

**LET
HIS
LIGHT
SHINE!**

THE LIGHTHOUSE

October 2010

A Publication of Bethany United Methodist Church

Prayer and Bible Study

The Christian faith is about walking the light of Jesus Christ. In fact, the early Christians were known as followers of the "Way". The believer grows in grace by this journey. Each step is toward the destination God is providing.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, shared this understanding with the people. He taught that believers should practice works of piety. Works of piety include Prayer and Bible Study.

"All that a Christian does is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God... It is important to set apart time for the purpose of reading the Scripture." Wesley shared these understanding with early Methodist.

We are blessed here at Bethany UMC to be a praying church. We practice and believe in the power of prayer. In your bulletin each week you will find a great prayer resource that has a daily prayer list and names of those on our prayer chain. On our church web site the calendar provides daily prayer information.

We are also blessed to be a teaching church. We have weekly Bible Studies and opportunities to learn about God's Word. We have a successful Preschool program. We have a powerful Sunday School program. In fact, Bethany UMC has one of the strongest Sunday School programs in the Elizabeth City District. With so much to offer, find your place in the learning/teaching environment at Bethany.

Feel free to share your Faith with others and invite them to be a part of our fellowship. Read your Bibles, say your Prayers and walk in the light of Jesus.

Pastor Jerome



11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

October 3rd Blayden Parrish
 October 10th Wallace Casey
 October 17th Rena Zimmerman
 October 24th Emili James
 October 31st Julia Tawes

Button Daniels / Kelly Davis
 Bonny Bonner / Carol Saunders
 Caroline Stetson / Jane Gray
 Paula Mann / Lora Whitehurst
 Millie Barkley / Lori Toler

Lisa Lewis
 Jusara Dough
 Audra Shackelford
 Nancy Gray
 Lisa Lewis

Monthly Schedule:

- † **Baum/Gibbs Circle:**
Tuesday, October 5th 7:30 p.m.
- † **Milah Meekins Circle:**
Thursday, October 7th 7:30 p.m.
Hosts: Merlee and Janie
- † **Preschool Senior Luncheon**
Thursday, October 21st
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- † **United Methodist Men**
Thursday, October 28th at 6:30 p.m.

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's Church after Children's Time
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday

- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata Practice
- 8:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Tuesday

- 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bible Study
Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free

Wednesday

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Disciple II

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

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

Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, October 3, 2010
- Columbus Day Observance, October 11, 2010
- Reformation Day, October 31, 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.

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BUDGET MEETINGS Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Administrative Board Meeting

Sunday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m.



Committee for Lay Leadership

Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 21

At 7:00 p.m.

Members: Pastor Jerome Smith, Chairperson
Joyce Meekins, Hugh Basnight, Trisha Tawes,
Connie Bateman, Paula Mann, Grady Gaskill
Pam Mihovch, Jimmie Williams and Brenda Hall
Lay Leader: Nancy Gray



Fall Charge Conference

Sunday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Mount
Olivet in Manteo.



Building and Maintenance

Carpent Fund

The church is going to replace the carpet in
the Sanctuary. The carpet will cost
\$7,942.00. As of August 22nd we have
received \$7,593.00 in donations toward the

carpet fund.

The trustees are looking to complete this project
in October.



Underwear for Haiti

When Craig and Audra went to Haiti in
August they took with them the
underwear and socks we had collected and
shared with the Haitian people. Craig
shared that people came looking for more

underwear. So for the **month of October** we will be
collecting just underwear. We need underwear for boys,
girls, men and women. The underwear will be sent to
Haiti in November.

We will have a plastic container in the back hall and
in the Sanctuary.



Ruth Whiton
Our Lady of the Valley
650 N. Jefferson St.
Roanoke, VA 24016



Bethany United Methodist Church

Preschool began its 2010-2011 school
year with twenty-five three and four
year olds. The children have adjusted
well so far. We have some who have

difficulty parting from mom or dad. , that is to be
expected. The children have learned the four basic
shapes. The children are learning to get crayons and
pencils from their cubbies and return to their seats to
complete their work sheets. The kids have brought show
and tell each day. We are learning to sing together as a
group and taking part at floor time as we sing the week
song, the sun song, and the abc song together. I am
really proud of the children who are here for their
second year. They are really good helpers for the
younger children. Some of the children went to "Disney
On Ice" on Friday, September 24th. The Preschool
hosted their first Senior Luncheon on Thursday,
September 30th. I would ask the church to continue
praying for the Preschool and its outreach ministry.



Our next Seniors' Luncheon will be

Thursday, October 21st from
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Seniors' Luncheon

WHOSE CHILD IS THIS?

Author Unknown

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."



