

May, 2021



Bethesda Banner

Let Love Be Our Guide

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

4858 McConnells Hwy.
York, SC 29745
(803)328-1360

In-person worship 10 am

Children meet in the
Fellowship Hall

Visit

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for updates.



For me, perhaps the greatest and most wonderful claim in the Bible is that God is love. Please understand, it is no sappy, soft phrase. For the love Christians speak of is not symbolized by Cupid, an infant, but is love embodied in the person of Jesus Christ, in his life and in his death. God is love means that purity of dogma will only be measured in the end of day by the integrity of love. It is why we should care so deeply about Mission and why we need to be a church who is known by its generosity. If God is love, then we need to let love be our guide both corporately and privately. And as a church it reminds us that all of life is relational, that we derive our strength from our relations with God and one another.

Years ago I led a trip of youth and adults to work for Habitat for Humanity. The highlight of the week was when we got to watch a home that was presented to Janice and her family. She was given a contract to sign, which made her the homeowner, and then the director of the Radford, Virginia, branch of Habitat for Humanity spoke beautiful words about the love of God. He was fighting back the tears as he handed her the keys, something that Janice did not fight at all as they tumbled down her cheeks. Paul often talks about the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit." On that day, we experienced it in front of her new home. God is love is an expression of our aliveness, that "we pass from death and into life," only because we love one another and love God. So as we walk our journey of life **may love be our guide**. Because that is what makes us come to life!

- Doug

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A new Adult Sunday School class will meet this Sunday, May 2, after the morning worship in the Ladies' Parlor

If you are a 2021 graduate or know of a 2021 graduate, please let Bobby Fulmer or Dorothy Williamson know. All graduates will be recognized on May 23.



Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites for May, 2021

May 6: 1:00 pm - Mt. Hebron Baptist, 262 Neely Store Rd., Rock Hill

May 7: 1:00 pm - Faith Presbyterian, 7520 Charlotte Hwy., Indian Land

May 28: 9:00 am - Mt. Vernon UMC, 2161 Smithfield Rd., Hickory Grove

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these pantries.

Questions? Call Catawba Area Agency on Aging. 803-329-9670.

Bethelwoods Camp (in York, SC) is currently hiring for summer jobs and would like your help finding excellent staff people. Bethelwoods staff members are imperfect but joyful, vulnerable, Christ-centered, hard-working, and kids-at-heart. If you know someone who wants to make a difference this summer while pursuing Jesus in an authentic community, this is the job for them. More information can be found at bethelwoods.org/job-opportunities.



Bethelwoods Summer Camp 2021 registration is now open.

Email info@bethelwoods.org or call (803)366-3722.

The Worship Committee is looking for people to sign up for the flower chart. Chart is located to the right of the narthex (front) of the sanctuary. Also, John Nettles is looking for people to be liturgist for the coming year.

Any children ages 3 and above are invited to come to children's church during the regular worship time. We will meet in the fellowship hall where we can practice social distancing. During this time, we will have a worship service, a lesson, and some fun activities. When parents come to church, they can just leave their children at the fellowship hall. We do ask that the children wear masks during this time. We hope this will allow parents and children to fully enjoy their worship time.

Good morning!

Thanks so much to everyone at Bethesda for your recent gift to support Thornwell. We are so grateful for your partnership in service.

I have recently committed to serve in another position away from Thornwell but wanted to make sure you know that you can reach out to Rachel Crescibene at any time to learn about Thornwell. She can be reached directly at:

rachel.crescibene@thornwell.org

864-230-3069

I will be praying for continued blessings for Bethesda and Thornwell as y'all continue to work together in ministry.

Blessings,
Buddy

Sunday, May 9 - Bethesda will serve at Plentiful Harvest Kitchen at Covenant Presbyterian in Rock Hill from 2-6 pm. If you would like to help, meet at Covenant at 2 pm to help cook and set up or 4 pm to help serve and clean up. Of course, you are welcome to help for the entire time, also! If you have any questions, contact Steve or Sarah Childers.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes. Proverbs 3:5-6.

Question: Does this mean that we should not think that we are wise? Is it hard to trust in the Lord?



