

February, 2022



# Bethesda Banner

## Bethesda Presbyterian Church

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Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship 11 am

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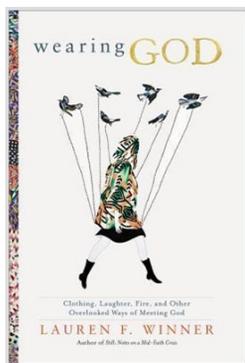
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As the sun pours in through the window in my office, I recline. This week has been a good week. As covid cases rise and fall the church is returning to it's natural rhythms. Biting my apple that has sat on my desk all day, I remember several key moments or events of the week that have blessed me—even those events that have been a challenge somewhat feel good to my heart today. I wonder about how God is with me in the regular moments.

In her book, *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God*, Lauren Winner wonders what encountering God would be like if we could see God in the dailyness of life—in our food, our clothing, our smells, and our families. I found her words about communion helpful as I think about my day, my week. I can see God moving all around my life and my family.



Our author wonders what would happen to our understanding of Jesus and his communion if we re-imagined the union promised at the Lord's Table. She says:

*"Maybe one of the invitations He (Jesus) was making at the Last Supper was an invitation to anxious middle-class (people)...in the future—the invitation to let his bread and His wine and His Eucharist reshape the way we hold and eat and sip and feel about all bread"...In the Middle Ages, several female mystics compared the soul in union with God (in communion) to bread that soaks up—and grows engorged with—honey or mead."*

As I read that section again, I reflect upon how there will come a moment when I wrongly wonder if God has left me. I remember that Jesus offers us so much of himself.

Maybe the "muchness" Winner speaks of when she talks about Jesus at the communion table is a "muchness" that helps restore our souls as we engage expectations that get out of control, or of days that spiral in directions I/we do not want?

Maybe the closer I draw to Jesus, as Winner suggests, the more I sense and feel him filling me, expanding in me, until the issues and pains of my day pale when compared to the greatness of God in my life...food for thought?

Blessings,  
Rev. Derek

## Helping our neighbors:

**Food Pantry** - a basket will be available weekly in the vestibule for donations to the Food Pantry. There will also be a basket in the Fellowship Hall for those who wish to make contributions at the [Wednesday Night Dinners](#). Please bring non perishable food items to help us provide for the hungry. These items are distributed to people who request help through the Bethesda Benevolence Fund and also delivered regularly to local food distribution organizations. Thank you for your contributions to this ministry.

**Plentiful Harvest Kitchen 2022 date:** April 4, 2022

## Feed the Hungry: Mobile Food Pantry Sites January & February 2022

January 31: 9:00 am- Faith Presbyterian Church, 7520 Charlotte Hwy. Indian Land

February 11: 9:00 am- Green Pond UMC, 983 Bethel St., Clover

February 25: 9:00 am- Gold Hill Baptist Church, 1650 Charlotte Hwy. 49, York

## Missions and Outreach Report - January, 2022

### Presbyterian Women's Circles:

Card Ministry

### Donations to:

Thornwell

Presbyterian Home

Tito Palacios and La Mission in Guatemala

The Matias Family in Brazil

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

1 Lap Afghan Presented

1 Prayer Shawl Presented

### Community Support/Outreach:

Elders and Pastor Opened Fellowship Hall and Served Light Refreshments following the Burial of Randy Ransom, January 24, 2022

### Food Items Collected for Food Pantry

### Benevolence Fund

One Request for Assistance Approved

If you have not yet **pledged for 2022**, pledge cards are available in the Narthex or Church Office. You may also pledge by contacting Pat in the Church Office at **(803) 328-1360** or by e-mail at [bethesda@comporium.net](mailto:bethesda@comporium.net). Please help us attain our goal of 100% pledge participation.

Also, if you would like to set up your **pledge on a monthly bank draft**, please contact Pat, or Todd Russell at **(803) 417-0043** or email [bethesdatreasurer@comporium.net](mailto:bethesdatreasurer@comporium.net). These drafts can be set up at no cost to the contributor or the Church.

Thank you, *The Stewardship Committee*

New Offering Envelopes for 2022 are now available. They have been placed in the mailboxes in the Church office and on the front pew. Please contact the Church Office if you do not receive offering envelopes, and would like some. 803-328-1360 or email [bethesda@comporium.net](mailto:bethesda@comporium.net).



On Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Scout Sunday. On Scout Sunday our scouts will join us and participate in, the worship service. Please join us as we support our scouts and begin the 53<sup>rd</sup> year of the scouting ministry at Bethesda.

The scouts are selling discount cards to local businesses. If you would like to support our troop by purchasing one , the link is below.

<https://palmettocouncil.org/buy-cards?fbclid=IwAR2a8e0fXOOx9j27JeA1mdCw0NGzS3kmzWP1FurMFpQ2vBiD05cue7B4kig>

You will need to enter one of these codes when ordering online:

YK Troop 161 4210 YK4210 Joshua Adkins  
YK Troop 161 4211 YK4211 Roy Adkins  
YK Troop 161 4212 YK4212 Logan Baker  
YK Troop 161 4213 YK4213 Denny Davis  
YK Troop 161 4214 YK4214 Wyatt Johnston  
YK Troop 161 4215 YK4215 Zackary Sweatt

**The Session has called a meeting of the congregation on Sunday February 13, 2022 following the worship service to receive the Annual Ministry Report, review the terms of call for the pastor, and to elect 4 members from the congregation to serve on the 2022 Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC). The CNC is responsible for nominating individuals to the congregation to serve as the next class of Elders. Nominations from the floor to serve on the CNC must have prior approval from the individual and the individual must be present.**

**The Board of Trustees of the Corporation for Bethesda Presbyterian Church York, South Carolina has called a meeting of the corporation to immediately follow the congregational meeting. This meeting will be for the purpose of presenting an annual report to the Corporation.**

## Thank You

We wanted to reach out and thank the church for the blanket! It's a lovely piece to add to our new home and we're thankful for such a supportive community. Have a blessed day!

