



The Bethesda Banner



One Spirit ~ Many Gifts

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From the Pastor:

Beginning this month and going through September, we are in a season of revival at Bethesda. But what is a revival? Several bible verses come to mind.

First, 2 Chronicles 7:14. *"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."* **Revival is a season of prayer and repentance.** We're calling on God to help us turn from any area of ongoing sin in our lives.

Second, Ezekiel 37:3-5 And the Lord said to [Ezekiel], *"Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. Revival is a season of spiritual awakening.* God leads Ezekiel out to a desert filled with dry bones, and through his Word, the bones come to life and are filled with his Spirit. God wants to do the same thing to our parched spiritual lives.

Third, Revelation 2:4. The Lord praises the church in Ephesus for their diligence in many areas, but *"I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."* **Revival is a season of renewed love.** I think we all know how easy it is to "do church" yet fall out of love with Jesus. Revival is a time to rekindle our love for the Savior.

And fourth, Joshua 24:15. *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* **Revival is a season of renewed commitment.** From time to time, we have to evaluate our lives, what is truly important, and realign our priorities according to God's will. Revival gives us the chance to renew our commitment to the Lord and to his church.

You'll find the details of revival events inside this copy of *The Banner* and in future publicity. I'm praying that Jesus will use this season of revival to do something amazing at Bethesda, and I'm praying that you'll be part of it!

To God Alone be Glory,

Pastor Daniel

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Revival time is coming- mark your calendars for these important dates.

Sunday, August 29 è Rally Day
Friday & Saturday, September 10-11 è Church Retreat @ Bethelwoods
Sunday, September 12 è Revival Worship @11am and 7pm
Monday & Tuesday, September 13-14 è Revival worship @ 7pm



Thanks to everyone who helped support **Habitat for Humanity**. We raised funds beyond our goal (more than \$4,600). Through our efforts, another family is moving toward quality housing, and we've offered a clear example of the love of Christ to the Rock Hill community. To God be the glory!



Attention York Comprehensive High School Moms, Aunts, and Grandmothers! We have the chance to support our high school students through a vibrant prayer ministry. Drawing on the resources of Moms in Touch International (momsintouch.org), we'll gather regularly to pray specifically & scripturally for our children, their school and its leaders. Our introductory meeting is on Aug. 10th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP. Questions? Need to meet at a different time? Contact Crystal Dickson @ 803-242-1968 or cdickson72@comporium.net.

Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting

Presbyterian Women's annual Salad Supper is Sunday, August 15 at 5 p.m. Reports for 2009-2010 will be given by each officer and Circle Moderator. Officers for 2020-2012 will be installed. If you are interested in knowing what the Bethesda Presbyterian Women's Group does this is a good time to come and learn. You may be surprised to learn how much the PW does and how many varieties of salads they can make. All ladies are invited to bring their favorite salad and join in the fellowship.

Elder Care Update

The group formerly called "Elder Care" is scheduled to have its next meeting on Thursday, August 26, at 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is to be a re-organizational meeting to discuss renaming the group to make it more inclusive of other challenging situations in which individuals and families may find themselves. Along with this, the mission statement will also be discussed.

This meeting is open to anyone who feels that they are alone in a given situation and feels that group support could be helpful. Call Gail Boyd at 327-5104 with any questions that you may have.

June Church Treasurer's Report

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Amount needed	23,165.42	138,992.52
Amount received	<u>24,760.33</u>	<u>133,992.52</u>
Amount spent	20,871.97	133,135.43

This Month's Anniversaries

August 1	Michelle & Dustin Melton
3	Pat & Jonathon Lauckner
5	Crystal & Steve Dickson
7	Sarah & Steve Childers
11	Andrea & Trevor Coxton
13	Dorothy & Edward Williamson
14	Sherrie & Tim Varnadore
18	Cathy & Jim Conrad
25	Billie Ann & Larry Burton
	Ernice & James Bookout
30	Missi & Randy Hunsucker

