



# 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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Where Is Your Mission Field?

Laura Smith

Over the past two weeks I have noticed Bibles popping up throughout my classroom. Bibles that students are reading during independent reading time. That's right...5th grade students are bringing their Bibles into a public school classroom.

I often hear "God isn't allowed in public schools." However, I feel that isn't the case. Even though teachers may not be allowed to "preach" that does not mean that they can't show the love of God by their actions.

Four years ago, on a Monday, I had a student tell me that he wanted what I had. At the time I was writing with a minion pencil and offered it to the child (let's be honest, it was a chewed on pencil, that wasn't even mine to begin with because...well..students had used all of mine). He turned it down and said, "Nah, that's not it." I quickly moved on to all of the other tasks of the classroom that day and didn't think anything else about it. Thursday rolls around and the same student comes up to me and says, "Ms. Smith, I'm getting what you have. I went to church last night." I told him I was so excited for him and asked him what he liked most about it. He responded "We got snack, I'm learning how to use a Bible and there is a girl there I like." We continued on with our week. The following Monday rolls back around and here I am sitting on the carpet with all of my students, while they shared something great that happened to them over the weekend. We have made it around to the friend that has been giving me bits and pieces of what he wanted the week prior. The student then speaks and says, "Ms. Smith!!! I FINALLY have what you have!" Me being so confused says, "What is that?" The student answered with, "I went to church again last night and I asked Jesus to be in my heart! Now I have what you have!"

THAT. Right then and there, I knew B115 is where I was supposed to be. It was like everything in my room suddenly stopped. It was like the world had stopped. This student had been preparing me for something that I had no idea I had anything to do with! I had never professed my faith to my class of 10 year olds. When they asked about my faith, I would share with them that I was a Christian but never thought to force my beliefs on them.

This is just proof that actions speak louder than words. Today as I took this picture, I could not help but to go back to that blue carpet and remember what happened my 1st year teaching. I believe that God has never, can never and will never be removed from a classroom. Each day we all enter a mission field. Are your actions worth watching?



### October Attendance

	Morning Worship	Sunday School
10/6/19	59	39
10/13/19	40	29
10/20/19	48	34
10/27/19	78	37

### Liturgists for November

Zach and Abby Costner

If you would like to serve as a **Liturgist for the Sunday morning worship service** during the month of December please contact John Nettles, Rev. Blaikie or Pat in the church office.



**Congratulations to Carolanne Bull, Elizabeth Bull, and Reagan Hall for having Perfect Attendance in Sunday School for the month of October!**



**Please begin gathering items to donate for the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.**

*Fall Fun Day!!*

*Sunday, November 24*

*4-6 pm*

*This will be a time to "fill the shoe boxes" for Operation Christmas Child, the children will decorate pumpkin cookies, a hayride around the church grounds, Sounds of Grace singing under the shelter and s'mores by the fire.*



Community Thanksgiving Service

November 26, 2019

7:00 pm

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

Bethesda, as the host church, will be providing refreshments for a reception following the service. We will need to be prepared to serve the members of three guest churches, as well as our own church members. Please use the sheet in the vestibule to sign up to donate finger foods and light refreshments for this event. Thank you in advance for helping us share our hospitality with community members.

## Thank You!

I would like to extend my thanks to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the prayer shawl that you gave me. Everytime I put my feet up and use it, I think about them.

Thanks again,

Frank Allen

Dear Bethesda Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, well wishes and words of encouragement. My father-in-law is recovering from back surgery. He is resuming some social activities but still can't drive. Momma had successful cataracts surgery this week. Daddy continues to struggle and battle cardiac amyloidosis. He fell again last night. Being able to sit in church with my parents when they've been able and with my hubby and father-in-law when they haven't means a great deal to me. You are all in my thoughts and prayers; I miss you! Thank you for your support !!

Lindy

Dear Bethesda Church Family,

Thank you so much for your continued faithful support of our family in missions and work in Brazil. Thank you for partnering with us to share the gospel in the slums of Sao Paulo, and disciple believers in the local church. We appreciate your prayers and financial support so much! Together we are making a difference in Brazil for the glory of Christ.

