



LET
HIS
LIGHT
SHINE!

THE LIGHTHOUSE

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The Birth of Evangelism
Luke 12:41-53

"Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."

At what point does the spirit of Evangelism enter into a person's heart? Evangelism, at the very core, is the point when the Gospel of Jesus Christ cannot be contained anymore, but must be shared with others. Just like the star of Bethlehem, it shines brightly in the night, calling others to come and see the Christ-child.

Perhaps some people called Christians are too satisfied with their current state of just believing. Faith is found evident when the inner convictions become outward transitions. It is when we not only hear God calling us toward a new place, but we take the step. We must remember that these steps are not about process, but about passion. They are not the best laid plans, but the most daring, the ones with the greatest risks, and these steps demand "no turning back."

God does not rule by committee, but as a King. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords requires nothing less than complete dedication to the cause of Jesus Christ. Evangelism is when we dare to act on belief, in constant prayer that our every action is the Will of God. It is when we proclaim that self and others get out of the way and follow the proclamation that Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives.

Are you so bold? Do you dare to act on belief? Are you willing to make a loud NOISE for the Lord? Or are you just clanging cymbals, pretty bells, an empty melody without purpose? Lord, help me get over the things that hinder me so, Take me and shake me, and let me go, Choose me and Use me for your Will, Let not my heart sleep or peace be still.

ACOLYTES



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

January 3rd Tessie Dough
January 10th Kaleb Rogers
January 17th William Brown
January 24th Bryson Casey
January 31st Julia Tawes

Button Daniels / Paula Mann
Cara Twiford / Millie Barkley
Jane Gray / Lori Toler
Nancy Gray / Lora Whitehurst
Holly Leonard / Chetty Parker

Angie Basnight
Audra Shackelford
Nancy Gray
Lisa Lewis
Jusara Dough

Monthly Schedule:

† Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, January 5th at 7:30 p.m.

† Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, January 7th at 7:30 p.m.
Hosts: Janice, Kim and Liz Ann

† Hispanic / Latino Outreach Dinner

Thursday, January 21st
From 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

† Senior Luncheon With Preschool

Thursday, January 28th
From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

† United Methodist Men

Thursday, January 28th at 6:30 p.m.
Speaker: Craig Parker - Haiti Mission Trip

Special dates

- New Year's Day, January 1, 2010
- Epiphany, January 6, 2010
- Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2010
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 18, 2010
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity,
January 18-25, 2010

RADIO MINISTRY

Saturday mornings at 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
WOBX - AM 1530 kHz
"Outer Banks Christian Radio"
The Bethany UMC Radio Ministry with Pastor
Jerome.

Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship (Contemporary)
9:50 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional)
6:00 p.m. Children's Meeting
6:00 p.m. Junior MYF
6:00 p.m. Senior MYF
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study
Disciple I

Children's Choir

5:00 p.m. on 3rd Sunday - Practice and Supper
11:00 a.m. on 4th Sunday - Sing for the Church

Preschool

Tuesday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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Thank you so much for the lovely meal you provided the family after my father's graveside service. We appreciated so much your kind hospitality during a difficult and uncomfortable day for us; your efforts did not go unnoticed. Thank you again for your kindness.

Cathy West
Daughter of
Jerald G. Stephenson



The Bethany Church Family would like to thank Marc, Vicki and Caroline Basnight, The Lone Cedar Staff and Moon Tillett Fish Company.

Also a big thank you to everybody who sold or purchased tickets and everybody who made a dessert for the Lone Cedar Lunch Fund Raiser.

We received a total of \$8,510.00.



PILGRIMAGE

Our annual "Pilgrimage" to Fayetteville, NC was super awesome. The theme, "Peace Like A River" was expressed in several different messages given by a minister whom I cannot remember his name. What

really fed our spirits, however, were the testimonies given by North Carolina teenagers. They had been put through tribulation with great fire, only to be brought out purified. They are stronger through the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, by the word of God preached at our own churches. One of the testimonies that really blessed our hearts was that of Donovan Patrick. He went from not being sure of his Christianity to living his life for our Lord. He is a youth at Edenton United Methodist Church in Edenton. We all fell in love with Donovan and you can talk to him on Face book. Just type his name in your "search for people bar". We are sure you will love him just as much as we do! We would like to thank our church family for giving us the support we needed to get to where we went. It is awesome to see 6,000 young people get together to worship our Father.

We know we are not alone in our "Pilgrimage" to our heavenly home. We gather much strength from each other's spirits. Thank you again and may God bless you all.

Anna Basnight



Literacy Volunteers Needed

The Dare Literacy Council is in need of volunteer tutors. Tutors are trained to teach adults to learn to read, to improve their reading or math skills, to learn English as a Second Language or to prepare for their GED (high school equivalency). No teaching experience is necessary. If you are interested in learning to become a tutor, we will send you our Tutor Orientation Packet which has information about what is required of literacy tutors to help you decide if tutoring is the right volunteer activity for you.

