

THE *Tower*

3RD QUARTER 2024

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Hello Church,

Summer has arrived and vacations have likely already begun. I am sure many of you are looking forward to time with your family. I know many of you have planned trips to the beach, to the mountains, or just a few days away from the busy lives you lead. I will lift all of you up in prayer and ask God for your safety during the many summertime activities you will enjoy.

As we get into the full swing of summer through July and August please allow me to remind you that our church continues to minister every day of the year. When you are at home, please remember to be faithful in your attendance this summer. Worship, Christian Education Programs, Vacation Bible School, Marriages, Funerals, Hospital Stays, and Life's Simple Struggles, continue to take place even when we are away. I call on your prayers through this summer season as they will mean so much to your church family even while you are not with us here.

Virginia Summers are the best, so I already know your calendars are booked, however, I want you to know that you will be missed when you are absent. Our prayer is for you to enjoy some leisure time and to use your witness and

testimony for Jesus wherever you go. Remember this summer's first message, "serve God everywhere you go and do it with immense humility." While you are away, take a moment of your R&R and "close the gap." During announcements in worship, please let us know when you are going to be traveling. We want to be able to pray for you and your safe return. Summer is a great time to relish in the important things in life, God, and family. Enjoy every minute, be safe, and remember, come see us! Also, summertime is a time of visitation, so when your family or friends are visiting you, bring them to worship! There is no better activity on a Sunday morning than worshiping at the Chapel. Don't miss it!

This summer, rest in His glory and Creation. Here is how it should go. Hammock? Check, Lemonade? Check, A good book? Check, An afternoon by the pool? Check. Mix these ingredients together and you have a perfect recipe for a perfect summer afternoon. So — why are you anxious, why are you restless, well you're missing an ingredient. A sense of Peace must come in your rest. For many of us, pushing the pause button is easier said than done, even during the summer months when life should slow down

— MESSAGE FROM THE — PASTOR'S DESK

just a little, giving us a chance to catch our breath and relax. But just as physical rest is necessary for a healthy body, spiritual rest is important for our spiritual well-being. So let me close with a bit of God's advise. Our responsibilities can be overwhelming, but Jesus promises to help carry the load. And His shoulders are much bigger than ours! While He doesn't promise a life without hard work and trials, He does promise to be our partner, participating with us and walking with us every step of the way.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Matthew 11:28-29 Friends, it is a joy to serve the Lord by serving you and our church. I pray for each of you to have a Successful Summer in our Savior.

In Christ Service,
Derek

Prayer REQUESTS OR CHANGES

If you have any changes, additions or updates to the Prayer List please contact:
 Tammy Barbour
 @ 540-471-0450 or
 Penny Lee
 @ 540-416-8996
 To keep the Prayer List as up to date as possible, names will be removed from the list after eight weeks unless Tammy, Penny or the Office has been notified otherwise.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Our Acronym will no longer be PWCT - that was affiliated with PCUSA.

**We will now go by
Bethel Presbyterian
Women or BPW.**

BETHEL SESSION

Notes of Importance for the Congregation

- Session met April 21, May 19 and June 9, including our new Elders, we set up our year with Committee Chairman as follows: Continuing Education, Tim Turner; Youth Cindy Almarode; Witness and Missions; Outreach, Evangelism, and Communication, Penny Lee; Property and Maintenance, Wade Cash; Stewardship and Finance, Brian Lee; Worship, Tammy Barbour and Penny Lee, Congregational Care, Mark Wade; Personnel, David Schooley. From the Deacons, Wade Cash presented a quote to replace the Window Treatments in the Fellowship Hall, this was Tabled until our June Meeting. The Bethel Annual report was presented and approved for printing and distribution to our Congregation. Wade also announced the lighting for the Flagpole and to light the Tower was completed. Our Graduates were recognized and presented their Bible. Youth Bible study was started with Pines, and all was reported as GOOD attendance, with meal before. Sadly, we announced the death of Larry Edwards and Yvonne Goodson, long time Bethel Members. We approved a request from Bob Olson for this year's Baha trip to share with the family directly. Started planning for our ECO fall Presbytery Meeting for October 18-19, with meals and other festivities. We will review plans at our July Session Meeting on July 21 at 1:00 pm.
- Our biggest event was the May 26th Celebration, our first of the year outside service, followed by dedication of the Flagpole and the Stone, followed by a great Celebration Dinner supplied by several great cooks and great fellowship. With that it was a great Day!
- Homecoming will be August 25, with service inside and covered dish meal to follow, Bethel will supply the meat. Again, this year we will have Baptism at the river at Shenandoah Camping grounds Middle River August 18, at 11:00 AM with covered dish meal to follow. All are welcome, even wheelchairs can be handled.
- The Session approved replacing the blinds for the Fellowship Hall, at a cost of \$6,400, removed and install complete, the color and fabric was tabled until the July meeting. Vacation Bible School will be jointly held at Pines.