With lots of Love,

Laura & Felipe (Sophia, Jessie, Josiah & Annabelle)

# November

## *November Calendar*

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** Congregational Life 4 pm SR

Christian Education 5 pm FH

Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

**Monday, Nov. 4:** Evening Circle 6 pm

Hand Chimes 6:30 LP

Boy Scouts 7 pm in FH

**Tuesday, Nov. 5:** Cub Scouts 7 pm

**Wednesday, Nov. 6:** Morning Circle 10 am FH

Dinner 6:30 pm FH

Choir 7:30 pm

Christmas Choir 8:15

**Thursday, Nov. 7:** NO Bible Study

**Friday, Nov. 8:** Mobile Food Pantry 9 am

**Sunday, Nov. 10:** Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

Worship Committee 6 pm in SR

Admin Committee 7 pm in SR

**Monday, Nov. 11:** Boy Scouts 7 pm

Hand Chimes 6:30 LP

**Tuesday, Nov. 12:** CDC Meeting 6:30 pm SR

Cub Scouts 7 pm

**Wednesday, Nov. 13:** Dinner 6:30 pm FH

Choir 7:30 pm

Christmas Choir 8:15

**Thursday, Nov. 14:** NO Bible Study

**Friday, Nov. 15:** Mobile Food Pantry 9 am

**Sunday, Nov. 17:** Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

**Monday, Nov. 18:** Hand Chimes 6:30 LP

Boy Scouts 7 pm

**Tuesday, Nov. 19:** Cub Scouts 7 pm

**Wednesday, Nov. 20:** Staff Meeting 10 am FH

Dinner 6:30 pm in FH

Choir 7:30 pm

Christmas Choir 8:15

**Thursday, Nov. 21:** Bible Study 6 pm in FH

**Friday, Nov. 22:** Mobile Food Pantry 9 am

**Sunday, Nov. 24:** Congregational Meeting 12 pm

PATH Sunday

"Fall Fun Day" 4-6 pm

Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

Session 7 pm SR

**Monday, Nov. 25:** CDC Thanksgiving 11:30 am

Boy Scouts 7 pm

**Tuesday, Nov. 26:** Community Thanksgiving Service at Bethesda 7 pm

**Wednesday, Nov. 27:** NO TGI Wednesday Dinner

Choir 7:30 pm

Christmas Choir 8:15

**Thursday, Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day**

## *Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings*

Admin/Stewardship Committee - Nov. 10 at 7:00 pm in SR

Child Development Center - Nov. 12 at 6:30 pm in SR

Christian Education - Nov. 3 at 5 pm in FH

Congregational Life - Nov. 3 at 4 pm in SR

Property Committee - Scheduled as Needed

Worship Committee - Scheduled as Needed

Personnel Committee -

PNC Committee -



## *November Birthdays*



- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 2  | Linda Adkins, Elijah Booth   |
| 3  | Cheyenne Gould               |
| 4  | Heather Gould, Joe Medlin    |
| 5  | Lou Anne Hildebrand          |
| 6  | Sidney Russel                |
| 7  | Robert Jones                 |
| 8  | Carol Hope                   |
| 11 | Tracey McAteer               |
| 12 | Mark Mitchell, Ruth Rawdon   |
| 16 | Kristian Wallace             |
| 19 | Faye Rockholt                |
| 20 | Karen Percival               |
| 22 | Benny Coxton, Jimmy Darby    |
| 23 | Becky Adams                  |
| 25 | Cathy Conrad, Susan Hibbard  |
| 26 | Adrian Teno                  |
| 27 | Mack Cornwell, Charlie Dover |
| 28 | Thomas Wallace               |
| 30 | Jim Beaty, III; Levon Love   |

## *Remember in Prayer*

### **At Bethesda**

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**

Lou Ammons:  
(Carolyn Rockholt's sister)  
Family and friends of Betty Jean  
Johnson 10/28/19

### **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 Williams's great-nephew) seizure  
Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother) ALS  
Future Wade, 10/22/19, surgery (Alberta Anthony's  
great nephew)

### **Congratulations to Our Eagle Scout Henry Niehaus**



Bethesda joins **Henry Niehaus** in celebration of his earning the rank of **Eagle Scout**, Boy Scouts's highest achievement. Henry is the 42nd Scout from Troop 161 to earn his Eagle. He began his scouting experience as a Tiger Cub in Pack 161 in 2007.

Henry is the son of Bob and Renee Niehaus. He will be awarded his Eagle at a ceremony that will take place on November 9 2019, qt 2:00 pm at Eastview Baptist Church. Congratulations to Henry and his proud parents!

### **Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites for November**

Nov. 8 9 am - Green Pond UMC, 983 Bethel St. Clover  
Nov. 15, 9 am - Herman Presbyterian, 107 Heckle Blvd.,  
Rock Hill  
Nov. 22, 9 am - Faith Presbyterian, 7520 Charlotte Hwy  
(521) Indian Land

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

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*"Let them give thanks to the LORD  
for his unfailing love and his  
wonderful deeds for mankind, for  
he satisfies the thirsty and fills the  
hungry with good things."*

*Psalm 107:8-9*

### Our Pastor:

Rev. Doug Blaikie

### Our Elders:

Ralph Adams

Trudy Amick

Mark Boyd

Steve Childers

Debbie Darby

Cheryl Forlines

Robert Fulmer

Jim Percival

Karen Percival

Stacy Russell

Debbie Simpson

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

Interim Director of Children/Youth Ministries - Lindy Blanks

Caretaker - Mike Percival

Sexton - Donna Hagler