Children's Church

Children's
Church

Parents, thanks so much for sharing your children with us for Children's Church! Remember that Children's

Church is for Children in first to fifth grades. We meet in the back after the Children's Time during the 11:00 service. We are working hard and learning a lot. For the month of September, we have been working to memorize and understand The Apostle's Creed. In the month of October, we will begin learning about Creation. (We had a child ask, so we will study...) If anyone has any questions, suggestions, or offers to help out for Children's Church, please see Tricia Tawes or Cara Daniels.



Children's Choir

We are so excited to be back at Children's Choir. We took the summer off and are refreshed and ready for another year.

The next children's choir practice will be Sunday, October 17th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dinner will also be provided.

The children's choir will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 31st.

We will be starting practice for our Christmas Program. A flyer will be sent out soon.

If you have any questions please call Cara at 305-8313



Friendship International, a ministry with youth and children camps in Hungary and Romania will be bringing their fall tour to Bethany on Wednesday, October 27th. The group of Romanian students share scripture and song, as well as their Country's

culture in their program entitled "A New Song Europe". We will start the night at with a **covered dish dinner** at **6:00 p.m.** and the **program will follow the dinner.**

Need Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to offer a room in their homes for 1 to 2 guests overnight on the 27th.

We are also in need of volunteers who will offer breakfast either in their homes or here at the church.

There are 13 members in the group.

Please see Amy Garretson or call 216-9847.



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| 2 - H. Creef | 1 - Thomas Glen and Edith Gaskill |
| 3 - David Tawes | 2 - Les and Lori Toler |
| 4 - Colby Whitehurst | 3 - Luther and Helen Daniels |
| 5 - Thatcher Tillett | 6 - Steve and Keil Samson |
| 6 - Ruth Daniels | 6 - Woody and Tena Stetson |
| 7 - Bryan Defosse | 8 - Kenneth and Lori Fitzgerald |
| 7 - Ginger Shackelford | 8 - Conrade and Jessica Davenport |
| 7 - Bonny Bonner | 11 - Chris and Felisha Daniels |
| 7 - Justin Bateman | 12 - Gary and Marie Swain |
| 7 - Ansley Casey | 14 - Jack and Laura Tillett |
| 9 - Buddy Callaway | 17 - Larry and Carletta Ballance |
| 9 - Bryson Casey | 19 - Jim and Peaches Eckhardt |
| 11 - Dana Tillett | 31 - Larry and Dorita Ballance |
| 12 - Lacey Kinnisten | 31 - Michael and Ansley Casey |
| 14 - Joel Stetson | |
| 14 - Annie Etheridge | |
| 15 - Lynn Fidanzato | |
| 15 - Mickey Baum | |
| 15 - Johnny Midgett | |
| 16 - Pete Mavrommatis | |
| 19 - Randy O'Neal | |
| 19 - Danny Quidley | |
| 19 - Leann Wilson Smith | |
| 20 - David Grimes | |
| 21 - Tiah Stetson | |
| 22 - Ronnie Meekins | |
| 22 - Luther Daniels Jr. | |
| 28 - Devin Cage | |
| 29 - Tish Daniels | |
| 29 - Lish Meekins | |
| 29 - Merlee Austin | |
| 29 - Colin Noone | |
| 30 - Allison Snapp | |
| 30 - Rheana Watts | |
| 31 - Jordan Baum | |
| 31 - Taylor Baum | |



Arthur Landen Davenport
Born September 15
9 lbs 10.2 oz 21" long
Parents: Conrade and Jessca Davenport
Brother: Colby
Grandparents: Rev. Ken and Rosie Davenport
Arthur Leighton and Laurie White

Pass it on



- Pass on the word of encouragement in an honest compliment
 - Pass on the look of encouragement in a generous smile
 - Pass on the touch of encouragement in a hearty handshake
 - Pass on the kindness of encouragement in a thoughtful deed
- And let the encouragement of Christ flow through you.

+ Christian Symbols +



A lion represents watchfulness and alertness. It also symbolizes Christ, the Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:4-5). A winged lion is the symbol of St. Mark, whose gospel focuses on Jesus' royalty and resurrection.

Three kinds of faith

There are three kinds of faith in Christ:

1. Struggling faith, like a man in deep water desperately swimming.
2. Clinging faith, like a man hanging to the side of a boat.
3. Resting faith, like a man safely within the boat (and able to reach out with a hand to help someone else get in).

-D.L. Moody

Take time to reflect

"Running is my time to myself; I just wake up and go," says pastor Jon Wilterdink. "It's my time to reflect on what's going on in my life, my time to contemplate and connect. I often get to see the sun rise over the lake. It's a beautiful experience."

Do you take time each day to reflect on your life and contemplate the many gifts God has given you? You don't have to run to do it. Reflection can be done almost anywhere and at any time.

The blessings of being still

A Christian at a retreat center saw this sign on a walkway path: "Don't just do something. Stand there."

