



Congratulations Class of 2021!

High School Graduates

Daniel Casey Forrest is graduating June 10, 2021 from Clover High School with High Honors. Casey has been involved in the Choraliers for four years, honors chorale for three years, and has studied piano with Dr. Gene Barban for six years. Casey has truly enjoyed his music experiences at school, through piano, and in church, and hopes there will be opportunities in the future to continue singing and playing. In addition to music, Casey has been active the Air Force Junior ROTC program at Clover High. Through the ROTC program, Casey was awarded a scholarship for an eight-week summer flight program at Purdue University (Indiana) to earn his private pilot's license. Upon his return, he will attend Appalachian State University in Boone, NC and plans to enlist in the NC Air Force National Guard. Casey so appreciates the support of the church choir, youth group, and church members as he has grown up attending Bethel. The Forrest family would like to thank each member of our church for prayers and words of encouragement as we continue to walk alongside Casey on his life path.

Todd Jesse Holben graduated winter of 2020. While attending CHS, he played varsity tennis for four years leaving his number two position in order to pursue an opportunity through the Charlotte Apprenticeship 2020. While waiting acceptance, Jesse completed his remote classes as he was laying turf throughout the country. Now that opportunities have opened, he is now working toward a Welding Apprenticeship while attending CPCC.

Harper Ross Love played football his 9th grade year on the 9th grade football team and has played Varsity Lacrosse for four years. He was a member of student council. He plans to attend Greenville Tech this summer and fall and will transfer to Clemson to pursue a degree in Construction Management.

Ainsley Nicole Miller will graduate from Clover High School with honors this spring, to begin the next part of her journey at Furman University in the fall of 2021. Ainsley is a dedicated student, especially interested in creative and professional writing, drawing, painting, photography, and art history. While at Clover High School, Ainsley has participated in the National Honors Society, serving as the elected Warden, participated in the Art Club, and had numerous pieces displayed in the annual District Art Show and around Clover High School, and is an active member of the ARK club. Ainsley has also worked for her grandfather (Grandpa's Honey) since eighth grade! Through her advanced course work, Ainsley has earned more than a dozen credit hours through USC. Ainsley enjoys reading anything she can get her hands on, spending time with friends, watching all kinds of movies, and perfecting her drawing and painting skills. Ainsley's family would like to thank our friends and family of Bethel Presbyterian Church for your love and support!

Eva Jillian Nix is our May 2021 homeschool high school graduate. Her home centered learning included classes with Classical Conversations, NCFCA Speech and Debate and Voices of Joy Musical Theater. Eva is an avid golfer and played soccer. Eva will finish up her last 3 classes for her AA at Gaston College in the fall, and her plan is to transfer to Spartanburg Methodist College and pursue her Bachelor Degree in History and Business. Eva works as a lifeguard, enjoys volunteering with Teen Court in Gaston County, and has spent 6 years helping in the teen justice system. Making the move to the Carolinas as a high schooler was not easy, but Eva has enjoyed plugging in at Bethel Church and looks forward to this being her church home for years to come.

Gabriel Scott Sprouse has attended Clover High school for four years. During that time, he has enjoyed participating in many activities including academics, sports and the arts. He was a member of the National Honor Society, enjoyed playing on the CHS Golf team and was a member of the CHS Choraliers for two years. After graduation from high school, Gabe plans to attend Clemson University and major in Business/Finance.

Sermon Schedule

- 6/6 "The Continuing Importance of Preaching Christ"
Philippians 1:12-18
- 6/13 "To Live is Christ Exalting"
Philippians 1:18-30
- 6/20 "Humbly United as One in Christ"
Philippians 2:1-4
- 6/27 "A Three Step Recipe for Christian Living"

Juliet Sorey graduated from Lake Pointe Academy in York, SC on May 21, 2021. At Lake Pointe, Juliet was a member of the Audio Visual Tech Club and participated in drama presentations at the school, namely, *Mrs. Nelson is Missing* and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Outside of school, she also had the opportunity to perform with Masterworks in Davidson, NC, and Narroway productions. Originally from South Louisiana, Juliet will be attending school next fall in Louisiana as she moves with her family back to their home state, exploring opportunities in technology or performing arts. Her family is proud of the young lady she has become, and they cannot wait to see what God has planned for her.

College Graduates

Amy Allen-Graduated from Converse College with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music Theater and a minor in German Studies.

