

# Bethel Focus

*Bethel Presbyterian Church, Organized 1764*

## GRAND FINALE...250th ANNIVERSARY

SCHEDULE: Sunday, November 16, 2014  
Sunday School.....10:00 am  
Morning Worship....11:00 am  
Covered Dish Lunch-  
FLC.....Following Morning  
Worship  
Worship in Music-  
Sanctuary.....2:30 pm

We are pleased and privileged to have as our guest minister on Nov. 16, Dr. J. Ligon Duncan, III. Dr. Duncan is Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary.

Dr. Duncan is a native of Greenville, SC. He is a 1983 graduate of Furman University with a BA Degree in History. He received his MDIV and MA Degrees at Covenant Seminary and his PHD in Theology at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. Duncan is an active churchman and has been involved in the Presbyteries and General Assembly of the PCA in various ways for many years. In 2004 he became the youngest minister ever to serve as Moderator of the General Assembly. He has authored, co-authored, edited or contributed to more than 35 books.

Dr. Duncan's pastoral experience began in his twenties,



Dr. J. Ligon Duncan III, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary.

Dr. Duncan is serving on the staff at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis. He was licensed to preach by Calvary Presbytery in 1985 at the age of 24. He supplied pulpits in churches in the UK throughout his time there in the late 1980s.

In 1990 he was ordained in the PCA and joined the faculty of RTS in Jackson, where he was subsequently appointed the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology.

During this time, he also served as an Assistant Minister at Trinity PCA, Jackson and then as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS. He left his full-time position at RTS to

become Senior Minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, but continued to teach at RTS as an Adjunct Professor.

His wife, Anne, is a RTS alumna with a Master's Degree in marriage and family therapy. She is currently on the faculty of Jackson Preparatory School. Ligon and Anne are the delighted parents of two wonderful teenagers and reside in Jackson, MS.

Following the covered dish luncheon on Nov. 16, we will gather back in the sanctuary for "Worship in Music" with an old-fashioned hymn sing.

We are privileged to have Victor Varner, who will be joined by other musicians

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### *Sermon Schedule*

- Nov. 2 "Resolving Conflict"  
Matthew 18:15-20
- Nov. 9 "The Peril of Not Forgiving"  
Matthew 18:21-35
- Nov. 16 Dr. Ligon Duncan
- Nov. 23 Mr. Will Milks
- Nov. 30 Mr. Jonathan Goundry

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from all over South Carolina, to lead our music. Vic is from Beaufort, SC and comes highly recommended by our own Jay Forrest.

Vic is a versatile SC singer and guitarist. He is a life-long musician, arranger and teacher with extensive experience playing with SC's finest musicians.

Vic began his church music career at the age of 18 when his home church asked him to direct a youth choir. Since that time he has

All Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02 <a href="#">Choir Practice</a> <a href="#">Deacon's Fund Collection</a> Ethan Coble Will Milks <a href="#">WIC Council Meeting</a> <a href="#">Sunday Evening Celebration!</a>	03 <a href="#">FLC Reserved</a> <a href="#">Staff Meeting</a> <a href="#">FLC Reserved - MOC</a>	04 <a href="#">FLC Reserved</a> Keith Brackett <a href="#">Men's Book Study</a> <a href="#">Women's Bible Study</a> <a href="#">Circle #1</a>	05 <a href="#">Alexander Harrell</a> <a href="#">Lisa Allen</a> <a href="#">Basketball</a>	06	07 <a href="#">Hamp Stowe</a> <a href="#">Youth Camping Trip</a>	08 <a href="#">Youth Camping Trip</a>
09 <a href="#">Youth Camping Trip</a> <a href="#">Choir Practice</a> <a href="#">Brenda Glenn</a> <a href="#">Session Meeting</a> <a href="#">Sunday Evening Celebration!</a>	10 Dennis LeMoyne Don Johnson <a href="#">Staff Meeting</a> <a href="#">Circle #3</a>	11 <a href="#">Men's Book Study</a> <a href="#">Women's Bible Study</a> <a href="#">Circle #2</a>	12 <a href="#">Coleen Riddle</a> <a href="#">Circle</a> <a href="#">Basketball</a>	13	14 Cary Grant Dean McCarter Marianne Falls <a href="#">FLC, shelter reserved</a>	15 <a href="#">FLC Reserved</a>
16 <a href="#">FLC Reserved</a> <a href="#">250th Anniversary</a> <a href="#">Sunday -...</a> <a href="#">Choir Practice</a> Rebecca Meek Zach Woolard Mason Cuffman <a href="#">Hymn Sing</a>	17 <a href="#">FLC Reserved</a> Buck Mullis <a href="#">Staff Meeting</a> <a href="#">Kitchen reserved</a>	18 <a href="#">FLC Reserved</a> <a href="#">Men's Book Study</a> <a href="#">Women's Bible Study</a>	19 <a href="#">Mary Love</a> <a href="#">Basketball</a>	20	21 <a href="#">Hanna Moore</a> Kevin Burton Michael Ramsey <a href="#">Nathan Holben</a>	22 <a href="#">Lawson Brackett</a>
23 <a href="#">Choir Practice</a> <a href="#">Sunday Evening Celebration!</a>	24 <a href="#">Staff Meeting</a>	25	26 <a href="#">Basketball</a>	27 <a href="#">Robert Henderson</a>	28 <a href="#">Cathy Robinson</a>	29
30 <a href="#">Choir Practice</a> <a href="#">Sunday Evening Celebration!</a>	01	02	03	04	05	06

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A motion was M/S/A to approve the contribution of Bethel's Mercedes automobile to Mark Ashbaugh, as previously approved by the Diaconate.

A motion was M/S/A to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Chris Wallace.

Robert C. Love, Jr.  
Clerk of Session



## October Session Minutes

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church met Sunday, October 5, 2014 at 2 pm in the Conference Room of the Family Life Center with Moderator, Rev. John Gess, for the regular scheduled monthly meeting. The meeting was called to order and opened with reading of the Scriptures from 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and prayer by the Moderator. A quorum was present. Elders present: Neil D. Allen, J. Brent Clinton, Christopher L. Wallace, Robert N. Boyd, Frank C. Falls, Robert C. Love, Jr., Steven H. Linder, D. Ross Love, W. Hampton Stowe, III, James G. Long, and Timothy G. Marsh. Also present was Pastoral Intern, Will Milks.

A motion was M/S/A to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2014 Session meeting as amended, with a change that Chris Wallace will also serve on the committee to establish a Session Operating Procedure for an annual review process for the pastor and all staff members, and the September 14, 2014 Congregational meeting as written and mailed to each Session member.

There was no Deacons Report, as the October Diaconate meeting is not scheduled until October 7, 2014. James Long gave a report on the Septem-

ber 25, 2014 meeting of Fellowship Presbytery held at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, PCA in Rock Hill. A motion was M/S/A to approve the report and to commend James for his diligence and attendance at the meeting.

A Congregational meeting will be held October 19, 2014 following morning worship, to elect Deacons to the Class of 2018.

Matt Deegan, Rebecca Wallace, Gregg Kellum, Sharon Kellum, Wayne Ensley, Terri Ensley, Shirley Coker, Jonathan Goundry, and Vera Goundry were examined for membership, based on reaffirmation of faith. Each gave their personal testimony, and a motion was M/S/A to approve this aspect of the examination. All then affirmed the questions from the Book of Church Order, Chapter 57-5, and a motion was M/S/A to approve this aspect of the examination, as well as to approve the examination as a whole. Rev. Gess prayed, and then the Session extended the right hand of fellowship to the new members, welcoming them into the congregation. The new members were then dismissed from the meeting. The new members will be recognized during the October 19, 2014 morning worship ser-

vice.

