December 23, 24 & 25

Church office closed December 24 & 25

Sunday, Dec. 29: 5th Sunday Covered Dish Lunch
following worship
Pickle ball 5:30 pm FLC

Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings

Admin/Stewardship Committee - Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm in SR
Child Development Center -
Christian Education -
Congregational Life - Scheduled as needed
Property Committee - Scheduled as needed
Worship Committee - Dec. 8 at 6:00 pm in SR
Personnel Committee -
PNC Committee -



December Birthdays



1	Faye Smith, Lewis Smith
3	Tony Plott
5	Suzanne Griffin, Will Johnston
6	Melissa Wallace, Conner Williams
7	James Anthony, Jr.
8	Ernice Bookout
9	Tommy Adkins, Jerry Dickson, Bobby Walker
11	Jim Conrad, Kristy Melton
14	Tyler Hamm
15	Reggie Clawson
16	Charlotte Gould, Micah Hancock
18	Martina Russell
21	Ginger Dewey, Melanie Dover, Ina Oates
24	Buddy Clawson
27	Tim Goodband, Eddie Smith
28	Robert Fulmer, Roy Glover
29	Carson Smith
31	Liz Blackwell, Kim Johnson

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Esther Bailey
 Bill Dover
 Edith Gordon
 Ethan Hose
 Walter Jonas
 Michelle Melton
 Sonny Moore
 Mike Percival
 Steve Rawdon
 Eddie Allan Smith
 Ruth Rawdon

Homebound

Amelia Simmers
 Robert Jones
Marriages
 Chase Hope and Jennifer
 McDermott 11/16/19

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family, Tito Palacios
 (La Mision) and Driggers
 Family

In the Community and Beyond

Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
 Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
 Ed Beam (Cecelia Alexander's brother-in-law)
 Terri Gaskill & husband (teacher at Karen's school)
 Randy Ransom
 Heidi Benton
 Ellen and Kenny Green
 Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover's son-in-law)
 Christine Roberts
 Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
 Chris Brackett - cancer
 John Percival (Jim's brother)
 Karen Rescigno (Donna Hagler's cousin - breast cancer)
 Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother)
 Charles Blanks (Lindy's father-in-law)
 Paul Short (Lindy's father)
 Kathy Gale (Debbie Simpson's friend)
 Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)
 Nancy Williams (Donna Hagler's mother)
 Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)
 Amanda Hall (LaRayne's daughter)
 Russ Branch (Dorothy Williamson's great-nephew)
 Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother) ALS
 Future Wade, 10/22/19, surgery (Alberta Anthony's
 great nephew)
 Mattie Thomas (granddaughter of Jim Percival's cousin)
 Bryan Good (Debbie Darby's brother)
 Casey Lane (Nancy Smith's nephew(dialysis))

November Attendance

	Morning Worship	Sunday School
11/3/19	57	46
11/10/19	70	50
11/17/19	38	38
11/24//19	75	45
11/26/19	125 (Community Thanksgiving)	

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites for December

Dec. 5: 9 am - Green Pond UMC, 983 Bethel St. Clover
 Dec. 13: 9 am - Green Pond UMC, 983 Bethel St. Clover
 Dec. 20: 9 am - Freedom Temple, 215 E. Main St., Rock Hill

Thank you for your assistance with these pantries.
 Questions?
 Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging (803)329-9670.

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Mark Boyd

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Cheryl Forlines

Robert Fulmer

Jim Percival

Karen Percival

Stacy Russell

Debbie Simpson

Johnny Walker

*"For to us a child is born, to us a
son is given, and the government
will be on his shoulders.*

*And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

Our Mission

We celebrate the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ who is the head of the Church. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are God's servants dedicated to the nurturing of all people in faith, service and fellowship; providing service to those in need; comforting the bereaved; ministering to the sick; offering solace to the troubled; and always seeking the lost.

We invite all believers in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to share the communion loaf and cup of communion as symbols of our unity and service to the Risen Lord.



Established 1760

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Staff:

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones Director of Music Ministry - LaRayne Hall

Interim Director of Children/Youth Ministries - Lindy Blanks

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