



**LET
HIS
LIGHT
SHINE!**

THE LIGHTHOUSE

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Starting Over in Evangelism

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

In the Gospel of John, the creation story of Genesis is described in Evangelistic terms. John focuses on the Word of God as the source of all creation. The Word of God emerges in the order of Life. Life is described as the light of humanity. "Let there be Light" We often start things with our words. These creation points can be covenant-based, as in vows of love and honor in holy matrimony. Words have great power! Words can empower the very life of a vision, helping all around to embrace and share the vision with others. These creation points provide moments of great possibility, making even the seemingly impossible within reach.

Words can also deconstruct or divide created order, as in attacks with words of hatred and separation. Words of division are often spoken during times of fear and anxiety. Communication is on the list of every company as a high priority because "understanding with communication" is vital to success.

Evangelism is a two-edged sword. The front edge of the sword slices through misunderstanding and things that hinder us from fully understanding the Word of God in our lives. The back edge heals and provides a beginning with new purpose and promise, the Word of God in our lives. Perhaps a better metaphor of Evangelism is a sunrise and sunset. When the sun first breaks above the mountains, it shines light into the valleys and coves, forces us to wake up from our sleep. The sun continues to light our way during the day, letting us see ourselves and the world around us. When the sun descends behind the mountains, it leaves us to rest, but with a promise of returning the next day. The sun then lights another part of the world, waking them from their sleep. The words we speak during the day allow us hope and provide opportunities for creation moments in our lives.

Learning Grid:

Words	Actions
Creation	Destruction
Sunrise	Sunset
Sleep	Awake
Light	Darkness

ACOLYTES



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

April 4 th	Julia Tawes	Button Daniels / Nancy Gray	NO SERVICE
April 11 th	William Brown	Chetty Parker / Kristy Wright	Lisa Lewis
April 18 th	Bryson Casey	Marla Beasley / Barbara Tillett	Jusara Dough
April 25 th	Cameron Parrish	Bonny Bonner / Carol Saunders	Audra Shackelford

Monthly Schedule:

† Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m.

† Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 p.m.
Supper Out - Meet at Sugar Creek

† Senior Luncheon With Preschool

Thursday, April 29th
From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

† United Methodist Men

Thursday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Special dates

- Holy Week, March 28-April 3, 2010
- Maundy/Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010
- Good Friday, April 2, 2010
- Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010
- Easter Day, April 4, 2010
- Administrative Professionals Day, April 21, 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.

EASTER SERVICES

Thursday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m. “Man of Sorrows”

Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at the Cudworth Cemetery - coffee and doughnuts afterwards in the Church dining hall

Sunday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m. Easter Service

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)
Children' Church after Children's Time
- 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
(New Testament)

Children's Choir

- 4:30 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

Pastor: Jerome Smith

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After reflection and prayer, the Hispanic/Latino mission team has decided to discontinue our monthly dinners for now. Attendance has been low all winter and we want to be good stewards of the church's time and resources. Our original intent was to reach out to the Hispanic/Latino working men who were away from their families, communities, and churches. Perhaps now these men are more established and not in need of our hand of friendship. We had also hoped that God would raise a man up from among the group who might want to shepherd these men. That need is possibly being filled by one of the many Hispanic/Latino services that are being held in nearby churches.

Jane, Richard, George, Jeff, and I enjoy serving together and will be on the lookout for a project that our team can undertake. We are thankful that Bethany has supported the Hispanic/Latino Outreach Ministry.
Nancy

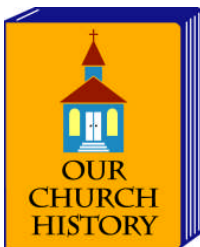


The Administrative Board Meeting
NEW TIME 7:00 pm.
CHANGE IN SUNDAY FOR APRIL will be April 11th.

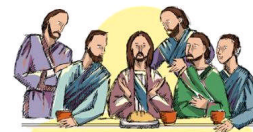
The Council on Ministries will meet on Monday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. If you are chair of a committee please have all reports from board members to present at this meeting. This is a very important meeting - the first for 2010. Please try to be present. If you have any questions contact Amelia Austin 473-2212.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Dr. Carl Frazier will be our guest speaker on Sunday, May 23rd at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. After the service we will have a covered dish lunch with him and Mary Ellen.



The Church History Books are ready. If you have not purchased one you can see or call Denise Mann (473-2518). She has the books. The book costs \$20.00. Please make your check out to Bethany United Methodist Church and put History Book in the memo line. You can mail your check to the church address: P. O. Box 239, Wanchese, NC 27981.



