



The Newsette

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Our Vision: Bethany Christian Church is committed to worshipping God, deepening our faith, spreading the gospel, and serving where Christ leads.

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Senior Pastor

Naomi Moon
Financial Secretary

Duane Toole
Director of Music

Carol Molinares
Pianist

To submit information for the Newsette, call (804) 233-1066 or send an email to bethanychristiandoc@gmail.com

We are still broadcasting our Sunday service online on Facebook for those members and friends who choose to worship at home.

JUNE TEAMS

If you are unable to serve on the date(s) assigned, please arrange for a replacement.

PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER
David Walls

COMMUNION PREPARATION
7 – Sarah McLillard
14 – Ollie Peebles
21 – Ross & Jo Anne Dorneman
28 – Brian & Penny Gradwell

USHERS - all month
Primary: David Walls
Backup: Scot Hawthorne

WORSHIP LEADERS

7 – Barbara Ozlin
14 – Penny Gradwell
21 – Stephanie Lewis
28 – Barb Koch

DEACONS

Ollie Peebles
Christie Rolston

ELDERS

7 – Barbara Ozlin
14 – Penny Gradwell
21 – Ray Crawford
28 – Barb Koch

ELDER SERVICE TO HOMEBOUND
Barbara Ozlin

OFFERING COMMITTEE

Jo Anne Dorneman and
Karen McClain

NOTE 1: The Into Action AA group will be meeting in our Youth Center: •Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. •Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE 2: Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church meets in our main building: •Sundays at 1:00 p.m. •Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
•Third Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and other times as coordinated with us



THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

"June is the time for dreams to take flight." – Emma Racine de Fleur

"Live in the sunshine. Swim in the sea. Drink in the wild air." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy. – Psalm 33:3

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Stewardship report as of April 30, 2026 (33% of the year)

Income received year-to-date\$58,751.10 (38.16% of annual budget)

pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;
transient, Sunday School, budgeted special offerings and
receipts; budgeted facility donations; budgeted
interest/dividend income

* also YTD, we have received and disbursed through Misc Special Offerings

Total operating expenses year-to-date.....\$59,465.82 (28.21% of annual budget)

For 2026, we:

- accounted for \$600 in facility donation from Crown and Joy to help with the heat repair
- accounted for \$4,138.17 loss in the value of our Perpetual Endowment Fund

Information on our accounts as of April 30, 2026

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 45,119.73
Truist Business MM Acct	\$ 653.14
Truist CD (matures 6-12-2026)	\$ 26,683.56
Christian Church Extension Fund CD for Loving & Caring Endowment (principal cannot be used - matures 11-14-2026)	\$ 10,000.00
Christian Church Extension Fund CD (put in MM 3/30/2026)	\$ 52,003.55
Perpetual Endowment*	\$ 436,267.59
*principal.....	\$ 237,855.59
*dollars available as directed by designated gifts from members/friends.....	76,178.51
*income available for general church needs as directed by the General Board.....	122,233.49

EVANGELISM | OUTREACH DEPARTMENT



Bainbridge Community Ministry box in the hallway near the Chapel is always open for your donations of non-perishable food (and there is a box for paper bags with handles). Tim Skeens, from Bon Air Christian Church, is always so kind to deliver our food donations.

- things to think about when donating to the food bank: cans with pop tops (no can opener required); smaller portions not oversized boxes; items that don't require ingredients not in the box (i.e., some mac & cheese requires milk and butter); cooking oil, sugar, and spices are needed also.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT

Please join us for the "Celebration of Fathers" luncheon immediately after the church service on **Sunday June 14, 2026**. Lunch will be provided by the Congregational Life committee. ~Ollie Peebles



PRAYER CONCERNS – *Please notify the church office when this information changes.*

●Acute – examples are: a surgery and release, an accident, a procedure, a hospital stay and release, etc.

Barb Koch

Jim Evans

Mary Kline

Carol Roland

●Ongoing – examples are: rehabilitation and recovery, new treatments, waiting on tests results

B. J. Gradwell

Carolyn Moore

Mark Kimmel

Eliana Oatman

Alyssa Oatman Morris

Dee & Jim Evans

●Members of our church family who may be struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or who might just need a "prayer hug" to include

Jean McNeely

●Extended Church Family – family and friends of church members

Ben Anderson.....JoAnn Crawford's brother

Rev. Alice Clarke Sarah McLillard's friend

Nicole Craig Barbara Ozlin's niece

Odell Ingram John Shell's mother-in-law

Susan Lowe Mary Lowe's sister

Karen Peregoy Dee & Jim Evans' daughter

Michael McNeely & April Gray

Geraldine Russell Penny Gradwell's mother

Mary Elizabeth (Liz) Smith Barbara Ozlin's sister

Michelle Friend of Karen McClain and her son

Penny Walker Pastor Jackie's grandmother

Heather White Diana Case-Foster's cousin

Dan McClain..... Sarah McLillard's Father



Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

SYMPATHY



We express our Christian love and sympathy to Delores Moses on the death of her sister, Gladys Winters, who died on May 10th in Tennessee.

We also extend our Christian love and sympathy to Mark and Diana Case Foster on the death of Mark's brother, Ray Foster. Ray died on Wednesday, May 20th.