Rebecca Kaye Forrest-Graduated from Shenandoah University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music Theater) Magna Cum Laude and a Master of Science in Performing Arts Leadership and Management. Rebecca is currently residing in Nashville, TN, and would like to express her sincere gratitude for her church family!

Garrett Goldberg-Graduated from Milligan University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Exercise Science.

Hailey Jackson-will graduate from the Paul Mitchell Academy in July.

Kristopher Whitesides-Graduated from York Tech with an Associate of Business Administration.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01 Ben Ferguson James McCarter Ashley Frommel Circle #1 Men's Basketball	02 John Gess	03 Tim Wood Men's Basketball	04 Jane McCall	05
06 Deacon's Fund Collection Brandon Brown New Member/Inquirer Class Bethel Cemetery Association...	07 Terri Ensley	08 Ann Falls Diaconate Meeting Circle #2 Men's Basketball	09 Ilse Wallace Mandy Wynkoop Boyd Brackett Colleen Riddle Circle	10 Phyllis Richmond Men's Basketball	11 Christo Wallace	12 Steve Ferguson Tim Marsh
13 New Member/Inquirer Class Informational Gathering of... Session Meeting	14 Circle #3	15 Mallory Cuffman Rebecca Wallace Men's Basketball	16 Susan Ramsey	17 Men's Basketball	18 Jackson Love Luke Deal Bobby Glenn Wallace	19 FLC-Rsv'd-Marsh
20 FLC-Rsv'd-Marsh Mike Shively	21 Julia & Laci Gess Kate Krebs	22 Men's Basketball	23 Lessie Anne Wallace WIC Council...	24 Amy Allen Tricia Lee Men's Basketball	25 Grayson Smith Jay Forrest Rebecca Forrest	26
27 Dustin Brown VBS Training	28 Ethan Wallace	29 PCA General Assembly Fordham Hoffman Men's Basketball	30 PCA General Assembly Ronnie Heffner Deb Thiessen	01	02	03

Diaconate Meeting: June 8, 7:00pm, Sanctuary.

New Member/Inquirer Class: June 6 and June 13, during the SS hour.

Informational Gathering of the Congregation: June 13, following morning worship for a brief presentation of potential future building renovations.

Session Meeting: June 13, 2:00pm, Sanctuary.

WIC Council Meeting: June 23, 6:30 pm, Covenant SS room.

VBS training: June 27, following worship, Covenant SS classroom.

BCA Announcement: The Bethel Cemetery Association has recently installed a Columbarium to be used by members of Bethel PCA or Redeeming Grace PCA for the inurnment of cremated human re-

mains. If you are a member of Bethel PCA and have not already reserved a cemetery lot and are considering cremation rather than a traditional burial, you may want to talk to a member of the Board of Directors of the BCA about this option. The board members from Bethel are: Dean McCarter, Craig Adams, Bobby Meek, Floyd Neal, Hamp Stowe, Bill Boyd and Cary Grant.

Session Minutes

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church, with the Deacons invited to attend, met Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary with Moderator, Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlakte, for the regular quarterly joint meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the reading of the Scriptures from 1 Peter 5:1-4 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, Joseph P. LeMoyné, James G. Long, Timothy G. Marsh, L. Christian Griesman, and Daniel B. Love. Deacons present included Adam Coble, Diaconate Chairman, Sam Hall, Kyle Mounts, Miller Brummett, Floyd Neal, Larry McCormick, Chris Wynkoop, and Tom Chidester. Also present were Neil Allen, Cary Grant, Gunther Griffin, Pastoral Intern, and Chad McKinnon, Pastoral Intern candidate.

The Session interviewed Chad McKinnon as a Pastoral Intern candidate based on recommendation from the Personnel Subcommittee, to provide mutual benefit to Bethel, and to Chad in meeting the BCO requirements toward a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. Appended to these minutes are Chad's resume and a job description for the Pastoral Intern position. Following the interview, Chad was dismissed with prayer by Steve Linder. MSA to extend a call to Chad McKinnon as a Pastoral Intern. His start date will be determined as he actively seeks to move his family into the area.

Adam Coble gave the Deacons Report and reviewed the minutes of the April 6, 2021 and May 4, 2021 Deacons meetings. Additionally, he reviewed the Financial Report dated April 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. Additionally, a committee was established to consider investment of excess church funds with the PCA Foundation; the committee includes Tom Cuffman, Robbie Meek, and potentially other members of the Finance Committee.

MSA the minutes of the Session meeting

held on March 14, 2021 as written, and emailed to the Session, as well as actions taken by email on March 22, March 24, March 27, April 10, and April 26.

