



Jesus in 2020!

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I recently saw a sign that simply had written on it, “Jesus in 2020.” As I write this, we are one week away from election day. I am reminded of something I’ve heard said, “I am not a prophet or the son of a prophet.” One week out we can honestly say that we do not know for sure what the results will be, or what the potential reaction to the results will be. We simply do not know? But Bethel family we do know this for certain, Jesus is alive and He reigns and is Lord over all!!! In God’s good providence, let’s all be praying for the Lord’s help and protection. And may He cause us to love and trust Jesus more in 2020! And no matter what happens, let’s continue to be a people that have a great hope in Christ Jesus. It’s good for us to remember and apply recent instruction from 1 Peter 3:14b-15; “...do not fear; do not be frightened. But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...”

Grace and Peace in Christ,
Pastor Marcus

INFORMATION

In addition, here is some information about upcoming celebration of the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on Nov. 8. For theological and reasons of biblical wisdom, the session has decided we will turn off the live stream prior to the start of the Communion Participation. Additionally, the Family Life Center will not be available for

worship on Nov. 8. Here are links to an article from our PCA stated clerk in our PCA ByFaith online, as well as a link to a short explanation given by Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) specific to why we are NOT going to live stream during Lord’s Supper...

<https://byfaithonline.com/virtual-communion-informed-advice-and-opinion/>

<https://rts.edu/resources/should-we-livestream-the-lords-supper/>

Also, below is some additional information from the session regarding our Nov. 8 communion celebration for your information and preparation. We thank you for your continued patience as we continue to safely navigate through the ongoing Covid impact on our public gatherings.

1. We will use pre-packaged Communion Elements for the November 8, 2020 Communion Service. Each package contains the Bread and the Juice that will be used in the Communion Service.
2. As has become the practice at Bethel, all of those participating in Holy Communion will partake of the Bread simultaneously, upon Marcus’ instruction. The same will apply for the Juice.
3. To access the Elements requires the removal of two separate package coverings. Carefully remove the outer-most covering to access the Bread (being careful to not simultaneously remove both coverings). Do not remove the Juice covering until the congregation has partaken of the Bread, upon Marcus’ instruction.
4. Being very careful, so as to avoid spills, remove the Juice covering. The congregation will partake of the Juice, upon Marcus’ instruction. (Do not squeeze the Juice package as the Juice covering is being removed, as that may cause a spill.)
5. A gluten-free Bread product will remain available as an alternative. It can be picked

Sermon Schedule

- 11/1 “The Grace of God”
Ephesians 2:1-10
- 11/8 “Death gives New Life”
1 Peter 4:1-7
- 11/15 “Above All...LOVE EACH OTHER” *1 Peter 4:7-11*
- 11/22 “Joy in Suffering”
1 Peter 4:12-19
- 11/29 “God’s Mighty Hand”
1 Peter 5:1-11

up in the vestibule upon entering for Morning Worship.

6. Communing members, and any visiting professing Christians who are members of a Christian church, will pick up the pre-packaged Elements as they enter the vestibule for Morning Worship Service. Please only take a pre-packaged product for those who will partake of Holy Communion during the Communion Service. Do not pick up extra packages for non-communing members, or to take with you as you leave Morning Worship.
7. At the conclusion of the Communion Service, you can leave empty packages and package coverings in the pew racks. The Session will pick these up following the conclusion of Morning Worship Service.
8. Session members will make Element packages available at the start of the Communion Service, for any individuals who fail to pick up the pre-packaged Elements upon entering the vestibule for Morning Worship.
9. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your Session representative.
10. As information, the virtual Worship Service will end prior to the start of the Communion Participation. Additionally, the Family Life Center will not be available for Worship Service on Sunday, November 8, 2020.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Daylight Saving Ends- turn... Deacon's Fund Collection	02 Ethan Coble Men of the Covenant	03 Jack Howland Circle #1 Diaconate Meeting Men's Basketball	04 Keith Brackett	05 Lisa Allen Men's Basketball	06	07 Hamp Stowe
08 Observance of the Lord's...	09 Brenda Glenn Circle #3	10 Dennis LeMoyné Don Johnson Circle #2 Men's Basketball	11 Hannah Parker Colleen Riddle Circle	12 Men's Basketball	13 Fall Camping Trip Shelly VanVlake	14 Fall Camping Trip Cary Grant Dean McCarter Marianne Falls
15 Fall Camping Trip	16 Rebecca Meek Langston Zach Woolard Mason Cuffman Matt Falls	17 Jessie VanVlake Men's Basketball	18 James Sorey Kathleen Payne	19 Mary Love Picnic shelter reserved Men's Basketball	20 Anne Adams Kay Stewart Lena McFalls	21 Hanna Moore Kevin Burton Nathan Holben
22 Lawson Brackett Gray Session Meeting	23	24 Lorie Rohrer Men's Basketball	25	26 Thanksgiving Day Men's Basketball	27 Robert Henderson	28 Cathy Robinson
29 Congregational Meeting	30	01	02	03	04	05

