

August, 2021



Bethesda Banner

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*For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven,
A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

Borrowed from the book of Ecclesiastes, these familiar words remind us that, indeed, life is a series of seasons. And in a real sense we will look back on the pandemic as a troubling season in each of our lives. However, adversity and trouble, even though we should never seek it, can be used by our Lord to mold and teach us. While it has been a strange and difficult time, it is important for us to glean those lessons.

Obviously this past year and a half has forced us to come to grips with technology. In 1986 when I graduated from Seminary, if someone had told me that I would have to know about live streaming, and zoom, and putting a worship service on a platform called You Tube, I would have laughed in their face. But I have discovered that they can be powerful tools to communicate the Gospel.

We have also learned that no matter what the season, the needs of people do not go away. This has forced us to find ways to continue being ambassadors for Christ through it all. Things like lockdowns and forced quarantines and separations from loved ones have reminded us of the simple joy of being together.

It has been said, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks," but we have proved that no matter how old we may be or what season we are living through, God, with the help of the Holy Spirit, equips us to continue to love and serve. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, with your willingness to be creative in sharing the gospel, we will continue learning and adapting. May God bless us and Bethesda as we go through the seasons of our lives.

God Bless You,

In-person worship 10 am
Visit
www.bethesdapres.org
for updates.



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

August 27: 9:00 am Unity Presbyterian, 303 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill

Thank you in advance for your assistance with these pantries.

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



A nursery for children from birth to Pre-K is provided weekly. We need two volunteers each week to help provide this service, so that parents of young children will be able to fully participate in Worship. Please use the sign up sheet on the front pew to volunteer for this important ministry or contact Ernice Bookout at (803) 487-2797. Members of the Christian Education/Youth Committee will be in touch as we work to develop a schedule of Nursery workers. Please pray about serving God in this way. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Presbyterian Women will meet on August 14 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 am. The theme of the program is "Anchors and Angels".

We look forward to hearing Don Peake sing "The Anchor Holds". Cheryl Forlines will give an overview of the York County Guardian Ad Litem program.

Becky Adams has items to give away based on the theme "anchors and angels".

Ladies, we look forward to visiting with you on Saturday, August 14. The program will be short so that we will have time for fellowship. Lunch will be provided between 11:30 and 12:00.

Verse to Remember:

Ephesians 6: 10-11 "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you might be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

The remainder of Chapter 6 specifies those items a Christian needs to put on. What are they?



August Birthdays



- 1 Asa Darby, Chay Williamson, Seth Williamson
- 2 Elizabeth Steward
- 4 Darius Alexander, Matthew McDaniel
- 6 Hope Dover
- 7 Teresa King
- 8 Ellen Dewey
- 9 Tamara Rockholt
- 10 Peggy Adkins, Diane Arnold
- 11 Jim Bell, Nancy Smith
- 14 Hildegard Bell, JD Hibbard, Lennie Teska, Jr.
- 20 Hart Teska, III
- 21 Abby Costner
- 22 Ashlyn Dexter, Lisa Faris
- 23 Beth Jo Alexander, Rebecca Simpson
- 29 Kim Mitchell, Connie Sigmon
- 30 Hunter Melton

July Attendance

Morning Worship

In-person

7/4/21	32
7/11/21	47
7/18/21	41
7/25/21	38

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Frank Allen
Ina Oates
Eddie Alan Smith (fractured pelvis from fall)
Margaret Moore
Lou Anne Hildebrand (back pain)
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Bill Dover
Michelle Melton
Steve Rawdon
PNC Committee

Deaths

Global Mission Partners Family and friends of
Matias Family and Ethan Hose, 7/8/21
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

I appreciate all the thoughts and prayers during the time of my fracture. **Eddie Allan Smith**

Thank everyone for all the thoughts and prayers during Casey Lane's lengthy illness. **Family of Casey Lane**

In the Community and Beyond

Rebecca Fulmer
Priscilla Jennings (Donna's aunt) COPD
Jessica Abelt — cancer
Blanche Tirk (LaRayne's friend) cancer
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)
Rick Sturgis (Percival's friend) pancreatic cancer
John Rogers (Tara's dad)
Cherish Clark Walker (Krystal's friend) cancer
Dale Wray & mother, Peggy (Krystal's friend)
Rick Stallard (Josh's father)
Sawyer Long (Jeff & Kim Parrish's 6 week old grandson) cancer
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)
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
Bryan Good (Debbie Darby's brother)
Eddie Gregory (cancer)
Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law - cancer)
Jerry Knight
Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer

Updates from the Christian Education Committee

All Sunday School teachers and substitutes, if possible, will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 22 at 3 pm.

Sunday School Classes will begin meeting on August 29 at 9 am. Look for more information in the bulletin in the coming weeks. **Also, the worship service will return to 11:00 am on August 29.**

A Rally Day Lunch will be held after the 11 am worship service on August 29 in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a dessert for lunch, please contact Ernice or Susan.



Come join the fun! On Sundays at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center youth through 80-something year old adults get together to play Pickleball. Don't worry if you don't know what pickleball is or you don't have a paddle! We have extra paddles and will be glad to show you what it's all about. Even if you don't want to play, come by to watch. There is always lots of entertainment!

2021 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex- sign up to place flowers in Sanctuary for Sunday morning worship and, if you wish info in the bulletin on that Sunday, notify Pat at 803-328-1360 or email bethesda@comporium.net by the previous Tuesday.

Thank you from our Transitional Co-General Presbyters and Stated Clerks:

Dear Doug and Bethesda,

Thank you all so much for the gracious welcome we received yesterday. It was so good to be back in a sanctuary for worship! The service was meaningful, on target for what we are all living through these days. Thank you all for your ministry to the county and beyond!

Peace,
Olivia

Thanks also for the after church conversations and the plans for future discussions in the next few weeks. Thank you for your time and your ministry!

In Christ,

Blood Drive

Bethesda Presbyterian Church is partnering with The Blood Connection to sponsor a blood drive on Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 from 2:00pm – 7:00pm. Each blood donor will receive a \$20 eGift card as a thank you for donating. Each blood donation saves up to 3 lives! Donors need to be at least 16 years old (16 year old need a permission slip which will be at the blood drive), weigh at least 110 pounds, have ID and be in general good health.

Please schedule an appointment by clicking on this link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/176636

Walk-ins are welcome but appointments will be honored first.



Tender Hearts- York is reaching out to churches looking for volunteers for their warehouse.

They have had an enormous amount of donations and need help sorting. The hours needed are M – F from 10 – 4 and Saturday 10 – 2. If you are available to volunteer for any of these hours, please contact Paje Suratt 803-627-2223

Bethesda will serve at Plentiful Harvest Kitchen at Covenant Presbyterian in Rock Hill on August 15 from 2 - 6 pm. At this time, dine in is back. You can come help prepare the meal from 2-4 pm, serve and clean up from 4– 6 pm or stay the whole time. If you have never helped, it is very rewarding! Please let Steve or Sarah know if you can help.

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Jim Percival

Todd Russell

Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

*"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*

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.



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