

Bethesda Banner

Bethesda
Presbyterian
Church

4858 McConnell's Hwy.
York, SC 29745
803-328-1360

Sunday School
9:45

Worship Service
11:00

One Spirit ~

One Body ~

Many Gifts



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No Longer in Need

It was a difficult night for Luther. There in his dark and lonely room in the Wartburg Castle, Luther thought about what had been asked him during the diet/meeting at Worms where he had been summoned to recant his writings and teachings against Rome.

The words of the questioner John Eck came back to him: "Martin, how can you assume that you are the only one to understand the sense of Scripture? Would you put your judgment above that of so many famous men and claim that you know more than they all?"

The question haunted him. "Are you alone wise? Have so many centuries gone wrong? What if you are in error and are taking so many others with you to eternal condemnation?" But after considering what he had learned from the Word of God, his doubts gave way to quiet confidence and solid confession.

So the next day with quiet confidence he gave his answer – Yes, he knew the truth. It was the leaders in the Church in Rome who had left behind the truth of the Gospel.

Now, in many corners of our society that seems offensive. There are many who like to proclaim that no faith can claim superiority to others. Indeed that "all roads lead to God" and that in our culture all faiths need to have a level playing field.

Since during October we celebrate the Reformation I would like to make a couple of points. First of all, established faiths contain great amounts of wisdom and truth. As Gardner Tayler preached those faiths are like lights in the midst of a pitch black cave and can show you a path. But our Christian definition of truth has nothing to do with writings or wisdom, literature or rules or advice. Truth for us is not a doctrine but a person. Jesus Christ is the truth. It is through him that we see God. In following him we learn the truth of what life should be. In it is the crystal clear light of his presence that we discover the way we should go. And in that redeeming light we come to understand the wonderful truth that we do not have anything to fear. And it is in his presence the truth of this little scripture verse, "You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free," shines in your heart.

In closing let me paraphrase the conclusion of Dr. Taylor's sermon. In Christ you no longer need those little lights to help you see in the darkness, because learning of him is like standing on the mountain top during a bright morning sun and from there you can see for miles and miles.

God Bless,

Doug

Christ's Church is a busy place with lots of business to handle. On his missionary journeys, I wonder if the Apostle Paul arrived with parchment and quill in hand when he visited the churches he had planted ?

Session Highlights

The Bethesda Session met on the following Sundays: June 24, August 19, and September 16, 2018. At each monthly meeting they received the financial report, committee reports, and the Pastor's report.

In June they ~

- Met with Rev. Douglas Key, Chair of the Providence Presbytery Committee on Ministry to discuss next steps in the search for a Pastor
- Approved, with regret, the resignation of Sarah Childers as Director of Children's and Youth Ministries
- Approved at date for a Congregational Meeting to elect a Congregational Nominating Committee, to be held July 22, 2018
- Approved Personnel Committee Responsibilities
- Approved Nominating Committee Guidelines and Procedures

In July they ~

Approved the following by internet vote:

A new contract for a copier, recommended by the Administrative/Stewardship Committee

Four items recommended by the Christian Education/Youth Committee:

- Back to School Bash—August 5
- Rally Day—August 26 (A full breakfast and some inter generational activities)
- One Room Sunday School Program for school age children based on Bible verses and Dr. Seuss books
- Sunday School Teachers for 2018-2019

In addition the Session met in a called meeting on July 1, 2018 to approve and welcome one new member, Debbie Simpson

In August they ~

Received a request from Edie Nettles, Editor of *the Bethesda Banner*, for assistance with the content of the *Banner* and other newsletter related responsibilities

Approved the Job Description of the Interim Director of Christian Education and granted permission to begin the search to fill this position

Approved the formation of a Gardening Committee as a subcommittee of the Property Committee

Approved a new Staff Evaluation Form

In September they ~

Received reports from Lyle Back and Billy Johnston, of Edward Jones, on the Bethesda Endowment Fund and the Bethesda Cemetery Fund, respectively

Approved Cokesbury materials for 2019 Vacation Bible School

Received a report from the Personnel Committee regarding church staff evaluation and acted on a recommendation to the Administrative/Stewardship Committee.

Approved a Barbecue Fundraiser, to be held on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Received a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee and approved a date for a Congregational Meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee, to be held October 14.

Approved a change in the Nominating Committee Guidelines and Procedures regarding eligibility of Congregational Nominating Committee members for nomination.