Men of the Covenant: Nov. 2, 6:30pm, FLC for a meal, devotional and program.
Diaconate Meeting: Nov. 3, 7:00pm.
Session Meeting: Nov. 22, 2:00pm, Sanctuary, with Deacons to attend.

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: Nov. 8.
Fall Camping Trip: Nov. 13-15.

Congregational Meeting: Nov. 29 to elect Elders and Deacons and present 2021 budget.

Session Minutes

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church met Sunday October 11, 2020 at 2:30 PM in the Sanctuary with Moderator, Rev. J. Marcus Van Flake, for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

MSA to elect Bobby Love to serve as acting clerk for the meeting.

The Session examined the following for communing membership: Julie Anne Parnell Marsh, Gunther James Read Griffin, Samantha Gible Griffin, Paul James Robinson, and Marissa Leigh Robinson. Each gave a profession of faith, and answered in the affirmative the questions for membership from the Book of Church Order, Chapter 57-5. MSA the examination and to receive as communing members Julie Anne Parnell Marsh on profession of faith, Gunther James Read Griffin and Samantha Gible Griffin on transfer of letter from Trinity Presbyterian PCA in Statesboro, GA, and Paul James Robinson and Marissa Leigh Robinson on transfer of letter from Downtown Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. Julie will be baptized at a future Morning Worship Service. The Session extended the right hand of fellowship to the new members, and they were dismissed with prayer by Brent Clinton.

Adam Coble provided a report from the Deacons and reviewed the minutes of the October 6, 2020 Deacons meeting. He also reviewed the Financial Report dated September 30, 2020 both of which are appended to the file copy of these Session minutes. MSA the Deacons Report, Financial Report, Deacons meeting minutes, and actions/recommendations. Adam, along with Bobby Love, then provided a brief update on the 2021 budget MSA to include a 2% cost of living adjustment for 2021 budgeted payroll. Adam was dismissed from the meeting after prayer by Steve Britt.

MSA the minutes of the September 13, 2020 and September 27, 2020 Session meetings as written and emailed to the Session, as well as the September 30, 2020 and October 2, 2020 actions taken via email regarding congregational

communications, as written and emailed to the Session.

The planned, mutual shepherd group update/accountability was delayed until the December Session meeting.

The Lord's Supper will be observed Sunday, November 8, 2020. MSA to use pre-packaged Communion Elements for this observance. The Class of 2023 is responsible for preparations. The Elements will be picked up as communing members enter Morning Worship Service. The virtual Worship Service will end prior to the observance of Holy Communion. The FLC will not be available for Worship Service on this Sunday.

Plans for an October 25, 2020 re-start of Sunday School were discussed. MSA the October 25, 2020 Sunday School re-start date, including Nursey, multiple Children's Classes, Youth, an Adult's Class, and the Ladies Sunday School Class.

Bobby Love, gave a brief update regarding the building/renovation plans. A new architect will be looking at the project in the next few weeks.

Marcus provided an update on behalf of the Personnel Review Committee. Plans were briefly discussed regarding future staff, and a "Welcome" gathering for the new Intern, Gunther Griffin.

