



LET
HIS
LIGHT
SHINE!

THE LIGHTHOUSE

August 2010

A Publication of Bethany United Methodist Church

Faith, Fellowship & Family

How often do we need blessings? Each and everyday we need the Grace of God in our lives. Being a part of the Bethany community, we are blessed in many profound ways. You and I have a wonderful opportunity for Grace. A safe harbor. A solid rock. A lighthouse that lights our way.

First, we have Faith. Bethany United Methodist Church is a very important Church in our lives. We come to Bethany to worship, pray, share, grow, laugh, cry, understand and walk with the Lord. Many in our world today do not have a church, a place to call home. No matter where we may roam, we have a home to come back to. A place to raise our children in the ways of Faith.

We are not alone. We have Fellowship with one another. We have communion with God through Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We are also blessed by His presence. Jesus is with us! Through the good times and bad, Christ is our morning star, the North on our compass. If God be with you, who can be against you?

We are also blessed with Family. The wonder of Family goes beyond our genetic traits. Family is about Love. It always has been and it always will be. We are Family, the Family of God. We each have an earthly father and mother. We each have a heavenly Father. Jesus taught us to pray to "Our Father." Our heavenly Father expects the best from us. We are His children. God will accept no less than the best from us.

Thank you for being a part of Bethany United Methodist Church. For being a part of our Faith, our Fellowship and our Family. We have a lot to do in the Lord's vineyard. I encourage you to support the ministries of our Church in every way you can. Join our Care Network. Become involved in the work of mission and ministry. Work with the Love of Christ in your hearts. Express your Faith, share in the Fellowship and be the child of God that you are called to be. Know who and whose you are. Know Christ alone for salvation.

John Wesley once said these words that I find very helpful. "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can."

Scripture Reflection: John 6:1-11

Blessings,
Pastor Jerome



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

August 1 st	Wallace Casey	Button Daniels / Paula Mann	Nancy Gray
August 8 th	Rena Zimmerman	Kristy Wright / Kelly Davis	Lisa Lewis
August 15 th	Emili James	Bonny Bonner / Carol Saunders	Jusara Dough
August 22 nd	Julia Tawes	Caroline Stetson / Millie Barkley	Audra Shackelford
August 29 th	Cammeron Parrish	Jane Gray/ Lora Whitehurst	Nancy Gray

Monthly Schedule:

† Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, August 3rd at 7:30 p.m.

† Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, August 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Hosts: Denise Daniels and Robin Daniels

† United Methodist Men

Thursday, August 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker: Coy Tillett

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

Children's Meetings (**Summer Break**)

Senior MYF (**Summer Break**)

7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Children's Choir

4:30 p.m. on 3rd Sunday - Practice and Supper

11:00 a.m. on 4th Sunday - Sing for the Church

Children's Story Hour

Monday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(August 2 and August 9)

Bible Celebration / Promotion Sunday

Sunday, August 29 at 11:00 Worship Service

Sunday School Classes will have presentations

Youth will be participating in the Service

RADIO MINISTRY

Saturday mornings at 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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The Bethany UMC Radio Ministry with Pastor

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A Summer Prayer

Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...

Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade of your presence.

Slow down my restless heart and fill me with gentle compassion for all your people.

Amen.

Prayers on a theme of 'Seasons'

Under the warmth of the summer sun
the world awakes and blossoms
into every imaginable color
You created a garden for us to enjoy
and within it planted
the most magical of flower and trees.
You needed no horticultural training
to plan your color scheme
no gardening expert
to recommend variety or design.
Your garden is perfect its colors harmonious
its scale immense
spoilt only by the clumsiness of those who tend it.
Creator God who breathed this world into being
who is discernible within the harmony of nature
the perfection of a butterfly's wing
the grandeur of a mountain range
the soaring eagle and humming bird
thank you for this world which you have created
Thank you for summer sun which reminds us
that your creative breath is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love
sustaining this world your garden

Walk With God

by Ellen Bailey

When you walk with God, you can do anything
It doesn't matter what problems life may bring
You may have your days of ups and downs
But if you call out, He'll be around

When you walk with God, your heart will sing
From the love and joy His presence brings
Your path will be clear, for He is the light
But you must walk with faith and not by sight

When you walk with God, you join a Holy Team
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is what I mean
They will shower you with an abiding faith
And fill your heart with love and not with hate

Finding true life

No one ever struggled more to find inner unity and, thus, real life than St. Paul. In chapter 8 of his letter to the Romans, Paul testified: "those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace" (Romans 8:5-6, NRSV).

