



# 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.*

**Rev. Jaclyn Twedell Woods**

Senior Pastor

**Donna Wicker**

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.

**JULY TEAMS**

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

**PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER**

Ollie Peebles

**COMMUNION PREPARATION**

6 – Becky Murrell  
13 – Becky Murrell  
20 – Becky Murrell  
27 – Becky Murrell

**USHERS** - all month

Ross Dorneman  
Ollie Peebles

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

6 – Ross Dorneman  
13 – Sue Marion  
20 – Barbara Koch  
27 – Stephanie Lewis

**DEACONS**

Stephanie Lewis  
Tyler Hawthorne

**ELDERS**

6 – Ross Dorneman  
13 – Johnny Grubb  
20 – Barbara Koch  
27 – Brian Gradwell

**ELDER SERVICE TO HOMEBOUND**

Ross Dorneman & Barbara Koch

**OFFERING COMMITTEE**

Barbara Koch & Linda Walls

**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 1:30 p.m. •Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and other times as coordinated with us

## THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

July To-Do List:

- pick up a childhood hobby
- enjoy the beach with good friends
- get active and sweaty
- thank someone who has changed your life
- celebrate freedom and independence
- explore a new city.



~OurMindfulLife.com

This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.

~ Elmer Davis, American News Reporter

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

~ Psalms 33:12

## STEWARSHIP INFORMATION

### **Stewardship report as of May 31, 2025** (41.67% of the year)

Income received year-to-date ..... \$57,385.18 (37.03% 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: \$860 to CrossOver Ministries, \$500 to ACTS

Total operating expenses year-to-date.....\$78,877.91 (36.86% of annual budget)

For 2025, we:

- accounted for \$400.00 donation to the church for a funeral of a Seventh Street member
- accounted for \$8,854.18 miscellaneous donation to the church
- accounted for \$2,834.08 loss in the value of our Perpetual Endowment Fund

### Information on our accounts as of May 31, 2025

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 61,315.65
Truist Business MM Acct	\$ 636.18
Truist CD (matures 10-5-2025 – original principal \$25,000)	\$ 25,881.47
Truist CD (matures 3-27-2026)	\$ 50,000.00
Christian Church Extension Fund CD for Loving & Caring Endowment (principal cannot be used - matures 11-14-2025)	\$ 10,000.00
Perpetual Endowment*	\$ 382,643.64
*principal .....	\$ 237,855.59
*dollars available as directed by designated gifts from members/friends.....	74,009.42
*income available for general church needs as directed by the General Board.....	70,778.63

## WORSHIP | SPIRITUAL GROWTH | COMMUNICATIONS (WSC) DEPARTMENT

**Vacation Bible School for Adults** is this **Wednesday, June 25, through Friday, June 27!** Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by music, study (by Rev. Glenna Tibbs), and a craft. See you then!

We look forward to gathering again on **Saturday, July 12**, at 10:00 a.m. for another **prayerful walk**. We will gather at the Wetlands Park Entrance – 3340 Landria Drive. There is street parking available. After our walk, we will enjoy refreshments and share reflections on what we've observed.

## 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.  
Mark Kimmel

•Ongoing – examples are: rehabilitation and recovery, new treatments, waiting on test results

Carol Browder      Pat Rende

•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

Merrily Baber      Dee & Jim Evans      Ann Hasty      Jean McNeely

•Extended Church Family – family and friends of church members

Art	John Shell's brother-in-law
Rev. Alice Clarke	Sarah McLillard's friend
Nicole Craig	Barbara Ozlin's niece
Harrison Gradwell	Penny & Brian Gradwell's grandson
Michael McNeely & April Gray	
Doug Reeves	Carol Molinares' father
Geraldine Russell	Penny Gradwell's mother
Karen Peregoy	Dee & Jim Evans' daughter
Penny Walker	Pastor Jackie's grandmother
Heather White	Diana Case-Foster's cousin



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.