The sign hinted of Psalm 46:10 (NRSV): "Be still, and know that I am God!" Only by being still can we sense God's presence and know him intimately. Experiencing calmness requires taking frequent respites from our feverish lives.

When Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha, Mary sat quietly at his feet - observing, listening, learning. Martha, however, was fretting about, "distracted by many things," fuming because Mary offered no help at all.

Jesus, sensing Martha's fury, told her to stop dashing about because there was need of only one thing: focusing on Jesus, his fellowship, his teaching and his friendship.

"Mary has chosen the better part," the Lord said to busy Martha (Luke 10:42, NRSV). When we make the choice to be still, we choose the better part as well.

Spiritual nourishment

"A quiet time is a time set aside to deepen your knowledge of the Lord, to enrich your own personal relationship with him, to fellowship with him, to love him, to worship him, on a very personal basis. ... How much of a calm and gentle spirit you achieve, then, will depend on how regularly and consistently, persistently and obediently, you partake of the Word of God, your spiritual food."

-Shirley Rice

Be a good steward

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Carolyn Beck
Paige Brockwell
Popeye Daniels
Sydney Davis
Jim Harris
Fuzzie Hollis

Pete Manuel
Jeff Minter
Charles Parrish
Don Payne
Meg Reaves

Nea Scarborough
William "Duff" Sullivan
Lou Tillett
Asher Vandenburg
Marie White
Mary Wright

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman
Jill Adams
Steve Anish
Mazie Austin
S. C. Basnight
Stephen Bateman
Kelly Baum
Mary Ann Bland
Mary Cox
J. M. Cudworth
Button Daniels
Carroll Daniels
Mickey Daniels
Jack Dunn

Dickie and Milah Jo Frye
Evelyn Hall
Barbara Hirsch
Jason Holland
Brent Humphrey
Lorraine Johnson
Judith and Jill
Gracie Kelly
Tom Krauss
Charles Leaner
Nancy Ward Meekins
Sean Meredith
Andy Mihovch
Jack Monsell

Hudean O'Neal
Pastor Todd
Kathy Perry
Isabella Rainey
Nancy Scarborough
Golden Simpson
George and Mary Smith
Randy Spruill
Pam Tawes
Barbara Tillett
Ron Tillett
Stella Vrablic
Beryl Williams
Melissa Wright

PRAY FOR OUR **MILITARY**

Mike Brown
Eric and Debra Chavda
Matthew Rayburn

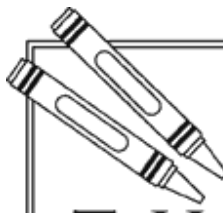
Unspoken
Unsaved
Dare Challenge Men
Those Who Have Lost Jobs
Up Coming Mission Trip to Haiti



LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Martha Borden
Family of David Hardee
Family of Charles Midgett

Family of Gilda Gallop
Family of George Hathaway
Family of Steve Swain





Just for KIDS

THE GIFT

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy. Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.


"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."

A TASTE OF GRACE

Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. That's the meaning of grace: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Celebrate God's grace by "spelling it out" with this fun, nutritious recipe.



What you need:

- An adult to help
- 2 bowls
- Mixing spoon
- 1 Tablespoon yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cutting board
- Cookie sheet

What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, stir the yeast with the water and honey. Let the mixture sit for five minutes.
3. In another bowl, stir the flour and salt together.
4. After five minutes, add the bubbly yeast mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
5. Stir everything together, first with a spoon and then with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly.
6. Put the dough on a cutting board with a little flour. Knead it into one big ball.
7. Divide the dough into 12 pieces, and roll each piece into a snake shape.
8. Form the letters G R A C E (twice). Then form the two extra pieces into any shape you choose.
9. Bake your letters and shapes on the cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Let cool, and enjoy!

Bible Quiz

According to the New Testament, John the Baptist introduced two of his followers to Jesus. The men were brothers named Andrew and Simon.

Almost immediately, Jesus accepted the two men as friends and followers. He gave one of them a new name. Jesus said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated _____).

Choose the correct name from the list below.

- A. Nicodemus
- B. Matthew
- C. Philip
- D. Peter

Answer: (See John 1:42.)



HUMOR & WISDOM



"I'd like to overwhelm them with an appeal to Christian charity, but I'm not above winning through intimidation."

Prayer's power

Great changes are the result of fervent prayer, as pastor and evangelist A.C. Dixon noted:

"The revival which we call the Reformation was born in prayer. Martin Luther's habit was to pray three hours a day. The knees of Philipp Melancthon were found after his death to have been made calloused by kneeling. Pentecost was preceded by 10 days of supplication and prayer. Peter and John were in the spirit of prayer on their way into the temple, when the other great revival in which many were converted was commenced. ... Oh, for Elijahs who can break up the spiritual drought by praying rain out of the skies!"

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