



Bethany Banner

January 2023

The Church with Open Hearts, Minds, and Doors
Sunday Worship – 8:30 a.m. Informal; 11 a.m. Traditional

Sunday School for all ages – 9:45 a.m.

Office Hours: Tues.-Fri., 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Church Office: 804-642-2110; www.bethanyumc-gp.org



Pastor: Rev. Moonsup “Paul” Song

Director of Music: Sandra Fox

Organist: Dr. Rudy Shackelford

Director of Children & Youth Ministries: Carter Roane

Church Office Administrator: Dee Dee Wike

Bethany Bible Study, 2023

I read this Scripture passage as our key verse guiding us through the year of 2023 — “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18a).

Bible Reading Plan 2022 was our congregational campaign to read through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation in a year, following a daily reading schedule, with a small group meeting weekly to share insights and questions. We are thankful for this spiritual journey last year.

Bethany Bible Study, 2023 is our follow-up campaign this year to study the Bible. We have done a congregational survey asking everyone to pick three books in the Bible, listing them in order of interest in studying them. As of Christmas, 16 people had responded picking 28 books.

The ranking of books picked by the congregation is as follows:

1. Romans.
2. Gospel of John, 1 Corinthians, Revelation
3. Acts.
4. 2 Corinthians, James.
5. Genesis.
6. Proverbs, Job, Esther, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Peter, Gospel of Mark, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Ezekiel, Daniel, Gospel of Luke, Galatians, Hebrews, Proverbs, Ruth, Habakkuk, Gospel of Matthew, 1 & 2 Kings.

Beginning in February, we will offer a weekly Bible study, beginning with Romans, then continuing on, following the ranking of the books that our Bethany congregation has chosen. More detailed information will be announced.

The Bible is the inspired Word of God. Theologian Karl Barth wrote, “The word of God is waiting for you in the Bible.” It calls us to read the Bible as the Word of God. I pray that God would lead us to deepening our knowledge of God so that we can grow in faith through being transformed.

The Psalmist sings, “Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

Jesus said, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4)

Happy and Blessed New Year!

Pastor Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY SHOWER FOR ROB AND SAMANTHA HORNSBY -- Joy Circle will be hosting a baby shower for Rob and Samantha Hornsby on **Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. All of our Bethany family are invited to share in this joyous occasion as Rob and Samantha await the birth of a third son! Needed are diapers - Pampers or Costco brand - size 1, long sleeve sleepers, and winter clothes. Samantha is registered at [Target](#) and [Amazon](#). Let's welcome this new baby into the Bethany Family!

BETHANY TOWN HALL MEETING – SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 4:00 P.M.

This is our second town hall meeting on human sexuality, with Bible study, using the book *Confronting the Controversies*, Chapter 7, "Homosexuality," written by Adam Hamilton. Mark your calendar and come to this congregational meeting in the Fellowship Hall.

MUSIC CAMP TEAM will meet **Thursday, January 19 at 10:30 a.m.** in the fellowship hall.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT TEAM will meet **Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall.

JOSHUA SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP will meet **Sunday, January 22 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Mary Lotsey classroom.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES will be cooking for our shut ins on **Wednesday, January 25 at 9:30 am.** Come and enjoy the fun.

The **2023 ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR** has been posted in the main hallway. Please be sure to stop by and reserve the date(s) you wish to provide the flowers for our Sunday morning worship. Questions? Contact the church office or pull an information card from the bulletin board.

Please remember to return your plastic floral inserts so they can be reused.

PEW CARDS -- The pink and buff colored pew cards have been replaced by an updated "Welcome" card. This card is for visitors and members alike, who wish to provide or update contact information, submit prayer requests, and seek information about our ministries and membership. If you are seated near a guest on Sunday morning, please encourage them to fill out a card so we may get to know them better. Thanks for extending a warm welcome to our guests!

GUEST SHELTER CHANGE – Please read the announcement below regarding an important change to this year’s program. Thanks to all who have offered to volunteer so far.