Spirit-minded souls, Paul would say, will find the fruit of the Holy Spirit within: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23, NRSV).

"How Beautiful God's Love"

How beautiful God's Love for us
So broad, so deep, so clear;
A gift that's rich and personal,
A joy that's always near.

—Peggy Ferrell, Poems and Prayers

To pray

"To pray is to seek communion with the very spirit of a holy God. To pray is not primarily to ask for things, but reverently to receive a Presence. To pray is to open our innermost self to the royal entry of the eternal Lord. To pray is to expose one's secret being to the purifying fires of God's holy grace and love."

—John Henry Jowett

Learning timelessness

We tend to think of our lives in terms of past, present and future. Therefore, we easily become time-bound, living under the restrictions of clocks, calendars and seasons.

The concern of the truly spiritual person, however, is the "now" — that suspension of the flow of hours, days and years. God, who isn't time-bound, breaks in upon our lives, and we sense, however distantly, the eternal. And we're refreshed, healed and lifted up.

The experience of the eternal may happen any time, even amid distraction. But the witness of the mystics is that it most frequently occurs in the time of quiet abandonment in prayer. As we grow spiritually, we become less time-bound and discover that the God of grace isn't limited to the passage of the hours, days and years.



Bethany's Care Network

Bethany's Care Network was launched on July 4, 2010.

The purpose of the network is to have a list of services available to the community, where they can go for assistance in times of need.

This is the fourth ministry that Pastor Jerome has prayed about and spoken of. It has been broken down into seven branches of the care network's "tree":

- Youth
- Wellness
- Daily Bread (sustenance)
- Crisis and Safety
- Communication and Outreach
- Education
- Seniors

What is needed for this ongoing mission is volunteers. It doesn't have to be a large amount of time, but just an hour or two every now and then will be helpful. We promoted the need for volunteers at Respite Care, and have two volunteers for that, so far. More are needed.

We met with the Tidewater Council, Boy Scouts of America and have formed Cub Scout Troop #114. Volunteers are needed for this worthwhile activity for our youth.

The Care Network had it's first bake sale and raised \$380+, which went to the Pastor's discretionary fund for those in crisis or urgent need. Thanks to all who helped by baking, donating and/or buying.

We continue to gather information on local organizations that offer help in the seven areas of our Care Network. And, please review the 'branches' to see where you can help. It's all about neighbors helping neighbors where we can.

Mike Brown (Hudean and Jennie O'Neal's grandson) has just been deployed to Iraq. We will be gathering items for care packages.

Please remember that if you know of anyone in need of services, refer them to Pastor Jerome, Amy Garretson or Gail Jones. Everything will be held in the strictest confidence.

Mike Brown's Address:

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Vacation Bible School Mission Project Report

For our LOCAL MISSION we collected toys and books to give to the children in need of a love gift at the Outer Banks Hotline Crisis Intervention and Prevention Center. The money we collected was sent to the Ryan Epps Home for Children in Haiti.

Total Money: \$327.99

Total Toys and Books:

Books - 41 Puzzles - 5 Stuffed Animals - 7
Game (Peg Game) - 1 Wood Trucks - 3
Princess Camera - 1 Spider-man Gliders - 2
Box of Bendaroos (500 pieces) - 1



Bethany United Methodist Church and Vacation Bible School,

Outer Banks Hotline would like to thank all of you for thinking of the children in our shelter.

The children will really enjoy what you have donated and we are very thankful to you.

Again, we want you to know how much we appreciate your caring support.

Sincerely,
Denise Davis
Shelter Director

Dear Bethany VBS,

Thank you for the donation from your Vacation Bible School. We appreciate your support for **Ryan Epps Home**.

We are planning to go with a small electrical team in August to wire the building that was erected in April. Yvon and the children hope to move there soon.

