



SUNDAY, JUNE 22<sup>TH</sup> 2025 · 11:00 AM

Welcome & Announcements . . . . . Mark Wade

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

Invocation . . . . . Mark Wade

Call to Worship . . . . . Mark Wade

**Leader: Friends, who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?**

People: We long to hear God’s Word spoken to our hearts.

**Leader: Friends, who among you seeks the truth?**

People: We long to learn the ways of His wisdom.

**Leader: Friends, who among you seek a Spirit-filled life.**

**Everyone: All of us long to live lives of holiness and light. Amen!**

†Opening Hymn . . . . . *Be Thou My Vision* . . . . . Pre-Recorded

†Call to Confession . . . . . Mark Wade

†Prayer of Confession . . . . . Mark Wade

**Lord, we long for wisdom, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with You. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as the world seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide for ourselves. Forgive us, Lord. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores You and awaken us anew to the wisdom that comes only from You. Show us how to walk in Your ways and listen to Your promise each, and every day.**

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . . . Mark Wade

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Time with Young People {1 Corinthians 1:21} . . . *Who is the Wisest?* . . . . . Pastor Derek  
Scripture Reading {1 Corinthians 1:18-31} . . . . . Pastor Derek  
Sermon . . . . . *What's the Use?* . . . . . Pastor Derek

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

†Hymn of Reflection . . . . . *The Old Rugged Cross* . . . . . Pre-Recorded  
†Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles Creed . . . . . Mark Wade

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 . . . . . Mark Wade

**RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Offertory . . . . . *I Can Only Imagine* . . . . . Pre-Recorded  
Prayer of Dedication/Prayers of the People . . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode

**SENDING**

†Closing Hymn . . . . . *Because He Lives* . . . . . Pre-Recorded  
†Charge & Benediction . . . . . Pastor Derek Almarode  
Postlude . . . . . Pre-Recorded

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

**4th of July Parade**

**JOIN US TO RIDE OR WALK IN THE PARADE AT GYPSY HILL PARK ON THE 4TH AND/OR THE MIDDLEBROOK PARADE ON THE 5TH**

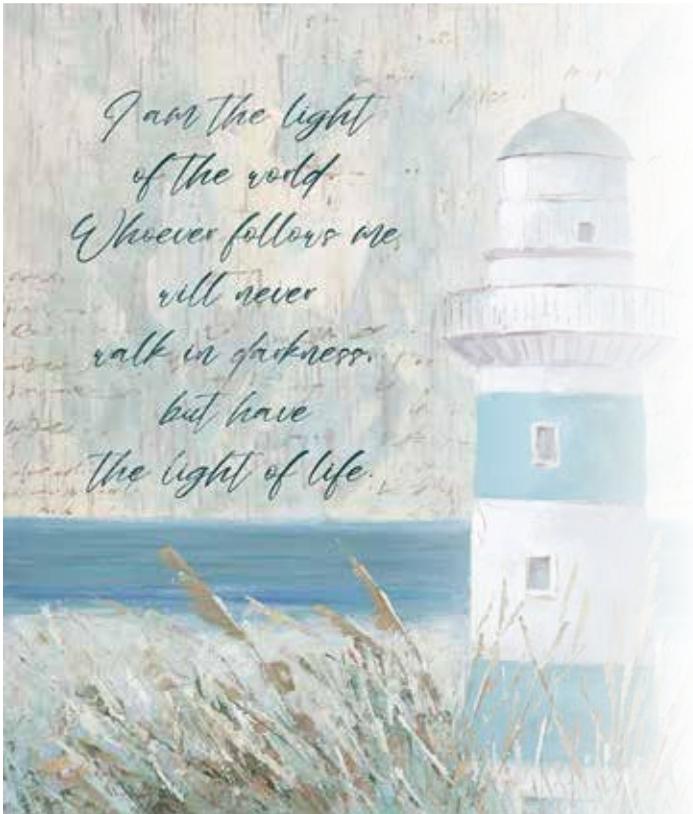
**PLEASE LET PENNY OR CINDY KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE!**

# Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
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# The Old Rugged Cross

