

July, 2021



Bethesda Banner

Drummer Boy

One of the bloodiest battles in our nation’s history was the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee. One of the legends of the battle was a little drummer boy named Billie Young who died on the second day of the battle. William Shakespeare Hays, in a powerful poem, captures the depth and breadth of that scene. It eloquently expresses both faith and patriotism and the dear cost that others have paid for our freedom. It is an emotional poem. It is a sad poem. It is a poem of faith. It is a poem that needs to be read on patriotic high days. Let me share it with you:

On Shiloh’s dark and bloody ground	I’ve loved my country as my God;
The dead and wounded lay.	To serve them both I’ve tried.”
Amongst them was a drummer boy	He smiled, shook hands - death seized
Who beat the drums that day.	The boy who prayed before he died.
A wounded soldier held him up	
His drum was by his side;	Each soldier wept, then, like a child,
He clasped his hands, then raised his	Stout hearts were they, and brave;
Eyes and prayed before he died.	The flag his winding sheet, God’s Book

Look down upon the battle field,	They wrote upon a simple board
Oh, Thou our heavenly Friend!	These words: “This is a guide
Have mercy on our sinful souls!	To those who’d mourn the drummer boy
The soldiers cried, “Amen!”	Who prayed before he died.

For gathered ‘round a little group	Ye angels ‘round the Throne of Grace,
Each brave man knelt and cried.	Look down upon the braves
They listened to the drummer boy	Who fought and died on Shiloh’s plain,
Who prayed before he died.	Now slumb’ring in their graves!
	How many homes made desolate?
“Oh, mother,” said the dying boy,	How many hearts have sighed?
“Look down from Heaven on me,	How many like that drummer boy.”
Receive me to thy fond embrace	

May God bless our country during these days. And may we remember all those who for freedom's sake prayed before they died.

In Christ,
Doug

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

June 29, 9:00 am - Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1875 Ridge Rd, Clover

July 1, 9:00 am - Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 5376 McConnells Hwy, McConnells

July 9, 9:00 am - Sharon UMC, 4028 Woodlawn St., Sharon

July 30, 9:00 am - Faith Presbyterian Church, 7520 Charlotte Hwy., Indian Land

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.



Everyone is invited to join the Congregational Life Committee on July 10 in the Picnic Shelter for cake, ice cream and music. We will begin at 6:00 pm. Come enjoy fellowship and sing along with Sounds of Grace. A sign up sheet to bring a cake or a churn of ice cream will be in the vestibule this Sunday or call Jim (803)417-5708 or Sarah (803)417-0693.



Presbyterian Women -- August 14, 2021 – Mark this date on your calendar and come join us to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

No, you have not missed part of 2021. The PW year runs from September, 2020 to August, 2021.

Traditionally the Bethesda PW has its annual meeting in August followed by a salad supper.

Since we were disrupted by Covid this year, we are going to celebrate the PW year 2020-2021 on August 14.

Becky Adams has items from retreat that we postponed to share. We will all share fellowship and a box lunch.

More details will be provided later. Looking forward to seeing all Bethesda women on August 14.

Verse to Remember:

“Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.”

Psalm 33:12

Have you really considered why the United States is a great Nation? Do we give God credit for blessing our nation or do we rely on science, technology, the military or the government to make us great?



July Birthdays



- 2 Grant Barton, Faye Boyd, Dalton Sigmon
- 3 Tommy Varnadore
- 4 Elizabeth Bull, Jill Carter, Kathy Jagers
- 5 Julie Cornwell
- 6 Gage Russell
- 7 Krystal Jordan
- 11 Ed Williamson, III
- 14 Kari Darby, Anna McClellan
- 16 Daisy Hineline
- 17 Carolyn Rockholt
- 19 Anita Coxtan
- 20 Branson James Gould, Stacy Russell
- 21 Marvin Johnson, Kelsey Simpson
- 22 Gayle Dickson
- 23 Holly Love
- 24 Hannah Walker
- 28 Cindy Davis
- 29 Donna Hagler
- 30 Michelle Melton, Kim Walker

June Attendance

Morning Worship

In-person

6/6/21	56
6/13/21	40
6/20/21	36
6/27/21	47

There will be no Bible Study this Thursday, July 1 or next Thursday, July 8.

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

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

Family and friends of Casey Lane, 6/18/21 (son of Ann Moore Lane and nephew of Nancy Smith)
Family and friends of Milton Moore, 6/22/21 (first cousin of Nancy Smith)

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

Births

Everleigh Rae Barton, 6/2/21, daughter of Joseph and Kelsey Barton and granddaughter of Chuck and Stephanie Barton.

Charlee Fiona Dickson, 5/15/21, daughter of Daniel Neal and Ashlyn Dickson and granddaughter of Jerry and Gayle Dickson.

In the Community and Beyond

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



thank you!

The Property Committee would like to extend a thank you to Randy Ransom and his son Matthew. Our neighbors in Christ drove by last week and noticed where the storm had helped take down the old tree next to the driveway. They made a call to ask if it was alright to come remove the tree for the church. They were here Saturday morning with all the right equipment and labor and removed the debris. They left the area much better than it was before and for all of this we sincerely thank them for their kindness and helping hands.

We also extend a thank you to Ed and Dorothy Williamson for removing the tree from the drive the night before and their help raking and help clearing the debris. Thank you neighbors for your love of Bethesda Church.



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.



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Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

*"Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!"*

Psalm 105:4

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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