David Schooley,
Clerk of Session



Bible School at Pines



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



\$527.49
Raised by Bethel

192
Churches & Organizations Participated

7,730
Baby Bottles Distributed

\$164,466.83
2024 Baby Bottle Total Raised



SHAWN & MELISSA'S ANNIVERSARY
(CELEBRATED AT MALLORY'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT)



THE LEE'S WILL HAVE A FAMILY MEETING ANYWHERE, ANYTIME!



STACY STEVENS & PENNY LEE
SPECIAL MUSIC



in the life of church family...



TREVOR - SOCCER



ASHLYN RECEIVED HER STATE FEA DEGREE



ASHLYN LEADING CHEER CAMP



HOLLY, GINNY & NELLIE
THE PINWHEEL & CANDY CREW FOR THE PARADE!



STACY SUNDAY



LYDIA LEE AT EMU

EMU PROMO PHOTO



SAMUEL
SOCCER



BRIAN GIVING THE MESSAGE AT PINES



TREVOR, MALLORY & HER FRIEND
AT THE CREATION MUSEUM



ASHLYN - WITH GOV. YOUNGKIN

in the life of church family...



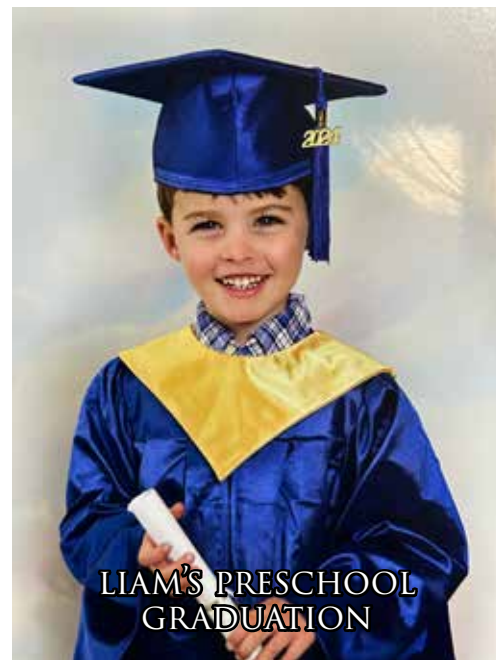
LYDIA & AVERY
IN THE TRACTOR PARADE



MALLORY
TENNESSEE SOFTBALL
CAMP



BAYLEIGH, TREVOR & BRIAN
AT THE TRACTOR PARADE



LIAM'S PRESCHOOL
GRADUATION



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAM HINTONS & SCHERTZES!



COLSTON - BASEBALL



JONAH
- SOCCER



MEGAN CARVER & DEACON MOORE
WERE MARRIED JUNE 1



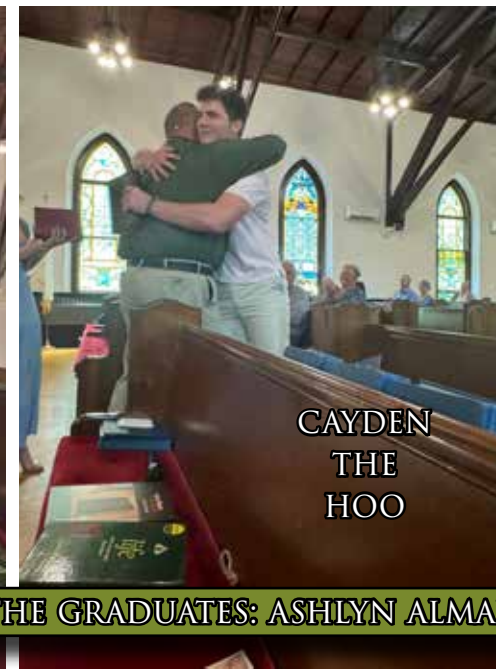
MADISON MILLER
& MOOSE LEE
WERE MARRIED MAY 12