"Man of Sorrows"

The night before Jesus' crucifixion, He met with His disciples in the upper room telling them what would happen the next day and why it was necessary. He ended their time together by breaking the bread and sharing the wine--an act that would later become our sacrament of communion.

Join the young men of Bethany on **Maundy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm** in the fellowship hall as they portray this final supper. The play "Man of Sorrows" will touch your heart as you reflect upon Jesus' anguish and His love as He headed to the cross. The script comes from the book of John. A trio will sing the old hymn, "Man of Sorrows," in harmony, and communion will be served. Come and experience the last supper and anticipate the victory of Easter morning.



Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 4th at 6:30 a.m.
Cudworth Cemetery

Afterwards Coffee and Doughnuts in the Church Dining Hall



Easter worship service Sunday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m.

We will not have a 8:30 a.m. service or a evening service on Sunday, April 4th.



The online directory is now posted on www.bethanyunited.com. The directory is a secure site and you need a user name and password to enter. Please email Robin Daniels (cakesbyrobin@charter.net) to receive your information to access the site. Any questions please call 305-5365



We were so excited to have our first kid's nite out in February. There were 27 kids that turned out for a nite full of fun. Terri Midgett headed up some really fun games,

while Caroline Stetson made shell garland with the children. The craft was followed by dinner and a movie. Thanks for all who came out a made this event a huge success.

Mark your calendars for our next kid's nite out Friday, May 7th from 6-9. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Cara @ 473-2293.



The next kids choir will be April 18th @ 4:30. Children will sing at the 11:00 service on Sunday April 25th. There will be no kids choir in May but they will sing on Sunday, May 23.



Girl's Interpretive Dance group will begin practice on Sunday, April 11 @ 5:00. Dancers will perform in church on Father Day, Sunday, June 20th at the 11:00

services. Dancers must be K-5th grade. If you have any questions, please contact Cara @ 473-2293.



We have been meeting for the last two Sundays. We have had 12 to 14 children. We would like to invite all parents and children to the 11:00 a.m. worship service and then after the Children's Time we invite the children

in grades first through fifth to the Sunday School area of the church for Children's Church.



We will have a bike-a-thon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The money raised helps children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

The ride will be on Sunday, May 16th at 5:00 p.m. behind the Fire House in

Wanchese. The first week of May we will be giving out the sponsor sheets.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Vacation Bible School will be July 5th through July 9th

from 9:00 a.m to 12:00 noon

Program will be Sunday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m. service



- 2 - Edith Gaskill
- 3 - Austin Shackelford
- 3 - Billy Carl Tillett
- 5 - Leo Woodard
- 6 - Kim Grimes
- 7 - Mill Midgett
- 7 - Margaret Joy Toler
- 8 - Tracy Payne
- 9 - David Twiford Jr.
- 12 - Thelma Baum
- 12 - Rich Austin
- 12 - Kayleigh Tillett
- 12 - Colton Nixon
- 13 - Rusty Stetson
- 14 - Jeff James
- 14 - Richard Casey
- 15 - Butch Midgett
- 15 - J. M. Cudworth
- 16 - Madeline Kinnisten
- 16 - Rena Zimmerman
- 16 - Button Daniels
- 17 - Lori Toler
- 17 - Richard Pate
- 18 - Sarah Elliot
- 18 - Lisa Ayers
- 18 - Zachary Twiddy
- 19 - Tucker Daniels
- 19 - Omie Mann
- 20 - Boo Daniels
- 23 - Mark Nixon
- 23 - Peaches Eckhardt
- 23 - Caroine Snapp
- 24 - Jane Sapone
- 24 - Maria Daniels
- 25 - Betty Kay Beasley
- 28 - Berkeley Whitehurst
- 29 - Connie Bateman
- 30 - Nikki Snapp
- 30 - Karen Wilson

- 1 - C. C. and Pam Mihovch
- 3 - Marc and Allison Snapp
- 4 - Omie and Katy Mann
- 6 - Chuck and Stella Hollingsworth
- 16 - Hudean and Jennie O'Neal
- 18 - Johnny and Betty Kay Beasley
- 23 - Kenny and Adrienne Midgett
- 25 - William and Asia Stewart
- 27 - Chucky and Janie Midgett



NOTICE TO CUDWORTH CEMETERY LOT OWNERS:

Please remember your cemetery dues for mowing at the Cudworth Cemetery in Wanchese.

Dues are \$10.00 per lot, annually.