****WINTER SHELTER 2022-2023 ANNOUNCEMENT****

In the best interest of the homeless individuals and families GUEST serves, GUEST will be utilizing the Motel Voucher Program for the Winter Shelter Season from December 2022 to March 2023. We are incredibly grateful to the churches and volunteers that continue to partner with us to provide a safe and warm space for our homeless brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, we continue to see the effects of COVID within our community. The four locations that have willingly opened their doors are not enough to provide for 16 weeks of winter shelter needs.

The connection with our volunteers and churches are incredibly important to the mission and vision of GUEST. You provide that extra touch of hospitality, compassion, and mercy that our guests look forward to and appreciate. In order to provide opportunities for connection, we plan to coordinate special dinners for volunteers to come, serve, eat and build relationships with our guests. We also invite volunteers to come to the Day Shelter & Resource Center to help receive and sort donations, assist guests with resources, share a special talent or hobby, or just sit and chat with our guests to encourage them in this difficult time in their life.

If you know someone in need of shelter, please share with them our website www.guestshelter.org and phone number 804-792-5046. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at kristieaskew@guestshelter.net.

Angel Tree Thank You

To Angel tree gift-givers: Thank you for being angels to twenty children in our community.

Dear Secret Sister,
Your kindness and generosity have brightened my days more than you can imagine.

The new year will find me living in an apartment at Daffodil Gardens 2. You have blessed me in so many ways.

I pray you bless someone else with the love you have shared with me. God bless you in the new year and keep you safe.

Love,

Jeannie Meisner

Bethany UMC Prayer List	BETHANY FAMILY	12.25.22
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CANCER/CHEMO: Darlene Bauschatz, Krista Chase, Carol Johnson, Linwood Rowe, Bob Wharen

GRIEVING: Family of Diane McFarland

HEALTH ISSUES: Chuck Ashe, Cliff Beach, Charlotte Cecil, Billy Davis, Jimmy Greene, Sandra Hollins, Jon Kent, Bonnie Lewis, Patsy Morales, Sue Morecock, Kim Paiva, Richard Parkes, Peggy Peterman (NC), Rosemarie Tong, Judy Vaughan, Sandie Wharen

HOMEBOUND: Linda Booth, Sid Dixon, Jack & Ruth Wallace

HOSPICE: Alice McGee

PARKINSON’S: Mike Andersen, David Chapin, Doris Courtney, Kathleen Greene, Fred Townsend, Yvonne White

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Mike Andersen, Nan Leigh, Joy Long, Paul McFarland, Richard Parkes

BETHANY FRIENDS

CANCER/CHEMO: Clint Alexander, Fran Bonnaville, Kendell Walthall Caton, Jack Cawthorn, Kyle Cooper, Barbara Crim, Wanda Dowell, Dallas “Butch” Folk (ME), Jackie Gibbs, Nell Goldstein, Traci Greene, Zachary Hoover, Jeff Leiffer, Sissi Mise, Randy Riffe, Laine Seely, Chauntea Shields, Jill Ward, Susan Williams

GRIEVING: Families of Frederick Ekdahl, Angie Williams

HEALTH/OTHER ISSUES: Charles & Mary Black, Connie Bowler, Cathie Brown, Esther Dawson, Dewayne Haywood, Matt Iddings (PA) Norah Ivesson, Scott Leiffer, Donna Messersmith, Glen Null, Tucker Sharp, Tim Sullivan, Evie Sutton, Mildred Townsend, Sabrina Wikle, Tim Williford (TN), Terry Wilson

HOSPICE: William Ervi, Selma

PARKINSON’S: Janet Burch (KY)

RECOVERING FROM SURGERY: Joe Byrne, Jim Flansberg, Donna Hogge, Norman Spaleny

OTHER PRAYERS: Randy Wilson, Kwame & Juliet Annorbah-Sarpei, Alli Razzaghi, Kasie Hall, Hurricane Victims and Relief Workers; Ukraine

BUMC’S ACTIVE MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES (<i>italics—Bethany friends</i>)

Michael Brown, Peter Demetriades, Meagan Demetriades, Kevin Jacobs, Cory Long (Okinawa), Will Neikirk, Bowdy Schrader, Jim Minor, all members of the military.

