



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND • SUNDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2025 • 11:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Wade Cash

**WE APPROACH GOD** -----

Invocation . . . . . Wade Cash

Call to Worship . . . . . Wade Cash

- Leader: Friends, my heart rejoices in the Lord today.
- People: In the Lord our trumpet is lifted high in praise.**
- Leader: Today is a day of celebration and remembrance.
- People: Our mouths boast over our enemies, for we delight in His deliverance.**
- Leader: There is no one holy like our Lord.
- Everyone: There is no one besides Him, for our God is our rock and our true foundation. Amen!

†Opening Hymn . . . . . *Precious Lord Take My Hand* . . . . . Pre-Recorded

†Call to Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

†Prayer of Confession . . . . . Wade Cash

Heavenly Father, as we remember those that gave their life for our sake, let us be stirred to action in their memory. We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in our world. We have not loved our neighbors, let alone our enemies. Forgive us for failing to live up to your commandments. Father, empower us to work for your kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into our Kingdom in the next life.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Wade Cash

**HEARING GOD’S WORD** -----

Time with Young People {Hebrews 13:1-2} . . . . . ***In Service*** . . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode

Scripture Reading {Hebrews 13:1-15} . . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode

Sermon . . . . . ***The First Servant*** . . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD** -----

†Hymn of Reflection . . . . . ***Because He Lives*** . . . . . Pre-Recorded

Wreath Dedication . . . . . Veterans of the United States Armed Forces

*\*As we pay tribute to those who have fallen in battle and in service to secure our freedoms may we find peace and comfort in their selfless sacrifice. These men and women shared of themselves for the protection and care of their neighbors, friends, family, and country. Their service emulates Christ Jesus and they have been rewarded with their eternal salvation. Pastor Derek*

†Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles Creed . . . . . Wade Cash

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Joys & Concerns . . . . . Wade Cash

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS** -----

Offertory . . . . . ***Battle Hymn of Republic*** . . . . . Pre-Recorded

Prayer of Dedication/Prayers of the People . . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode

**SENDING** -----

†Closing Hymn . . . . . ***In the Garden*** . . . . . Pre-Recorded

Returning Colors to Full Staff . . . . . ***Reveille*** . . . . . Pre-Recorded

*\*This bugle call signifies the beginning of a new day for those who have given their life at the Alter of Freedom for this nation. May their memories live on in the hearts of their legacies and may we never forget their service.*

†Charge & Benediction. . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode

Postlude . . . . . Patriotic Music

**STAY FOR LUNCH!!**



## *In the Garden*

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear  
The son of God discloses

And he walks with me  
And he talks with me  
And he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with him  
Though the night around me is falling  
But he bids me go  
Through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling

And he walks with me  
And he talks with me  
And he tells me I am his own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
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## *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lorn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

When my way grows drear  
Precious Lord, linger near  
When my life is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand, lest I fall  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

When the dark appears  
And the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river, I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand, precious Lord  
Lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lorn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.





An American flag is shown waving diagonally across the frame. The top left portion of the flag, featuring the stars, is set against a dark, stormy sky. The bottom right portion, showing the stripes, is set against a lighter, sunlit sky with soft clouds. The text of the poem is overlaid on the right side of the image.

## *Because He Lives*

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days  
because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!  
Because He lives, because He lives.

## *lift up in prayer*

### **Bethel Leadership and Our Bethel Church Family**

Ronnie Armstrong | Dale Burke | John Davis | Daniel Duff  
Wilma Graves | Chris & Sandy Harris | Lincoln Hines  
Ron Jennings | George Kinch | Jane Law | Chris & Jessie McDaniel  
Amanda Miller | Laura Mish | Amanda Morgan | Jackie Morgan  
Duane Persinger | Pat Quick | Anita Ratcliffe | Jonathan & Barbara Senger  
Libby Smith | Cathy Ward | Ivy, Harvey & Henry Wheeler | Jack Zimmerman

## *sympathy & condolences*

### **FAMILY and FRIENDS of:**

Skylar Harris | Rose Eiseman (daughter of Jonathan & Barbara George Senger)

### **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



### **KEEPERS OF THE CROSS**

will meet

Sunday June 15, 2025 at 4:00pm

Activity and Meal TBD.

### ***Mailing address for Mitch Lathrop***

Spring Arbor of Salisbury  
14001 Turnberry Lane, Apt. 410  
Midlothian, VA 23113-6415

## **We Need Volunteers for the 4th of July Parade**

*(Staunton and Middlebrook)*

Parade Committee | Volunteers to Walk and Ride

18<sup>th</sup>

MAY

ATTENDANCE

68

### **STAFF ON CALL**

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

### **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget  
\$3,127.00

Offering for May11  
\$5,958.00







# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

**Sunday, May 18 - Keepers of the Cross will meet - 5pm**

- Meet at the church and will leave from there.

**May 20 - Riverheads Little League Meeting - 6pm**

**June 14 - Church & Chapel Reserved**

**Sunday, June 15 - Keepers of the Cross will meet - 4pm**

- Activity & meal TBD - stay tuned!.

**July 4 - Parade - Gypsy Hill Park - Stay tuned for details!**

**July 5 - Parade - Middlebrook**

**June 28 - Fellowship Hall Reserved**

**August 17 - The River!! Church Service, Baptisms & Covered Dish Picnic**



**Youth Bible Study  
Held at Pines**

**Every other Sunday: 2:00 - 4:00**

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.*

## ELDERS

**Cindy Almarode**  
YOUTH CHAIR

**Derek Almarode, Pastor**  
MODERATOR

**Wade Cash**  
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE CHAIR  
CHAIRMAN OF THE DEACONS  
PERSONNEL

**Brian Lee**  
STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE CHAIR  
SECURITY

**Penny Lee**  
WORSHIP CHAIR  
OUTREACH, EVANGELISM  
& COMMUNICATIONS CO-CHAIR

**John Ross**  
OUTREACH, EVANGELISM  
& COMMUNICATIONS CO-CHAIR

**Betty Schooley**  
WITNESS & MISSION CHAIR

**Dave Schooley**  
PERSONNEL  
CLERK OF SESSION

**Mark Wade**  
CONGREGATIONAL CARE CHAIR

## DEACONS

**Mitch Lathrop**  
**Harleigh Rahnnavard-Tehrani**  
**Jim Gibson**  
**Charlie Johnson**  
**Katie McElveen**  
**Beth Miller**  
**D.W. Miller**  
**Kent Wheeler**

## 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

**Kay Thompson**  
RECEIVING TREASURER

**Marsha Sensabaugh**  
DISBURSING TREASURER