



ACCOUNTABILITY { & RESPONSIBILITY }

At a recent meeting welcoming Bethel to ECO, I cannot begin to tell you the relief I felt. For myself, I had a feeling of trepidation towards our new denomination. Mostly because it was the only fitting option that would be approved by PCUSA. If they were controlling our choice, it couldn't possibly be a good thing... or could it?

The feelings of fear and aggravation quickly left when John Daniel, Presbytery moderator at that time, began his presentation. Most of that meeting spoke of accountability. That conversation was long over due, and how perfect that it came from someone with no knowledge of us as individuals. It was a positive and motivational message. It has been on my heart and mind ever since that day.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, and as members of the Bethel family we must practice accountability in our relationships. That means we must claim responsibility for our actions and how they affect others. It is biblical.

1} We must love each other.

JOHN 15:17

¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so

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that you might go and bear fruit — fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ **This is my command: Love each other.**

AND ROMANS 12:10-12

¹⁰ **Be devoted to one another in love.** Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

2} We are to be honest with one another. This is HUGE!!

EPHESIANS 4:25-27

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, **let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.**

²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil.

3} We are to get along with each other.

ROMANS 12:16

¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

EPHESIANS 4:32 ESV

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

4} We are to forgive each other.

COLOSSIANS 3:13

Bearing with one another and for-

giving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

5} We are to help each other.

GALATIANS 6:2

² **Carry each other's burdens,** and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

6} We must show kindness and mercy.

LUKE 10:30-37

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii[a] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into

the hands of robbers?”³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

7} We are responsible for the way we treat our families.

READ ALL OF 1 TIMOTHY 5

8} We are to study God’s word.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

¹⁵ Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

9} We are to use whatever gifts or talents we have been blessed with.

ROMANS 12: 3-7

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

10} We are to work TOGETHER

PROVERBS 15:22

Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.

11} We have a big responsibility to our children.

MATTHEW 19:14

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

MATTHEW 18:5-7

⁶ “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. ⁷ Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble!

12} We are to worship together.

HEBREWS 10:24-25

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

13} We are to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

14} We are to keep the commandments.

ECCLESIASTES 12:13

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

15} We are to STAND UP!!

1 TIMOTHY 6:3-7

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with

contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

JAMES 4:17

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

16} And lastly, most fitting for those of us on Session, we are to look at the interest of others not ourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4

¹ Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

EPHESIANS 6:13

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

In Christ’s Service,
Penny Lee, Elder

*it is not only
what we do,
but also what
we do not do,
for which we are
accountable*

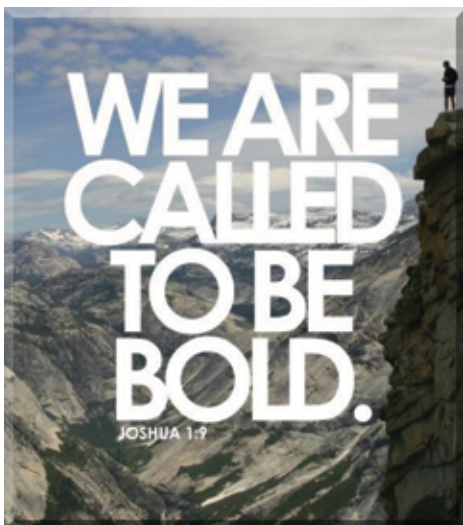
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June BIRTHDAYS

Moose Lee	1
Jarod Davis	2
Katie (Leonard) Wimer	4
Larry Damico	7
Ben Williams	9
Joe F. Williams	12
Sally (Beard) Shafer	16
Cate Schooley	19
Myra (Ralston) Botkin	21
Stephanie Davis	21
Alex Sproul	27
Laura Barmore	29
Bill Francisco	29
Bob Olson	29
Joyce Davis	30

June ANNIVERSARIES

Wes & Katie McElveen	June 6, 2015
Joe & Tabby Moore	June 11, 1994
Joe F. & Sally Williams	June 15, 1985
Tim & Julie Turner	June 18, 2007



Thursday Night
BIBLE STUDY
Every Thursday @ 6:30
30 Lesson Study on the Book of Acts | Come to one or come to all!

BETHEL SESSION MEETING MAY 7, 2023 ——— *Notes of Importance for the Congregation* ———

The Bethel Session met, Sunday, May 7, 2023, in the Session Room. A quorum was present with 10 Elders in attendance. The meeting was moderated by Derek Almarode.

General Business:

The meeting was opened with prayer. The Session discussed several matters of business.

- We honored our graduates in May with Bibles. (Caroline Moffett and James Schooley)
- Finalized the discussion that Summer church will have permanent flowers.
- Communion will be Sunday, July 9, 2023.
- There will be a one day Vacation Bible School with the date to be announced soon.
- Meeting was closed with Prayer by Derek Almarode. Thanks to him for his service!



Respectfully,
David Schooley
Elder David Schooley
Clerk of Session

Youth FISHING TRIP

Special thanks to
Bunny & Ronnie Hearn for their
hospitality at Hearn's Lake!

We are so appreciative!