May Birthdays



- 1 Kitty Sharpe
- 2 Pat Lauckner, Kevin Walker
- 3 Lisa Hagler, Christy Johnston
- 6 Kristan Dunphy
- 8 Christopher Blaikie
- 10 Cheryl Forlines, Nell Glover, Cadence Lackey
- 11 Jean Blaikie
- 14 Nick Sigmon, Gene Williamson
- 15 Josh Faulkenberry, Robert Feller, Sr., Cayden McDaniel
- 16 Chase Hope
- 17 Hailey Carter
- 19 Josiah Walker
- 20 Lily Hull, Logan Johnston
- 21 Sully Foy
- 22 Charlie Jenkins
- 23 Donavon Burns
- 27 Deanna Johnson
- 28 Josh Teno
- 29 Lauren Hibbard

April Attendance

		<u>Morning Worship</u>		<u>Bible Study</u>	
		In-person	On-line	In-person	On-line
4/1/21	Maundy Thursday	23		5	6
4/4/21	SONrise	43			
4/4/21		61	12	4	4
4/11/21		49	10	5	4
4/18/21		38	8	No Bible Study	
4/25/21		43	No on-line service		No Bible Study

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Margaret Moore
Lou Anne Hildebrand (back pain)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Bill Dover
Michelle Melton
Steve Rawdon
PNC Committee

Deaths

Nancy Medlin McDaniel 4/3/21 (Margaret Moore's sister)
Karen Starkey 4/10/21
Robert Jones 4/21/21

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

In the Community and Beyond

Reed Runyon (Adam's uncle)
Ottis Wagner
Ashley , Caitlyn, Summer, Kylie (Donna's friends)
Heath, cancer (3 yr. old friend of Tara Rogers)
Ella Kingston (Lou Anne's 2 yr. old friend (genetic disorder)
Mary Parkman (friend of Walkers) stomach cancer
Larry Rockholt (Carolyn's son)
Dorothy Hazard (LaRayne's sister-in-law)
Ed Beam (Cecelia Alexander's brother-in-law)
Ellen Green
Scott McDaniel (Bill Dover's son-in-law)
Hildegard and Jim Bell's granddaughter, lupus
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother)
Kathy Gale (Debbie Simpson's friend)
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)
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)
Eddie Gregory (cancer)
Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law - cancer)
Gayle Russell Zeola (in intensive care - critical condition)
Jerry Knight
Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer

**BABY
GIRL**

*Congratulations to Zach and Abby Costner
on the birth of their daughter, Adley Rose.
Adley was born on April 15.*

*Proud grandparents are Lewis and Beth Smith and
extra proud aunt is Laura.*

La Mision Update

April, 2021

We went to a new place to hold a medical clinic day. This village is Vista Hermosa. Before we couldn't go to this place because the road was in bad condition and they didn't have a bridge. But they built a bridge and now, thank God, we went to this place and attended a lot of families.

We delivered 480 pounds of different type of good in Vista Hermosa village. 240 people were blessed in this time. Thanks for you support.

The Scholarship Program gave shoes to 90 kids in Lampara and Sarita Schools. It was a good time sharing love, joy and happiness with the kids. They received shoes and now they are ready to go to school wearing new shoes. There are many kids without a sponsor. Please join us in praying for new sponsors.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,

“plans to prosper you and not to harm you,

Plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

(If you would like to sponsor a child in Guatemala through La Mision or you have questions, contact Sarah at (803)417-0693.)

May at Bethesda:

Sunday, 5/2: 10 am Worship Service, New Sunday School Class LP, 11:15 am CE Committee (FH)

Monday, 5/3: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 5/4: 6 pm Prayer Shawl (LP), 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 5/5: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 5/6: 10 pm Morning Circle (LP), 1 pm Mobile Food Pantry - Mt. Hebron, 4 pm (FH), 7:30 pm Country Dance (FH)

Friday, 5/7: 1 pm Mobile Food Pantry—Faith Presbyterian

Sunday, 5/9: 10 am Worship followed Adult Sunday School Class (LP), 7 pm Admin. Committee

Monday, 5/10: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 5/11: 5:45 pm CDC Committee, 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 5/12: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 5/13: 4 pm Bible Study (FH), 7:30 pm Country Dance (FH)

Sunday, 5/16: 10 am Worship, Adult Sunday School Class (L) and Choir Practice after Worship, 6 pm Session (FH)

Monday, 5/17: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 5/18: 7pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 5/19: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 5/20: 4 pm Bible Study, 7:30 pm Country Dance (FH)

Sunday, 5/23: 10 am Worship - Graduate Sunday - Choir sings, Adult Sunday School Class following worship (LP)

Monday, 5/24: 7 pm Boy Scouts (PS/FH)

Tuesday, 5/25: 7 pm PNC (FH)

Wednesday, 5/26: 6:30 pm TGI Wednesday (FH)

Thursday, 5/27: 4 pm Bible Study (FH), 7:30 pm Country Dance (FH)

Friday, 5/28: 9 am Mobile Food Pantry - Mt. Vernon

Sunday, 5/30: 10 am Worship Service, Adult Sunday School Class following worship (LP)

Monday, 5/31: Memorial Day - Office and CDC closed

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*"As a mother comforts her child, so
will I comfort you; and you will be
comforted over Jerusalem."*

Isaiah 66:13

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 - Karen Percival

Sexton - Donna Hagler