



Bethesda Banner

The Way of Love

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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If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut. Doesn't have a swelled head. Doesn't force itself on others. Isn't always "me first". Doesn't fly off the handle. Doesn't keep score of the sins of others. Doesn't revel when others grovel. Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth. Puts up with anything. Trusts God always. Always looks for the best. Never looks back but keeps going to the end.

Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.

When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left these infant ways for good.

We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

The Annual meeting of the congregation of Bethesda Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2020 during the 11:00 service of worship. The purposes of this meeting are to:

Present the 2019 Ministry Report, including committee reports and financial information

Hold the annual meeting of the Corporation

Elect persons to the 2020 Congregational Nominating Com.

Nominees include: Linda Messer, John Nettles, Stacy Russell, Todd Russell, Janie Stallard, and Johnny Walker.

Nominations also may come from the floor.

The Congregational Nominating Committee serves for one year. This committee seeks and then presents to the congregation the proposal of nominees to be elected by the congregation:

Persons to serve as the next year's class of ruling elders

Persons to serve as ruling elders, filling vacancies left in unexpired terms

Persons to serve on PNC (a Pastor Nominating Committee).

Persons to serve as the next year's Nominating Committee (presented at the annual congregational meeting in February)



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 January Session Meeting

The Bethesda Session met on Sunday, January 19, 2020. Items covered at the meeting included the following:

Received committee reports

Received the budget report

Received an update from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Finalized the annual review of membership

Received a final report from the 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee and approved the nomination from this committee of the following persons to serve on the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee: John Nettles, Todd Russell, Janie Stallard, Johnny Walker. The 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee will be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 16, 2020.

Nominated Linda Messer and Stacy Russell as Elder members of the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee, to be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on February 16, 2020

Elected the following officers for 2020:

Clerk of Session: John Nettles

Church Treasurer: Todd Russell

Benevolence Team: Frank Allen, Pat Jones, Dorothy Williamson

Approved the purchase of an additional Defibrillator for the Fellowship Hall Building

Met in Executive Session—approved the *Covenant with an Interim Pastor* for Rev. Doug Blaikie for the period of March 1, 2020 until February 28, 2021.

Received the Pastor's Report

The Board of Trustees of the Corporation met on Sunday, February 19, 2020. The following officers of the Corporation were elected:

President: Ralph Adams

Treasurer: Todd Russell

Secretary: John Nettles

February

February Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 2: New Member Class 9:45 am
CE Committee 4 pm FH, Property Com 4 pm SR
Pickle Ball 5:30 pm FLC

Monday, Feb. 3: Evening Circle 6 pm SR
Boy Scouts 7 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 4: Prayer Shawl 6 pm LP
Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 5: Morning Circle 10 am FH
Dinner 6:30 pm FH
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 6: Bible Study 6:30 in FH

Sunday, Feb. 9: New Member Class 9:45
Scout Sunday Soup Lunch FH
Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC
Admin Committee 7 pm in SR

Monday, Feb. 10: Boy Scouts 7 pm in FH

Tuesday, Feb. 11: CDC Committee 6:30 pm SR
Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 12: Dinner 6:30 pm FH
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 13: Bible study 6:30 pm

Saturday, Feb. 15: Talent Show 5-7 pm FLC

Sunday, Feb. 16: Annual Congregational Meeting-
Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC
Session 6 pm SR

Monday, Feb. 17: Chimes 6:30 pm LP
Boy Scouts 7 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 18: Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm LP
Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 19: Staff Meeting 10 am FH
Dinner 6:30 pm in FH
Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 20: Bible Study 6:30 pm in FH

Sunday, Feb. 23: PATH Sunday
Pickle Ball 5:30 pm in FLC

Monday, Feb. 24: Chimes 6:30 pm LP
Boy Scouts 7 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 25: Cub Scouts 7 pm

Wednesday Feb. 26: Dinner 6:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Service 7:30
Choir

