



Welcome Trent and Kat Thomas and their children!

Trent was born and raised in Wingate, North Carolina. He was baptized in Wingate Baptist Church at the age of 8 and the conviction of the Holy Spirit did His work in Trent's teenage years. He went to college to play baseball at Wingate University (recent 2021 Division II World Series Champion. . . Go Dawgs!). During his freshmen summer, he was radically impacted by the parable of the sower of the seeds in Matthew 13. God called him into a commitment of a daily relationship with our triune God and a regular diet of His Word. He quickly became a leader in a college ministry until he met an evangelist of another campus ministry in the freshmen dorms. He attached himself to this man and found out that he was being discipled for a lifetime of fishing for men. Trent fell more in love with God and was convinced of life on life discipleship and the Great Commission during his time in college. After college, he went on staff with this campus ministry that was committed to evangelism and discipleship.

Trent fell in love with the local church in his young adult life. While going through challenges in life, his elder and fellow men of a local PCA church of which he was a member coached and counseled him to spiritual health and maturity. He was called into ministry by his elder and then confirmed as one called by his lead pastor. He began working as the Youth Director of this local PCA church, where he met Kat, who was volunteering as a youth leader. Trent and Kat have enjoyed six wonderful years of marriage and God has blessed them with three children (Judah-5, Anna-2, and Sophia- 5 months).



Kat was born and raised in a Christian home and the reformed faith in Atlanta, GA. Some of her earliest memories are of being in the church and praying with her mother to receive Jesus Christ as Savior. Her father was a PCA pastor and church planter in the Charlotte, NC area. Kat was involved with her youth group as a student and as a leader. This experience of speaking with young women about the Bible and their faith helped shape Kat's growing desire to do ministry. She attended a Bible college and has a B.A. in Religious Studies. Kat enjoys doing discipleship with other women and teaching her children about our awesome God and His beautiful creation.

Trent has served for the past five years at Carolina Presbyterian Church as their Worship and Assimilation Director while also working through an MDiv at RTS Charlotte which he will complete by December of this year. He recently became licensed to preach in his presbytery and has been an elder at his church for the past three years. Since September 2020, Carolina has been without a lead pastor. Trent has taken more responsibilities as a regular preacher in the rotation and other additional leadership roles. By God's grace, the church has grown in the

Sermon Schedule

- 8/1 "Glimpse of Glory"
Luke 9:27-36
- 8/8 "Confidence in Christ Alone"
Phil. 3:1-11
- 8/15 "Living Now as Citizens of Heaven"
Phil. 3:12-4:1
- 8/22 "The God of Peace"
Phil. 4:1-9
- 8/29 "Concern and Contentment"
Phil. 4:10-23

Important Dates

- Aug. 5-**Come help welcome and unload moving truck into Kendrick house approx. 2:30 pm.
- Aug. 8-**Trent's last Sunday serving current church.
- Aug. 15-**Trent and family introduced during Worship service.
- Aug. 22-**WIC hosting drop-in Meet & Greet for Thomas Family in FLC from 3:00-4:30 pm with light refreshments served.

interim and Trent is pleased to leave Carolina in the capable hands of their newly installed Senior Pastor.

Trent, Kat, and their children are excited to begin this new chapter of ministry at Bethel Presbyterian church. Since meeting Pastor Marcus, multiple elders, and pastoral intern Gunther and wife Sam, they are even more convinced that God has called them to Bethel to partner with you in gospel ministry as we seek to be a people of God who come together, get in His Word, and go out to His world to make disciples as He told us to do!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Deacon's Fund Collection	02 Beth Wyatt Daniel Seaford	03 Chrishe Wallace Todd Bowman Canaan Britt Circle #1 Diaconate Meeting Men's Basketball	04	05 Jim Woodruff Maggie Deal Men's Basketball	06 Becky Adams	07 FLC reserved-Barnett Reunion
08 FLC reserved-Barnett Reunion Session Meeting	09 Lola Jean Mounts Circle #3	10 Quentin Deal Renee Nix Circle #2 Men's Basketball	11 Hannah Holben Colleen Riddle Circle	12 Men's Basketball	13	14 Ed Hinkle Gabe Sprouse
15 Brice Brackett Henry Wynkoop	16 Lainey Lee Britt	17 James Long Miranda Howland Men's Basketball	18 Kay Hallman	19 Men's Basketball	20 Larry Wilmoth	21 Kampbell Hall
22 Jay Thiessen Scott Sprouse Drop-in Meet & Greet for...	23 Ella Chidester	24 Kay Jackson Clara Herrmann Men's Basketball	25 Marcus Van Vlake Jacob Lee WIC Council...	26 Miles Brummett Men's Basketball	27	28 FLC rsv'd-Brackett party... Madeline Brummett
29 FLC rsv'd-Brackett party Rally Day	30	31 Caroline Richards Steve Linder Kristopher Whitesides Wanda Whitesides Men's Basketball	01	02	03	04