DEREK, BRIAN & STACY: MEETING OF THE MINDS



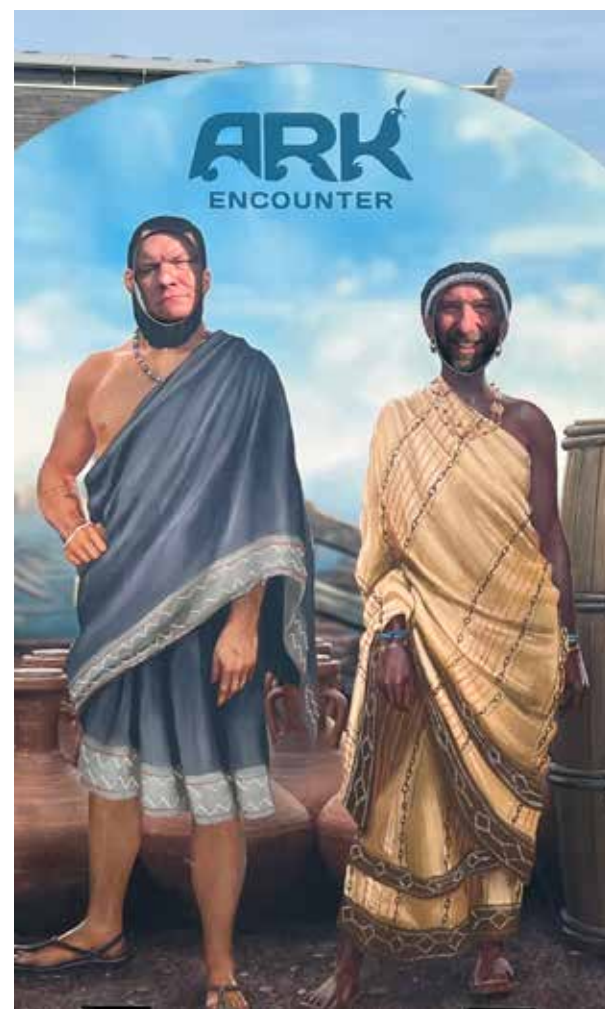
ASHLYN
THE
HOKIE



CAYDEN
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BIBLE PRESENTATION FOR THE GRADUATES: ASHLYN ALMARODE & CAYDEN COOK CASH



Good Times at the Ark Encounter

Memorial Day Weekend



JACOB'S PILLAR ANNOINTED WITH OLIVE OIL

FLAG DEDICATION
GLORY AT BETHEL
MAY 26, 2024

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Save the Dates

“WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AS WORKING FOR THE LORD, NOT FOR HUMAN MASTERS, SINCE YOU KNOW THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INHERITANCE FROM THE LORD AS A REWARD. IT IS THE LORD CHRIST YOU ARE SERVING.”
COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

July BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Lamond, IV July 7
Cindy Almarode July 10
Linda Lamond July 11
Betty Schooley July 12
Phyllis Cash July 15
John Ross July 16
Denise (Pilson) Roop July 17
Danny Goodson July 27
Isabelle Leonard July 28

August BIRTHDAYS

James Williams August 2
Stephanie Rivers August 9
Ginny Gano August 12
Sally Williams. August 12
Cole Leonard August 22
Valerie Deacon August 24
John Howell August 28
Meg Haislip August 29
Billy Wade, Jr.. August 30
Keedie Leonard. August 31

September BIRTHDAYS

Dale Goodson. September 2
Charlie Johnson September 2
Wade Cash. September 6
Beth Miller. September 6
Charley Schooley. September 9
Billy Wade, III. September 10
Shelby Myers September 11
Ashley (Kyle) Nelson September 12
Bill Brubeck September 15
Tim Turner September 17
Cayden Cook-Cash September 20
Harleigh Lee Tehrani September 21
Tammy Barbour September 26
Samantha Moore September 28
Robin Moffett. September 29
Donna Bush September 30

July ANNIVERSARIES

R.W. & Leona Ware, Jr. July 6, 1966
Dale & Kay Thompson. July 7, 1967
David & Betty Schooley July 8, 1967
Harry & Robin Moffett July 10, 1998
Puggie & Carol Sprouse July 16, 1968
James & Cynthia Williams July 17, 1982
John & Stephanie Davis July 30, 1988
Bruce & Linda Lamond, Jr. July 30, 1985