Calvin Reese provided a report from the Fellowship Presbytery meeting held September 24, 2020 at Temple, PCA in York, SC. MSA the report and to commend Calvin Reese and Neil Allen for their attendance and diligence.

MSA vacation for Marcus for October 27-29, 2020, November 1-2, 2020, and December 6, 2020. Mark Ashbaugh will deliver the sermon on November 1, and Chris Hodge will deliver the sermon on December 6.

MSA to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday November 29, 2020, for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2024, for endorsement of the 2021 budget, and for approval of

change in the Pastor's Call.

A discussion was held regarding participation in the election of officers by communing members not physically attending Worship Services due to COVID 19. Our BCO indicates, and it was affirmed via discussion with other pastors serving in Fellowship Presbytery, that communing members must be present to vote in congregational meetings. No absentee voting is provided for in the BCO.

The next Session meeting will be held November 22, 2020, with the Deacons invited to attend.

Examination of Elder and Deacon nominees for the Class of 2024 will take place during the November 22, 2020 Session meeting.

MSA to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Tim Marsh.

Robert C. Love, Jr., Acting Clerk of Session

Financial Update:

MULTIPLY Building fund

Balance Sept. 30: \$1,250,896
September: \$14,314

Tithes and Offerings

2020 Budget: \$671,274
YTD Sept. 30: \$362,674
September: \$35,886

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!

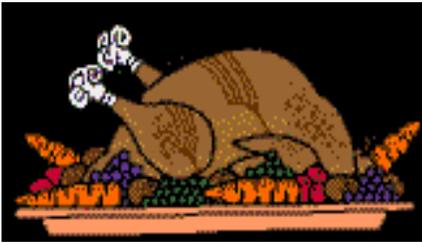
Ministry Spotlight

Thanksgiving Meal Outreach

Clover, SC

BETHEL PCA THANKSGIVING MEAL OUTREACH

Helping Clover Families in Need



Neediness in our community can be overlooked but when you look a little closer it's not hard to find. The needs are real. Help Bethel impact our

community by sharing the love of Christ by providing a meal for a family in need. *With the current COVID situation, Bethel will NOT have members deliver meals to families but drop their meal to the deacons who will deliver the meal for the families in need on Sunday, November 22nd.*

So what's involved? There are three basic steps:

1. Sign up / Participate
2. Shop for the Meal
3. Drop off Meal to Deacons on Sunday, November 22nd

Step One: Sign Up / Participate

Sign up and pick up a sample shopping list in your **Sunday school class** or call the church office (803) 222-7166) to let us know that you would like to participate. You can also email Chris Wynkoop at koop08008@yahoo.com.

If you sign up, please remember this is a commitment and needy families are depending on you.

Step Two: Shop for the Meal

Shop for your meal contents in advance to bring to church for meal delivery/pickup. Remember if you shop well in advance, non-perishable items are recommended. Below is a sample meal shopping list that will cover a meal for a family of four.

SAMPLE MEAL PURCHASE LIST

1 frozen Turkey
 Stuffing (1 or 2 boxes)
 Canned sweet potatoes, yams or potatoes (1 or 2 big cans)
 Canned vegetables (2 cans)
 Cranberry sauce (1 can)

Dinner Rolls (1 or 2 packages)
 Dessert - Cake Mix / Brownie Mix / Pumpkin Pie Mix
 Anything else you would like to add

Note: Bethel will provide a welcome letter and a Bible to accompany each meal.

Step Three: Drop off meal to Deacons for family pickup.

Following the service on **Sunday, November 22nd** drop your meal off to the deacons in the church parking lot. The deacons will be operating a meal pick-up in the church parking lot for the families in need from 1-3 pm on the 22nd.

PRAYER Requests



- The Van Vlake family
- New Assistant Pastor search
- Intern Gunther Griffin and his wife Sam
- 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, especially for wisdom and safety in dealing with Covid-19
- 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
- Rick Duke (cancer) and wife Judy (friends of C. Davis), Judy Ferguson (healing from surgery), 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 Adam Stowe (leukemia).