God Bless,
Al and Valerie

PRAY DAILY



We have added a new feature to the calendar on the web site. We are going to put the names from our monthly prayer list on the calendar. Each day there will be one or more names for you to lift up in prayer.

Web Site: www.bethanyunited.com

SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES

The "Communication & Outreach" branch of Bethany UMCs Care Network will be gathering supplies to send care packages to soldiers. Mike Brown (Hudean and Jennie O'Neal's grandson) has just begun a one year tour in Iraq. We plan to gather supplies for three weeks, and mail out the first care packages on Monday, August 23rd.

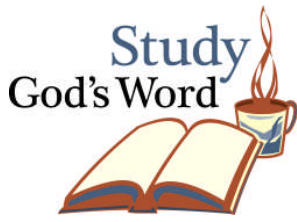
We need donations of any of the listed items below, or anything you feel a soldier could benefit from receiving. We would also like to add cards, letters and pictures from the members of the church, especially the children!!

****We also need funds for the shipping costs!! Please see Amy Garretson or Pastor Jerome to offer a gift for these funds.**

CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

Baby Powder	Jelly Beans	Blow-Pops/Suckers	Altoids/Mints
Disposable Camera	Rice Krispie Treats	Beef Jerky/Slim Jims	Snack Mixes
Coffee	Cookies in Ind. packs	Chewing Gum	Sunflower Seeds
Poker Game/Cards	Little Debbie Snacks	Spices (salt, pepper, red pepper)	
Hockey sac	Pretzels, Cheetos	Cheeze-Its	Granola Bars
Frisbees	Ind. Boxes Cereal	Tuna/Chicken Salad	Fruit Chips
Baseball caps	Popcorn that pops itself	Microwave Popcorn	Coffee
Nerf footballs, etc.	M&M's	Nuts	Gatorade Powder
Music CD's	Jaw-Breakers	Toothbrush	Inflatable pillow
Dominoes	Smoked Oysters	Sardines	Squeeze Butter
Pringles	Ind. Wrapped Licorice	DVD Movies	Ramen Noodles
Mac-N-Cheese	Hand-Towels	Towels	Wash-Cloths
Pickles (plastic container only)		Bed Pillows (gel-fiber filled)	
Hot Cocoa Mix	Soup Mix	Newspapers (local)	Magazines
Koozies (to keep cans/bottles cool)		Batteries - AA, AAA, D	Air Fresheners
Canned Air (to blow dust/sand off electronics)		Stress Relief Squeeze Balls	
Sewing Kit	Baby Wipes	Board Games	Hand Warmers
Shoe laces for gym shoes /boots		Brown T-shirts	Underwear
Inflatable seat cushions	Socks - black, olive green or white		Razors
Juice Boxes	Ink Pens	Notepads of paper	Word Puzzle Books
Envelopes/stationary	Blank cards to send home to family/friends		Foot Massager
Air Activated Heat Wraps for sore muscles		Icy-Hot patches	Vitamins
Microwavable bowls, plates		Paper plates	Paperback books
Medicated Foot Powder	Video Games (Wii, Playstation, X-Box)		Powder Drink Mix
Beanie Babies (to give Iraqi children)		Sunglasses (No Mirrored lenses)	
First Aid Kits	Band-Aids, Gauze	Personal Care Kits (Clippers, etc.)	
Shampoo/Soap	Medicated Face Wipes	Hand Lotion	Dental Floss
Hand Sanitizer	Chapstick	Bug Spray/DEET (not aerosol)	
Gel Shoe Insoles	Eye drops	I-Tunes Gift Cards	Twin Sheets
Pillow cases	Electronic Handheld Games		(green and tan)
Water Purification Tablets/Elixer		Travel Mugs	Gun Cleaning Kits

A box will be placed outside the fellowship hall for your donations!



DISCIPLE: INTO THE WORD INTO THE WORLD is the second study in the four-phase Disciple program. This study proclaims the transforming power of Scripture while teaching Bible

study skills that take participants deeper into the Scripture. **Everybody is invited** to take this study. It will begin on Wednesday, September 1. The Study Manual is \$35.00 if you would like to order your book for the upcoming study please make your check out to Bethany U.M. Church and put Disciple Book in Memo line and put check in the offering plate or give to Denise Mann. Next order will be placed on **August 16.**

Don't forget to order your book.

