

“The Communicator”

Bethany Presbyterian Church ♦ Graham, NC 27253
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Greetings, in the name of Our Lord!

As I write this I am sitting at the dining room table of the Manse, with my knee propped up and soaked in ice. Bethany's 2010 Vacation Bible School is almost behind us and I have to say I AM IMPRESSED!

The love and joy demonstrated to the young disciples of this community has been amazing! The creativity and sharing has been awesome. A more talented bunch of disciples I have never witnessed. And...to top that all off, you have showered me with love and care, food and drink, cards and prayers in ways too many to mention. THANK YOU! Thank you for sharing the many ways in which God has blessed and continues to bless you. Thank you for your witness to the eternal and unconditional love of Our Lord, that you provide. Thank you for your willingness to work through the “tough stuff” and continuing to smile as you work.

August 1 marks our One-Year Anniversary in ministry together at BPC. As an Interim Minister we usually enter into contracts of one year in duration. After much prayer and discussion, the Session has offered and I have signed a contract to continue in ministry together. We have much work to do as we prepare for the calling and coming of the minister that God is raising at this very moment to serve with you into the future. I look forward with excitement and anticipation to the coming days of ministry. HOWEVER, I do not minister alone. We are in this together.

In the coming weeks we will announce opportunities for us to gather as we continue to discern God's vision for ministry at BPC. The surveys that may now be only vaguely remembered, will be tallied and the results published as we seek to listen and discern what the future can and should look like for this community of believers. I encourage each of you to make every effort to participate in these opportunities.

And now... I encourage you to take the lessons we learned from Joseph and bind them to your heart. Though the world may through us curve balls and our path may seem strewn with things we do not understand, the lesson that Joseph teaches us lights our way:

*“But Joseph said to his brothers,
“Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?
Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good,
in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today.
So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.”*

In Christ,

Pastor Jennie

Think Ahead

Plan now to be a part of
Rally Day At Bethany
Sunday, August 29

Fifth Sunday Breakfast
Celebration of Sunday School
Worship Together

**A good time
will be had by all.**

There will be a Congregational meeting, Sunday, August 15, for the purpose of electing two at-large members to the nominating committee.

The Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, August 4, 7:00 PM. This is the only rehearsal for the month of August.

Other Meetings of Note

Acts 16:5 Team meets,
Wednesday, August 4, 7:00 PM.

The Budget Team meets
Wednesday, August 4, 7:00 PM.

The Christian Education Team meets Monday, August 9, 7:00 PM.

The Deacons meet Tuesday,
August 10, 7:00 PM.

The Session meets Monday,
August 16, 7:00 PM.

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*In Memory of
Billie Sutton Benoklen*

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sykes

In Honor Of

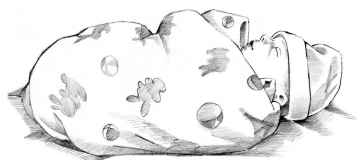
Helen Braswell Byrd

Fellowship Class

Sarah Thompson

Fellowship Class

Memorials are not up to date and will be updated in the September Communicator. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Welcome

Zachary Alexander Wagner,
infant son of Zach & Gina Kimrey
and grandson of Ron & Sue Kimrey,
born July 8, 2010.

Weekly Giving Update

Weekly offering needed is an estimate based on the 2010 budget.

Needed weekly to meet budget \$4,608.00

Amounts Received Weekly

July 4

July 11

July 18

July 25 \$3901.00

Figures not available at press time.

Thanks!

Dear Bethany Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, and kind words given during and after my surgery!

Tracey Troxler

Serve●Serve●Serve

August 14 **Loaves & Fishes**, Burlington, 9:00 AM, Prepare & deliver lunch

August 19 **Good Shepherd Kitchen** – 10:45-12:30 PM

These events are scheduled and volunteers from Bethany are needed for each of them.

If you can help, please sign up at the Missions Table outside the nursery door or call the church office.

More Bethany Opportunities to Serve

Meals on Wheels Contact Sara Sizemore, 228-7094, if you would like to help deliver meals once a month.

Nursery Care Volunteers are always needed to help with the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you have a Sunday every month, or every other month to give, please call the church office to volunteer.

Office Volunteer Our office is staffed by volunteers who help with publications, data and record keeping and answering the phone and the door. If you can offer a morning a week, or fill in as needed, call the church office.

Other Areas Volunteers are always needed at Burlington Animal Adoption Center, ReStore—the Habitat for Humanity resale store & Trollinger’s Treasures. If you are interested in any of these, call the church office for additional information.

Help your neighbors in need. Each time you come to church, bring some food to share.

We will deliver the food to Loaves & Fishes.

Church Just place your donation in the box outside the church nursery.

