

**LET
HIS
LIGHT
SHINE!**

THE LIGHTHOUSE

November 2010

A Publication of Bethany United Methodist Church

Sacred Time

It amazes me how God created the Seasons. Each one has a different experience. From Autumn, Winter, Spring to Summer, we are part of a great cycle of of God's unfolding creation in our lives.

As we enter a new season, many things will change. As Christians we are also entering a new season in the Christian Year. The Season of Advent starts November 28th. It celebrates the coming of the Lord Jesus. The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming". It is the season of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. Advent also helps us prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus. It is the beginning of the Christian liturgical year.

The Seasons of the Christian calendar are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, (Holy Week), Easter and Pentecost. Each one tells the story of God's amazing love. May God bless you during the seasons of faith.

Pastor Jerome





11:00 A.M.
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.
WORSHIP

November 7th William Brown
November 14th Bryson Casey
November 21st Blake Parrish
November 28th Fletcher Casey

Button Daniels / Holly Leonard
Chetty Parker / Barbara Tillett
Kristy Wright / Kelly Davis
Nancy Gray / Jane Gray

Jusara Dough
Nancy Gray
Audra Shackelford
Lisa Lewis

Monthly Schedule:

† Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, November 2nd 7:30 p.m.

† Milah Meekins Circle:

Thursday, November 4th 7:30 p.m.

Hosts: Margaret Joy and Jewel

† Preschool Senior Luncheon

Thursday, November 18st
from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

† United Methodist Men

Thursday, November 18th 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
(This study will be over November 16th)

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

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2010
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, November 7, 2010
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2010
- Christ the King Sunday, November 21, 2010
- National Bible Week, November 21-28, 2010
- Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010
- First Sunday of Advent, November 28, 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.

Pastor: Jerome Smith
Phone: Church 252-473-5254
Parsonage 252-473-5438
Web Site: www.bethanyunited.com
E-Mail: bethanymethodist@embarqmail.com



The children's music department is Expanding to include a **hand bell section** for all children ages second grade and older.

We will have our first practice Sunday November 7th at 4:30 p.m. and will continue each Sunday thereafter. Please have your children at the church by 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Drummond, 441-9715.



The **Children's Choir** will start practicing for the **Christmas Program** on Sunday night November 7th at 5:00 p.m.. We will serve the children supper after each practice. Children's Choir is for children

4 years old through the 5th grade. If you want your child to sing in the Christmas program please bring them to practice.

Practice Dates: November 7, 14 and 21 at 5:00 p.m.
December 5 at 5:00 p.m. and
Saturday night December 18 from 4:00 to 6:00



Floating Shower

We would like to invite all ladies to come and eat supper and fellowship with us as we celebrate the expected arrival of a **new baby boy**.

Proud parents are Adrienne and Kenny Midgett
Grandparents are Ben and Janice Midgett
It will be floating from 4 - 7 in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 28th. Please come and share with us. Your presence is very important to us.



On November 18 **Rheana Gray Watts** will be **graduating** from Villanova University/Crozer Chester Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia. She will be receiving her Masters of Science in Nurse Anesthesia.

Bud and Rheana will be staying in Wanchese for a few weeks until after Christmas. Then they'll be relocating to Washington state where Rheana has accepted a job at Seattle Children's Hospital where she'll be working as a nurse anesthetist and will serve as a faculty member of the University of Washington.



Come Ye Thankful People Come
On Sunday Night, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. Bethany will have a special service of Worship and Singing for your family to enjoy.
Bring a Blessing and Receive a Blessing



On Sunday morning, November 28th during the 11:00 a.m. service we will celebrate the beginning of the Advent Season with a **Hanging of the Greens Service**. If you would like to participate in this service please see Denise Mann.



COMMUNITY CHOIR IS GEARING UP!

That's right.....the Community Choir has been practicing since August 31st for our annual musical, and we can't wait to sing for you.

The musical is entitled "**O Holy Night**" and presently the choir has over sixty members, representing nine area churches.

Reserve these dates: Friday night, Dec. 10th @ Liberty Christian Fellowship in Colington
Saturday night, Dec. 11th @ Manteo Assembly of God
Sunday night, Dec. 12th @ Wanchese Whole Ministries Center.