CIRCLE #4 GATHERING

Donna Wicker has graciously invited the ladies of Circle #4 to her river house on **Saturday, June 27 at 11:00**. Bring a covered dish to share for lunch and weather permitting, a boat ride with Captain Jimmy.

WORSHIP | SPIRITUAL GROWTH | COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Mark your calendars and please plan to attend our **Adult VBS** on **June 8 – 10** at **5:30-7:30 pm**. We will begin with dinner and then have an old fashion sing along, a lesson from Pastor Hall, and a craft to close out each night. There will be door prizes, delicious food, and great fellowship!

Retired Pastor John Hall's theme is *Three Simple Rules*.

June 8 – “Do No Harm”

June 9 – “Do Good”

June 10 – “Stay in Love with God”

Let us know you are coming so Becky and her committee will know how many to prepare dinner for each night. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Everyone is invited to participate in a seven-week Bible study this summer on the topic of HEAVEN. Our study will include videos from a series presented by the popular author, Jennifer Rothschild, titled "HEAVEN, When Faith Becomes Sight". Jennifer has published numerous Bible studies, is a Bible teacher; and shares her messages across the country and through media outlets including appearances on widely seen television programs. She will be in Richmond on October 16 bringing her inspiring words, "Hope of Heaven", at Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

We will meet on **Tuesdays at 10 AM**, beginning on **June 16** and ending on **July 28**. Each session will include a 20 to 30 minute video followed by discussion about the author's message, our questions and perceptions, and what the Bible says. Hope you will plan to participate. ~ Barbara Ozlin

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATES



Clover Tejnecky

Youngest child of Catherine Parrish

- graduated from Appomattox Regional Governor's School in May
- Clover has been accepted into the VCUArts program for this fall and will be working on staff at Craig Springs this summer



Kathryn Grace Batt (Katie)

Daughter of Robert and Julie Batt and granddaughter of Ross and Jo Anne Dorneman

- graduating with honors from James River High School in May
- Katie will be attending Liberty University this Fall to study Interior Design (major) and Business (minor)



Micah Davis and Abby Davis

Grandson of Jim Davis and Barbara Ozlin, and Micah's wife, Abby Davis

- graduated (again) from Regent University, each having now earned their Masters of Business Administration (MBA) degrees.
- Micah will continue his work in data analysis for SAIC, a worldwide technology services company specializing in critical government operations. Abby recently

accepted a management position with Trader Interactive, a digital marketing company based in Virginia Beach. Micah and Abby recently purchased their first home in Chesapeake and are quickly learning the challenges of home ownership.



Elizabeth Davis

Granddaughter of Jim Davis and Barbara Ozlin

- the third of seven home schooled siblings to complete her high school course work.
- Elizabeth will enroll in Regent University in the fall, majoring in Business.



FROM PASTOR JACKIE TWEDELL WOODS

Pentecost is one of my favorite days in the life of the church! Each year, on Pentecost, we read the familiar scripture from the second chapter of Acts and remember the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples. In some of the most evocative scriptures in the bible, we read about God's presence made known by tongues of flame, a violent rushing wind, and people speaking and understanding languages different from their own! And in the midst of it all, Peter interprets all these things as God pouring out God's Holy Spirit upon all people!

I love how big Pentecost feels. The fire and wind as images of God's spirit is a beautiful reminder of the amazing and powerful work of the Spirit, which descended upon all of them. But God's Spirit does not always make itself known in such a vivid way...sometimes it is much more like a gentle breeze, a small, sudden realization, or a simple breath.

And even though Pentecost is one day, the movement of the Holy Spirit continues every day. Can you see it? Can you feel it?

As we make our way in this season after Pentecost, I invite you to look for signs of the Holy Spirit. Can you feel it moving around you like the wind? Or is it giving you the strength to make a big decision? Do you see the Spirit's presence in the stories shared on the news or in your newsfeeds? Or do you feel it in the connection made around tables? Can you see its movement? Can you feel its presence?

My hope is that the more we are all looking for signs of the Holy Spirit, the more we will see it. Because the Spirit is always moving amongst us – quietly, steadily, surprisingly, unexpectedly, mysteriously – if only we can recognize it.

Let us all pray for God's presence, made known to us through the Holy Spirit. May that Spirit move amongst us...and inspire us...and challenge us in big and small ways. Come, Holy Spirit, make yourself known to us, we pray.

Blessings,
Pastor Jackie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 AA-YC 7:00 pm	3 C&J 6:30 pm	4 AA-YC 7:00 pm	5	6
7 Worship 11:00 am Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm	8 VBS (5:30-7:30 pm)	9 VBS (5:30-7:30 pm) AA-YC 7:00 pm	10 Church World Svc PU between 10-12 VBS (5:30-7:30 pm) C&J 6:30 pm	11 AA-YC 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Celebration of Fathers lunch noon Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm	15	16 Bible Study 10 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	17	18 Theology on Tap at Maldin's 6:30 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	19 Juneteenth church office holiday	20 C&J 8:30 am
21 Father's Day Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crow n & Joy 1:30 pm • Jul Newsette deadline	22	23 Bible Study 10 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	24	25 AA-YC 7:00 pm	26	27 DFW Circle #4 Gathering 10 am - Donna Wicker's lake house
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		Notes: AA: Into Action Alcoholics Anonymous C&J: Crow n & Joy Presbyterian Church DWF: Disciples Women's Fellow ship FH: Fellow ship Hall YC: Youth Center				
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