Acolytes

August 1	Reid Terrell
August 8	Macie Smith
August 15	April Troxler
August 22	Ivey Foust
August 29	Alex Bullis

Nursery Helpers

August 1	The Foust/Warren Families
August 8	The Wagner/Kimrey Family
August 15	The Donley Family
August 22	Shelvia Russell & Vera Thompson
August 29	The Osborne Family

For Your Summer Reading

Jennie loves to read good books and then discuss them, she invites everyone to join her this summer reading some great summer reads with good stories to share.

Tuesday, August 24 ,7:00 PM, The Manse *Brother, I'm Dying*, by Edwidge Danticat
Offers insight into the injustices of the modern world

Summer Sunday Mornings

During August, Sunday Morning Classes will continue to meet together for study time, giving their teachers a break and giving us all a chance to get to know one another better. Jennie & Cathy are teaching in the Fellowship Hall & things get started at 9:45 AM and end 55 minutes later with "Fellowship Time."

Kid Stuff

Sunday Morning Old Testament Movies with Jennie & Cathy
10:00 AM in the Men's Sunday School Classroom on the first floor. For Preschool & Elementary Children
Our Nursery is staffed for Sunday School and Worship every Sunday morning.

Youth & College Age Events

Sunday Morning Join the adults in the Fellowship Hall as we look at chapters 1-4 of the book of Philippians.

Friday, August 20 Surprise Fun! Plan now to join us at 6:00 PM for dinner out and some special fun together.

Youth and College Students are encouraged to:

- ✦ Share important dates from their calendars to help us plan meeting nights and events.
- ✦ Update their email addresses, cell phone numbers and Facebook pages so we can best communicate with them. (Or, provide the BEST and QUICKEST way we can reach them for schedule changes and general information.)
- ✦ Get involved, bring a friend—The Youth Group of Bethany is what you make it...come on and lets have a GREAT year!

Children's All Nighter & Camp Out Friday, August 13, 2010 Bethany Recreation Building

It all begins at 6:30 PM on Friday and ends by 8:00 AM on Saturday.

Boys should bring a salty snack to share.
Girls should bring a sweet snack to share.

If you are spending the night, you will need a sleeping bag and bring your tent if you have one! You can choose to sleep inside or outside.

Dinner, snacks and a lite breakfast are included.

Chaperones: Byron & Jill Bullis, Danny & Shelby Smith, as well as other adults.

Younger children (under 5) may need to end the night earlier and not plan to sleep over. This is fine and encouraged if they may become frightened or have difficulty sleeping. Please speak with Jill or Shelby about the best time to pick up your child, so they can have the fullest experience.

RSVP to Jill or Shelby NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10

Questions should be directed to them as well.

Jill—thebullisfamily@triad.rr.com

Shelby—smith@cityofgraham.com

Summer Sunday Nights

August 8, Family Movie Night, 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

August, 22, Bethany's Music Review, 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall



Presbyterian Women

All of our Women are invited and encouraged to attend the Presbyterian Women's Annual Meeting, Thursday, August 12. At this time, new officers will be installed, members who have passed away during the year will be honored and a Lifetime Membership Award will be presented.

If you would like more information, please speak to your Circle chairman or call the church office we will gladly help you.

Coming Up:

Bethany Auction and Bar-B-Que is Saturday, October 16. Plan now to be a part of this fun and exciting evening. If you would like to donate to the auction, please speak to any of our Presbyterian Men.

The Halloween Party for the children and friends of Bethany is Sunday, October 31. You don't want to miss this fun and not-so-frightening event!

If you have dates that need to be publicized or put on the church calendar, please email us at office@bethanypresbyterian.org or call the office during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon.

Groups

EGYPT™

Joseph's Journey from prison to palace

Bible School in Egypt was a wonderful week filled with lessons about Joseph and his family. Each day helped us understand more fully the theme of God's faithfulness.

Over 45 children participated and 60 adults and youth led the week.

Special thanks to:

- K Tracey Troxler & Nancy Purcell for their amazing leadership.
- K Bobby Peele for his time and talent in building the set.
- K The parents of the children who made the week so special.
- K The 60+ adults who worked to make it a wonderful week.
- K Those of you who donated to and prayed for the week.
- K Katherine Bayliff for the donation of the popcorn popper, it was a great hit.

And All Those Who Helped!

Abby Straughan	Jazmin Holt	Pat Kennedy
Amy Hodgins	Jennie Hemrick	Paul Straughan
Angie Hunter	Jennifer Foust	Randy Cousins
Anna Osborne	Jill Bullis	Rick Purcell
Barbara Cousins	Joanna Warren	Robert Bullis
Bayleigh Wallace	Joyce Peele	Robert Cousins
Benny Crutchfield	Judy Holmes	Sarah Osborne
Bobby Peele	Karen Maxwell	Scotty Warren
Brandon Troxler	Katherine Bayliff	Shelby Smith
Brittany Mitchell	Kim Snyder	Shelvia Russell
Byron Bullis	Kim Sykes Davis	Sherrie Moore
Cathy Mooney	Lisa Donley	Shirley Lane
Colleen Blackwood	Lisa Holt	Susie Hunley
Daniel Sumner	Lou Crutchfield	Sylvia Donley
Danny Smith	Lynda Gamble	Tina Patterson
David Foust	Maureen Glover	Tommy Foust
Diane Bullis	Mike Sutton	Tommy Lane
Gerald Donley	Nancy Purcell	Tracey Troxler
Glenn Patterson	Nancy Sutton	Velna Foust
Hannah Severa	Nat Blackwood	Wayne Lucas
Jamie Day	Nicole Wolfe	

During Bible School this year, the children were asked to write down "God Sightings" each night.

