

November, 2021



Bethesda Banner

*“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose under heaven...”*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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Bethesda begins a new chapter as we welcome Reverend Derek Marotta and his family. Rev. Marotta's first Sunday in the pulpit will be November 14.

Following the service there will be a welcome lunch for the Marotta family.

We are all looking forward to meeting the Marottas and are thankful that God has called them to Bethesda.

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11 am

Visit

www.bethesdapres.org
for updates.

Opportunities to serve in our community:

Bethesda will serve at Plentiful Harvest Kitchen at Covenant on Sunday November 21 from 2 - 6 pm. At this time the meals are take out only. You can help prepare the meal from 2-4, serve the meal from 4-6 or plan to stay the whole time. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have never helped, come join us - you'll be glad you did!

Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Site

November 29: 1:00 pm- 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



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It's that time of year again! A group from Bethesda will go to the Samaritan's Purse Packing Center in Charlotte on Monday, December 13 from 6 - 10 pm. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex or you can let Steve or Sarah Childers know.



Session Meeting Summary

October 17, 2021

The Bethesda Session met on Sunday, October 17. The following items were approved by the Session:

- Pay church staff biweekly instead of monthly
- Process payroll in house beginning in January instead contracting out this service
- Communion Dates for 2022

The following items were tabled until the November meeting:

- Preliminary 2022 Church Budget
- Discussion of Concealed Carry Policy for Bethesda
- Changes to the Manual of Operations

The following items of unfinished business were addressed:

- Portraits will be replaced on the Session Room wall (*Portraits will be replaced on the Session room wall*)
- Disaster Preparedness Plan is in Process. Members with special needs need to be identified and a video inventory of physical plant and property needs to be completed.

Missions and Outreach Report

Presbyterian Women's Circles:

- Gift Cards for Departing and Arriving Pastors
- Cash Donation to After School Program in York (for Supplies)
- Card Ministry

Donations to:

- Thornwell
- Presbyterian Home
- Tito Palacios and La Mission in Guatemala
- The Matias Family in Brazil

Prayer Shawl Ministry (July-October):

- 10 Prayer Shawls or Lap Afghans Presented
- 4 Baby Blankets presented

Meals Ministry

- Meals Prepared and Delivered to Individuals by Sunday School Class Members and Wednesday Dinner Team

Children/Youth Outreach:

- Halloween Parade--Open to Community

Dimes for Hunger (October)

Benevolence Offering

Food Collected for Food Pantry

Our Trex bench has arrived! It is beside the playground at the end of the Fellowship Hall. We would like to begin collecting plastics again to get another bench. We need volunteers to help weigh and take the plastic to a collection site - these are located at Food Lion, Walmart and Harris Teeter. The receptacles at Food Lion are located outside the store, so all you have to do is pull your car up to unload. If you would like to be on a rotation to help or have questions let Steve or Sarah Childers know.

*Thank
You*

How can I even begin to thank all of you for the prayers, meals, hugs and love during this darkest time in my life. We are still getting thoughtful cards in the mail which in itself is a blessing as each day passes. I will be forever grateful for your outpouring of concern for Jordan, Ricky and my family. To those of you that spoke to Ethan, wrote him letters and made him feel that he belonged, thank you so very much. Bethesda, you truly are a church of heart and soul doing God's work, and I am your testimony.

"Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted."

Debbie Simpson

If you missed the video Sunday honoring Rev. Blaikie and Jean, here is the link:

[Ministry Reflections For the Rev. Doug Blaikie - YouTube](#)

Verse to Remember:

"On give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!"

I Chronicles 16:8-9

During this month of Thanksgiving, make a conscious effort to remember and thank God for every good and perfect gift because God is the giver.



November Birthdays



- 2 Linda Adkins
- 4 Joe Medlin
- 5 Lou Anne Hildebrand
- 6 Sidney Russell
- 8 Carol Hope
- 11 Tracey McAteer
- 12 Ruth Rawdon
- 19 Faye Rockholt
- 20 Karen Percival
- 22 Jimmy Darby
- 23 Becky Adams
- 25 Susan Hibbard
- 27 Mack Cornwell
- 30 Jim Beaty, III, Levon Love

October Attendance

	Worship	Sunday School
9/5/21	45	27
9/12/21	41	28
9/19/21	39	25
9/26/21	26	20

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Ricky & Debbie Simpson & Family
Edie Nettles (back surgery)
Ina Oates
Krystal Jordan
Frank Allen
Anita Ferguson Buffolino
Bill Dover
Steve Rawdon
Ruth Rawdon (back surgery)
Eddie Allan Smith (back)

Deaths:

Family and friends of Doris Duncan (Christine McCraven's mother), 10/14/21
Family and friends of Sue Roach Rogers, 10/19/21
Family and friends of Robert Blackmon, 10/26/21

Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything
by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made
known to God."*

Philippians 4:6

In the Community and Beyond

Rowdy Jordan (Crystal's father)
Randy Ransom
Sharon Gable
Jim Hodnett
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 grandson) cancer
Ottis Wagner
Heath, cancer (3 yr. old friend of Tara Rogers)
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)
Bryan Good (Debbie Darby's brother)
Eddie Gregory (cancer)
Karen Blaikie (Doug's sister-in-law - cancer)
Jessie Mitchell (Childers' friend) cancer
Linda Strauss (Eddie & Nancy Smith's friend, stage 4 cancer)

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Susan Hibbard

Irvin Jones

Linda Messer

Jim Percival

Todd Russell

Debbie Simpson

Dorothy Williamson

"Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord,

For he is good;

His love endures forever."

Psalm 106:1

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:

Pastor - Derek Marotta

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones

Director of Music Ministry - LaRayne Hall

Sexton - Donna Hagler