Our practices have been spirit-filled and God has brought together a wonderful group of people who are willing to let God use them. Isaiah 55: 11 states "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." We are praying for and expecting for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit during these three nights.



The **Children's Christmas Play** will be Sunday night, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. After the performance we will have light refreshments in the Dining Hall.



Fall Charge Conference

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



Building and Maintenance

Carpet Fund

Thank you to everyone who donated to the carpet fund. The Vestibule floor has been completed and the carpet is being installed in the Sanctuary this week (October 25th - 29th).



The **finances of the Church** are not as healthy as they need to be to meet our budget requirements at this time.

We need to reach down and become more generous in our giving than we have been so far this year. You will see budget needs in the offering section of the bulletin each Sunday. Please do what you can to help us meet our obligations. Each Sunday you will hear someone from our Church speak during the stewardship moment. Please listen and respond as God inspires you.

BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, November 14th the **Early Worship Service** will serve a full breakfast beginning at **8:00 a.m.** in the dining and fellowship hall. We are inviting everyone to come and enjoy a breakfast ministry. We only ask that you leave a generous tip on the table to help with our budget situation.

COME EMPTY LEAVE FULL

Resurrection Weekend

Repent – Renew – Release...

Come to the Elizabeth City District RESURRECTION Weekend, November 19-21 at the Eastern 4-H Center.

Go to <http://elizabethcitydistrictumc.org>

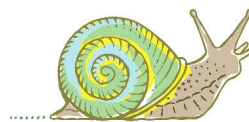
Download the new brochure about this important event
New FAQ Information
(revised) New Schedule

Registrar for the Event:

Lynn Bundy, 352 Woodland Church Road
Hertford, NC 27944, lbundy@centurylink.net



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| 3 - Bud Watts | 3 - Nick and Jane Sapone |
| 4 - Dennis Schillings | 5 - Gaither and Amy Midgette |
| 5 - Kydd Tillett | 8 - Craig and Chetty Parker |
| 7 - Felisha Daniels | 9 - Douglas and Gayle Drummond |
| 9 - Virginia Edwards | 11 - Donald and Milah Elliot |
| 9 - Martha Daniels | 14 - Mitchell and Connie Bateman |
| 10 - Jane Gray | 14 - Jay and Lisa Cudworth |
| 10 - Janelle Parrish | 16 - Harry and Katherine Baum |
| 11 - Aline Robbins | 17 - Gregory and Yvonne Austin |
| 11 - Elena Gundaker | 19 - Devin and Judy Cage |
| 11 - Erin McCown | 24 - Joby and Marla Beasley |
| 12 - Caroline Basnight | 25 - Hank and Laura Beasley |
| 13 - Brenda Daniels Stephenson | |
| 15 - Gabrielle Clift | |
| 15 - Kara Jones Beatty | |
| 15 - Ashley Austin | |
| 16 - Dallas Twyne | |
| 16 - Terry Midgett | |
| 16 - Gail Jones | |
| 16 - Chucky Midgett | |
| 16 - Andrew Smith | |
| 17 - Avery Daniels | |
| 17 - Peggy Rogers | |
| 17 - Jessica Davenport | |
| 17 - John Daniels | |
| 17 - Steve Samson | |
| 18 - Kevin O'Neal | |
| 19 - Madison Cudworth | |
| 21 - Pat Leonard | |
| 22 - J. T. Daniels | |
| 23 - Valarie Pate | |
| 23 - Tena Stetson | |
| 25 - Lainy Malarney | |
| 25 - Minta Meekins | |
| 26 - Kathy Ruhle | |
| 26 - Leah Jones | |
| 26 - Jusara Dough | |
| 27 - Ronald Cox | |
| 27 - Lynn Wilson | |



Address Change

If you would like to send anything to Ms. Ruth Whiton please use the following address:

Ruth Whiton
C./O Alice Hildreth
4321 Belford Street SW
Roanoke, VA 27981



OUR PRAYER LIST

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Irvin Ambrose
Floyd Basnight
Tom and Mickey Baum
Carl Beacham
Debbie
Jusara Dough
Jeff Drummond
Vanessa Foreman
Amy Garretson