Diaconate Meeting: Aug. 3, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Session Meeting: Aug. 8, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.

Meet & Greet for our new Assistant Pastor Trent Thomas, his wife Kat and children: Aug. 22, FLC, drop-in, 3:00-4:30 pm, light refreshments.

WIC Council Meeting: Aug. 25, 6:30 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

Rally Day: Aug. 29, 10:00 am, Sanctuary. Please note that this is different from our recent programs as we will not have a breakfast this year, and we will not meet in the FLC. The program will be brief and will include opening and closing hymns and prayers, remarks,

recognition and thanks to the teachers for their faithful teaching, and the teachers will present Promotion Certificates to those students who will be moving up to another class. After the program, everyone will be dismissed to their classes for attendance and offering checks and brief lessons. Thanks for your support of the Rally Day program and of our Sunday School program!

Session Minutes

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the conference room of the FLC with Moderator, Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake, for the regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the reading of the Scriptures from John 21:15-19 and prayer by the Moderator.

A quorum was present. Elders present: Steven T. Britt, Robert C. Love, Jr., Calvin B. Reese, Corey C. Clinton, Steven H. Linder, D. Ross Love, Joseph P. LeMoyne, James G. Long, Timothy G. Marsh, L. Christian Griesman, Daniel B. Love, and W. Hampton Stowe, III. Also present were Adam Coble, Diaconate Chairman, Gunther Griffin, Pastoral Intern, Neil Allen and Brent Clinton, Personnel Sub-Committee members, Trent Thomas, Staff Candidate, and Kat Thomas.

Brittany Phillips Neely was examined for membership on transfer of letter; Christopher Seth Neely and Russ Jackson Gibson were examined for membership on reaffirmation of faith; and Sarah Marie Gibson was examined for membership on profession of faith. Each candidate for membership gave their personal testimony and answered in the affirmative the questions for membership from the Book of Church Order, Chapter 57-5. MSA the examination of, and to receive as communing members of Bethel, all candidates. Non-communing children include Emilia Jane Neely and Cole Jackson Gibson. The Session offered the right hand of fellowship, and all new members were dismissed with prayer by Steve Britt.

The Session met with Trent Thomas, and his wife Kat, as a candidate to fill a full-time staff position. Trent and Kat gave their personal testimonies and provided the Session with ministerial qualifications and experience. Trent and Kat were dismissed with prayer by Steve Linder. Upon recommendation from the Personnel Sub-Committee MSA to hire Trent Thomas as a full-time Assistant to the Senior Pastor, with an understanding that he become ordainable by the end of 2021 upon completion of his MDiv and that he become ordained in Fellowship Presbytery during 2022, with a concurrent change of Call Title at that time. Sub-Committee members Neil Allen and Brent Clinton were then dismissed with prayer by Ross Love.

Adam Coble gave the Deacons Report and reviewed the minutes of the July 6, 2021 Deacons meeting. Additionally, he reviewed the Financial Report dated June 30, 2021, all of which are appended to the file copy of these Session minutes. MSA the Deacons Report, Financial Report, minutes, and actions/recommendations. Adam was then dismissed with prayer by Dan Love.

MSA the minutes of the June 13, 2021 Session meeting as written, and emailed to the Session.

Marcus took some time in Elder Shepherd training in a discussion of Chapter 8, Feeding, of the Session's study of the book, Gospel Coach.

Bobby Love provided a brief update on the Duke Energy land transaction.

Gunther Griffin provided an update on his work as Pastoral Intern, requesting prayer as he leads the Youth Group. Marcus provided an update regarding Chad McKinnon, Pastoral Intern. An August/September transition is anticipated for Chad and his family.