Approved John Nettles to serve as Elder Commissioner at the meeting of Providence Presbytery on October 21, 2018

Congregational Meetings

On July 22, 2018, the congregation of Bethesda Presbyterian Church met following morning worship. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a Congregational Nominating Committee to serve until February 2019. The following persons were elected to serve on this committee along with Elder representatives Steve Childers and Johnny Walker: Jimmy Darby, Nancy Moore Smith, and Jim Percival. The congregation also granted authority to the committee to appoint a youth representative. The task of this committee is to propose two separate groups of names to the congregation for consideration: 1) a slate of Elders to serve on the Session and 2) a slate of names to serve on the Search Committee for a Pastor (also called the PNC).

Mark Your Calendar! On October 14, 2018, there will be a called meeting of the congregation immediately following the 11:00 worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to elect persons to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee. A list of the candidates to be considered will be in the bulletin on October 7. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Please gain a member's approval prior to placing their name in nomination. Please be in prayer for our church during this process.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees met in a called meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2018 to consider options for replacement of the large CDC bus. The Board granted authority for the CDC to proceed with pursuing the purchase of a bus. The final details of this purchase were approved by internet vote August 28, 2018.

A Very Special Thanks

The Worship Committee would like to give a very special thanks to Esther Bailey for making the five new banners now hanging in the sanctuary. We are blessed that she has given of her time and talent to decorate the sanctuary with these beautiful banners. They represent the “Five Solos” of our faith, which are five Latin phrases that emerged during the Reformation to summarize the Reformers’ theological tenants of Christianity. They are:

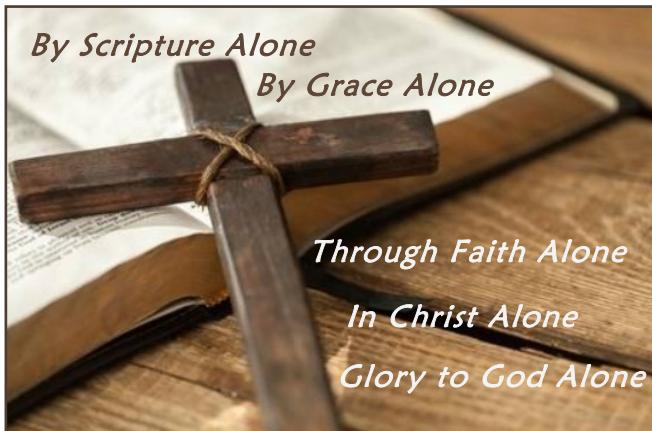
Sola Scriptura (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our highest authority.

Sola Fide (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ.

Sola Gratia (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone.

Solus Christus (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is our Lord, Savior, and King.

Soli Deo Gloria (“to the glory of God alone”): We live for the glory of God alone.



You're Invited to Join in!

Nursery Class - for infants and toddlers. The leaders of this class are Esther Bailey and Donna Hagler. They join the children for the children's choir practice each morning, and then they go the nursery for their Sunday School time.

Children's Class – children ages 4-fifth grade. This class is led by Karen Percival and Lisa Percival. The children right now are studying the Gospel According to Dr. Seuss. They use Dr. Seuss books to relate to biblical passages. Each lesson is accompanied by a hands-on activity. They meet upstairs in the Sunday School building.

Youth Class – middle schoolers and high schoolers. Debbie and Jimmy Darby and Debbie and Ricky Simpson take turns with this class. They lead teenagers through a study of the Bible and life situations. They meet upstairs in the Sunday School building.

Young Adult Class – adults who aren't quite ready to think of themselves as true adults. Valerie Bull leads this class on lessons that relate the Bible to events occurring currently in the world. They meet in the gym.

Young at Heart Class – adults who know they are adults, but still think of themselves as being young at heart. Steve Childers and Jean Blaikie lead this class. They use the Wired Word, which is a series of lessons that relate the Bible to current events. They meet in the ladies' parlor, which is downstairs in the Sunday School building.

Ione Williams Class – a group of ladies who study lessons from the Old and New Testaments. Carol Hope is the leader of this class. They meet downstairs in the Sunday School building.