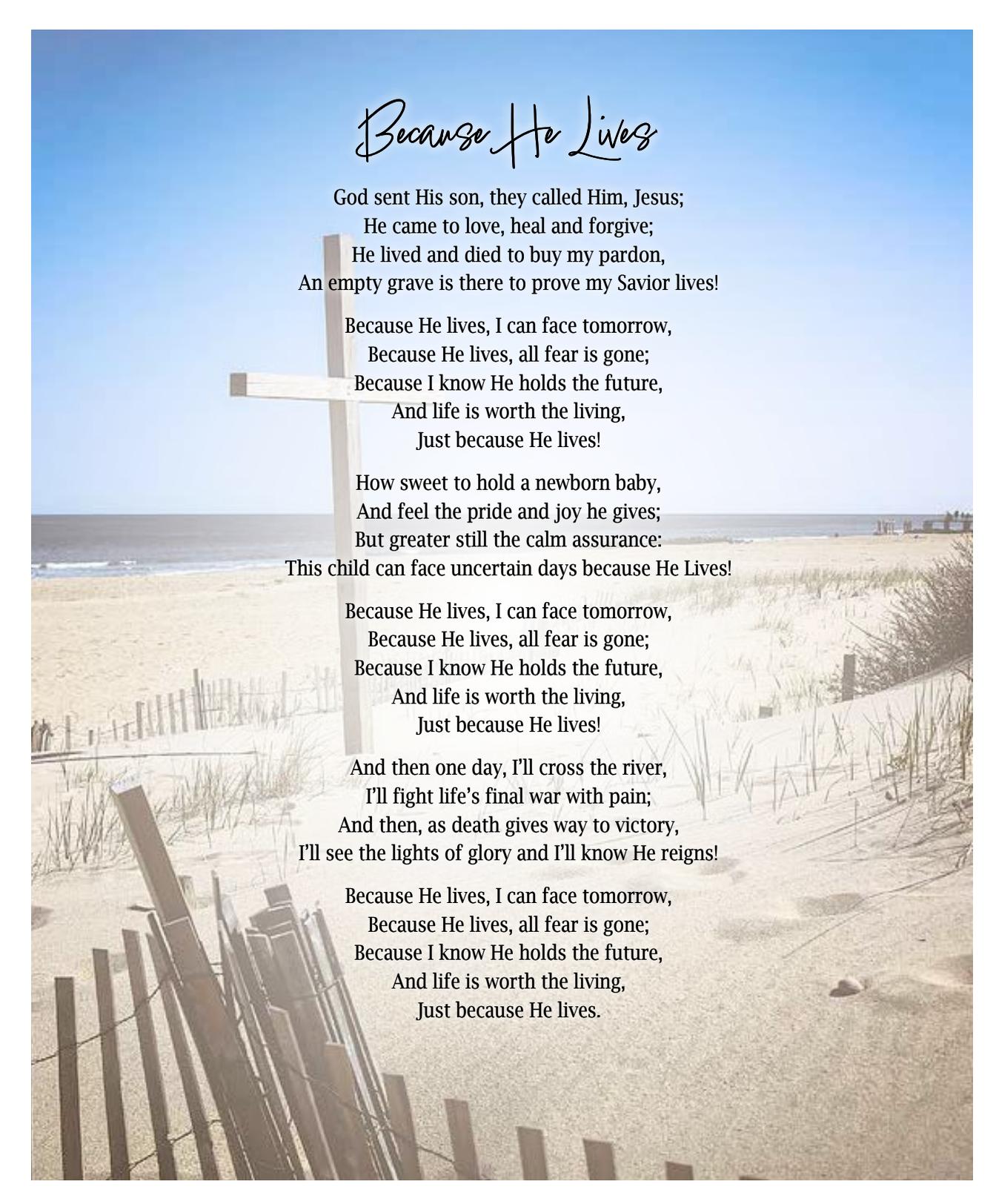
On a hill far away  
Stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross  
Where the Dearest and Best  
For a world of lost  
Sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish  
The old rugged cross  
Till my trophies  
At last I lay down;  
I will cling  
To the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it  
Someday for a crown.

To the old rugged cross  
I will ever be true,  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day  
To my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

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A wooden cross stands on a sandy beach. The background shows the ocean under a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are some wooden posts and a fence line. The text is overlaid on 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!

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!

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 reigns!

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.

