

# Bethesda



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## 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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Dear friend,

For the past 25 years, we have been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel.

In Moldova, Marina has a hard life. Her mother passed away and her father is paralyzed. As a young teen, she lived alone with her blind and bedridden grandmother. In addition to her schoolwork, Maria cut wood, collected water, and prepared food for her grandmother until she also died. But great joy came into Marina's life when she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. She loved the hat and gloves she found inside and the note that said, "Jesus loves you." Soon after, a friend invited her to church where she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior. Now despite her difficulties, Marina says that knowing God makes her happy.

Many boys and girls who receive shoebox gifts also enroll in our follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to follow Christ and share Him with others. It all starts with a simple gift. Will you prayerfully consider joining us in this exciting ministry?

Franklin Graham  
President, Samaritan's Purse

**“Church leaders are examples who reflect Jesus, guides who point people to the Lord as their source, servants with hearts of humility, and shepherds who care about people’s welfare.”**

## *Session Highlights*

The Bethesda Session met on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Items covered at the meeting included the following:

- Received monthly committee reports
- Received the financial report
- Approved three recommendations from the Treasurer
- Formed an ad hoc committee to assist the Clerk of Session with a review of the Directory of Worshipers
- Approved an Interim Director of Christian Education Candidate, pending background check
- Received a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee on the names of candidates for the Elder Class of 2021
- Scheduled a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 11, 2018 for the purpose of holding an election of Elders for the Elder Class of 2021
- Received a report on the Providence Presbytery Meeting on October 21 from John Nettles, Elder Commissioner at this meeting
- Received the Pastor’s Report

## *Congregational Meeting on November 11*

A called meeting of the congregation of Bethesda Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018, immediately following the 11:00 AM worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect four persons to serve as Elder in the Elder Class of 2021. On this date a slate of names will be presented for consideration for service as Elder. The names of the nominees will be announced prior to the meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor. Please gain a member’s approval prior to placing their name in nomination.

## *Directory Updating*

Bethesda is in the process of updating our Directory of Worshipers. If your address or phone number has changed, or you would like to add your cell phone number or email, please let the church office know. (803-328-1360)

## *Our Online Presence*

Bethesda’s newsletter is available online on our website at Bethesdapres.org. If you know of someone who would like to get it through their email, please let the church office know and our secretary will add that name to our mailing list. Rev. Blaikie’s sermons are also online on YouTube. Follow the link from the Bethesda website to the Bethesda YouTube channel. While there subscribe to the channel and watch the video of Rev. Blaikie’s sermons.

### *October Attendance*

	Worship	Sun. School
Oct 7	61	38
Oct 14	64	40
Oct 21	62	46
Oct 27	55	37



### *November Elders on Duty*

Ralph Adams  
Mark Boyd  
Steve Childers

## *And All the People Said "Amen!"*

A huge heartfelt thank you to EVERYONE who helped to make the Fall Fundraiser such a huge success. As I am writing this, I have no idea of the amount of money made through the fundraiser. I am judging my idea of success based on the efforts and attitudes shown this weekend. I don't think I have ever seen so many people from Bethesda come together and work so hard together. We had new members and even nonmembers cooking meat late Friday night and then working all day on Saturday, never losing their smiles. We had youth working together all day on Saturday and having a blast doing so. Some even commented that it had been the best day ever at church. We had members and former members enjoying themselves. We had vendors wanting to be sure they were asked to return next year because they had such a positive experience. Every Session member actively participated in the success. People didn't necessarily have an assigned role. It was a day of "what needs to be done? I can do that!" I feel like everyone who was there left with a story that made them smile. I know that was true for my family. Even though it was a lot of work, the enjoyment of the day was more than the work load. For these reasons, I found today to be a very successful, exciting, promising day in the life of Bethesda. Thank you to everyone who was involved.

- Karen Percival

## *Community Thanksgiving Service*

This year the Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20 at Antioch United Methodist Church. Antioch is located just off of Highway 324 at 930 West Rambo Rd. The Bethesda Choir will perform at the service. Refreshments will follow the service.