Fellowship Class – an adult class led by John Nettles that meets in the Fellowship Hall. They are currently completing a study of 1 Samuel. They will next begin a study of the Pastoral Epistles 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. In these studies, they will come to learn the character and qualities of men and women God calls to lead His church. This 12 week study will begin on Sept 30th. This class invites and welcomes anyone who is currently not attending Sunday School to join in this powerful study. This class will also be an excellent study for current or new church leaders as well as those who may be considering serving on the PNC.

Sounds of Grace – an especially good class if you are a budding musician, regardless of age or experience. This class is for anyone interested in playing an instrument or singing. They will take a song each month, practice it, and depending on the difficulty of the song, they will plan on playing the it during Worship occasionally. The Director of Music Ministry will work with this class. The class will meet in the Session room.

May

A Thought to Ponder

A Message to Carry

Adoption is the highest privilege of the gospel.
The traitor is forgiven, brought in for supper, and given the family name.

- J I Packer

If you are able to help with Bethesda's BBQ fundraiser to be held on **October 27**, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please refer to the flyer on page 9 of this newsletter to see which area of activities you would like to help with. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex or you may contact Steve Childers or Karen Percival for more information. Tickets will be on sale through Sunday, October 14. If you are interested in selling tickets to your family, friends and coworkers, please see Steve to obtain them.

The Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at Bethesda on October 23 from 3:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You may go online to register for your donation or call the Red Cross to schedule an appointment. 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex beginning October 7.

Notes of Thanks

The following notes were sent to Bethesda during the summer months and during the month of September.

Dear Members of the Bethesda Prayer Shawl Ministry, Thank you for the beautiful lap afghan that I received during my hospital stay. May God continue to bless this ministry as you show His loving Spirit.

Sonny Moore

To All the special people at Bethesda:

Thank you so much for taking the time out of your lives to prepare and serve such a wonderful meal for my family during our time of need. It was over and beyond anything I could have asked for and was a true blessing. The food was delicious and it was comforting to be in Mom's home church to congregate with friends and family and celebrate her life. Thank you again for all your prayers and donations. God bless you all!

Dawn Westmoreland and the Family of Ms. Pat Reeves

Dear Bethesda Family,

A heartfelt thank you for all the cards, visits, food, and especially the many many prayers given me during and after my back surgery. It is truly a blessing to have such a support group and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Patsy Walker

Dear Friends: On behalf of Providence Presbytery, I want to thank Bethesda for being such a gracious host for the June 10 meeting of the presbytery. Thank you to all those who set up for the meeting, who provided the delicious refreshments, and who anticipated our every need. And thank you for your partnership in mission and ministry in this portion of God' Kingdom we call Providence Presbytery.

Grace and peace, T. Mark Verdery

Thank you all for making the beautiful baby blanket for Hill. We pray he knows God's love and finds a home at Bethesda like I have and my parents before me. Hope to visit very soon.

Love, Anna Sutton (Anna Muse)

Dear Bethesda York PC,

Thank you so much for volunteering at Thornwell last week, whether you attended the trip or provided support in other ways! The work you did on the church grounds was invaluable and the pactivities you offered to our kids were so meaningful They loved getting to eat ice cream and play in the water and then gather together for s'mores and Soul Surfer. These moments are often the moments our kids think of they they think of "home: and "family"...we can't thank you enough for helping make those words mean something positive for them. You were such a joy to work with and I'm so thankful you chose to share your hearts and your time with Thornwell this summer! Philippians 1:3

In Christ, Shannon (from Thornwell)

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making me a shawl. I am truly blessed knowing I have so many prayers to help me get through my day to day health issues. I am also blessed with an amazing grandmother (Mrs. Bell) that never stops thinking about me.

With Love, Christine King (Jim and Hildegarde Bell's granddaughter)

Thank you so much for the beautiful baby blanket for Deaglan! Such a wonderfully handmade piece will comfort him for years to come. It was so kind of the Prayer Shawl Ministry to take the time on such a lovely gift for our little boy.

Siobhan and Chris Gordon (Edith Gordon's grandson and wife)

We would like to thank our church family for all the food, cards, prayers and calls during Bob's illness.

The Messer Family

Thank you so much for being such a welcoming church home. Your true, genuine hospitality is heart warming. Your amazing 258 year history is a true testament to your church. May you use your "magic wash cloths" and smile each time remembering that you are a true superhero for your neighbors less fortunate than you when you give to Dimes for Hunger.