The Tutor Training Workshop will take place on Saturday, January 16 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at All Saints Episcopal Church in Southern Shores. There is a \$25 fee which covers the cost of your workbook and lunch is provided. Please register by January 6. Pre-register as soon as possible. To register or for information, call 216-7773 or email dareliteracy@gmail.com.



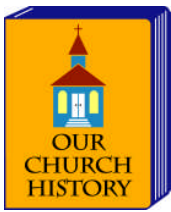
The **Haiti Mission team** is asking if anyone has any **tools** they would like to donate, please contact Craig Parker @ 473-2480 days/473-5351 nights. These tools will be taken to Haiti Jan. 13 with

the team and will be left there for future mission teams to work with also. We need measuring tapes, masonry tools, hammers, levels, etc. Also anyone wanting to donate items to the orphanage contact Craig, Audra, Or Caroline.

+ Christian Symbols +



The Olive Branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The Olive Branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).



The history of Bethany United Methodist Church has been completed and the book will be ready in January 2010.

The book will be a 8" X 10 1/2" paperback with a perfect binding. It will be approximately 100 pages with 125 black and white photographs. There will be 300 copies printed. We will be selling it for \$20.00 each which will cover the cost of the book and the costs of producing it.

If you would like to reserve a copy of the first books printed please pre-pay for your book. You can give your check (made out to Bethany UMC) to Denise Mann. You can also mail a check to the Church at P. O. Box 239 Wanchese, NC 27981. Please put History Book on the memo line.

At this time we have 60 books that are pre-paid.



The new flower chart for 2010 is up in the hall that goes to the handicap ramp. If you would like to place flowers in the church during the year please sign up on the chart. If you would like an announcement in

the bulletin please let Denise know or put a note in the box on the Secretary's door the Wednesday before the Sunday you put flowers in the church. Thank you.



Dare County Schools Art Teachers Collaborate for Annual Show

Some of the children at Bethany have had their art work chosen to be in the art show on Sunday, January 10th at Glenn Eure's Ghostfleet Gallery on Driftwood Drive in Nags Head. There will be a reception from 2:00 to 4:00. The show will showcase work from students in kindergarten through 12th grades.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BETHANY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON WITH THE PRESCHOOL.

Seniors' Luncheon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28 AT 11:30 A.M. IN THE CHURCH DINING ROOM.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE CALL GAYLE TILLET AT 473-3759 BY WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 27.



- 1 - Anne Ross
- 1 - Colby Davenport
- 2 - Hettie Cudworth
- 3 - Andy Woodson
- 4 - James Ruhle
- 5 - Tricia Tawes
- 5 - Holly Leonard
- 6 - Robin Daniels
- 6 - Orville Rogers
- 6 - Nan Willis
- 8 - Darren Bay Saunders
- 10 - Ryder Payne
- 10 - Wayne Gray
- 10 - Connie Daniels
- 10 - Helen Daniels
- 14 - Bailey Daniels
- 17 - Haley Flowers
- 18 - Jennie O'Neal
- 19 - Mike Brisson
- 19 - Kenny Midgett
- 20 - Katy Mann
- 20 - John Jones
- 20 - Lora Whitehurst
- 22 - Crystal Gray
- 23 - Luther Daniels Sr.
- 24 - Jimmie Williams
- 25 - Yvonne Austin
- 25 - Kaitlyn Noone
- 26 - Ben Whitehurst
- 27 - Melody Callaway
- 29 - Thomas Baum
- 30 - Jenn James



- 3 - Bill and Lois Gallop
- 5 - Bernard and Mary Dunlo
- 13 - Corky and Millie Barkley
- 14 - Justin and Sara Bateman
- 20 - James and Kristy Wright
- 21 - Ken and Paula Mann
- 26 - Jay and Patti Austin
- 28 - Billy Carl and Gayle Tillett



The Hispanic / Latino Outreach Dinner will be Thursday, January 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



The Preschoolers went Christmas caroling on December 3rd. Kevin and Millie O'Neal fixed a flatbed with hay decorated with Christmas lights. There were approximately sixty people including children, their brothers and sisters, parents, and grandparents who loaded the flatbed to carol around Wanchese to those who were not able to get out. The children began caroling around 6:15 and returned to the church around 7:45 to enjoy refreshments in the church fellowship hall. The children sang "Away in A Manger" "Silent Night", "We Wish You A Merry Christmas" and other Christmas tunes. The people came out on their porches and to their front doors to enjoy the music everyone sang.



On the last day of Pre-School, before the holidays, Santa came to visit the children. The parents came out to school to watch as their child sat on Santa's lap to tell him what they wanted for Christmas. Parents were enjoying the opportunity to take pictures and listening to their children carry on a conversation with Santa Claus. Of course, some of the children were a little apprehensive, but still came to talk to the jolly old man. Parents had fixed refreshments. Everyone enjoyed the treats as they fellowshiped with each other.