August ANNIVERSARIES

Brian & Penny Lee August 1, 2009
Dale & Libby Smith August 3, 1963
Bob & Laura Barmore August 12, 1977
Harleigh & Nick Tehrani August 12, 2023

September ANNIVERSARIES

Benny & Gloria Potter September 1, 1973
Wade & Phyllis Cash. September 8, 1979

THE CIRCLE MEETING
IS THE 3RD THURSDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 12:30



save the date

HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

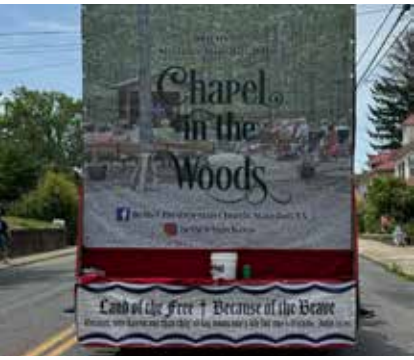
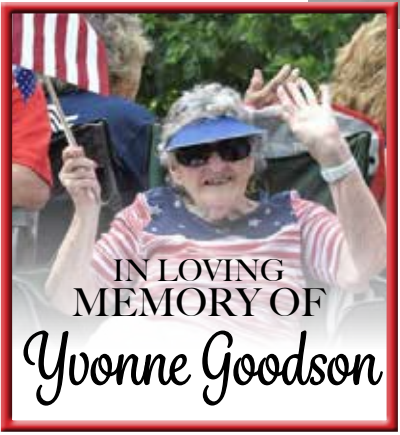


“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

COLOSSIANS 3:13-14

“MAY THE GOD WHO GIVES ENDURANCE & ENCOURAGEMENT GIVE YOU THE SAME ATTITUDE OF MIND TOWARD EACH OTHER THAT CHRIST JESUS HAD.” ROMANS 15:5

Happy Birthday America & Middlebrook Parades



THE Chapel in the Woods



ELDERS

Cindy Almarode
YOUTH CHAIR

Derek Almarode
LAY PASTOR
MODERATOR

Tammy Barbour
WORSHIP CHAIR

Wade Cash
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE CHAIR
CHAIRMEN OF THE DEACONS

Brian Lee
STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE CHAIR
SECURITY

Penny Lee
OUTREACH, EVANGELISM
& COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Betty Schooley
WITNESS & MISSION CHAIR

Dave Schooley
PERSONNEL
CLERK OF SESSION

Tim Turner
CHRISTIAN ED CHAIR

Mark Wade
CONGREGATIONAL CARE CHAIR

DEACONS

Mitch Lathrop

Harleigh Rahnavard-Tehrani

Katie McElveen

Beth Miller

D.W. Miller

John Ross

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

Guy D. Brooks

Ginny Gano

Charlie Johnson

Mo Kyle

Dale Thompson

Billy Wade

Treasurer, Dale C. Smith

CHURCH STAFF

JoAnn Pendley
PIANIST, ORGANIST
BELL CHOIR AND CHOIR

Lois Stogdale
DISBURSING TREASURER

Kay Thompson
RECEIVING TREASURER

John & Donna Bush
CUSTODIANS



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR COMMUNITY
FAMILY OF FAITH

Sunday, August 18

- Baptism at the River
- Shenandoah Valley Campground, Verona
- Worship at the pavilion
- Covered dish picnic, meat provided
- It is accessible to all, wheelchairs, walkers & canes

Sunday, August 25 - Homecoming

Friday & Saturday, October 18 & 19 - Bethel is Hosting!!

- East Central Presbytery Meeting

November 1 & 2 - Sight & Sound Bus Trip to See Daniel - Pines

- Flyers with details available in the Vestibule & Memorial Hall



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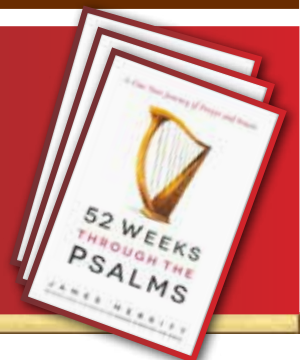


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Bible study with

the Waymakers

6:30 Thursdays at Bethel - Join Us!



YOUTH COMMITTEE

Meets the last Sunday
of each month.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Meets the 3rd Sunday
of each month.