Blessings, Rose Lemmons Berry (Dimes for Hunger speaker)



Child Development Center

A Ministry of Bethesda
Presbyterian Church

Happy Fall to All from Bethesda CDC! The center will be having classroom trick-or-treating on the morning of Halloween for our preschool classes. Your child may wear their costume. Please send a change of clothing as well that day. Preschool picture day will be Friday, November 9th and it will be Christmas-themed. Happy Birthday to: Beaux T, Kemp H, Kinsley W, Hannah McD, Wyatt A, Asher McH, Lane H, Korian A, Cullen B, Riley B, Ryleigh B, Nathan T, Jaxon G, William H, Jase M, Cole M, Tyler M, and Morgan S.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The PW Morning and Evening Circles began meeting again in September after summer break. If you are not a member of a circle, you are invited to come to either circle. The Morning Circle meets first Wednesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM. The Evening Circle meets the first Monday of each month in the Session Room at 6:30 PM.

A spiritual retreat will be held at Bethelwoods on October 6. All Providence Presbytery women are invited. The theme will be “Inviting the Holy Spirit,” and the speaker will be Rev Rhonda McClain. There will be a workshop following lunch - “Enhancing Presbyterian Women,” focusing on new ideas, different approaches, and alternative Bible studies. Ann Barnwell will lead the workshop.

Registration 9:00 Cost of Lunch \$10.00

The Saluda Counseling Center- Transformations: A Group for Those Who're Grieving- will meet every Tuesday for 8 weeks (September 25- November 13, 2018) from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at Purity Presbyterian Church, 135 Wylie Street, Chester, SC 29706. Please call first 803-327-6103 (toll-free 1-855-255-1993) for more details or to join the group.

The Third Tuesdays Together group will meet on October 16 at 10:30 AM in the Lake Lodge at Bethelwoods. The cost is \$20.00 per person and includes an Apple Hill Orchard Trip. For more information visit www.bethelwoods.org. Please RSVP to Cameron at (803) 366-3722 or email cameron@bethelwoods.org.

How Do I Contact My Pastor? Rev. Blaikie is available in the church office Tuesday – Friday between 9:00 AM – Noon. Otherwise, you may contact him on one of the phones shown below:

Church office (803) 328-1360 Manse (803) 329-6441 Cell Phone (313) 580-7961



Children and Youth Ministry

October 21 children and youth are invited to the picnic shelter at 4:30 for a Fall Fun Afternoon. We will play some games, paint pumpkins, and enjoy s'mores by the fireplace.

October 27 - Children and Youth will help with the BBQ Fundraiser. They will help cook and serve hot dogs. They will also help run several of the games. In exchange for their participation during the fundraiser, they will earn a trip to Air Sports Trampoline Park in November.



We had a great time at Lake Wylie Bowl and Bounce on September 23. We took four youth and six children. The children had a blast on the bouncy houses while the youth battled each other playing laser tag. We returned to the church and enjoyed homemade ice cream cake (Thank you, Cheryl Forlines) and ice cream sundaes. Preacher Doug even joined us at the church and fascinated everyone with his stories. A special thank you to Valerie Bull and Laura Smith for accompanying us on this fun adventure.



October is Dimes for Hunger Month

We will kick it off at the TGI Wednesday on October 3! Dimes for Hunger began in our presbytery in 1977 when most of the textile mills in our area closed and many people who lost their jobs were unable to feed themselves and their families. The plan was simple: ask each member in each of our churches to give one dime per meal - per day for the month of October for a total of \$9.30. The offering would be used to help provide food for our neighbors who were hungry. Why do we continue to do this? Christ told his disciples to "give them something to eat." To show our love for Christ and our love for our neighbors, we give our dimes this month. Half of the dimes will help our neighbors who are hungry in Chester, Kershaw, Lancaster, Union, and York Counties. Half of our dimes will help our neighbors who are hungry in Guatemala, Honduras and Malawi. When we share our dimes and our love, we are being a neighbor to our neighbors.

Remembering a Pioneer and Legend

The Presbyterian Mission Agency has created a scholarship fund to honor the name and legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon, a pioneer and legend in the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Women's Ministry Fund supports Presbyterian women of color, clergywomen, college women, and other women with opportunities for leadership and spiritual development as well as mission opportunities in the Presbyterian Church.