# Baptisms, Worship, Picnic & Fellowship at **THE RIVER**



**Sunday, August 17, 2025**  
**Shenandoah Campground**  
**Verona, VA**

**WORSHIP WILL BE HELD AT THE RIVER!**  
**We will not meet at Bethel.**

**Covered dish picnic,**  
**bring a side or dessert.**

**Fried chicken is supplied.**

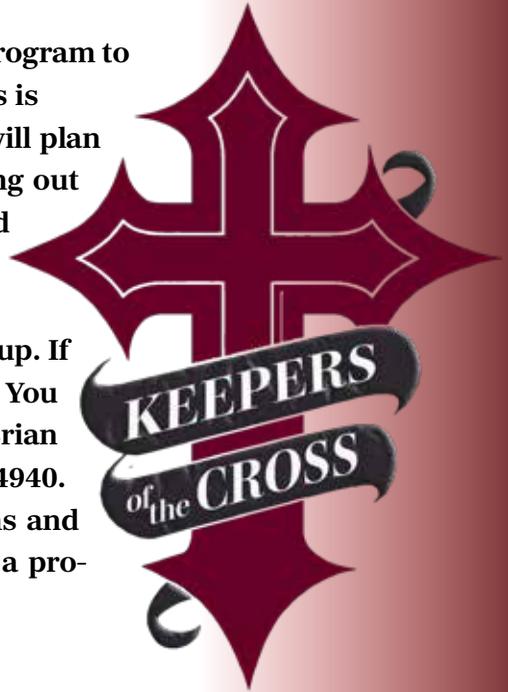
**as I went down  
in the river to pray**



## KEEPERS of the CROSS

Fellas! ...we hope you'll take part in this new program to mentor young men on their faith journey. This is for men that are young at heart as well! We will plan gatherings and outings or sometimes just hang out at the pavilion or a mentors backyard around a campfire. This is for our Men of Bethel to guide and offer help to grow faithful young men. Brian, Derek and Steve will lead this group. If you are interested, please talk to one of them. You can catch them here at church or call/text Brian @ 540-649-3020 or Pastor Derek @ 540-280-4940. Plans will be made based on your suggestions and ideas. We will follow your lead - this is truly a program custom built for you!

*Fellowship for all the Fellas!*



# SALTY & SISTERS

A SISTERHOOD THAT IS AUTHENTIC, THAT TRUSTS GOD'S WORD & GIVES STRENGTH & COURAGE.

**Matthew 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup>You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew is sharing the message Jesus delivered in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus used salt as an example of the way he wanted his followers to act in the world. He wants us to be a positive influence on others and let our faith and goodness shine bright. People will not thirst for Jesus if we don't stay salty and let our light shine!

STAY TUNED FOR UPCOMING PLANS!

## STAY SALTY SISTERS!

# *lift up in prayer*

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

Ronnie Armstrong | Dale Burke | Scott Cash | John Davis  
Daniel Duff | Nathan Grimm & Family | Chris & Sandy Harris  
Ron Jennings | George Kinch | Mitch Lathrop | Jane Law  
Chris & Jessie McDaniel | Amanda Miller | Laura Mish  
Dillon Moran | Wyatt Moran | Amanda Morgan | Jackie Morgan  
Duane Persinger | Dale Pickett | Pat Quick | Anita Ratcliffe  
Libby Smith | Todd Sours

# *sympathy & condolences*

## **FAMILY and FRIENDS of:**

Albert Conner | Lincoln Hines | Danny Morgan | John Hartless

## **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

## **DONATIONS NEEDED!!** **HARD CANDY, MINTS, SUCKERS, ETC**

# *4th of July Parade*

**DROP OFF IN THE KITCHEN OR BRING TO CHURCH**

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

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

### ***Mailing address for Sarah Frances Ralston***

The Legacy  
1410A N Augusta Street | Apt 3008  
Staunton, VA 24401

15<sup>th</sup>

JUNE

ATTENDANCE

80

## **STAFF ON CALL**

Derek Almarode  
540-280-4940

## **WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Estimated Weekly Budget  
\$3,127.00

Offering for June 15  
\$3,524.00





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

INCLUDING OUR  
COMMUNITY FAMILY OF FAITH

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

July 5 - Parade - Middlebrook

July 6 - BBQ after Worship - Meal provided!

June 28 - Fellowship Hall Reserved

July 20 - Keepers of the Cross will meet @ 4pm. Activity & location TBD.

July 27 - Fellowship Hall Reserved

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

August 24 - Homecoming! Worship Inside  
· Covered Dish Meal, Celebrating Meg Haislip's 100th birthday!

September 6 - WRE Cake Walk @ Mint Spring Ruritan Building

October 4 - Church & Chapel Reserved

**Kingdom Builders**

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!

**DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE**  
LOUIE GIGLIO

**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