Wallace Hoggard
Delores Ann Judd
Lori
Deloris Lowden
Arvin Midgett
Jennie O'Neal
Ethel Parker
Sylvia Perlakowski
Peggy Rogers

Donna Ruhle
Barbara Sherman
Caroline Snapp
Amanda Songer
Monnie Sullivan
Cara Twiford
Spencer Twiford
Cheryl Whitmarsh
Amber Young

ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman
Jill Adams
Steve Anish
Mazie Austin
S. C. Basnight
Stephen Bateman
Mary Ann Bland
Mary Cox
Popeye Daniels
Sydney Davis
Jack Dunn
Evelyn Hall
Jim Harris
Barbara Hirsch

Jason Holland
Fuzzie Hollis
Brent Humphrey
Lorraine Johnson
Judith and Jill
Gracie Kelly
Tom Krauss
Charles Leaner
Pete Manuel
Nancy Ward Meekins
Sean Meredith
Andy Mihovch
Jeff Minter
Jack Monsell

Hudean O'Neal
Charles Parrish
Kathy Perry
Isabella Rainey
Meg Reaves
Nancy Scarborough
Nea Scarborough
Golden Simpson
George and Mary Smith
Randy Spruill
Pam Tawes
Stella Vrablic
Beryl Williams
Melissa Wright



Mike Brown
Eric and Debra Chavda
Matthew Rayburn

Unspoken
Unsaved
Drugs in Wanchese
People of Haiti
People of Windsor
People in Prison
Up Coming Mission Trip to Haiti

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Jimmy Austin
Family of Mickey Daniels
Family of Pastor Todd Krueger
Family of Lynette Saunders

Family of Glenn Campbell
Family of Tony Green
Family of Thomas Midgett
Family of Emily Lou Tillett



The Preschool hosted its first Senior Luncheon for the 2010-2011 school year on September 30th. Seventy-eight people enjoyed a menu of ham, potato salad, deviled eggs, string beans, cabbage, pasta salad, rolls and topping off the meal with cake, brownies, and fruit. The children presented a short program of "Mr. Sun", "The Days of the Week", "The August Song", "The Fall Song" and ending with "Shake My Sillies Out". The children sang the grace before we sat down for dinner. Many parents and grandparents came to enjoy the meal with the children. Some of the Bethany church members came out and enjoyed the meal as well.



During the month of October, the children learned the eight primary colors. We sampled foods for each color and completed our work sheets. At the end of October, the children reviewed the colors by coloring various work sheets and had an opportunity to color Halloween sheets. As the children complete their papers for the day, they choose one favorite paper to put in a special book that is compiled at the end of the year for their parents. The children are continually tracing or writing their names.

On Tuesday, October 12th, the Preschoolers visited the Grandy Farm Market and Pumpkin Patch in Currituck. We had a big crowd of fifty-nine children, parents and grandparents who had the opportunity to take a hayride to the pumpkin patch and pick a pumpkin of their choice. Everyone watched a demonstration of how apple cider is made. The children were quizzed on different kinds of apples. The children later sampled a cup of apple cider. Everyone listened to a story and song by Allie. The children had a chance to stuff a scarecrow. Last but not least everyone sampled a cup of yogurt.



Among the activities for the month of October, the children watched Mrs. Gayle carve the "Bible Pumpkin" using Christian symbols. Mrs. Gayle cut the top of the pumpkin which highlighted "Why we need to be open to what God wants to do in our lives". She removed the guts and seeds which showed the children that God takes away our sins and forgives. She carved hearts for eyes which shows us God's love. She carved a cross for the nose which shows us that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, a fish for the mouth which showed them that God wants us to be "fishers of men" and a book which stands for the ears which shows us that the Bible is God's Word.