This Month's Birthdays

August 1	Christine McCraven
	Chay Williamson
	Seth Williamson
2	Reese Steward
3	Harry Glenmore Bates
4	Darius Alexander
	Grady Putnam
5	Gladys Williamson
	Jane Putnam
7	Teresa King
8	Ellen Dewey
	Bubba Sharpe
10	Peggy Adkins
	Jillian Iannaccone
11	James Bell III
14	Elita Adkins
	Brittany Messer
	Robert Messer
	Hildegard Bell
	Lennie Teska, Jr
	Vic Adkins
15	Geraldine Blackmon
16	Elaine Tucker
17	Sherrie Varnadore
	McKinzie Rockholt
18	George Blackmon
	Collin Jenkins
	Cailey Rockholt
19	Nancy Blackmon
20	Cheryl Hughes
	Hart Teska
21	Abigail Smith
22	Nancy Moore
	Lisa Faris
	Ashlyn Dexter
23	Rebecca Simpson
	Betty Jo Alexander
24	Heather Ogden
25	Phil Hughes
	Abagayle Edeema Daves
27	Barbara Thompson
29	Kim Mitchell
30	Larry Burton
	Hunter Gardner Melton
31	Blake Robinson McCraven

Presbyterian Women Circle Update

Bethesda's Presbyterian Women Circles are taking a break for the summer. Circles will begin meeting again in September. The Morning Circle meets the first Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in The Fellowship Hall. The Evening Circle meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Session Room. The Saturday Circle meets on the second Saturday morning. The Morning and Evening Circles will study "Journey Through Revelation; Apocalyptic Hope for Today". The Saturday Circle uses selected studies chosen by the group.

Edith Gordon is Moderator for the Morning Circle; Linda Messer is Moderator of the Evening Circle; and Heather Gould will moderate the Saturday Circle. Daycare is provided for the Saturday Circle. Each circle welcomes new members for Bible study and fellowship. If you are interested in further information about a circle, please contact the circle moderator.

Wonderful Wednesdays!

Begin on September 8th

6:00	Covered Dish Supper
6:30-6:40	Announcements, Group Singing
6:40-7:15	Bible Study for Adults Bible Activities for Youth and Children
7:30	Choir Rehearsal

August Daily Bible Readings

Following this daily Bible reading schedule will take you through the Bible in a year.

1	Ezra 1-3	17	Job 4-6
2	Ezra 4-6	18	Job 7-9
3	Ezra 7-10	19	Job 10-12
4	Nehemiah 1-3	20	Job 13-15
5	Nehemiah 4-6	21	Job 16-18
6	Nehemiah 7-9	22	Job 19-21
7	Nehemiah 10-13	23	Job 22-24
8	Esther 1-3	24	Job 25-27
9	Esther 4-6	25	Job 28-30
10	Esther 7-10	26	Job 31-33
11	Mark 1-3	27	Job 34-36
12	Mark 4-6	28	Job 37-39
13	Mark 7-9	29	Job 40-42
14	Mark 10-12	30	I Peter 1-5
15	Mark 13-16	31	II Peter 1-3
16	Job 1-3		

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!!!

RALLY DAY
is
August 29th
Join us at 9:45
for a Sunday School assembly
and fellowship.

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Scouting Signals

By John Nettles

As I write this article the scouts and leaders from troop 161 are preparing to leave for the 2010 National Scouting Jamboree. As you read this article we have already returned and it will have begun to pass in to our collective memories for the summer of 2010. The National Jamboree is a scouting event in which 40,000 scouts, leaders, and staff from across the country and many parts of the world all converge on Caroline County Virginia and become a city unto themselves. During the jamboree experience a scout has the opportunity do almost all there is in scouting. Events include boating, shooting sports, scuba diving, sailing, as well as the opportunity to participate in any one of all the merit badges scouting has to offer.

This National Jamboree is (was) significant because it coincides with the 100th anniversary of the scouting program in the United States. The jamboree is (was) significant for troop 161 because we sent eight boys one leader, and one staff member, the largest group to ever represent our troop. With each jamboree our participation not only grows within troop 161 but also within the Palmetto Council. This year 120 scouts and leaders attended and 25 staff members from upstate South Carolina. This is the largest contingent to ever attend from this area. Many other scouting troops and families from our area will have also visited the jamboree as day visitors. I am sure as the dust settles and the blisters heal there will be stories, pictures, and memories to share with all of our church family.

Troop 161 would like to thank the entire Bethesda congregation for their continued support of our scouting program. We would especially like to express our deepest gratitude for the support given to our scouts attending the Jamboree. Your support through fundraising and other direct support has been humbling. The special support that was given to a scout from outside our troop was deeply appreciated and an unexpected blessing for a family from our sister church Grace Presbyterian. I hope in the months to come to have all of our scouts share their memories and experiences with the church in a special way.