God's powerful Word

The Bible contains about 800,000 words, depending on the translation. This is about four times as many words as are found in a book of average length.

Although the Bible is so long and deals with the greatest themes that can engage the human mind, its vocabulary is singularly limited. It uses only 6,000 different words, a very small number compared to the 20,000 words that Shakespeare employed while writing his plays.

Not only is the Bible's vocabulary limited, but the average word in it contains only five letters. However, many of these short words are full of the deepest meanings and are worthy of earnest study. For example, consider these five-letter words: grace, peace, faith, saved, serve, glory and Jesus.



Building and Maintenance Carpet Fund

The church is going to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary. The carpet will cost \$7,942.00. As of July 25 we have received \$6,241.00 in donations toward the carpet fund. The trustees are looking to complete this project in October.



Children's Church

Children's Church

We have taken a short summer break from Children's Church during the month of July. However, we are excited to get back on schedule and to continue with Children's Church in August. We will continue to learn about the "Fruit of the Spirit", different Bible characters, and will be working to memorize and understand the Apostles' Creed. Thank you for sharing your children with us each Sunday morning at 11:00. We are truly blessed with a wonderful group!



Children's Story

Hour

Children's Story Hour

Summer Bible story hour continues to be enjoyed by children and adults alike. We've recently studied about the three men in the fiery furnace and Jonah and the big fish.

We have two babysitters that bring their broods for story hour each week. The babysitter drops the children off and the mothers pick them up. As a result, we are meeting a lot of moms and children that we have not known before. This is a wonderful way to reach some unchurched families. But one disturbing thing that I've observed is that when the mother comes in from a long day at work, there is impatience, exhaustion, and sharp words on the mom's part and frustration, disobedience, and dawdling on the child's part. It is the typical picture of today's time-pressed, stressed-out modern family. These mothers would benefit greatly from our upcoming Bible study, Lies Women Believe and the Truth that Sets Them Free by Nancy Leigh DeMoss. We hope to target, invite, and encourage young mothers like these to attend. We're even going to offer a nursery so that they can bring their children too. It will be an exciting study that will begin in September. In Christ, Nancy

BIBLE STUDY



LIES WOMEN BELIEVE
and the TRUTH THAT
SETS THEM FREE
Author: Nancy Leigh DeMoss

Beginning September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Leaders: Caroline Stetson
Nancy Gray

Bethany Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$20.00 Workbook and Study



ADDRESS FOR BERYL WILLIAMS

Brian Center
Beryl Williams Room #304
1306 S. King St.
Windsor, NC 27983



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Mazie Austin
 Pauline Baron
 Carolyn Basnight
 Stephen Bateman
 Kelly Baum
 Tom and Mickey Baum
 Marla Beasley
 Earl Booth
 Jack Cahoon Jr.
 J. M. Cudworth

Elaine Daniels
 Hannon Fry
 David Hardee
 Jim Harris
 Linda Kelly
 Josh Livesay
 R. S. Meekins
 Ann Mihovch
 C. C. Mihovch

Randon Reese
 Sammy Rogers
 Mary Smith
 Randy Spruill
 Pam Tawes
 Stella Vrablic
 Grace White
 Beryl Williams
 Nan Willis

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman
 Jill Adams
 Steve Anish
 S. C. Basnight
 Mary Ann Bland
 Martha Borden
 Mary Cox
 Button Daniels
 Melvin Daniels Jr.
 Mickey Daniels
 Buddy Davis
 Vanessa Foreman

Amy Garretson
 Evelyn Hall
 Barbara Hirsch
 Jason Holland
 Brent Humphrey
 Lorraine Johnson
 Judith and Jill
 Jusara's Mother
 Gracie Kelly
 Cindy Kelly
 Charles Leaner
 Nancy Ward Meekins

Michelle Meredith
 Sean Meredith
 Charles Midgett
 Hudean O'Neal
 Phillip Quidley
 Donna Roughton
 Jane Sapone
 Nancy Scarborough
 Golden Simpson
 Barbara Tillet
 Ron Tillet
 Melissa Wright