Outside WORSHIP

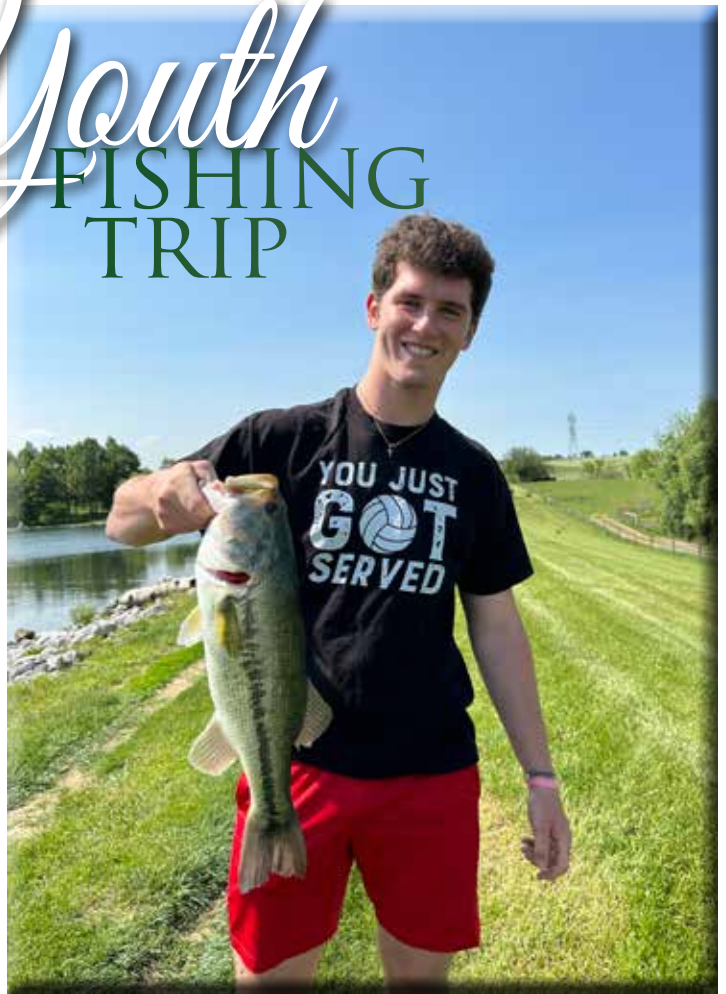
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September 24th

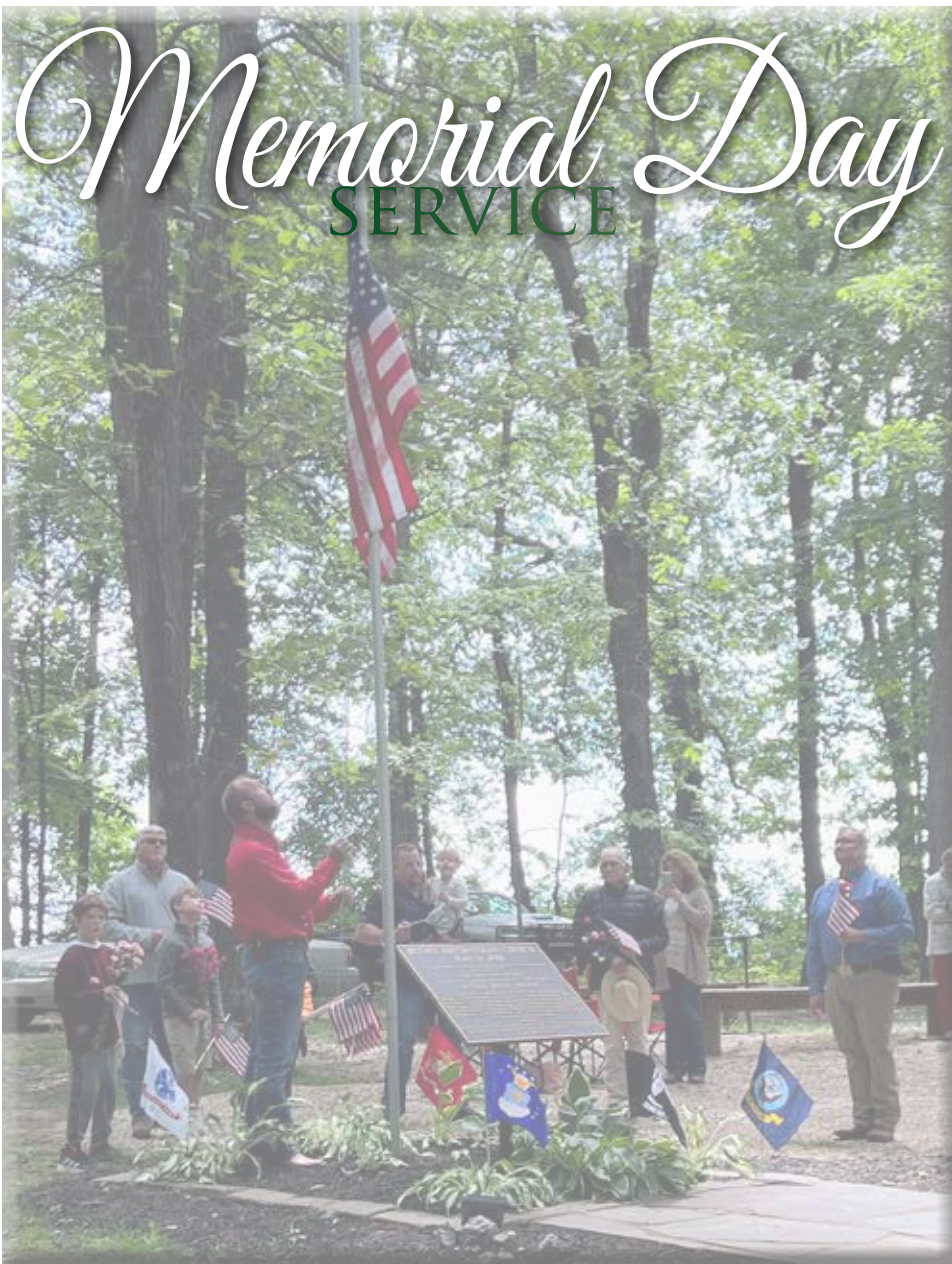
Worship will only be moved
inside if there is rain.