Make payment to: Cudworth Cemetery Fund

P. O. Box 100

Wanchese, NC 27981

Thank you for helping in keeping the cemetery looking nice. Connie Bateman 473-3350



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Floyd Basnight
 Mickey Baum
 Thelma Baum
 Thomas Baum
 Farrah Cottingham
 Mary Cox
 Jusara Dough
 Laura Duman
 Amy Garretson

Karen Grimes
 Margaret Howard
 John Jones
 Zach Kennedy
 Aretta O'Neal
 Iola O'Neal
 Donna Ruhle
 Ina Ruhle
 Carl Slaughter

Bill Smedley
 Ella Spencer
 Kelly Spencer
 Barbara Tillett
 Stella Vrablic
 Gwen White
 Debbie Williams
 Margaret Williams
 Jack Wilson
 Ken Wright

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman
 Carolyn Basnight
 Stephen Bateman
 Mary Ann Bland
 Martha Borden
 Nelson Buzan
 Cathy Clawson
 Albert Creef
 Elaine Daniels
 Mickey Daniels
 Sandy Daniels

Marion Edwards
 Vanessa Foreman
 Barbara Hirsch
 Ralph Holder
 Lorraine Johnson
 Judith and Jill
 Gracie Kelly
 Charles Leaner
 Nancy Ward Meekins
 Michelle Meredith
 Charles Midgett
 Larry Miller

Hudean and Jennie O'Neal
 Anthony Purcell
 Peggy Rogers
 Donna Roughton
 Mary Roundtree
 Linda Sawyer
 Nancy Scarborough
 Linda Scott
 Golden Simpson
 Ron Tillett
 Melissa Wright



Aaron Kinsley
 Matthew Rayburn

Unspoken
 Fishermen
 Government
 Haiti Mission Trip
 Our Nation



LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Brenda Mayo
 Family of Barry Quinlin
 Family of Hazel Sawyer

Family of Eldridge Moore
 Charlie and Lisa (lost of their baby)

MISSIONS: NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD



"Lord, may our hearts and minds be one with You as we earnestly desire to be Your church reaching out to *all* the world."

MISSION TO HAITI: Plans have been made for a building team to be in Croix De Bouquet, Haiti, the first phase of erecting a prefabricated building for The Ryan Epps Home for Children. By the end of the week of April 18th, we hope Pastor Yvon Pierre, his family and the twelve orphans in their care will have a roof over their heads for the first time since the earthquake in January. The plan is for them to live in the building once the team has completed the foundation, outside walls and roof. During the months ahead, more teams will be going to Haiti to complete the building one phase at a time. Pray for *Craig Parker and Vance Daniels* as they prepare for the April 18th trip to Haiti. Pray for the entire team of 13 including Al and Valerie Carpenter, Butch Huffman and Helen Little. Mrs. Helen is seventy-nine years old and is as committed as ever to seeing this project completed so that the people in this village of Haiti will have their first church/school/orphanage facility. On March 7th, Mrs. Helen spoke to five different churches about the mission to Haiti and the role of the church in reaching out to these needy people. May we be as committed to God's call in our lives.

MISSION TO ASIA: Our contact with Jack and Trudy Vegter, John Etheridge and David and Beth Thompson has offered us the opportunity to participate in mission in both north and south Asia. We received a heartfelt "thank you" from Jack and Trudy before they departed for their work on the other side of the world: "As we pack, we remember so many times when you blessed us and commissioned us for this new journey."

Nancy Gray's cousin Beth and her husband David continue to be faithful in their call in south Asia. During spring break, Beth's daughter Jesse spent time with Wayne and Nancy and we were privileged to have Jesse attend church with us on Sunday morning. Pray for God's protection and for wisdom and strength for David and Beth and their three daughters.

MISSION TO ECUADOR: Micky T and Jennifer Daniels continue to work in Ecuador and have been given the awesome privilege of going into the jungles of Ecuador to minister to people who have never been ministered to by Caucasian people. More teams have gone to Ecuador to work on the buildings that were built during the ministry of Jack and Trudy Vegter. Dustin Daniels is in Ecuador now and has speaking engagements in Teen Challenge Centers, prisons and schools.

There are hand-made articles in the fellowship hall of our church that were made by the people of Ecuador and sent to us by Trudy. The women and children there wanted to show their appreciation to Bethany UMC for our contributions to their needs so they made these items for us to sell. The funds from the sales will go in the mission fund. Please see the items and if you are interested in buying any of them you can give your contribution to Denise or Janice Midgett.

