



## **Welcome Chad and Julie McKinnon and their children!**

Chad McKinnon was born in Tampa Florida, moved to Georgia when he was 9, and then, when he was 11, moved to the greater area of Greenville, South Carolina. His parents raised him in the church and taught him 4 fundamental truths; that God is real, that God spoke in Scripture, that mankind should obey God, and that God sent Jesus to save sinners.

Chad's testimony of conversion is common, but nonetheless special to him. When he was 5 years old, he made a profession of faith and was baptized in his local church. His family's entire social life revolved around the church, and they were faithful throughout his elementary and youth years. Chad was considered a "core" member of his youth department, and a "fine Christian young man." However, when Chad was 14 years old, he began to fear for his eternal condition. He sensed that he still was under God's wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life and in the life to come forever. The Holy Spirit hounded Chad for about 2-3 weeks while he resisted thinking that he must be a Christian because he was a "fine Christian young man." Finally, on a Wednesday evening after a youth group meeting, he asked God to have mercy on him, and to save him from his sins by the blood of Jesus Christ. More could be said. It is a special memory.

Chad attended Bob Jones University from 2002 to 2006 to

study the Bible (major) and business (minor). The summer before his senior year (summer of '05), during a church internship in northern Virginia, he met Julie Stewart. They married June 30<sup>th</sup> in 2007.

Chad *intended* to enroll at RTS-Charlotte after college. However, with a desire to start a family right away, Chad took a job working for a General Contractor specializing in building hospitals. For the next 7 years, the McKinnon family traveled around the Southeast to various Hospital construction and expansion projects, and they had 4 children in the process. Even though they were only in a particular location for 1-2 years, they always joined the local church and became involved in the ministry. Chad was able to teach various bible classes for youth, college & Career, and men's ministries in the various churches of which they were members.

In 2014, God opened the door for full-time seminary studies at RTS-Charlotte. Throughout seminary Chad interned and served on staff at an Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. He assisted weekly in leading liturgy, preached frequently, taught various Sunday school classes, and was involved in the mercy ministry. They also had a 5<sup>th</sup> child during seminary. Chad graduated with his Master of Divinity degree in 2018.

After seminary, Chad returned to his

### **Sermon Schedule**

- 9/5 "Keep Going in Him"  
*Jude 17-25*
- 9/12 "The Road to Mature and Wise Faith"  
*James 1:1-8*
- 9/19 "Humbling Faith"  
*James 1:9-18*
- 9/26 "Doing Faith"  
*James 1:19-27*



previous career in Construction Management, and was assigned to a project out of town. As before, he had the opportunity to teach and preach in his local church (This time in North Myrtle Beach). In 2019, the McKinnon's moved back to Charlotte, NC where he has been working in the same career. They just recently purchased property in York County and are excited about serving at Bethel PCA.

Oh, and they had 2 more children.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02 <a href="#">FLC-Rsv'd</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	03 <a href="#">FLC and Sanctuary...</a>	04 <a href="#">FLC, Sanctuary and Ed. Bldg...</a>
05 <a href="#">Deacon's Fund Collection</a>	06 <a href="#">Roger Brown</a> <a href="#">Dave Nix</a>	07 <a href="#">Circle #1</a> BSRT <a href="#">Diaconate Meeting</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	08 <a href="#">Hailey Jackson</a> <a href="#">Janie Marsh</a> BSRT <a href="#">Colleen Riddle Circle</a>	09 <a href="#">Harper Love</a> <a href="#">Carter Jackson</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	10 BSRT	11 <a href="#">Meredith Clinton</a>
12 <a href="#">Beth Jackson</a> <a href="#">Samuel Wynkoop</a> <a href="#">Abby Chidester</a> <a href="#">Nic Bourque</a> <a href="#">Session Meeting</a>	13 <a href="#">Beth Stowe</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men of the Covenant</a> <a href="#">Circle #3</a>	14 <a href="#">Travis Quinn</a> <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> BSRT <a href="#">Circle #2</a> <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	15 <a href="#">Tom Ed Glenn</a> <a href="#">John Richard VanVlakte</a> BSRT	16 <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	17 <a href="#">FLC Rsv'd</a> <a href="#">Jessica Culbertson</a> <a href="#">Kristen Meek</a> BSRT	18 <a href="#">FLC Rsv'd</a> <a href="#">Benjamin McCall</a>
19 <a href="#">Brittany Neely</a>	20 BSRT	21 <a href="#">Isabel Johnson</a> <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	22 <a href="#">Matthew Deegan</a> BSRT	23 <a href="#">Paul Joyner</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	24 <a href="#">Mason Stowe</a> BSRT	25 <a href="#">Kyle Mounts</a>
26 <a href="#">Teresa Spangler</a> <a href="#">Cora Herrmann</a>	27 BSRT	28 <a href="#">Jenni Quinn</a> <a href="#">Catherine Bourque</a> <a href="#">Ladies Bible Study</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	29 <a href="#">Trent Thomas</a> BSRT	30 <a href="#">John Adams</a> <a href="#">Mentors &amp; Moms Bible Study -</a> BSRT <a href="#">Men's Basketball</a>	01	02

**Diaconate Meeting:** Sept. 7, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary.  
**Session Meeting:** Sept. 12, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.  
**Men of the Covenant:** Sept. 13, 6:30 pm, at Steve and Victoria

Linder's home, 16528 Plantation Woods Dr., Charlotte for a meal, election of officers, and fellowship. Those who want to carpool are asked to meet outside the Fam-

ily Life Center at 6:00 pm. All Bethel men are invited to attend.  
**Ladies Bible Study:** begins Sept. 14, 9:30 am, every Tuesday.