Youth FISHING TRIP





LET THE RISING SON-SHINE IN

With a farewell to the winter and this last bit of cooler weather, we say hello to the warmth of the sun and the life it now brings us. The signs of new life are all around us. As Spring transitions into summer, we should focus on letting the light of Christ shine in our hearts, for He is the true rising son from whom our warmth and strength flow.

As our days begin to lengthen, and May moves into June many things bloom and prosper. Thus, so should your discipleship for Jesus. God is always doing something in our hearts, in the world, and in our church. Like seeds waiting for warm rains and warmer nights to sprout, the Spirit works in us. Friends it is time to bloom and blossom for God!

Jesus has shown me that a new season has come. Time is on the side of new growth, and with new growth comes Hope! How can Bethel help you grow as a disciple of Jesus in this new season? It is time to connect or perhaps reconnect with God and with one another. The harshness of winter has passed, it is time to grow! It is our time to grow in connection, grow in community, grow as disciples, grow in our service, and grow in Jesus.

If Bethel has been a blessing to you, don't keep that to yourself. As I stated in January at the New Year message, invite a friend to join you for worship or one of the many events and gatherings here at Bethel. If worship blesses you, invite a friend to worship too. If the choir or our soloist blesses you, invite a musical person you know to join you. If you love our current Bible Study, bring a friend.

Be fishers of men, bring a friend simply because you love God and you love Bethel. Together, we can grow as disciples and grow into the people God is calling each of us to be!

I am overjoyed to be your shepherd, I am delighted to share in God's word with each of you, and I am humbled by your trust. Lastly, I am excited to see what God has in store for us! Let's take this new season and grow together.

See you Sunday in Gods House, Derek

Message
FROM THE PULPIT

SERVING CHRIST AT BETHEL WILL BENEFIT YOU!!

Each of us have our own individual needs and reasons for participating in church life. Even though we may not know you personally, we believe that God knows you and loves you. He can direct your life as you draw nearer to Him. One way to grow closer to Him is attending Bethel.

Here are a few benefits of worshipping with us:

- Maybe you're struggling with a specific question or need some direction in your life. Maybe you just need to feel God's love and know that He is here. We assure you that God is here and we promise that you can find him here as you experience His presence.
- Jesus commanded, "This is my body broken for you, take, eat, do this in remembrance of me". Here at Bethel, we take part in the Lords table and so can you.
- What we learn at church gives us guidance on how to follow God, improves our spirituality, and live better lives. You can be uplifted here at Bethel by fellow believers and by the opportunity to serve and worship our Savior.
- Church is a community where we can socialize and support each other. You can make friends, feel a sense of belonging, and build a support network that you can rely on. Here at Bethel we are family, welcome home!
- Bethel is home to many! We worship Christ daily in our actions and our deeds. Christ leads us to find those lost to His word. We believe we are called to serve Him in all that we do. Bethel and the family here serve as the foundation to our spiritual life. In Hebrews 10:24-25 we learn the following, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and do good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."



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BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR

Lois Stogdale
DISBURSING TREASURER

Kay Thompson
RECEIVING TREASURER

John & Donna Bush
CUSTODIANS

Carol & Puggie Sprouse
CUSTODIANS



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY
FAMILY OF FAITH

Thursday, June 8th - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY PICNIC AT THE PAVILION
- EVERYONE WELCOME!!

Sunday, June 18th - 11:00

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

Sunday, July 4th - Gypsy Hill Park

RIDE ON THE FLOAT OR WALK ALONGSIDE!!

Sunday, July 9th - 11:00

LEMONADE AT THE PAVILION AFTER WORSHIP

Saturday, July 22nd

DINNER AND A MOVIE

HOSTED BY THE MEN OF THE CHURCH

Sunday, August 27th - Homecoming

Sunday, September 24th -

Last Sunday in Outside Worship

Every Thursday - 6:30

BIBLE STUDY AT BETHEL

30 LESSON STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ACTS

YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday
of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month.

welcome
HOME