



Bethesda Banner

Billy Graham's Prayer for a New Year

This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

**Bethesda
Presbyterian
Church**

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Sunday School
9:45
Worship Service
11:00

*One Spirit ~
One Body ~
Many Gifts*



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Presbyterian Church
York, South Carolina

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us - but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands in Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end." (Psalm 119:3)

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". (Psalm 33:12)

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us - far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank you for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen.

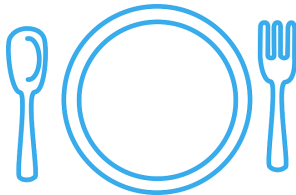
Plentiful Harvest Kitchen

Plentiful Harvest Kitchen is held every Sunday from 4-6 pm at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. A free meal is prepared and served to anyone who comes in. Different churches and community groups volunteer to prepare and serve the meals. Some of the money we collect for Dimes for Hunger are used to help provide these meals.

Bethesda has been volunteering for the past two years. Our next date to serve is March 8, 2020. We start around 2 pm prepping and cooking the meal and serve between 4-6 followed by clean up. If you would like to help, you can come at any time or stay the whole time. Those who have volunteered in the past find it very rewarding and it is a great opportunity for fellowship with others from Bethesda and those who come in for a meal.

A sign up sheet will be available the end of February.

We hope you will consider serving in this ministry of Bethesda.



Bethesda's Got Talent II

The 2nd "Bethesda's Got Talent" Talent Show will be held on February 15. Dinner will be served at 5 pm followed by the talent show. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule if you have an act for the talent show. For questions contact Steve Childers at (803)417-3571.

There is a box in the vestibule of the church for devotional books. Please donate any you are finished with and please take one if you want one. This is a free exchange of devotional-like material or short Christian books, pamphlets, etc. Make a New Year's resolution to do daily devotionals.

Summary of Session Meeting – December 15, 2019

The Bethesda Session met on Sunday December 15, 2019. Items covered at the meeting included the following:

- Expressed appreciation to the Elder Class of 2019 for their three years of service: Debbie Darby, Cheryl Forlines, Karen Percival, and Johnny Walker
- Welcomed the Elder Class of 2022: Dorothy Williamson, Linda Messer, Irvin Jones and Ernice Bookout
- Received the Financial Report
- Received committee reports
- Received a report brief report from the Pastor Nominating Committee—The committee members request the prayers of the entire congregation as they continue their search for our Pastor
- Discussed 2020 Committee Chairs and committee assignments:
 - Committee Chairs:
 - Administrative/Stewardship—Todd Russell
 - Child Development Center—Debbie Simpson
 - Christian Education/Youth—Ernice Bookout
 - Congregational Life—Steve Childers
 - Property—Trudy Amick
 - Worship—Stacy Russell
- Designated Thornwell as the recipient of the 2019 Christmas Eve Offering
- Discussed the annual review of the membership rolls
- Scheduled the annual Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 16, 2020—The purpose of the meeting is to receive the annual Ministry Report and hold the required annual Meeting of the Corporation
- Scheduled an Elder Training Retreat for Saturday, January 4, 2020
- Received the Pastor's Report

January

January Calendar

Monday, Jan. 6: Evening Circle 6:00 pm
Boy Scouts 7 pm in FH

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

Wednesday, Jan. 8: Morning Circle 10 am FH
Dinner 6:30 pm FH
Choir 7:30 pm

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

Sunday, Jan. 12: Elder Ordination & Installation
Congregational Life Committee 4:30 pm FH
Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC
CE Committee 6 pm
Worship Committee 6 pm in SR
Admin Committee 7 pm in SR

Monday, Jan. 13: Boy Scouts 7 pm in FH

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Staff Meeting 10:00 am
Dinner 6:30 pm FH
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 16: Bible study 6:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 19: Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC
Session 6 pm SR

Monday, Jan. 20: Boy Scouts 7 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 21: Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm SR
Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 22: Dinner 6:30 pm in FH
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 23: Bible Study 6:30 pm in FH

Sunday, Jan. 26: Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

Wednesday Jan. 29: Dinner 6:30 pm
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Jan. 30: Bible Study 6:30 pm FH

Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings

Admin/Stewardship Committee - Jan. 12 at 7:00 pm in SR
Child Development Center -
Christian Education - Jan. 12 at 6:00 pm
Congregational Life - Jan. 12 at 4:30 pm in FH
Property Committee - Scheduled as needed
Worship Committee - Jan. 12 at 6:00 pm in SR
Personnel Committee - Jan. 18 at 5:00 pm in SR
PNC Committee -



January Birthdays



1	Ricky Simpson, JoEllen Smith
2	Stacey Coleman
6	Emma Joy Dover
9	David Johnson
12	Shane Sigmon
13	Lauren McDaniel, Claire Williamson
16	Adam Cole
17	Steve Childers, Mike Clark, Janie Stafford
18	Debbie Fulmer
19	Zach Costner
21	Cathy Goodband
22	Bobbie Kaye Hagler
25	Austin Johnson, Nathalia Nettles
26	Alan Smith, Jr.
27	Jim Bookout
28	Patsy Walker
29	Kelly Williamson
31	Johnny Walker

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Anita Ferguson Buffolino
 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
Deaths
 Rev. Austin Clark Wiser,
 (former pastor of Bethesda)
 12/5/19
 Andy Smith 12/8/19
 Ashley Krepps 12/13/19

Global Mission Partners
 Matias Family and
 Tito Palacios (La Mision)

In the Community and Beyond

Katie & Matt McCoy (expecting twins) Jim & Lisa
 Percival's daughter
 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)
 Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)
 Amanda Hall (LaRayne's daughter)
 Russ Branch (Dorothy Williamson's great-nephew)
 Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother) ALS
 Mattie Thomas (granddaughter of Jim Percival's cousin)
 Bryan Good (Debbie Darby's brother)
 Casey Lane (Nancy Smith's nephew, dialysis)

December Attendance

	Morning Worship	Sunday School
12/1/19	63	43
12/08/19	65	34
12/15/19	127	34
12/22//19	68	(no count)
12/24/19	116 (Christmas Eve)	
12/29/19	47	34



2020 Flower Chart



The new 2020 Flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Sunday School Building. If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary - sign up on the chart. If you wish information to be in the bulletin for that Sunday, notify Pat in the church office at 328-1360 or email bethesda@comporium.net by the previous Tuesday.

January Ushers

Ralph Adams

Trudy Amick

Ernice Bookout

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*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: The old
has gone, the new is here!"*

*Out with the old, in with the new. Christ is
here to lead us into a brand new year, where we
can start fresh with a brand new, positive
mindset.*

Our Pastor:

Rev. Doug Blaikie

Our Elders:

Ralph Adams

Trudy Amick

Ernice Bookout

Mark Boyd

Steve Childers

Bobby Fulmer

Irvin Jones

Linda Messer

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell

Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

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

Caretaker - Mike Percival

Sexton - Donna Hagler