## Session Minutes

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church, with the Deacons invited to attend, met Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary with Moderator, Rev. J. Marcus Van Vlake, for the regular quarterly joint meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the reading of the Scriptures from Psalm 23 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. LeMoyné, James G. Long, Timothy G. Marsh, L. Christian Griesman, Daniel B. Love, and W. Hampton Stowe, III. Deacons present included Adam Coble, Diaconate Chairman, Sam Hall, Robbie Meek, Kyle Mounts, Floyd Neal, David Long, Larry McCormick, Chris Wynkoop, Tom Chidester, and Austin Griesman. Also present was Gunther Griffin, Pastoral Intern.

Adam Coble gave the Deacons Report and reviewed the minutes of the August 3, 2021 Deacons meeting. Additionally, he reviewed the Financial Report dated July 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. Additionally, a 2022 Budget Committee will be established with an objective to begin work in September and to complete work by the end of October, in anticipation of formal approval by the Diaconate and the Session in regularly scheduled November meetings.

MSA the minutes of the Session meeting held on July 11, 2021 as written, and emailed to the Session, as well as actions taken by email on July 18, 2021.

Marcus provided a staffing update concerning the recent action taken to hire Trent Thomas as a full-time staff member.

Gunther Griffin provided an update on recent summer Youth activities, and regarding his ongoing RTS studies.

MSA Trent Thomas' compensation package as follows: Salary - \$50,645, Housing and Utilities – Provided, Social Security/Medicare Allowance - \$5,355, Retirement - \$7,000, Health Insurance - \$6,000, Life/LTD Insurance - \$1,000, Vacation – 4 weeks annually, Moving Expenses – one time payment to cover cost of move from Locust, NC (grossed up to cover Federal and SC Income Taxes and Social Security Taxes).

Marcus took time for Elder Shepherd training, leading a discussion of Chapter 9, "Leading", in the Session's study book, Gospel Coach.

Bobby Love provided an update on the Duke Energy land transaction. A revised contract is anticipated that will include a specified time for timber harvesting some 3–5 years post close, and will also provide a minor adjustment to the surveyed area to be sold to Duke to facilitate Bethel's previous request of a southward movement to the northern boundary and the resulting impact on Duke's access road.

It was reported that advancement on the building renovation project has been delayed until the end of September, as the architect is in the process of engaging a different structural engineer.

MSA to proceed with Officer nominations, training, election, and ordination/installation beginning in September.

A Sabbatical Policy discussion was held, focusing on communication and education regarding the need for such a policy.

A Gospel Reformation Network "concerned PCA Elders" gathering will take place September 25, 2021 at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. Registration is required and Session members were asked to

consider attending the meeting.

A review of Bethel's Membership Rolls is tentatively scheduled for October.

MSA to remove Courtney Ramsey and Ben Ramsey from the membership rolls, per request to do so.

MSA the September 3 and 4, 2021 facility use request by Janice Currence for the Family Life Center for a wedding reception.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2021.

MSA to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Tim Marsh.

Robert C. Love, Jr., Clerk of Session

### Financial Update:

#### MULTIPLY Building fund

Balance July 31: \$1,499,109  
July: \$9,769

#### Tithes and Offerings

2021 Budget: \$601,407  
YTD July 31: \$309,254  
July: \$36,192

### 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!

## International Missions Spotlight

### Andres and Ruth Garza

Monterrey, Mexico



### Garza Update

This is a current update from Andres Garza received via email this week. As those of you who know Andres and Ruth, they are as dynamic a team of international partners as we have been blessed to be associated with over the past several years. It pains my heart to hear that they, and particularly Andres, are having such health challenges. Please read the following excerpt from his email, and all of us be in prayer for a speedy recovery. Andres writes:

Hi my dear friends:

I hope the grace and blessings from the Lord are with you, your families and ministries.

I have wanted to write to you for a few weeks now, however, suddenly I entered a difficult season of broken health. Three weeks ago, I had a problem while my family and I were in La Paz, Baja California. We all went there to do home office from there and get some rest. A Sunday morning early, I started feeling very bad. I had a pain in my chest, dizziness and low pressure. I waited for 30 minutes, and this did not stop. I woke up Ruth and went to the hospital. Long story short, they diagnosed a pre heart attack. After several tests, they said I am ok, and we returned to Monterrey. I am still not feeling well after three weeks and following up with a cardiologist in Monterrey. He put me in rest for a few days.

Last Monday, I told Ruth that it would be a good idea to go to the mountains close to Monterrey. My family has a little cabin in the mountains. On Tuesday, the biggest fire in the history of Mexico started, where? Exactly in this mountain. The authorities evacuated everyone living in the mountains, around 25 homes were devastated by the fire. We still do not know anything about our property there since the fire is still out of control. This has caused a good deal of stress. However, I am very excited about the way the Lord is talking to me especially and showing me that nothing depends on me. This year we are seeing the hand of the Lord in a very deep way. My CTC team is working amazingly well in my absence. My staff and

volunteers in my church are also working amazingly. They are making the best decisions ever and even though we are still without Sunday face to face meetings, the church is growing in maturity and in numbers. Our training with CTC also is growing and more leaders are committed to the gospel centrality to plant churches in cities, developing movements of the gospel to bring hope to the cities in Latin America.

Ruth is doing great, however, she is still without any sense of smell and taste since her battle with Covid. I am worried about that, but she is dealing very well with it.

I want to ask you for your prayers and give thanks for your support.

God bless you all, Andres

## 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.