



The Bethesda Banner



One Spirit ~ Many Gifts

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From the Pastor:

Presbyterian minister Craig Barnes, who served for many years at a church in our nation's capital, has noted that the streets of Washington were laid out with the intention of thwarting invasion. A simple grid pattern would have been too easily navigated by enemy troops, so the architects opted for curvy streets, angled intersections, and confusing circles placed in a random pattern. The desired effect was achieved, but it makes giving directions to those who are visiting almost impossible. People have a hard time understanding directions about where to go. It is easier, says Barnes, to get in the car and go with them.

It's a good analogy for the Christian life. In Exodus 3 when God calls Moses to go liberate His people, he spares Moses many of the details, but He does tell him: I will go with you. And for us, the ones focused on the destination, asking questions about what we are really supposed to be doing in 5 years or next year, or even now. God says: *I will go with you*, and that is the most important part of our calling. You see, understanding the call of God is not about trying to figure out where you are going- that is God's job. It is our job, in the words of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, to glorify Him and enjoy Him forever. It is our calling to enjoy the ride.

As a senior in college, I was waiting to hear from God about what to do after I graduated. I used to joke about going to the mailbox everyday to see if my letter from God had arrived yet. If only it were so easy. But what if it was? Where is the joy in that? If God communicated in such an easy fashion, there would be no joy in communion with Him. We would only be soldiers in His army, following orders, being robbed of the joy of being in true fellowship with Him.

At times, I believe, we are paralyzed by fear, afraid that we are going to miss, or have already missed the call of God. I think it is helpful to think of God's call not as a one-shot burning bush that we missed several years ago because we are not spiritual enough or we were looking the other way, but more like a constant, steady song, drawing us in. God calls us first to fellowship with Him. He calls us to commit ourselves to Him. When we answer *that* call, we have His righteousness written on our hearts, and there is a great freedom because we can rest assured that because he is with us, we will do the right things and make the right choices naturally. Fall in love with God. That is our first calling. All else will come from that.

All for the glory of God,

Pastor Daniel

This Month's Anniversaries

Feb	2	Lisa & Don Faris
	6	Carolyn & Robert Rockholt
	8	Karen & Mark Boyd
	15	Pam & Tony McKinney
	25	Linda & Robert Messer

This Month's Birthdays

Feb	3	Richard Glenn Meek
	5	Billie Ann Burton Richard Hope Sarah Simpson Lisa Wright-Teska
	6	Susan Roberts
	7	Will Jenkins Deloras Melton Sarah Childers Grover Pillsbury, Jr
	8	Colby L. Wallace
	10	Matthew Ransom LaRayne Hall
	13	Danny Nettles
	16	Mary Joe Gardner
	17	Nettie Daves
	19	David Ferguson
	22	Catherine Johnson Mott Hutchison
	23	Jennifer Loughney Valerie Percival Bull
	24	Gail Jones
	25	Gloria Melton Hope

Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for the meals, cards and visits following the birth of our son, Weston. What a blessing it is to be part of a loving & caring church.

Sincerely,
The McCraven Family

2011 End-of-the-Year Financial Report

Budget: \$291,824



Welcome new member Scott McAteer! Scott joins Bethesda by profession of faith and was baptized on Sunday, January 29. Scott is father to Matthew, Justin, and Nicolas.

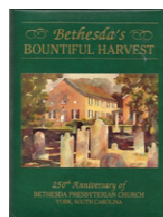
Scott McAteer
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DID YOU KNOW that every member of the congregation is part of a Shepherd's Fold?

Each Shepherd's Fold is coordinated by a BPC Elder and is made up of about 12 people. The purpose of the Shepherd's Fold ministry is to provide Christ-like love and concern for each other in times of joy and distress. Your Shepherd will be in touch periodically throughout the year to offer encouragement, support, and sometimes information (like weather cancellations). If you have a need such as prayer, illness, transportation, or meals, please contact the church office or your shepherd. If you are not sure who your Elder Shepherd is, please contact Dorothy Williamson, chair of the Congregational Life/Shepherding Committee. 327-1588

Sharing the Harvest



Here's a delicious lemony cake that's easy as pie to make! It'll warm up any winter evening or whip it up on Sunday afternoon for the whole family to enjoy. Serve warm with a glass of cold milk or cup of hot chocolate.

Warm Winter Lemon Cake (p. 114)

submitted by: Harriet Allen

1 box yellow cake mix	1/3 c. sugar
2 c. cold milk	2 T. powdered sugar
1 1/4 c. water	2 pkgs. Jello Instant Lemon Pudding

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Pour into greased 13 x 9 in. baking dish; set aside. Pour milk and water into a large bowl. Add dry pudding and sugar. Beat with a whisk 2 min. or until well blended. Pour over batter. Place baking dish on baking pan to catch any sauce that might bubble over. Bake 55-60 minutes. Cool 20 min. Sauce will thicken as it cools. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Spoon into serving dishes. Serve warm. Store in refrigerator.

If you have a new recipe or a recipe not previously submitted, please feel free to submit it. We will share these in our monthly newsletter feature and add them to the cookbook database for a future cookbook addendum or edition of a Bethesda Cookbook! Please email your recipes to the Congregational Life Committee at life@bethesdapres.org and put "Recipes" in the subject line. Be sure to include the following information with each submission.