With love,  
Nic & Abigail McAteer

Dear Bethesda family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and meals over the past few weeks. Steve and I are both doing better and look forward to getting back to Bethesda soon. Please continue to pray for both of us, especially Steve as he awaits surgery. It is a blessing to be a part of a caring church family. God bless and thank you again.

Steve and Sarah



**Choir Members** -We will be returning to rehearsal on Wednesday, February 2 at 5:30. I hope you will all be able to attend as we have regular services to prepare for as well as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter. If anyone is interested in joining us that did not sing with us at Christmas, please come! If you have any questions, please contact me at [larayneha@gmail.com](mailto:larayneha@gmail.com), text or call me at 803-554-4705 or in person.

**Bible Study**- Plans are under way to resume adult Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information will be available soon.

February Verse to Remember

**“Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom,  
and to turn away from evil is understanding.”**

**Job 28:28**



## February Birthdays



- 5 Debbie Simpson
- 7 Sarah Childers, Deloras Melton
- 10 LaRayne Hall
- 13 Bill Dover, Danny Nettles
- 16 Mary Joe Gardner, Sarah Russell
- 17 Nettie Daves
- 23 Valerie Bull
- 24 Gail Jones

### January Attendance

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Online Worship</b>
1/2/22	49	26	16
1/9/22	34	17	42
1/16/22	snow		44
1/23/22	43	20	17
1/30/22	44	26	

## Remember in Prayer

### At Bethesda

Eddie Smith (hospital)  
Bill & Cindy Davis  
Steve & Sarah Childers  
Ricky & Debbie Simpson & Family  
Ina Oates - under Hospice care at home  
Krystal Jordan - testing & eye surgery at Duke  
Frank Allen  
Anita Ferguson Buffolino  
Bill Dover  
Steve & Ruth Rawdon  
Eddie Allan Smith (back)  
Valerie Bull– surgery for broken arm

### Births:

Roman Kyle McDaniel, son of Matthew & Lauren McDaniel and great-grandson of

Adalyn Kate Melton, daughter of Blake Melton & Haily Waldo and great-granddaughter of Deloras & Ken Melton, 11/12/21

Sutton Leigh Teno, daughter of Daniel & Allison Teno and granddaughter of Drew & Donna Hagler, 12/14/21

### Deaths:

Randy Ransom 1/18/22

Tristian Hewitt 1/17/22

Betty Jean Walker Feindel 1/22/22

Rick Sturgis 1/28/22

Marco Antonio Palacios 1/30/22 (father of Tito Palacios)

### Global Mission Partners

Matias Family and  
Tito Palacios (La Mision)

### In the Community and Beyond

George Stabler

Shelly Palmer

Blakely Percival

Jason & Connie Waldrop & boys

Willie Wilson (Bert's brother)

Mary Baird (friend of Susan Hibbard)

Rowdy Jordan (Crystal's father)

Sharon Gable

Jim Hodnett

Johnny Rockholt (Faye's son)

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)

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)

Linda Strauss (Eddie & Nancy Smith's friend, stage 4 cancer)

# The Matias Family

Dear Friends and Partners in Ministry,

As we begin 2022, we wanted to send a small update about our work and lives in San Paulo, Brazil.

## **Youth Ministry**

Felipe has been leading the youth ministry at our local church, Calvary International Church, since August of 2021. What a joy it has been to see the students excited to participate in the youth activities!

It has been so special to see the teens growing in their personal relationship with the Lord as they serve and use their gifts for His glory. Many of them are stepping out in new ways, singing and playing an instrument in a group for the first time. Sometimes it is scary to do new things, to serve in a way we have never served before but the Lord teaches us and builds our faith and dependence on Him through experiences like these. We know Him more personally in the process.

## **PRAYER for OUR PLANS**

We would like to ask for prayer for our plans in 2022.

## **Youth**

Pray for Felipe as he leads the youth ministry at our local church. There will be a special youth retreat during the Brazilian Carnaval holiday the last weekend in February. They will travel to a beautiful camp facility in the countryside (they even have sheep! ) where they will spend several days seeking the Lord and having fun. Please pray for this special time. It will be the first youth retreat post-Covid, and the youth are super excited about it.

## **Homeschooling**

Please pray for Laura as she continues homeschooling our school aged children (Sophia 11, Jessica 9, and Josiah 5) Our family is also very involved in a local homeschool co-op, so please pray for us both as Laura and Felipe serve and teach classes with this community. This semester Felipe will be teaching a Stop-motion class and Laura will be teaching art and nature study.

## **Thank you**

We are extremely grateful for your prayers, your financial support (especially those who give faithfully each month), and for those who have recently sent special offerings our way. THANK YOU! God continually shows us His care, provision, and love through YOU. We stand humbled and amazed by our GREAT God, and we are so thankful for your investment and involvement in our lives and ministry. Muito OBRIGADO!

With love and gratitude,

Laura, Felipe, Sophia, Jessica, Josiah and Annabelle

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Susan Hibbard

Irvin Jones

Linda Messer

Todd Russell

Johnny Walker

Dorothy Williamson

*"There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every  
activity under the heavens . . . "*  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

## **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.



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Bethesda Presbyterian Church Staff:

Pastor - Derek Marotta

Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones

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Sexton - Donna Hagler