Bethesda Scouts and Leaders attending the 2010 National Jamboree

Nick Arsenault
James Carpenter
Justin Curtice
Will Jenkins
Brian Jackson
Jamie Kay
Jerred Mitchell
Patrick Pearson
Steve Kay (Jamboree Scoutmaster Troop 1904)
John Nettles (Jamboree Staff Sub Camp 19)



Cool off this Summer at Bethelwoods. Join us for Bethelwoods Sunday Swims in August. The camp pool will be open from 2-4PM on Sundays for Bethesda and the other Providence Presbytery churches. Bethelwoods is located at 922 W. Mt. Gallant Road, York.

Child Development Center News

By Cindy Jackson

The children at the Child Development Center are having a wonderful summer. They are busy playing and having a great time. However, the new school year is just around the corner – public school starts on Wednesday, August 18. Our preschool ABEKA program will start on Monday, August 23.

The CDC is taking enrollment for our 3-year and 4-year programs for the fall. We offer the Abeka curriculum with weekly enrichment classes which include art, music, and Bible study. The children have a hot lunch and two snacks daily included in the weekly tuition of \$120 for the Three's and \$115 for the Four's. We are also taking enrollment for our afterschool program. We pick-up students from Finley Road and Hunter Street for our program, with the cost being \$65 per week. The school bus delivers children from Jefferson and Sunset Park and our program cost is \$57 per week. For more information, please call Cindy or Dawn at 803-328-0149.

Infants: *Ms Candi & Ms Cathy*

The Infant class has really enjoyed the pretty days and our stroller rides. We have also enjoyed the days we have played in the toddler room.

Toddlers: *Ms Amber & Ms Mary Joe*

We hope everyone is having a great summer! We wish a happy 2nd birthday to Sydnie on August 18.

Two's: *Ms Jamie, Ms Stacy & Ms Elizabeth W*

School will be starting back soon and we are ready to get back to work. This month we say goodbye to Anna, Brisa, and Marisa as they move to Ms Esther's class. We welcome Syndie and Madison to our class from the Toddlers. We hope everyone has an enlightening and joyful school year!

Two/Three's: *Ms Esther & Ms Erica*

We are a small class but we are full of energy! We are enjoying our summer, but are looking forward to our new school year.

Three's: *Ms Linda & Ms MyKaela*

The Three's will be enjoying waterplay, summer crafts, and field trips very much. They are starting to feel like big kids now. We will continue to work on listening skills and organization. The daily routine is helping in some areas, but we need more time with the structured activities. Keep us all in your prayers and we will do the same for you.

K-4: *Ms Janice & Ms Pat*

We are enjoying the long, hot summer days. We have been to the movies, the library, a picnic to Manchester Park, and to the museum; you may have seen us on CN2 news. It is relaxing to be playing in centers, coloring and painting, and listening to stories. Drop by anytime to see us.

It is Time for Revival

and

*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord.*

Joshua 24:15

Schedule for 2010 Revival Activities

Date	Event	Additional Information
September 10th	Church-Wide Family Retreat at Bethelwoods Conference Center	Friday Evening Activities ~6 pm Supper at Horton Lodge ~7 pm Opening Fellowship and Worship Activities.
September 11th	Church-Wide Family Retreat at Bethelwoods Conference Center	Saturday Morning Learning Activities ~8 am Breakfast ~9 am Worship, Praise, and Prayer. ~9:30 - 11:30 am Bible study & activities for children & youth. ~11:30 am - 12:00 pm regroup at Horton Lodge ~12:00 pm -1:30 pm Lunch at Horton Lodge. Afternoon Fellowship Activities ~ Canoeing, hiking, songs ,ice cream, resting & other activities ~2-4 pm Pool open; ~5pm Closing
September 12	11:00 am Morning Revival Service	Rev Codington
September 12, 13, 14	700 pm Evening Revival Service	
September 13	10:00 am Morning Bible Study	
September 13, 14	6:00 pm Fellowship Meal	7:00 pm Evening Revival Service

Sign up or registration is requested for many of these activities to ensure adequate planning. More information and registration is available on the Bethesda website and in the August worship bulletins.

Pastor Herb Codington

To lead our Revival worship and teaching services

September 10th -14th are the dates for this year's family retreat and Revival activities. We have invited pastor Herb Codington to lead us in teaching and worship during this time.

Pastor Codington has been the pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in Clinton, SC for more than 20 years. Bethany is a church alive in missions and outreach, garnering national attention for their outreach in the community. In recent years, Herb has worked with churches around the country on the ways small churches can have meaningful impact for the Kingdom of God. Herb is a devoted husband, father and grandparent whose ministry has touched the lives of many, including Pastor Daniel.

Please join us in welcoming pastor Codington to our church and pulpit, mark these dates on your calendar so you won't miss this special time.