MISSION TO INDIA: Keep Mark and Cathy Daniels in your prayers as they continue to serve the people in India. Many people there have been affected by their love and the practical and Biblical teaching they have shared. We are grateful to have had the opportunity to hear about their ministry and to participate in helping women find employment through learning to sew. Currently, Mark has been promoted to a position in administration in AG schools nationwide for the purpose of involving more India nationals in teaching and leadership positions so that eventually the Christian schools will be maintained by them. Cathy continues to work with the orphanage in Bangalor that she was instrumental in getting established. She also is working with the local people there to equip them to be the future administrators and teachers at the orphanage.

MISSION TO AFRICA: We have a new contact in Mozambique. Their names are Charlie and Robin Gwatkins. Through e-mail we have learned of their work there and have been asked to pray for their ministry to young people through their "Sports Club." *"Right now the main thing we need your prayer about is we have started 2 sports clubs in this area and they are growing fast so we will need lots of wisdom and favor to be able to speak into their lives. We have some language issues i will send u some pictures soon God bless you thanks for caring it means a lot to us!! The Gwatkins Coffee Bay S.A.*

See the picture of a group of barefooted boys dressed in street clothes in the middle of a field with only soccer balls and a man who loves the Lord. We think of a sports club as being a well equipped building with showers, etc.. God's ways are not our ways. Pray for this family who want to minister in the love of Jesus. Charlie and Robin have three children with them, ages 15, 8 and 5. They left their older children here and Robin is very homesick for them. Their older daughter is married to Jerome Lassiter, Larry and Harriet Daniels Lassiter's son.



Thank you for praying locally and globally and watching and waiting for the Lord. Thank God for those who go into the entire world and that He continues to use us in His mission field.



February Preschool senior luncheon was enjoyed by sixty-one people. Most of the parents or grandparents are attending our luncheons along with the senior citizens of Bethany. It is just wonderful to see the fellowship among everyone attending the luncheons. The children shared a selection of songs including “Who Built The Ark”, “Jesus Loves Me” and “The Wise Man And The Foolish Man” along with a couple of secular songs including “The Eency Weency Spider” and “Brush Your Teeth”. The children highlighted the Bible Stories as Mrs. Gayle asked them questions and they answered. The children sang the grace. Pastor Jerome thanked the children for sharing with everyone. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal as usual. God has blessed our Preschool Senior Luncheon Ministry each and every month.



The preschool hosted the March Senior Luncheon on the Thursday, March 25th. More and more parents and grandparents are coming out to join us for a meal. Our mothers cooked the food for this month. They really out did themselves. What a wonderful variety of food with no left overs. It was all delicious. As always, when I ask for support from parents they go over and above, serving, cleaning up and stepping up to help. God’s love is showing through these young parents who are so giving. Before the meal the children shared some songs and the Jelly Bean Prayer. The children sang the “March” and “Spring” songs. The children recited the “Jelly Bean Prayer” and later sang “Alive, Alive” and “Jesus Loves The Little Children”. As always the children were well received. They sang the grace. We had ninety-three people attend this luncheon.



preschool registration



The Bethany United Methodist Church Preschool applications for the 2010 - 2011 school year will be available on Thursday, April 1st. The child must be three by August 31, 2010. If you want an application call Gayle Tillett at 473-3759 or call the Preschool at 475-1235. You may come by the Preschool on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon. We will be on Easter break April 2 through April 12.



The next Senior Luncheon with the Preschool will be Thursday, April 29th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Senior Luncheon




Senior Adults Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The May Senior Luncheon will be a picnic on the church grounds. It will be on May 20th from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



The Preschoolers would like to invite everyone to their closing program and graduation on Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.



Just for KIDS

SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us – and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.

A colorful CROSS



Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

What you need:

- 8½" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

What you do:

1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.

Bible Quiz

When John was exiled to the island of Patmos, he wrote the book of Revelation. In the first chapter, verse 10, John says he was in the spirit on the Lord's day (Sunday) and had a vision of someone he called the Son of Man (meaning Christ). Christ was dressed in a long robe with something draped across his chest. What was it?

- A. A golden sash
- B. A towel
- C. A ribbon with a cross sewn on it
- D. A palm leaf

Answer: (See Revelation 1:13.)



HUMOR & WISDOM



"I dyed your scrambled eggs for Easter."

The promise of Christ

The 14th chapter of John's gospel contains this promise our Lord gave his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (sometimes translated Comforter), to be with you forever" (John 14:15-16, NRSV).

Jesus added: "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live" (John 14:18-19).

What a wonderful promise! Jesus knew he would be dying. He knew the disciples would see his resurrected body. But even after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples wouldn't be alone. The Holy Spirit would come to comfort and embolden them.

"[My] peace I leave with you," Jesus concluded. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid" (John 14:27).

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