



## It's Fall Again! A Time of Change, A Time of Renewal and Reflection, and A Time To Reach Out and Bless Someone

Yes, we can see it. The trees have just started turning colors. Seasonal crops are changing from tomatoes, beans, corn and peaches to pumpkins, greens, sweet potatoes and apples. Plus, football season has once again arrived (GO EAGLES!!). God, our creator, put this seasonal cycle in place ages ago, and declared it good! (Gen 1:28-30). As the seasons change, it is a great time to not only acknowledge the glory and splendor of our Lord's creation, but to ensure that we as brothers and sisters in Christ are truly worshipping the creator, God our Heavenly Father, who created this world for us to live in for a season.

Yes, the seasons are a time of transition and change. Historically, here at Bethel, events have been held during the fall or spring to welcome our international mission partners and focus some time on our local/ regional partners as well. For obvious reasons due to the uncertainties surrounding the Covid pandemic, travel and gathering in large group settings have been difficult for the last 18 months or so. Your International Missions Committee (IMC) and the Deacons have attempted to keep the Bethel congregation up to date on all our partners through various reports, Focus articles, and small group meetings.

This fall, we are pleased to announce that some of the travel restrictions between Mexico and the U.S. have been relaxed to the point where Andres & Ruth will be traveling to our area during the week of Oct. 11-18. They will be in the area for a missions conference in Stanley, N.C. the weekend of the 15-17 of Oct. I anticipate an

opportunity to have a couple small group meetings with them during their stay prior to the weekend. More information will be forthcoming as we learn more about Andres's schedule while they are here.

Also, we are pleased to announce that the CPI team from Monterrey, Mexico will be here the week of Nov. 1-8. Jorge Aleman will be preaching on Sunday Nov. 7. We were excited to learn that Maricela will be coming this year! There should be plenty of opportunity to visit and renew old friendships during their stay. Again, more information will be coming out about meetings and Jorge & Maricela's schedule as we get closer to November.

The secular world celebrates Oct. 31 as Halloween, a time of spooks, goblins, tricks or treats. As Christians of a Protestant Reformed Faith, we identify Oct. 31 as Reformation Day. This was the day in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the Wittenberg Chapel door against the practice of Indulgences that was widely practiced in the Catholic Church of that day. This kicked off the Protestant Reformation which raised up so many great protestant preachers and thinkers such as John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli, John Wycliffe, and John Knox to mention a few. So, let's use October to reflect on our Protestant heritage as well.

As a local church congregation, we also have an opportunity this October to reach out and bless some children through the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Ministry. Did you know that this ministry started in 1993 when an English gentleman reached out to Franklin Graham inquiring if something could be done for the children of war-torn Bosnia? Since then, Samaritan's Purse has distributed

### Sermon Schedule

- 10/3 "Favoritism or Faith: Pick One"  
*James 2:1-13*
- 10/10 "Living Faith"  
*James 2:14-26*
- 10/17 "Godly Faith"  
*James 3:1-12*
- 10/24 "Wise Faith"  
*James 3:13-4:12*
- 10/31 "Faith in the Lord's Will" *James 4:13-5:6*



188 million love-filled shoeboxes to children in 170 countries on six continents.

So, as the month of October progresses: let's praise our God for His wonderful creation; let's pray for traveling mercies for all our mission partners leaving their homes to spend some time with us this fall; let's give thanks for our rich protestant heritage and all the giants of our faith who have stood up for the Word of God in the face of criticism, oppression and persecutions; and finally, let's pray for generous hearts that we may show Christ's love to others in Jesus's name.

In Christ, Calvin Reese

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01 <a href="#">Kim Deal</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	02 <a href="#">Brenda Gess</a> <a href="#">Callie Smith</a> <a href="#">Micah McKinnon</a>
03 <a href="#">Deacon's Fund Collection</a> <a href="#">Sam Griffin</a> <a href="#">Officer Candidate Training</a> <a href="#">Kids Quest &amp; Catechisms</a>	04 <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men of the Covenant</a>	05 <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> <a href="#">Circle #1</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Diaconate Meeting</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	06 <a href="#">BSRT</a>	07 <a href="#">FLC-Rsv'd</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	08 <a href="#">FLC Rsv'd</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	09 <a href="#">Barbara Love</a> <a href="#">Lucas Sorey</a>
10 <a href="#">Observance of the Lord's...</a> <a href="#">Floyd Neal</a> <a href="#">Officer Candidate Training</a> <a href="#">(FLC) Wedding Shower- Aubree...</a> <a href="#">Kids Quest &amp; Catechisms</a>	11 <a href="#">Good Sams (FLC)</a> <a href="#">Ginger Bowman</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Circle #3</a>	12 <a href="#">Good Sams (FLC)</a> <a href="#">Jackie Krashner</a> <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Circle #2</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	13 <a href="#">Vicky Henderson</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Colleen Riddle</a> <a href="#">Circle</a>	14 <a href="#">Austin Griesman</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	15 <a href="#">Elaine Moseley</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	16 <a href="#">Fellowship Presbytery WIC...</a> <a href="#">Kathy Compton</a> <a href="#">Lee Coble</a>
17 <a href="#">Moriah Slavens Fox</a> <a href="#">Officer Candidate Training</a> <a href="#">Session Meeting</a> <a href="#">Kids Quest &amp; Catechisms</a>	18 <a href="#">William Frommel</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	19 <a href="#">Brandon Harrell</a> <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	20 <a href="#">Brenda Boyd</a> <a href="#">Charles Flanagan</a> <a href="#">Jesse Holben</a> <a href="#">Neil Boyd</a> <a href="#">Pat Miller</a> <a href="#">Shirley Brackett</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	21 <a href="#">Grace Alexander</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	22 <a href="#">Kimberly Richards</a> <a href="#">Nell Martin</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	23 <a href="#">Mandy Mullis</a> <a href="#">Tom Cuffman</a> <a href="#">Miriam Hovis</a> <a href="#">Sharan Shively</a> <a href="#">Emmie Neely</a>
24 <a href="#">Kids Quest &amp; Catechisms</a>	25 <a href="#">Johna Griesman</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	26 <a href="#">Grayson Love</a> <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	27 <a href="#">BSRT</a>	28 <a href="#">Jessica McMullan</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	29 <a href="#">Beckham Boyd Munn</a> <a href="#">Harper Lee Munn</a> <a href="#">Jennifer Boyd Munn</a> <a href="#">BSRT</a>	30
31 <a href="#">Lucas Johnson</a> <a href="#">Tom Love</a> <a href="#">Reformation Celebration</a>	01	02	03	04	05	06