Gifts in memory of Dr. Cannon can be made online or by mail. Those wishing to donate to the scholarship online can check with the presbytery office for an online address. To send a check make it payable to "The Presbyterian Mission Agency" and write "In memory of Rev. Katie Cannon - E049991" on the memo line. Please mail your gift to Presbyterian Church U.S.A., PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

Benevolence Offering to be Collected

A special offering for the Benevolence Fund will be collected in our worship service on Sunday, September 30. If you know of someone in the church or surrounding community who is in need, please contact Pastor Doug for more information.

September

2	Jane Johnson	19	Jennifer Williams
2	Steve Rawdon	21	Jim Carter, Sr
2	Anne Sanford	22	Chris Dewer
3	Randy Neely	22	Mark Boyd
4	Addison Johnson	22	Jackie Johnson
5	Esther Bailey	22	Myra Smith
5	Drew Hagler	24	Emily Varnadore
6	Cole Johnston	25	Sara Jones
7	Bill Russell, Jr	27	Amy Bell
9	Edith Gordon	27	Stephen Melton
13	Ashley Faulkenberry	28	Lou Beaty
14	Mike Percival	28	David Hibbard
15	Doris Jonas	30	Pam McKinney
18	Dustin Melton		

Happy Birthday!!



Prayer Shawl Ministry Continues to Bless Others with Gifts of Love and Prayer

The Prayer Shawl Ministry resumed their twice monthly meetings in September, after taking a break over the summer. Our group has completed a total of 232 prayer shawls, lap afghans, and baby blankets since beginning this ministry in March of 2014. We share these gifts of love and prayer with members of our church family as well as extended family and community members. As always, we will appreciate the input of members of the congregation to help us identify those in need of comfort and support. The next meeting of the group will be announced in the bulletin.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Edith Gordon on the birth of her great grandson, Deaglan O'Connor, on June 4, 2018, and her great great granddaughter, Haven Mae Gordon, on August 13, 2018.

Congratulations to two couples who were recently married. Katie Childers and Donavon Burns were married on June 2 with Rev. Daniel Smoak officiating. Michael Walsh and Amanda Martins were married on September 9 with Rev. Doug Blaikie officiating.

October

2	Connor Brown	17	John Nettles
3	Jerred Mitchell	19	Michelle Plott
6	Anita Ferguson	19	Josh Stallard
7	Doug McCall	21	Bill Davis
9	Cecelia Alexander	22	Bert Anthony
10	Coleman Medlin	24	Caitlin Hibbard
11	Carolann Bull	26	Tom Bull
11	Emily Medley	26	Steve Dickson
12	Bobby Faris	29	Trey Amick
14	Trudy Amick	31	Julia Dover
14	Justin McAtee		
14	Matthew McAtee		
15	Nicolas McAtee		
14	Jim Percival		



October 27th

11 am - 2 pm

BBQ Plate \$10 per plate
Eat In or Take Out

Purchase Your Ticket by
October 14th

- from the church office
- CDC director, any Elder
- Congregational Life Committee members
- Scout leaders

Bethesda Church
Family Life Center
4858 McConnell's Hwy
York, SC

Bake Sale

Fall Fest Vendors' Booths 9 am - 2 pm

Children's Games and Activities 11 am - 2 pm

Hot Dog Plates \$5

BBQ plate includes barbecue, roll, slaw, baked beans, chips, and drink.

Hot Dog plate includes hot dog, baked beans, and chips.

To order call the church office (803-328-1360) or Steve Childers (803-417-3571).

October

Regularly Scheduled Activities

Mondays - Boy Scouts 7:00 FH

Tuesdays - Cub Scouts 7:00 FH

Wednesdays - TGI Wed Dinner 6:30 FH

Choir Practice 7:30. Music Room

Thursdays - Bible Study 7:00 FH

Prayer Shawl - October's meetings TBA in bulletin

Evening Circle - first Monday of the month 6:30 PM SR

Morning Circle - first Wednesday of the month 10 AM FH

Men of the Church - first Saturday of the month 8:00 AM

Old Town Kitchen in McConnells

Other Activities in October

Friday - Oct 12 - Sunday 14 Lay School Presbyterian College
Asheville Youth Mission Immersion Trip

Sat. Oct 13 - MacKenzie Wise private Birthday Party 2 - 4 FH

Sun. Oct 14 - Called Congregational Meeting 12:00

Tues. Oct 16 - Third Thursdays Group 10:30 Bethelwoods

Wed. Oct 17 - Staff Meeting 10:00 FH

Sat. Oct 20 - Ashley Booth private Birthday Party 3:00 - 7:00 FH

Mon. Oct 22 - Hand Chimes 6:30 Ladies' Parlor (will continue every Monday until LaRayne tells otherwise.)