Thursday evening, December 17th, the Preschoolers presented their Christmas program. The children marched in to "Joy to the World". After the parents were welcomed to the program, the children sang a collection of sacred Christmas songs, including "Away in a Manger", "Mary Had a Baby", "Happy Birthday, Dear Jesus", and "Go Tell It On The Mountain". The children sang some fun songs next including "Santa Claus, You Are Much Too Fat" and "Must Be Santa". Paris O'Neal dressed as Santa while the children sang. The children sang "Jingle Bells" and played the bells to the enjoyment of the audience. To conclude the program, eight of the Preschoolers spelled "Christmas" reciting the meaning of each letter. The entire Pre-School class sang "We Wish You A Merry Christmas". Pastor Jerome made some closing remarks commenting on how well the children had performed especially the Christmas poem and their rendition of "Jingle Bells". Mrs. Gayle thanked everyone for their support during the year and ended with a prayer and wishing everyone, "Merry Christmas".





Haiti Mission
January 13 - January 22

The mission team thanks you for your support and prayers to make this trip possible to Haiti. The Bethany United Methodist Church team of eight, Craig Parker, Vance Daniels, Richard Moore, Audra Shackelford, Lora Whitehurst, Liz Ann Creef, Brenda Hall and Caroline Stetson will depart from Raleigh Int. Airport at 7 a.m. on Jan 13th with the flight scheduled to arrive in Port Au Prince at 1:00 p.m. that day. We will be greeted at the airport by Pastor Yvon Pierre, who along with his wife and family will be our hosts for ten days of joining God at work in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti.

As you know, funds were raised to have the foundation for the new facility in place before we arrive. When the building is completed, it will be the school, church and orphanage for this village where there is no church or school. The orphanage where we will be staying is rented quarters where ten children are presently housed and cared for by Pastor Yvon and his wife. We will be working with Haitian workers making blocks for the walls of the church. Hopefully, we can also begin laying the blocks.

If you would like to send a donation to buy rice and beans or chickens for even a goat for a family there, we would be honored to deliver the gift for you. Already, someone has given us money to help needy children there. It was hand delivered to Sunday School in an envelope with children's artwork on it. What a blessing that will be in Haiti to know that parents and children care here in Wanchese!

We are blessed to be Christ's Ambassadors from Bethany to the country of Haiti where God can make a difference in the lives of impoverished people. Only eternity will reveal the impact our church has had in the world. While there is time, "we want to do all the good we can to all the people we can, in all the places we can, while we can."

Thank you again, for your prayers and support. We know you will be with us in spirit. Pray that our presence in Haiti will be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Christ there and that God's presence will be real to us all.

If you want to know more about Helen Little and the Ryan Epps Home for children in Haiti, you can go online to www.ryanepshome or www.hornememorial.org.



Just for KIDS

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful Lord songs the with Worship



_____ the _____ ;





Answer: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

JINGLE BELL TAMBOURINE

To ring in 2010, make a joyful noise with this musical instrument.

What you need:

- 2 plastic plates
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Beads or beans (or other small items that will make noise when shaken)
- Tacky craft glue
- 6 pieces of ribbon (each about 5" long and 1/4" wide)
- 6 jingle bells
- Stickers
- Markers



What you do:

1. On the bottom of each plate, write, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1, NIV).
2. Punch six evenly spaced holes around the rim of one plate. Mark the holes with a pen and then punch six matching holes in the second plate.
3. Pour the beads or beans into one plate and then squeeze glue around the rim of that plate.
4. Place the other plate on top, aligning the holes. (Make sure the Bible verses are on the outside.) Let it dry.
5. Thread one ribbon through one hole and through one bell, and then tie the ribbon. Repeat five more times, once for each hole.
6. Decorate the instrument with stickers or markers.
7. Play your tambourine when you sing your favorite songs.

Bible Quiz

In Revelation 22:16, Jesus says: "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of _____, the bright morning star."

Choose the correct name from the list below:

- A. Isaac
- B. Jacob
- C. David
- D. Solomon

Answer:



HUMOR & WISDOM



"Even though the last meeting was an eternity, Sam, we'll continue to call this report the minutes."

Now is the time

We live in troubling times, with wars, poverty, hunger, economic woes, health scares and more. So what now?

Believe this: We Christians will survive the test! Faith, prayer and discipline will bring us victory. Our love for God and the need for worship, Christian education and joyous fellowship will ultimately prevail.

A pastor who worked in a city's poverty-stricken area was asked how his work was going. He answered: "It is a hand-to-mouth existence: God's hand providing for our mouths." So it may be for many churches and people today. But God promises to see us through.

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