Name of cook: _____
 Name of recipe: _____
 Ingredients: (do not use abbreviations that may be confusing, such as teaspoon, tablespoon)
 Cooking Time: _____ Cooking Temperature: _____
 Number of servings: _____
 Preparation/Instructions
 List any special pans that are needed:

Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00 Covered Dish Supper*
 6:30-7:15 Bible Study for Adults
 Youth Bible Study
 Bible Activities for Children
 7:30 Choir Rehearsal



Ash Wednesday Supper and Worship February 22, 6:00

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. It's called Ash Wednesday because as a sign of repentance, believers through the centuries have received the mark of an ashen cross on their forehead. The ashes remind us of God's words to Adam when he sinned- "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," and it reminds us of the Old Testament practice of wearing sackcloth and having ashes placed on the head as a sign of spiritual poverty. On Feb. 22, we'll gather for Ash Wednesday worship, hear God's word of hope, and be marked with the ashes of repentance. We'll follow the regular Wednesday schedule.

Food, Fellowship, and Fun!

The Congregation is invited to an evening of good food, fellowship, and games on **Saturday, February 18** from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. Consider this a post-Valentine party for all and a great opportunity for Session members (Shepherds) to meet their flocks. Everyone is a member of a Shepherd's fold.

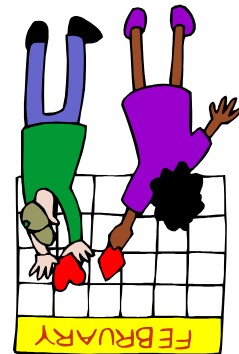
The evening will consist of a meal, prepared and served by our youth. There is no cost but donations are to go to the youth mission trip in April. Come and support our youth.

Proposed schedule for the evening will be fun activities from about 5:00 until 5:45. The meal will be served at 6:00, and there will be games with prizes after the meal. A nursery for 0-3 will be provided after the meal until 8:00 p.m.

Please come to support our youth and enjoy a great evening of fellowship.

New Reader?? We invite you to Come Visit Us!! We are so glad that you picked up this publication. We hope you will find it interesting, provocative and worth your time. If you are not a member of any church, please take the next step and worship with us, any Sunday, at 11:00 am. We are a growing, active community with friendly people, and we will welcome you without any "pressure." Or, please call us at (803) 328-1360 or visit our website at www.bethesdapres.org for more information and to let us know how to respond to your needs.

Recycle—Share this newsletter with a friend!!!



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Come out and cheer for the BPC basketball team!

Friday night and Saturday games.

Check the bulletin each week for game times and locations.

The Barnabas Group

The February Barnabas Group meeting will be on the 23rd. This will be the fourth Thursday of the month and the meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in The Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in taking part in this group you can go ahead and mark your calendar for each month. Program topics or any plans for this group are announced in advance in many ways, but because the due date for publication of The Bethesda Banner is the 20th of the month, the plans are not always available at that time as this is before the monthly meeting. This is the case of this writing and the January meeting will be planning and fellowship. Other means of finding out the approaching meeting plans are to check each week's calendar of events in the church bulletin, or on the internet, or you can call me, Gail Boyd at 327-5104. I serve as the representative for the group from the Congregational Life Sessional Committee, which oversees the operation of the group. The group is open to anyone, and has no membership list or dues.

Third Tuesday Together

TTT is an older adult group that meets on the third Tuesday of every month (and other times) at Bethelwoods. (922 West Mount Gallant Rd, York) These are wonderful events so invite your friends to come! Register by calling 366-3722.

Tuesday February 21 10:30 am

Join us for a Master Gardener presentation. Get ready for the Spring season and come up with some great ideas for your garden! Following the program, we will share in fellowship and a delicious lunch. Cost is \$9.00

Saturday March 3 10:30 am

Join us as we attend the Jersey Boys at the Belk Theater in Charlotte. *Jersey Boys* is the 2006 Tony Award winning Best Musical about Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, The Four Seasons. We will begin with an early lunch out before we make our way to the 2 o'clock show. Cost is **\$42.00** for the show and transportation.

2012 Session Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs

Who should I contact about...

Administration/Stewardship: Dick Sanford and Faye Boyd;
Cemetery: Jimmy Darby;
Child Development Center: Mike Houston and Ernice Bookout;
Christian Education and Youth: Christine McCraven and Reggie Clawson;
Congregational Life and Shepherding: Dorothy Williamson, Mott Hutchison and Diane Arnold;
Evangelism: Jim Beaty, Irvin Jones and Gene Jenkins;
Property: Steve Childers and Billy Johnston;
Service and Hospitality: Liz Blackwell or Ernice Bookout;
Sports: Randy Ransom and Phil Hughes;
Worship: Stacy Russell and Faye Boyd.



Would you like to place flowers in the sanctuary? The 2012 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Education Building. If you sign up for a Sunday, please advise Cheryl by phone (328-1360) or email at cahughes1947@yahoo.com on the Monday or Tuesday of the week that you will have flowers so the information will be in the bulletin.



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 26th**

Need to get an item in the Bethesda Banner? Just email your item to chuckbarton1958@yahoo.com, or drop it off in the church office, by the 20th of the month to have it included in the next edition. If you need a birthday or anniversary added or corrected, contact the church office.