The Bethel Sanctuary will be included in the December 6, 2014 tour of homes. The Bethel children's Christmas play is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2014. The final Bethel 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2014.

A motion was M/S/A to approve the following as Chairpersons for Women in the Church offices: Circle # 1 – Pam Brannock, Circle # 2 – Marianne Falls, Colleen Riddle Circle – Kathy Compton, WIC President Elect – Meredith Clinton, Christian Education Committee – Deb Thiessen. The WIC continues to search for a Chairperson for Circle # 3, and for the MNA Committee.

Rev. Gess will obtain a copy of General Assembly guidelines regarding nursery and child care within the church, for the WIC.

In order to encourage our youth to attend PCA sponsored summer camp, a motion was made, seconded, and approve to approve the concept of Bethel's support for non-member friends of Bethel youth, to help those attend camp.

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worked as a church musician leading choirs and ensembles in ten different churches spanning some 40+ years.

Vic's undergrad degree is in Music Education from Charleston Southern University and his Masters of Music Education is from Winthrop University.

He is currently teaching three classes at USC-Beaufort including University Chorus, Jazz History and Intro to Music. He is also Music Director at First Presbyterian Church, Beaufort.

Vic and his group will be joined by Jay

Forrest and members of the CHS Choraliers, in what promises to be an uplifting experience in music.

The 250th Anniversary Committee is excited about what we have planned for our Grand Finale on Nov. 16 and hope that all of you will make plans to attend. Please help us spread the word and invite family and friends to join us also.

By Cary & Helen Grant

**Versatile SC Singer and Guitarist Vic Varner**



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## Prayer Requests:

Pastor John Gess and Interns Will Milks and Jonathan Goundry as they preach and minister to the Bethel congregation, and for their families.

The Ashbaugh family, and the ministry of RUF at Winthrop.

The Lees as they seek to implement the Member Care Ministry for MTW Latin America, that the Lord will enable them to minister to the MTW missionaries of Latin America with compassion and humility; for the health of their daughter and granddaughter Amber & Tegan, who were in a severe car accident but received no major injuries. Pray for their upcoming travel.

Please pray for the Pulpit Committee and all facets of the search for Bethel's next pastor. Please pray that God would be glorified in the process

and for His provision for the church.

Session and Diaconate members, WIC officers, Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Youth leaders/teachers, giving thanks for their faithfulness and willingness to serve.

Missionaries throughout the world, as well as local ministries such as Habitat for Humanity, God's Kitchen, Clover Area Assistance Center and Biblical Studies Released Time. Please pray fervently for the work in Northern Mexico.

Pray for our nation, particularly the upcoming mid-term elections.

Pray for people who are afflicted by the Ebola outbreak, and for aid workers. Pray for effective treatment, containment and eradication of this terrible virus.

Our college students, and expectant mothers and their unborn babies within the church family.

Our soldiers serving in Afghanistan, Europe & Iraq: John Rice (grandson of Joe & Phyllis Wysor) recovering from injuries from a roadside bomb explosion, Greg Sandifer, and Ted Trevino.

Charlotte Barnett, Monnie Blackman (C. Robinson's sister, lupus), Loma Burton, Abe Craddock (friend of J. LeMoyne, emphysema), Zeke Dunbar (3 year old suffering from cancer, friend of M. Falls), Susan Heffner (cancer), Sherer Gordon Hopkins, Bob Kenley, Herb LeMoyne (J. LeMoyne's brother, Parkinson's disease), Rick Lindsay (Pastor of Scherer Memorial PCA, cancer), Harold McCarter, Jesse Patino (B. Love's brother-in-law, lymphoma), Jim Pittman (V. Linder's brother, prostate cancer, has spread to his spine), Susan Ramsey, Bobby Wallace (effective cancer treatments), Clay West. Pray for our church and the Pastoral Search Committee.