Tues. Oct 23 - Red Cross Blood Drive 3:00 - 7:30 PM FH

Fri. Oct 26 - Set-up for BBQ 6:30 - 7:30 PM FLC

Sat. Oct 27 - BBQ Fundraiser (11 - 2) FLC

Children's Activities (11 - 2) FLC

Hot Dog Sale (11 - 2) Picnic Shelter Bake Sale (9 - 2) FLC

Fall Fest Vendors (9 - 2) FLC

Sun. Oct 28 - PATH Collection



Regularly Scheduled Committee Meetings

Administrative/Stewardship Committee -
Second Sunday, 7 PM SR

Child Development Center -
Second Tuesday, 6:30 PM SR

Christian Education - First Sunday, 6:30 PM FH
(No meeting in October)

Congregational Life - Second Sunday, 4 PM FH

Property Committee - Scheduled as Needed

Worship Committee - Second Sunday, 6 PM SR

Personnel Committee - Quarterly, as Scheduled





*5th Sunday
Covered Dish
Lunch*

Mission Update: The Matias Family

Felipe and Laura continue to serve at Casa Semear (The Sower House) in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Felipe is currently serving as the leader there for the next six months, while the ministry founder/leader and his family are on extended furlough in Scotland. Casa Semear is a community center serving children, youth, and families from the surrounding favelas. The leadership position includes planning and co-ordinating activities hosted at the center, leading worship and activities with the children and youth attending the center, working with staff members, scheduling events, hosting visiting mission teams, and various other responsibilities. In June the Casa Semear team held a three day, three night camp for 25 teenagers at a retreat center in the countryside. The theme for the camp this year was *Parable of the Sower* from Luke 8:1-15 and the camp included games, activities, and competitions. Felipe is also using his skill in photography to serve by photographing events and activities for their fellow missionaries, to be used to further the spread of the Gospel. Every Tuesday Laura works or serves at Casa Semear, leading small groups of children. As always, the Matias Family will appreciate our prayers for blessings on their ministry and their health and well being.

Remember in Prayer

At Bethesda

Bill Dover
Michelle Melton
Julie Cornwell
Walter Jonas
Ron Hope
JoEllen Smith
Steve Rawdon
Patsy Walker
Ainsley Darby
Sonny Moore
Don Faris
Ethan Hose
Eddie Allan Smith
Edith Gordon

Family of Robert Messer
The Wilkinson Family

Our Session
Our Pastor

Homebound

Amelia Simmers
Robert Jones

In the Community and Beyond

Larry Rockholt
Christine Roberts

Dorothy Hazard

Beverly Sledge
Chris Brackett

Reed Wagner
Elsa Carabello

Walt Bratton
Bob Dickson

Caleb Dickson
Donnie Greene

Jessie Mitchell
Julie Pittman

Russ Branch

Cathy Cole
Betty Grigg
Ed Beam

Randy and Virginia Medley

J. Claude Bell - Jim & Hildegard's son
Christine King - Jim & Hildegard Bell's granddaughter

Ken & Diane Stevens - Kim Mitchell's parents)

Family of David Childers

Family of Henry R. Bell

Family of Roy Campbell

New Mother's Cottage at Thornwell
Those affected by the hurricane

Our Global Mission Partners

Matias Family
Palacios Family
Driggers Family

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Steve Childers

Debbie Darby

Cheryl Forlines

John Nettles

Karen Percival

Stacy Russell

Todd Russell

Johnny Walker

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Treasurer - Todd Russell

President of the Corporation -

Ralph Adams



Our Mission

We celebrate the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ who is the head of the Church. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are God's servants dedicated to the nurturing of all people in faith, service and fellowship; providing service to those in need; comforting the bereaved; ministering to the sick; offering solace to the troubled; and always seeking the lost.

We invite all believers in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to share the communion loaf and cup of communion as symbols of our unity and service to the Risen Lord.



Bethesda Presbyterian Church Staff:

Head of Staff - Rev. Doug Blaikie Secretary/Bookkeeper - Pat Jones

Director of Music Ministry - LaRayne Hall

Caretaker - Mike Percival Sexton - Donna Hagler