**Officer Candidate Training:** Oct. 3, 10, 17 at 10-10:45 am, FLC.  
**Men of the Covenant:** Oct. 4, 6:30 pm, FLC for a meal, devotional and program.

**Diaconate Meeting:** Oct. 5, 7:00 pm, conf. room.  
**Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:** Oct. 10.  
**Fellowship Presbytery WIC Fall**

**Gathering:** Oct. 16, 8:30-11:30am, Westminster Presbyterian Church.  
**Session Meeting:** Oct. 17, 2:00 pm, conf. room.  
**Reformation Celebration:** Oct. 31

## Session Minutes

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church met Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the conference room of the Family Life Center with Moderator, Rev. J. Marcus Van Blake, for the regular monthly meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the reading of the Scriptures from Acts 20:28-32 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. LeMoyne, James G. Long, Timothy G. Marsh, L. Christian Griesman, and W. Hampton Stowe, III. Also present were Adam Coble, Diaconate Chairman, and Trent Thomas, Assistant to the Senior Pastor.

Trenton Patrick Thomas and Kathryn Ashley Thomas were examined for membership on transfer of letter from Carolina Presbyterian Church in Locust, NC. Both had previously given their personal testimony. Both candidates for membership answered in the affirmative the questions for membership from the Book of Church Order, Chapter 57-5. MSA the examination of Trent and Kat Thomas, and to receive them as communing members of Bethel. Non-communing children include Judah Wayne Thomas, Anna Kathryn Thomas, and Sophia Ruth Thomas. The Session offered the right hand of fellowship, and Kat and the children were dismissed from the meeting.

Adam Coble gave the Deacons Report and reviewed the minutes of the September 7, 2021 Deacons meeting. Additionally, he reviewed the Financial Report dated August 31, 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 Steve Linder.

MSA the minutes of the Session meeting held on August 8, 2021 as written, and emailed to the Session, as well as actions taken by email on August 9, 2021.

Marcus took some time in Elder Shepherd training in a discussion of Chapter 10, Protecting, of the Session's study of the book, Gospel Coach.

Marcus Van Blake gave a brief staffing update for Gunther Griffin and Chad McKinnon in their absence. Trent Thomas provided an update, particularly regarding the small group Sunday School class he is leading.

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

Bobby Love and Marcus Van Blake provided a brief update on the building renovation project.

MSA the Memorials for Ruling Elders Robert "Bobby" Neil Boyd, and for Robert "Bob" Cunningham Richards, Sr. A copy of these memorials is appended to the file copy of these minutes, and a copy will be sent to each family respectively. Copies will also be mailed to Rev. Chip McArthur, Stated Clerk of Fellowship Presbytery.

MSA James Long and Calvin Reese as Bethel's Session Representatives, and Bobby Love as an alternate, at the September 23, 2021 Fellowship Presbytery meeting at Trinity PCA in Van Wyck, SC.

As a long-time recommendation from the PCA, MSA a Sabbatical Policy for ordained staff at Bethel Presbyterian Church. A copy of the Policy is appended to the file copy of these minutes.

As information, there will be an October 23, 2021 Fellowship Presbytery seminar with Dr. Tim Witmer, author of "The Shepherd Leader". All Session members were urged to attend.

MSA vacation for Marcus for October 31, 2021.

MSA Marcus to preach and perform a baptism at New Covenant PCA in Manning, SC, at a later date to be determined.

Bethel will observe the Sacrament of Communion on October 10, 2021.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2021.

MSA to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Steve Britt.

Robert C. Love, Jr., Clerk of Session

### Financial Update:

**MULTIPLY Building fund**  
Balance Aug. 31: \$1,503,360  
August: \$4,251

**Tithes and Offerings**  
2021 Budget: \$601,407  
YTD Aug. 31: \$359,892  
August: \$50,638

### 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.

This will function as last year; Bethel members will NOT deliver meals to families but drop their meal to the Deacons who will arrange for the meals to be picked up by the receiving families on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

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 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 receiving families from 1-3 pm on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

## PRAYER Requests



- The Van Vlake 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), 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.