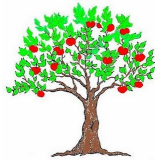


September, 2020



# ***Bethesda Banner***

## **Bethesda Presbyterian Church**

**4858 McConnells Hwy.**

**York, SC 29745**

**(803)328-1360**

**Worship 10:00 am**

**No Sunday School**

**or Nursery.**

**Check**

**[www.bethesdapres.org](http://www.bethesdapres.org)**

**for updates.**

### **A Prayer in the Time of COVID-19**

God, we have so many things to pray for:

We pray for those who are sick

We pray for those who are worried about getting sick

We pray for doctors, and nurses, and medical professionals

We pray for those who are sad and grieving someone who has died

We pray for scientists

We pray for politicians

We pray for our family

We pray for our friends

We pray for all the other things in our hearts and on our minds

We end our prayer by saying "thank you," God

Thank you for the small blessings of every day

Thank you for hearing us when we pray

Thank you for your love

Amen.

### **A Prayer for Back to School**

At the start of the school year, we are beginning something new

New things can be exciting

New things can be scary

New things can be wonderful

New things can be confusing

God, you are always with us

You are with us when things are exciting, or scary, or wonderful, or confusing

You are with us every day

And all the time

God, please help us to feel your presence with us on the first day of school,  
and every day.

Amen



## The Process of Calling a Pastor

1. **ORGANIZE:** A Pastor Nominating Committee is recommended by the Nominating Committee, approved by the Session and voted upon by the Congregation at a Congregational Meeting. The committee members are elected, the PNC meetings begin, with guidance from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry.
2. **CREATE:** The PNC develops the Ministry information form (MIF), which includes a detailed description of our congregation and its ministries.
3. **SEARCH:** The MIF is then posted on the PC(USA)'s Church Leadership Connection website. This website helps match Personal Information Forms (PIFs) from prospective pastors, to the information on our MIF. The PNC is given the PIFs that match our required competencies and experience. The PNC also seeks and follows up on referrals and recommendations from a variety of channels.
4. **EVALUATE:** When matches arrive from PC(USA) the PNC prayerfully decides which ones they would like to pursue further. Pastors who self-refer are also acknowledged. The PNC reviews carefully each PIF of candidates they have chosen to pursue, as well as church websites and other materials from and about the candidates. When the PNC finds a candidate that everyone on the PNC agrees may be a fit, that candidate is contacted and asked to send sermons for the PNC to view or the PNC may visit, have a phone conversation, or Skype with the candidate. The PNC also begins their background and reference checks.
5. **SELECT:** The top candidates are selected for face-to-face interviews. This part of the process requires much prayer, discussion, and consultation with the presbytery's COM (Committee on Ministry). Ultimately, a call is extended to one candidate.
6. **NOMINATE:** Pending acceptance of the call the PNC reports to the Session and the congregation on the chosen candidate. If approved by the congregation and the Presbytery, the new pastor will then begin ministry at Bethesda Church.
7. **REJOICE:** The PNC, along with the entire congregation, welcomes the new pastor, gives thanks to God, and celebrates the beginning of a new season in church life!

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Members of the PNC are:

Susan Hibbard

Valerie Bull

Cindy Davis

Donna Hagler

Irvin Jones

John Nettles

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell



## September Birthdays



- 1 Stephanie Barton, Ashley Booth
- 2 Jane Johnson, Steve Rawdon, Anne Sanford
- 3 Randy Neely
- 4 Addison Johnson
- 5 Esther Bailey, Drew Hagler
- 6 Cole Johnston
- 7 Bill Russell, Jr.
- 10 Kylee Rockholt
- 13 Ashley Faulkenberry, Mike Percival
- 15 Doris Jonas
- 17 Jordan Hose
- 18 Dustin Melton
- 19 Ron Hope
- 21 Jim Carter, Sr., Chris Dewey
- 22 Mark Boyd, Jackie Johnson, Myra Smith
- 24 Emily Varnadore
- 25 Sara Jones
- 27 Amy Bell, Stephen Melton
- 28 Lou Beaty, David Hibbard
- 30 Pam McKinney

### August Church Attendance

8/2/20	34
8/9/20	29
8/16/20	53
8/23/20	38
8/30/20	51

**Join Pastor Doug each week for an “on-line” Bible study.** The current study is on the Epistle of James. Bible study lessons will be posted each Thursday morning on our church YouTube Channel: [www.bethesdapres.org](http://www.bethesdapres.org)  
Gather together, share with friends and family as we grow in God’s Word together.

### Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites

Sept. 24: 9am - Union Baptist, 11915 Hands Mill Rd., Rock Hill

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

*Thank you*

To Prayer Shawl Ministry: Thank you for the shawl I received after my recent surgery. It was beautiful and a reminder of the kindness and love for one another that exists in our church family today.

Mark Boyd

### Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

In March of 2020 the Prayer Shawl Ministry marked its sixth anniversary. Although we have not been meeting in person during this time, the members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry continue to actively contribute to this ministry as we all socially distance. We have been busily creating prayer shawls, lap afghans and baby blankets to be presented to members of Bethesda, members of their extended families and community members who are in need of comfort and support. Each prayer shawl is made with love and prayers and offers tangible evidence of God’s grace and assurance of His constant presence. It is our hope that these gifts will surround each recipient with the love of God.

As always we appreciate the continued support provided by donations. Since this is an unfunded ministry of Bethesda, it is very helpful when we are gifted with yarn to use. A recent large donation of yarn has been most welcome and greatly appreciated, and has enabled us to create a wide variety of items. We hope to bring these gifts to be blessed during Worship in the near future.

We currently have a supply of items available to be gifted as needed. If you are aware of someone who would be comforted by receiving a prayer shawl or lap afghan, please let one of the members know of this need. We will gladly make arrangements to ensure that one of the items is safely delivered along with a personalized prayer card.

## Remember in Prayer

### At Bethesda

Ray Johnson (Westminster)  
Nancy Moore Smith  
Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)  
Gail Jones, hurt ankle  
Ed Williamson  
Phil Hughes (leukemia)  
Cheryl Hughes (acute back pain)  
Anita Ferguson Buffolino  
Bill Dover  
Michelle Melton  
Sonny Moore  
Mike Percival  
Steve Rawdon  
Carolyn Rockholt  
PNC Committee

### Deaths

Doug Smith, 8/9/20  
Denny Dassing Jones, 8/19/20

### Our Global Mission Partners

### Homebound

Billie Ann Burton  
Robert Jones  
  
**Global Mission Partners**  
Matias Family and  
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

### In the Community and Beyond

Jeff Lewis (Josh Stallard's friend) lung cancer  
Karen Starkey, cancer  
Bethany Childers (11 yrs. old, dravet epilepsy & surgery, Donna Hagler's friend)  
Carmine Scarpelli (soft tissue lymph gland testing)  
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  
Chris Brackett - cancer  
Barbara Good (Debbie Darby's mother)  
Kathy Gale (Debbie Simpson's friend)  
Edna Rhinehart (Carolyn Rockholt's sister)  
Vivian Fulmer (Bobby's mother)  
Amanda Hall (LaRayne's daughter)  
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)  
Tommy Ligon (Carol Hope's cousin - cancer)  
Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law - cancer)  
Phil Hughes, leukemia  
Joe Ligon (Carol Hope's uncle) cancer  
Future Wade (Bert's nephew) surgery 7/29/20  
Mary Parkman (Walkers' friend) stomach cancer

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Our Pastor:

Rev. Doug Blaikie

Our Elders:

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Trudy Amick

Ernice Bookout

Mark Boyd

Steve Childers

Bobby Fulmer

Irvin Jones

Linda Messer

Jim Percival

Stacy Russell

Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

*Shout for joy to the Lord,  
everyone on earth.*

*Worship the Lord with gladness.*

*Come to him with songs of joy.*

*Know that the Lord is God.*

*He made us, and we belong to him.*

*We are his people.*

*We are the sheep belonging to his flock.*

*Psalm 100: 1-3*

## **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

Caretaker - Mike Percival

Sexton - Donna Hagler