MSA vacation for Marcus for July 29 - August 1, and to approve Dr. Rod Culbertson from RTS to preach on August 1.

Bobby Love provided a report from the 2021 PCA General Assembly that was held in St. Louis, MO June 28 - July 2, 2021. MSA his report and to commend Bobby for his attendance and diligence in this matter.

The Session verbally agreed to an abbreviated Rally Day program to be held in the Sanctuary beginning at 10:00 AM on Sunday, August 29, 2021.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2021.

MSA to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Joe LeMoyne.

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 9:40 AM in the conference room of the FLC with Moderator, Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake, for a called meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the reading of the Scriptures

from Philippians 2:9-11 and prayer by the Moderator.

A quorum was not present. Elders present: Robert C. Love, Jr., Steven H. Linder, D. Ross Love, James G. Long, and W. Hampton Stowe, III. Also present was Gunther Griffin, Pastoral Intern.

The purpose of the meeting was to examine Shannon Elizabeth Griesman for membership.

Shannon Elizabeth Griesman was examined for membership on reaffirmation of faith. Shannon gave her personal testimony and answered in the affirmative the questions for membership from the Book of Church Order, Chapter 57-5. A motion will be made via email to approve the examination of, and to receive as a communing member of Bethel, Shannon Elizabeth Griesman, based on the unanimous recommendation of those in attendance. The Session then offered the right hand of fellowship to Shannon.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Steve Linder.

Robert C. Love, Jr.
Clerk of Session

Financial Update:

MULTIPLY Building fund
Balance June 30: \$1,489,340
June: \$12,293

Tithes and Offerings
2021 Budget: \$601,407
YTD June 30: \$273,062
June: \$35,243

Building Plans Update:

We are currently working on building plan options and we are making some progress. We will communicate updates with more information for congregational consideration and approval as soon as we can. Given circumstances, we do not yet know when appropriate time to begin project might be... THANK YOU for your continued patience and prayers!

Ministry Spotlight

Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC)

Clover, SC

The Clover Area Assistance Center (CAAC) is a local organization that provides an assortment of services to folks in need.

CAAC compassionately assists disadvantaged individuals who live within the boundaries of the Clover School District in varying degrees of need with food, financial assistance, health services, and education.

Through local partnerships and collaborations, they strive to help people bridge the gap between dependence and self-sufficiency. Bethel has been a faithful co-worker and supporter of CAAC for many years.

CAAC welcomes folks to come visit and get a tour of the operations. They are in need of volunteers as greeters and to help stock shelves.

How the Bethel Presbyterian body can help the CAAC:

Food donations by individuals

Financial contributions

The Deacons hope to sponsor a church-wide food drop-off drive in the coming weeks, KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR DETAILS!

Let's help CAAC restock their shelves and be a blessing to this organization and our Clover community!



PRAYER Requests



- The Van Vlakte family
- Trent Thomas and family
- Intern Gunther Griffin and his wife Sam
- Intern Chad McKinnon and family
- Elders, Deacons, WIC officers, Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Youth leaders/ teachers, giving thanks for their faithfulness and willingness to serve
- Local ministries such as God's Kitchen, Clover Area Assistance Center and Biblical Studies Released Time
- Reformed University Fellowship
- Our missionaries serving through the country and the world
- Our community and our country
- Please pray for the lost that don't know of or believe in Jesus. Pray as well for Bethel and other bible-believing and gospel preaching churches to be blessed in our efforts to evangelize and make disciples locally and to the ends of the earth
- Our college students
- Expectant mothers and their unborn babies within the church family
- Bobby Armstrong (brother-in-law of S. McCarter Mizell, cancer), Bobby Boyd, Rick Duke (cancer) and wife Judy (friends of C. Davis), Kathy Forester (E. Moseley's sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, Charlotte Jackson, Mrs. Rita Jackson, Jan Kombs (friend of J. LeMoyne, stroke), Herb LeMoyne (J. LeMoyne's brother, Parkinson's disease), Dana Massey (advanced brain cancer, friend of S. Burns), Annie Mae McDaniel (J. Ferguson's mother), Jim Pittman (V. Linder's brother, cancer), Scott Wallace (breast cancer) and Norm West.