

THE *Tower*

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As This Elder Sees It . . .

God's Church

Ephesians 1:22-23

And God subjected everything under Christ's feet, and he gave him, the head over all things, to the church, which is his body, the fulfilment of the one who is being fulfilled in all things in every way.

In his prayer for the Ephesians, the apostle Paul speaks of God's will to have Jesus Christ over all things. God sent his only son, who not only died to save us from our sins, but to be a higher power to guide us as a community of likeminded believers. Christ is our leader, our teacher and above all things our savior. The church is the body of Christ. If we focus on his will, we will be fulfilled with his blessings and grace.

Bethel Presbyterian Church is God's church. It is led by Jesus Christ. We must serve God as Jesus has taught us. The church is not a building, a denomination, a pastor, or certain individuals. Jesus guides us to meet together and become a strong force to do his work. We must not lose focus or get distracted from our purpose.

Ephesians 2:19-20 NIV

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

The fellowship of Christians creates a strong church. We must focus on what is important. We may not always agree on matters of the church, but we can still come together in faith. The church is Christ centered, not to be led by its own rules but to follow the teachings of the Bible and use God's words and direction of Jesus Christ as our guide.

A Prayer for Bethel Presbyterian Church

Dear Lord,

Let all who gather here find strength in your leadership. Guide us to work together for the greater purpose. With you as our leader we cannot fail. We praise you for the blessings in our lives and the grace you give us. Continue to lead Bethel Church in a direction that is pleasing to you and help us grow stronger in our service to you, Amen.

Submitted In Christian Love,
Cindy Almarode

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING

The Session met July 10th, 2022, in the Bethel Session Room, with 8 members present.

- A meeting was held to update and review the process of Gracious Dismissal with the congregation on July 10th, 2022.
- Elder Derek Almarode opened the meeting with prayer.
- The Elder-on-Call for the month of August will be Derek Almarode. He can be reached by phone at (540) 280-4940 (call or text) or by email at almarodes@verizon.net.
- A storage cabinet has been designed and built by D.W. Miller for supplies at the Chapel in the Woods. The cabinet has been filled with items needed for services at the Chapel.
- Vacation Bible School was held on Saturday, July 9th, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and was a success.
- The Bethel Independence Day float was in the July 3rd, 2022 parade in Middlebrook. It was also in the July 4th parade at Gypsy Hill Park in Staunton. The float was full, all participants had a great time while wearing Bethel t-shirts.
- A Bethel Christian Scholarship was approved for Lydia Lee.
- A Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for July 17th, 2022, after worship to approve the Terms of Call for Elder Derek Almarode.
- From Elder Wade Cash, Chair of the Deacons, work has been completed at the church, cleaning the gutters and downspouts, to prevent overflowing, other work needs to be completed at the Manse. Road work and power is completed to supply electric service to the Chapel in the Woods. A better light at the Chapel and to light the Cross is still needed.
- A motion was approved to install a security system in the church and the Chapel in the Woods, including cameras, motion and fire detection, with notification.
- A motion was approved to plan for the Homecoming Sunday worship service on August 28th, 2022, in the church Sanctuary at 11:00 am.
- The meeting was closed with prayer.

David Schooley, Clerk of Session

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

11:00 am Chapel in the Woods

August 2022 - October 2022 (*weather permitting*)

(*Rain Location: Sanctuary*)

*Note: Homecoming Sunday will be held
in the Sanctuary regardless of weather.*

WORSHIP LEADER Cindy Almarode

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION -

We need you! Willing to provide snacks and refreshments after worship?

See the designated sheet at the worship service to sign-up.

Questions?

Contact Ellen Fitzgerald or Tammy Barbour.

The following date is available

September 25th, 2022 2 volunteers needed

**PLEASE NOTE: LEMONADE ON THE LAWN
WILL NOT BE HELD ON AUGUST 28TH DUE TO
HOMECOMING.**

BETHEL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Bethel Presbyterian Women are hosting a Ladies Luncheon (for the gals only) on Sunday, September 18th, 2022, at 1:00 pm.

Estimated cost is \$15.00 per person.

Reservations for you and your guests due by August 21st, 2022.

Contact Stephanie Rivers or Beth Miller to make reservations.

Stephanie: (540) 849-9839

Beth: (540) 255-1940

Meal catered by Middlebrook Mercantile.

Menu: Quiche, Soup, Salad, Bread

Please contact Stephanie Rivers or Beth Miller if you need transportation to the luncheon or have any questions.

**REMEMBER TO INVITE YOUR
FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO
THIS SPECIAL EVENT!**



PRAYER LIST

(updated 7/21/22)

Bethel (*our* church) Leaders & Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Joyce Davis Jane Law Margaret Liptrap John Pilson

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

Mark Buchanan Matt Koogler Reed Miller Van Pirkey

SYMPATHIES & CONDOLENCES

Family & Friends of Dale Earhart Family & Friends of Scott Fairburn

Family & Friends of Jamie Pirkey Family & Friends of George Schnurr

COMMUNITY, COUNTRY, & WORLD

Families & Community of Uvalde, TX

Copies of Prayer List in vestibule.



If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact Tammy Barbour (540) 471-0450 or Ellen Fitzgerald (540) 292-2914.

To keep the Prayer List as up-to-date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Ellen, or the Church Office has been notified otherwise.

August 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Church Office Closed	2 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (August 7th)	3 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	4 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	5 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	6
7 11:00 Worship at the Chapel 12:15 PWCT Meeting	8 Church Office Closed	9 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (August 14th)	10 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	11 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 6:30 Bible Study	12 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	13
14 11:00 Worship at the Chapel 12:15 Session Meeting	15 Church Office Closed	16 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (August 21st)	17 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	18 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 1:00 Circle Meeting 6:30 Bible Study	19 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: September Tower Newsletter	20
21 11:00 Worship at the Chapel	22 Church Office Closed	23 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (August 28th)	24 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	25 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 2:00 Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Bible Study	26 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours	27
28 HOMECOMING SUNDAY 11:00 Worship in Sanctuary & 5 Cents A Meal Offering 12:15 Covered Dish Meal	29 Church Office Closed	30 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours 9:00 Deadline: Bulletin & Announcements (September 4th)	31 9:00 - 3:00 Church Office Hours			