ASSISTED LIVING (<i>italics-Bethany friends</i>)

Gloucester House, 7657 Meredith Dr., Gloucester 23061	Lorraine Brown, Rm 107 Doris Courtney, Rm 305 Jean Heywood, Rm 110 Bessie Conner, Rm 102
Heron Cove, 7409 Heron Cove Way, Gloucester 23061	Bonnie Lewis, Rm 13 Judy Hudgins, Bldg 2, Rm 29
Sanders Assisted Living, 7407 Walker Ave., Gloucester 23061	Carolyn Scott, Rm 206A
Sunrise Senior Living, 2015 Cranbeck Rd., Richmond 23235	Pauline Harris, Apt. 130
Riverside Rehab, 672 Gloucester Rd., Saluda, VA, 23149	Jennie Lipscomb
The Hamilton Assisted Living, 113 Battle Rd., Yorktown, VA 23692	Sue Morecock, Rm 214

Please contact the church office with any updates, additions, or deletions. Thanks.

January

BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Carol Schultz
1/2	Joan Fecondo, Robert Hornsby
1/3	Scott Glaze
1/4	Diana Simmons; Joe Bayly
1/6	Aaron Cothorn
1/8	Christina Mahoney
1/9	Wes Stilley
1/12	Thomas Smith
1/13	Clair Hillard
1/15	Ryan Brooks; Laura Glaze; Tim Hart, Jr.
1/16	Nancy Cooper; Stacey Montefusco
1/17	Rylie Patterson
1/18	Lewis Marion; Barbara Dunston;
1/19	Ann Byrd
1/21	Pauline Harris, Richard Parkes, Vanessa Morris
1/25	Randy Tong; Gerlinde Stevens
1/26	Nancy Wilburn
1/27	Eric Thomas; Brittan Goetz; Ashleigh Schroeder
1/28	Robert Jordan
1/29	Bruce Long; Linda Enroughty
1/31	Susan Ward; Elizabeth Brown

COUNTING TEAMS

1/1	Team 6: Charlotte Cecil, Betty Durette, Clair Hillard
1/8	Team 1: Mary Kaylor, Ann Byrd, Pat Hasty
1/15	Team 2: Chip & Betty Neikirk, Sandra Harvey
1/22	Team 3: Al & Judy Burner, Donna Andersen
1/29	Team 4: Doris Luther, Bernard & Debbie Robins

ALTAR FLOWERS

1/1	Steve & Dee Dee Wike
1/8	OPEN
1/15	OPEN
1/22	OPEN
1/29	OPEN

ALTAR GUILD

Kathy Jacobs, Sandra Harvey, Nancy Kendall, Shannon Roane

ANNIVERSARIES

	ANNIVERSARIES	# yrs
1/1	Rob & Cathy Raines	14
1/15	Josh & Vanessa Morris	23
1/22	Randy & Rosemarie Tong	18

TRUSTEE CONTACTS

January 1-7: Diana Simmons
 January 8-14: Don Thomas
 January 15-21: Milton Hudgins
 January 22-28: Donna Lane
 January 29- February 4: Tom Barnard

ACOLYTES

1/1	TBD
1/8	Baum Hogge
1/15	Christian Martin
1/22	Josiah Minor
1/29	Ella and Emily Ward

LITURGISTS

1/1	Dee Dee Wike
1/8	Kate Neikirk
1/15	Judy Burner
1/22	Doe Breen
1/29	Clair Hillard

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January 2023						
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February 2023						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 1, 23 Communion Sunday 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	2	3 7:00pm Baby Shower	4 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 6:30pm S/PPRC	6	7
8 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	9	10 7:00pm Finance Committee	11 9:00am Trustees 1:00pm Abingdon Woman's Club 6:00pm The Points HOA 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 10:00am York River Garden Club 2:00pm UMW Board (ML)	13 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (MLK, Jr. Day)	14
15 BANNER DEADLINE 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 4:00pm Bethany Town Hall	16	17	18 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 10:30am Naomi Circle 10:30am Music Camp 5:00pm Media Upgrade Team 7:00pm Program Development	20	21
22 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship 2:30pm Joshua Spiritual Formation Group	23	24	25 9:00am AARP (Set-Up) 9:30am Homebound Ministries 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26	27	28
29 8:30am Informal Worship 9:30am Coffee & Donuts 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Traditional Worship	30	31 6:30pm UMM Meeting @ Nick's	Feb 1	2	3	4