## *Carols at Your Door*

Believe it or not, Christmas will be here before you know it! This year Bethesda voices will bring "Carols at Your Door" to those in our congregation and community that might need a little Christmas cheer. On Sunday, December 9th from 3:45 - 6:00 PM our carolers will bring that cheer. If you would like to sing or have names of people we may sing to, please contact Steve Childers (803-417-3571) or the church office by December 5th. Remember - anyone can sing a Christmas carol! Come help us spread the Christmas cheer as we celebrate the season of Jesus's birth. Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall afterwards for some fun and refreshments.

## *One Dime at a Time*

**Thank you, Bethesda!** A total of \$774.19 was collected during the month of October for Dimes for Hunger. Because of your generosity, many people in our community and world will be fed!

## *November*

### **A Thought to Ponder**

### **A Message to Carry**

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

-Maya Angelou

If you would like to share your "Thought to Ponder," you may submit it for the December edition of the Bethesda Banner at [newsletter@bethesdapres.org](mailto:newsletter@bethesdapres.org)

*Let's Decorate! Hanging of the Green*  
*Saturday December 1 Sanctuary*



## Don't Forget!!

November is the month for collecting items to pack in shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse **Operation Christmas Child** project. Stay tuned for upcoming details in the bulletins about the opportunities for you and your children to participate.

**Scouting is not all nose-to-the-grindstone!** Several scouts and a friend went to Concord Speed Park on October 8 for some exciting go-cart racing. On November 3, plans are to go to The Virginia Creeper Trail to enjoy bike riding in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

In other news, scouts are currently working on their Camping and Cooking Merit Badges. We recently performed some service time for Operation Christmas Child by doing some prep work for the shoe boxes. During the month of October, scout leaders were trained on the new Youth Protection Program by the Council Commissioner, Mr. Patrick Cote. Leaders and scouts also sold tickets for Bethesda's BBQ and Fall Fest.

**Troop 161 and their leaders would like to thank** Mrs. Forrest Wilkerson for her generous donation to Bethesda's scouting program in honor of her son Craig Wilkerson who earned his Eagle 40 years ago!

Planning for the **Summer 2019 Missions Trip to Guatemala** is already underway. If you are interested in being part of this team, please contact Sarah or Steve Childers for more information. From those who have gone in years past the word is: You will never regret it!



### Child Development Center

A Ministry of Bethesda  
Presbyterian Church

The holiday season is quickly approaching. Bethesda CDC will be hosting our annual parent luncheon on Monday, Nov. 19th at 11:30 AM. The center will be closed on Thursday Nov 22 and Friday Nov 23. Our preschool classes will be taking Christmas-themed photos on Friday Nov 9th starting at 8:15 AM. The students have started working on music for our annual Christmas Program that will be held on Thursday, December 13th. The center will also be doing a fundraiser that evening. More details for this event will be posted at a later date. Please remember to check your child's cubby to ensure that they have proper clothing to change into in case of accidents, and return any borrowed items as soon as possible so that the center has extra items on hand if needed. Bethesda CDC would like to thank Ms Janice Meeks for her 25 years of dedication and service to our facility. Happy Birthday to: Ms Linda, Ms Mykaela, Christian G, Harper G, Garner T, Rhett V, Tyler M, and Riley B.

We hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving!



## *Children and Youth*

**Sunday, November 11** 2:00 - 5:30 The children (ages 7 and above) and youth will go to Adventure Air Trampoline Park and CiCi's Pizza in Rock Hill. Please let Miss Karen or Miss Valerie know if you plan to attend.

**November is collection month for Operation Christmas Child.** The congregation is asked to donate items for the shoe boxes and/or money for the shipping cost for each box. Be on the lookout for more information from Samaritan's Purse in the bulletins.

**Saturday, December 1** 9:00 AM Hanging of the Green - help decorate the sanctuary. All ages are invited.

**Sunday, December 2** 2:00 - 4:00 Shoebox Packing Party in the Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, December 9** 4:00 - 6:00 Carols at Your Door - all ages are invited to a Christmas Caroling adventure. We will return to the Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

**October has been a busy month for our children and youth at Bethesda.** We have been busy collecting money during worship each Sunday for Dimes for Hunger. The Children's Choir sang for the congregation on October 21. Many members of the congregation expressed that it was one of our best performances ever. Also, on the 21st, we painted pumpkins and made s'mores by the fire at the picnic shelter. It was a beautiful fall afternoon, and we had a wonderful time. We even went for a nature walk with Mr. Mike, Miss Valerie, and Miss Laura. Mr. Mike even showed us where we could find a beaver dam.