The children hosted the October luncheon on Thursday, October 21st. Those who attended enjoyed a program including the presentation of the "Bible Pumpkin" and prayer. The children sang "This Little Light of Mine" which highlighted the light of Jesus. The children sang a collection of Halloween songs including "To Scare Some Folks on Halloween" with pumpkin masks, "Five Little Pumpkins" and "Scarecrow, Scarecrow" with actions. The children dressed in their Halloween outfits. A crowd of seventy people attended the luncheon. God has blessed the Pre-School Luncheon with good attendance and much support in many ways for this ministry.



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Open my mind so I can learn about you;
Take all my sin and forgive the wrong things that I do.
Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what You've given me.
Open my ears so Your word I will hear;
Open my mouth to tell others You're near.
Let Your light shine in all I say and do!
Amen



Multiply your thanks

We have so many reasons to give thanks to God. When we take time to count our blessings, we realize they just keep multiplying and adding up.

Use your multiplication or addition skills to answer each equation. Then use the word key below to write out Psalm 100:4 (NIV).

WORD KEY
 22= him 16= courts 4=gates 24=name 9=praise 8=and 2=to
 12= his 18= give 6= with 10= Enter 20= thanks 15= thanksgiving

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5×2 or $5 + 5$	12×1 or $7 + 5$	2×2 or $3 + 1$
6×1 or $5 + 1$	3×5 or $5 + 5 + 5$	4×2 or $6 + 2$
6×2 or $6 + 6$	8×2 or $8 + 8$	3×2 or $3 + 3$
3×3 or $3 + 3 + 3$	9×2 or $9 + 9$	10×2 or $10 + 10$
1×2 or $1 + 1$	11×2 or $16 + 6$	8×1 or $3 + 5$
9×1 or $5 + 4$	3×4 or $4 + 4 + 4$	8×3 or $8 + 8 + 8$

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Answer: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4, NIV)

THANKSGIVING NAME CARDS

When you set your table this Thanksgiving, use these homemade name cards with a special message for each guest.

What you need:

- Index cards, any size (one per person)
- Markers
- Fall stickers (optional)
- Fall foam shapes (optional)

What you do:

1. List everyone who will be at your Thanksgiving dinner.
2. Fold each index card in half so it can stand.
3. On one side of each card, write a person's name.
4. Decorate around each name with markers, stickers or foam shapes.
5. On the blank side of each card, write a different Bible verse about blessings or giving thanks. Suggestions include 1 Chronicles 16:34; 1 Chronicles 29:13; Psalm 107:8; Psalm 118:21, 28; or 1 Thessalonians 5:18.
6. Another idea is to write one or more words from one verse on each person's card (depending on the number of guests and words). You can write the verse in order and have people read around the table, or you can mix up the words so guests have to put them in the correct order. (Remember to list the Scripture reference.)

Bible Quiz

The book of Exodus contains many laws for living. One law deals with harvesting crops. God instructed people to plant and gather for six years. What does he say to do in the seventh year?

Choose the correct answer from the options below.

- A. Plant double what you usually plant.
- B. Plant only grass for the animals.
- C. Let the land rest and lie fallow.
- D. Give away all your crops to the poor.

Answer: (See Exodus 23:10-11.)



The Children's Group will be selling Poinsettias starting October 31, 2010. All orders must be in by November 14, 2010. The Poinsettias will cost \$11.00 and can be put in honor or memory of someone. A bulletin will be typed up with this information.

Below is an order form. If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia please fill out this form and give to Denise Mann or you can call her at 473-2518 or mail the form to her at P. O. Box 15, Manns Harbor, NC 27953.

Thank you

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HUMOR & WISDOM



"Dad's not diggin' Pastor's Thanksgiving Day message on gluttony."

Reaping the benefits

A young pastor was visiting an elderly woman who had no known relatives. He asked her to remember the church in her will.

"Why should I?" the woman answered quickly. "What has the church ever done for me?"

After pondering the encounter later, the pastor concluded: The real question is "What has God done for you?" He has given you life and this glorious world. It's at church where you're most likely to learn about God and his will for your life. Corporate worship offers encouragement, guidance and fellowship.

Through outreach efforts, schools and hospitals, the church has a worldwide ministry, doing what you alone cannot do. The church proclaims God's good news, truth, peace and justice throughout the world. God, through the church, does all these things for you.

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