God Sightings are places, people and things where we see God.



Nature	Ben
Turtle	Joshua
Dog returned home	Corbin
Double Rainbow	Noah
God helped with baseball triple	Griffin
Young Children	Seth
Things that grow	Derek
Heat lightning	Davin
Thunder	Sherrie
Showing love of family	Abby
God made us	Rosetta
God	Giving us sweet dreams
My friend has patience	Rainbows circle of life
Bike	Hot weather
Mommy	Family coming to see us
Run at home	Water
Deer	Abby
Flowers	Summer Time
Prayer	Kitty Cats
Didn't get hit	Air conditioning
Me	Big yellow butterfly
See everyone at school today	Rainbows
Working on project	Circle of life
Maw Maw Nancy	Hot weather
Thunder & Lightening	Rain
Rain	Flooring in new house
Music at Bible School	New dog—Oreo
Friends that help friends	Red Bird
Moth with cross symbol	Huge turtle crossing the road
People smiling	New friends
Seeing your friends	4-wheeler
Rain	Laptop
Love	When I went to Maw Maw
Snow	Nancy's
Different seasons	Daddy
Talents	Trees
Reid	Patience
Alex	Life
Adam	Squirrels
Jonah	God
Luke	Disney Channel
	Good Friends

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ruby Martin	2 Day Trip to Mt. Airy	3	4 Jean Payne Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Budget Team, 7:00 PM	5 Reade Allen Will Edwards	6 ♥ Glenn & Tina Patterson Pat Brooks Zine Price	7 Caleb Russell
8 Richard Patterson Movie Night, 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall "Where The Red Fern Grows"	9 Christian Education Team, 7:00 PM	10 Darrell Homes Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	11 David Foust Joe Hayes Carolyn Boggs Marilyn Pett Acts 16:5 Team, 7:00 PM	12 Cathy Mooney Women's Annual Meeting	13 Zach Wagner Children's All-Nighter	14 Leaves & Fishes Burlington Site, 9:00 AM
15 Millie Fuller Congregational Meeting During Morning Worship	16 Session Meeting, 7:00 PM	17	18 Samantha Patterson Gina Wagner ♥ Richard & Tammy Patterson	19 Robert Cousins Shelvia Russell Good Shepherd Kitchen, 10:30 AM	20 Sue Kinney Vic Aldridge Youth Outing, 6:00 PM	21 Daniel Sumner
22 Betty Boggs ♥ Mike & Nancy Sutton Pennies for Hunger Sunday Bethany Music Review Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM	23	24 Beth O'Bryant	25	26 Luke Day	27 Parry Edwards	28
29 Richard Cox 8:45 Fifth Sunday Breakfast 9:45 Rally Day Celebration	30 Jo Anne Robertson	31	Sundays 9:45/10:00 AM, Sunday School 10:35 AM, Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM, Worship Tuesdays Noon, Bible Study		Deacon on Duty Pat Kennedy Ushers Abby & Paul Straughan Kim Snyder Susie Hunley Counters Pat Kennedy Bobby Peele	Flowers August 1 Sinclair August 8 D&B Boggs August 15 D & B Boggs August 22 Sykes August 29 Osborne

Wanna Go to the Holy Land?

Join Pastor Jennie and friends for a Bible Cruise.

Departing, November 4, 2011 and returning November 16, 2011.

Enjoying the sights and stories of Rome, Turkey, Cyprus, Haifa, Ashdod, Jerusalem, The Mount of Olives, The Upper Room, Alexandria, & Cairo...just to name a few.

You can register any time, but a deadline for discounted tickets is August 4.

Prices start at @2198.00+ +

Guest Lecturer, Dr. John C. Holbert, Lois Craddock Perkins Professor of Homiletics at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. Takes the trip's theme "Paul and the Complex World of the Eastern Mediterranean," and brings into focus for us the history and the message of this land rich in Christian heritage.

For a detailed brochure and additional information, please stop by the church office or contact Pastor Jennie.

Publication Deadlines

"The Communicator" is the fifteenth of each month.

"Sunday Morning Times," is Thursday of each week, and Sunday@7:00 AM for prayer requests.

Send to: office@bethanypresbyterian.org.

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to worship, serve, teach and support.



Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

If you need to reach someone at other times, please feel free to call:
Jennie Hemrick, (336) 408-7976,
or Cathy Mooney, (336) 263-3470.