## *Ready to Worship Series Prepares Our Young Children*

This fall during our annual Ready to Worship series, five students had the opportunity to learn together about various aspects of our worship. This study is designed to prepare children for the transition from Children's Church to attending and engaging in the full worship service. We talked about why we worship, different types of prayer, how to read hymns, how to look up scripture, memorizing the Lord's Prayer, the sacraments and lots more. They were a great class and picked up things very quickly.

During our time together, they also built their worship "tool kits" and placed them in a binder. The zippered pouch includes highlighters for marking their bulletins, several bookmarks, and a ring of cards which include frequently used responses. Following the zipper pouch is a worship guide. This guide goes through the regular order of service, and reminds the children what each part is about, and how they can participate in it. Next, there is a "for practice" section, which will give the children something constructive to do if their mind is wandering during the sermon. The last section in the notebook is a Glossary of worship words, which may help parents answer a question their child raises, or may give them a place to look if they want to know more about something in the service. Please hope these tool kits will be helpful as the children begin to participate fully in the service.

A special thanks to Valerie Bull for her leadership in this important learning experience for our children.

Two of our participants attended Ready to Worship for the first time and received a Bible as recognition:

Myles Hall Jaxon Waldrop

Three participants attended as a "refresher:" Carolann Bull Elizabeth Bull Cadence Lackey

We're proud of all five of these participants. We hope that you will continue to help them on their spiritual journey.

## Driggers Days

Hello all,

What a blessing it is to share with you again about Papua New Guinea, our ministry supporting Bible translation and our family. God continues to encourage and sustain us here in Lynchburg, VA. Your prayers, support and friendships are a rich blessing in our lives and we thank you for investing in us. May God alone be glorified!

Our updated prayer cards are here! Let us know if you would like us to mail you one. (The image on our newsletter is similar to the new card.) We will be in the Carolinas over November 3-4, speaking at Rock Hill First Wesleyan on Sunday morning and our home church York First Wesleyan on Sunday evening. Would you pray for us as we prepare? If you are in the area we would also love to reconnect. Give us a call or email ([sarajoydriggers@gmail.com](mailto:sarajoydriggers@gmail.com)) and set up a time to meet or join us in the services!

**Third Tuesdays Together** will meet at Bethelwoods on November 20 at 10:30 in the Lake Lodge. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a Thanksgiving luncheon. For more information visit [www.bethelwoods.org](http://www.bethelwoods.org). Please RSVP to Cameron at (803) 366-3722 or email [cameron@bethelwoods.org](mailto:cameron@bethelwoods.org).



## Music Ministry

Bethesda's Christmas worship service will be December 16 at 11:00 AM. The adult choir will work on their music for this service on Wednesdays at 8:00. Hand chimes will have rehearsals on Mondays at 6:30 in the Ladies' Parlor. We need all our past ringers and some new ones that would like to join us. If you have never played chimes before, we will help you get started. If you have any questions for either of these groups please feel free to ask ([larayneha@gmail.com](mailto:larayneha@gmail.com) or 803-554-4705) or talk to me after the church service.



### Congratulations!

Steve and Sarah Childers are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter, Molly Davis Childers, born October 10 to Trey and Channing Childers. The family resides in Greenville.

*Happy  
Birthday!*



2	Linda Adkins	20	Karen Percival
4	Heather Gould	22	Benny Coxton
4	Joe Medlin	22	Jimmy Darby
6	Sidney Russell	23	Becky Adams
7	Robert Jones	25	Cathy Conrad
8	Carol Hope	25	Susan Hibbard
11	Tracey McAteer	26	Adrian Teno
12	Mark Mitchell	27	Mack Cornwell
12	Ruth Rawdon	27	Charlie Dover
14	Bill Russell, Sr	28	Thomas Wallace
16	Kristian Wallace	30	Jim Beaty III
19	Faye Rockholt	30	Levon Love

## Remember in Prayer

### At Bethesda

Bill Dover  
Michelle Melton  
Steve Rawdon  
Sonny Moore  
Ainsley Darby  
Ethan Hose  
Eddie Allan Smith  
Julie Cornwell  
Don Faris  
Walter Jonas  
Ron Hope  
Patsy Walker  
Barbara Thompson