Thursday, Feb. 27: Bible Study 6:30 pm FH

Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings

Admin/Stewardship Committee - Feb. 9 at 7:00 pm in SR

Child Development Center - Feb. 11 at 6:30 pm in SR

Christian Education - Feb. 2 at 4 pm in FH

Congregational Life - Scheduled as needed

Property Committee - Feb. 2 at 4 pm in SR

Worship Committee -

Personnel Committee -

PNC Committee -



February Birthdays



5	Billie Burton, Samuel Dover, Debbie Simpson
7	Sarah Childers, Will Jenkins
8	Colby Wallace
10	LaRayne Hall, Jim Rohr, Jackie Varnadore
13	Bill Dover, Danny Nettles
16	Mary Jo Gardner, Sarah Wampler
17	Nettie Daves
23	Valerie Bull
24	Gail Jones
25	Gloria Hope

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Faye Smith
 Patsy Walker-fall recovery
 Anita Ferguson Buffolino
 Bill Dover
 Edith Gordon
 Ethan Hose
 Walter Jonas
 Michelle Melton
 Sonny Moore
 Mike Percival
 Ruth Rawdon-back sugery
 Steve Rawson
 Eddie Allan Smith

Homebound

Amelia Simmers
 Robert Jones

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
 Tito Palacios (La Mision)

In the Community and Beyond

Mary Parkman (friend of Walkers) stomach cancer
 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)

January Attendance

	Morning Worship	Sunday School
1/05/20	64	36
1/12/20	64	34
1/19/20	67	44
1/26/20	84	48



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.

February Ushers

Mark Boyd
Jim Percival
Irvin Jones



Join us for Ash Wednesday Service February 26 at 7:30 pm

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the 40 days of Lent, a six-week period (not including Sundays) dedicated to reflection, repentance, prayer, fasting and spiritual discipline. It is observed in preparation for Easter and ends on Maundy Thursday before Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday marks the Last Supper. The Lenten season was established in the 4th century. It is observed by Catholics and several Protestant denominations.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. The service focuses on both themes, helping us to realize that both have been triumphed through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

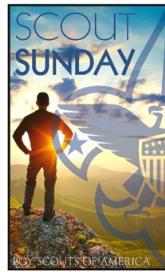
The ashes, applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead during an Ash Wednesday service, are a symbol of penance, mourning and mortality. Centuries ago, participants used to sprinkle themselves with ashes and repent much more publicly, but the practice fell away sometime between the 8th-10th centuries before evolving into what it is today. (www.umc.org)



Bethesda's Food Pantry

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Food Pantry! The purpose of the pantry is to provide basic food or hygiene items for individuals or families that are experiencing a serious financial hardship due to unemployment or other dire situations. They are unable to provide adequate and nutritional meals for themselves or families at the time the request is made. The pantry is stocked by the donations of the congregation or other generous persons. Donations of non-perishable foods, paper products, personal hygiene items, cash, or gift cards from a specific grocery store (other than Wal-Mart) are welcomed. They may be brought to church on any Sunday or can be dropped off in the church office Monday – Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

To request a box of items from the Pantry, you may contact Pat Jones in the church office (328-1360), the pastor, or Edie Nettles (803-684-2759 or jnets@bellsouth.net).



On Sunday February 9th, Bethesda will celebrate Scout Sunday. We welcome all of our scouts, (some of whom will participate in the worship service), their families, and our scout leaders.

Immediately following the worship service, the scouts will provide a soup lunch in the Fellowship Hall to show their appreciation for the **50 years** of support our congregation has provided for our scouting programs. There is no cost for this luncheon, but donations are always welcome. Please join us for this special scouting event on February 9th!

Contribution statements for 2019 have been mailed out, or placed in the mailboxes in the Church Office. Questions, please call the Church Office 328-1360 or email bethesda@comporium.net.

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Linda Messer

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell

Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

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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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