Bobby Love provided a brief update on the Duke Energy land transaction. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for Bobby Love to attend the June 10, 2021 scheduled York County Council Zoning Hearing as a representative of the landowner, and to speak in favor of Duke Energy's requested rezoning.

Neil Allen provided an update on the building renovation project. MSA for a June 13, 2021 informational gathering of the congregation following Morning Worship, for Neil Allen to present a framework for a phased in process of building renovations. Additionally, MSA to extend the Generosity Initiative time period until December 31, 2021, to provide additional time for the fulfillment of all original pledges.

MSA the Bethel Cemetery Association Policies and Operating Procedures for Columbarium, which had previously been made available to the Session via email (a copy of which is appended to the file copy of these minutes).

MSA a request by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to gather on September 18, 2021 to commemorate the birthday of Major Charles Quinn Petty.

Marcus spent some time introducing and encouraging the Session's study of the book, Gospel Coach, as a continuation of Elder Shepherd training.

MSA vacation for Marcus for May 30, 2021, and to have Dean Faulkner provide the sermon on that date.

Calvin Reese provided a report from the Fellowship Presbytery meeting held at Trinity Chester PCA on April 24, 2021. MSA the report and to commend Calvin Reese and Bobby Love for their diligence and attendance at Presbytery.

Marcus provided an update on the Assistant/Associate Pastor search.

Following a discussion concerning COVID protocols, MSA to immediately

remove social distancing requirements in the sanctuary, to immediately discontinue the exhibition of the live-streamed worship service in the FLC, and to continue with the online live-streamed worship services.

The new member class is scheduled for May 23rd, June 6th, and June 13th.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2021.

MSA to reserve the Family Life Center for the Marsh family on June 19-20, 2021.

MSA to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Dan Love.

Robert C. Love, Jr., Clerk of Session

Financial Update:

MULTIPLY Building fund

Balance Apr. 30: \$1,428,338

April: \$17,678

Tithes and Offerings

2021 Budget: \$601,407

YTD Apr. 30: \$183,401

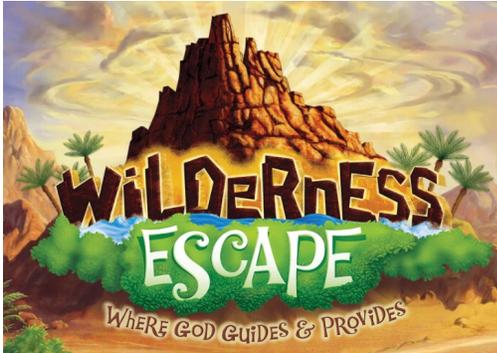
April: \$40,173

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

VBS 2021 – July 12-16 (9:00am – 11:30am)
Wilderness Escape – Where GOD guides, He provides!



This summer we are thankful and excited to be able to join Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt and travel to parts unknown. This amazing experience will help kids (and adults) explore this incredible journey through the eyes of Moses. As they are immersed in Bible-times culture, the reality of God's love gains new meaning and relevance to their every day lives.

Kids and adults will journey through the desert in small groups called Tribes. These small groups travel together – worshiping, learning about Israelite culture, exploring the Israelite Market, visiting Moses in his tent, and digging into Scripture. Scripture memorization will be reinforced by integrating the following daily Bible points:

- *God is with us, so...trust GOD!
- *God gives us what we need, so...trust GOD!
- *God gives us strength, so...trust GOD!
- *God saves us, so...trust GOD!
- *God guides us, so...trust GOD!

Please join us in praying for this summer's Vacation Bible School:

1. Pray that our LORD, JESUS CHRIST will be glorified in and through the 2021 Bethel VBS.
2. Pray for discernment; that all plans and work is God's Will for this time.
3. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the children of Bethel & all who will attend. May their hearts be prepared to learn more about Jesus, His love and amazing grace & trust Him alone as their Savior.

4. Pray for unity of Bethel members to support VBS.
5. We trust God to provide an abundance of workers for all areas of need.
6. Pray for health and safety for all volunteers, church staff, and children coming to VBS.
7. Pray that new families will join the church because of VBS.

1 John 5:14

“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

PRAYER Requests



- The Van Vlake family
- New Assistant Pastor search
- Intern Gunther Griffin and his wife Sam
- Intern Chad McKinnon his 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), Margaret Ann Ferguson, Kathy Forester (E. Moseley's sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, 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) and Norm West.