### Homebound

Amelia Simmers  
Robert Jones

### In the Community and Beyond

Walt Bratton  
Larry Rockholt  
Chris Brackett  
Christine Roberts  
Dorothy Hazard  
Cathy Cole  
Caleb Dickson  
Jessie Mitchell  
Sonny Adkins

Betty Grigg  
Nell Harper  
Donnie Greene  
Ed Beam

Russ Branch  
Julie Pittman  
Ken and Diane Stevens  
J. Claude Bell IV  
Christine King - Jim & Hilde-  
gard Bell's granddaughter  
Reed Wagner  
Elsa Carabello  
Randy and Virginia Medley  
Reed Wagner

New Mother's Cottage at Thornwell  
Those impacted by the hurricanes and floods  
Victims' families - shootings in Pittsburg  
Leaders of our country

### Our Global Mission Partners

Matias Family  
Palacios Family  
Driggers Family

# NOVEMBER

### Regularly Scheduled Activities

Mondays - Boy Scouts 7:00 FH  
Tuesdays - Cub Scouts 7:00 FH  
Wednesdays - TGI Wed Dinner 6:30 FH  
Choir Practice 8:00 Music Room  
Thursdays - Bible Study 7:00 Will not meet on November 1  
Prayer Shawl - November 13 6:30 LP  
Evening Circle - November 5 Time is changed to 6:00 SR  
Morning Circle - first Wednesday of the month 10:00 FH  
Men of the Church - will not meet in November

### Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings

Admin/Stewardship Committee - Second Sunday 7:00 PM SR  
Child Development Center - Second Tuesday 6:30 PM SR  
Christian Education - Nov 4 5:00 Percival's house  
Congregational Life - Second Sunday 4 PM FH  
Property Committee - Scheduled as Needed  
Worship Committee - Second Sunday 6 PM SR  
Personnel Committee - Quarterly, as Scheduled

### Other Activities in October

**Sun. Nov 4 Daylight Savings Time ends**  
**Sun. Nov 11** - Congregational Meeting 12:00  
**Sun. Nov 11** - Plentiful Harvest 2:00 - 6:00  
Prepare/serve meal at Covenant Presbyterian  
**Mon. Nov 19** - CDC Parent Luncheon 11:30  
**Tues. Nov 20** - Third Tuesdays Group 10:30  
Bethelwoods  
**Wed. Nov 21** - Staff Meeting 10:00 FH  
**Every Mon. in Nov** - Hand Chimes 6:30 LP  
**Sun. Nov 18** - Session Meeting 7:00  
**Tues. Nov 20** - Community Thanksgiving  
Service 7:00 PM Antioch United Methodist  
**Thurs. - Fri. Nov 22-23** - Office closed  
**Sun. Nov 25** - PATH Collection  
**Sat. Dec 1** - Hanging of the Green 9:00 AM

Happy Thanksgiving!



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### Our Pastor:

Rev. Doug Blaikie

### Our Elders:

Ralph Adams

Darius Alexander

Mark Boyd

Trey Amick

Steve Childers

Debbie Darby

Cheryl Forlines

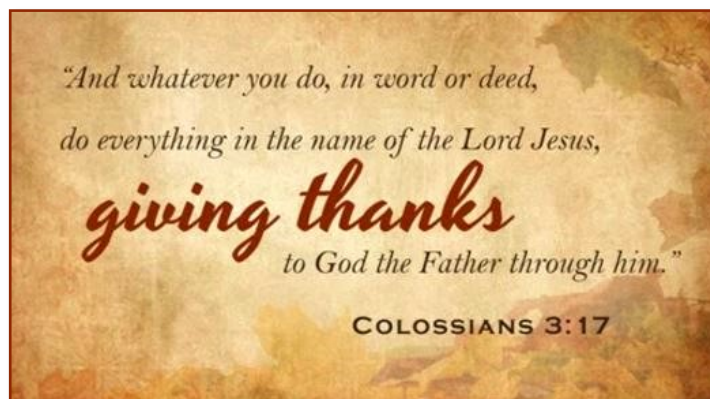
John Nettles

Karen Percival

Stacy Russell

Todd Russell

Johnny Walker



### 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

Director of Children/Youth Ministries

Caretaker - Mike Percival    Sexton - Donna Hagler