Mike Brown
 Matthew Rayburn

Unspoken
 Unsaved
 Boat Building Businesses
 Men in Dare Challenge

LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Bobby Barber
 Family of Ruby Midgett
 Family of Ted Wilkerson

Family of Connie Leitner
 Family of Frank "Nobby" Miller



Need Your Help Collecting Items to Benefit Area Children!
***Food for Thought Seeks “Gently Used” Items for
First Yard Sale, Part of Fourth Summer Shindig***

Please donate:

- Children’s Books
- Fishing Equipment
- Furniture
- Games
- House Wares
- Jewelry Equipment
- Nautical Equipment
- Office Equipment
- Sporting Equipment
- Tools

Do not collect clothing or shoes.

Want to deliver items? Bring 9 a.m.-noon, Thursdays, July 22, July 29 and August 5 to ***Food for Thought*** building in Manteo, at the corner of Grenville Street and Highway 64 across from IGA.

Need items picked up? Call Pete Collins, 252-255-1706, or e-mail collinsktyhwk@hotmail.com

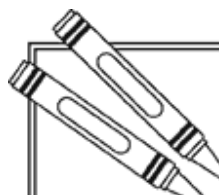
Summer Shindig Date: Saturday, August 7

Time: Yard Sale – 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fish Fry – 4-7 p.m.

Saved the date and join us for a day full of fun for all ages!

*All proceeds to benefit **Food for Thought**, a non-profit providing area children healthy meals for strong minds.*





Just for KIDS

THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus knew that people would starve without physical bread to eat and water to drink. But he also knew they would die spiritually if they weren't fed by him.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

am and be believes
bread comes I in
he hungry go He
life me me never
to never the of will
who will thirsty who

t e l r s u v w a m x y z a b t h e i
j k l m b r e a d n p o f q r l i f e
d H e e f g h i w h o j k l m n p q r
b c d f c o m e s g h i j t o k l m e
n w l l o p q r s t u n e v e r v w
z y z b c a g o b c d e f g h i j k l
m h u n g r y n a n d o p q r s t u v
w x y z a b c d e f g h i j h e k l m
w h o n o b e l i e v e s p q r s t u
v w x y z i n a b c d e f g h i j k l
m n o p q r s t m e u v w x y z a b c
d e f w i l l g h i j k l m n o p q r
s t u v w x y n e v e r z a b c d b e
f g h i j k l m n o p q t h i r s t y

“ _____ .

_____ , _____
_____ ”

Answer: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry; and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

BREAD painting

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When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.

What you need:

- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean artist brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter (optional)

What you do:

1. Decide how many colors you want to use, and set aside one cup for each color.
2. Pour about 1/4 cup of milk into each cup.
3. Add drops of food coloring until you get a bright color.
4. Using a brush, paint a picture or write words (such as a Bible verse) on the slice of bread. Make sure not to get the bread too soaked.
5. When you're finished painting, toast your bread. You can top it with a bit of butter. Enjoy!

Bible Quiz

Careful readers of Mark's gospel will discover that the writer favored a certain word. It indicates how quickly certain events transpired. The word is found four times in the first chapter of Mark and 19 more times in the remaining 15 chapters (NRSV). Choose the correct word:

- A. Momentarily
- B. Instantly
- C. Occasionally
- D. Immediately

Answer: (It's first used in Mark 1:12, NRSV.)



HUMOR & WISDOM



"It was embarrassing. While I was telling them to turn off their cell phones, my cell phone rang."

The joy of coloring

In his book *Dangerous Wonder*, the late youth-ministry pioneer Mike Yaconelli debunks the idea that Christianity is "all about coloring within the lines and coloring well." He writes: "God's grace is so outside the lines of our understanding that we can only stand in awe and wonder. Christianity is not about learning how to live within the lines; Christianity is about the joy of coloring. The grace of God is preposterous enough to accept as beautiful a coloring that anyone else would reject as ugly.

"The grace of God sees beyond the scribbling to the heart of the scribbler — a scribbler who is similar to two thieves who hung on crosses on either side of Jesus. One of the two asked Jesus to please accept his scribbled and sloppy life into the kingdom of God ... and he did. Preposterous. And very good news for the rest of us scribblers."

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