## 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*

The **ACTS** (Area Congregations Together in Service) offerings will be collected at Bethany on **Sunday, July 6, and Sunday, July 13**. Their mission provides support and resources during periods of financial crisis to prevent homelessness to screened and potential clients. They serve people in the city of Richmond and counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Hanover, and Goochland. Please consider helping this important ministry that aids people in our local area. Make your checks payable to "Bethany Christian Church" and put "ACTS" on the memo line.

Volunteers from **Church World Service/Lutheran World Relief** picked up 12 school kits, 7 cleanup buckets, 30 hygiene kits, and 29 quilts on June 18. Thank you for your efforts with this mission!

## FROM PASTOR JACKIE TWEDELL WOODS

A Note  
from Our  
Pastor...

As we move from June and into July ... now fully in summer ... I can hardly believe it is nearly Amelia's first birthday! What a year it has been for my little family!

Summer brings many things – longer, and hotter, days ... school breaks ... vacations ... pool days ... holidays ... and now, at least for my family, a birthday! Summer also feels like time moves a little slower. Maybe it is the heat (and humidity) ... or maybe it is just the pace of life. Things do slow down. And yet, there are also more hours of daylight ... more hours to do things!

With all this extra time in the day, I invite you to join me in a summer Bible study! During the months of July and August, join me on **Wednesdays from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.** to study Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (found in Matthew, chapters 5-7).

More of a collection of Jesus' greatest teachings than a sermon, these few chapters in Matthew are full of wisdom, inspiration, a little bit of challenge, and a reminder of our blessedness ... and so much more!

I have begun preparing for this study by reading a few books. As I said last week in my sermon, I really love to do research, and reading books is my favorite way to do that! I picked up a book that I already had on my shelf – "Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" by AJ Levine (one of my professors at Vanderbilt Divinity School). And I ordered another book that came highly recommended – "Jesus' Alternative Plan: The Sermon on the Mount" by Richard Rohr. So far, I am really enjoying both books! And I look forward to diving in to the scripture with you all, too! Feel free to read these books with me, but that is not required in order to participate in the Bible Study.

Each week, we will begin our time with a 15-minute icebreaker/activity to open us up to the theme of the scripture verses we will be studying. Then, we will spend the next hour diving into the text together. It is still an early draft, but this is how I imagine we will break up the three chapters...

**July 2** – The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12)

**July 9** – Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

**July 16** – "You have heard it said" (Matthew 5:17-48)

**July 23** – Murder, Adultery, and Divorce (Matthew 5:21-32)

**July 30** – Oaths, An Eye for an Eye, and Love for Enemies (Matthew 5:33-48)

**August 6** – Giving to the Needy, Prayer, and Fasting (Matthew 6:1-18)

**August 13** – Treasures in Heaven, and Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:19-34)

**August 20** – Judging Others, and Ask, Seek, Knock (Matthew 7:1-12)

**August 27** – Narrow and Wide Gates, A Tree and Its Fruits, and the Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:13-29)

As you can see from just these headings, there is a lot to dig into! I am excited to read and study this with you, and to see how Jesus' teachings still speak to us today! I hope you are, too!

~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> Bible study 9:45 am	<b>3</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>4</b> Independence Day <i>church offc holiday</i>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> ACTS Offg Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> Bible study 9:45 am	<b>10</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> "morning walk with God" 3340 Landria Dr 10:00 am
<b>13</b> ACTS Offg Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> Bible study 9:45 am	<b>17</b> Theology on Tap at O'Toole's 6:30 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Board mtg noon Crown & Joy 1:00 pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> Bible study 9:45 am	<b>24</b> AA-YC 7:00 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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		<b>Notes:</b> AA: Alcoholics Anonymous C&J: Crown & Joy Presbyterian DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship			© 2019 Vertex42 LLC <a href="http://www.vertex42.com">Calendar Template by Vertex42.com</a>	



## CHRISTMAS MOTHER

Barbara Ozlin has shared the informational flyer on the next page for Christmas in July to support the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother. You can also check out the website at [www.cchchristmasmother.com/events/#July](http://www.cchchristmasmother.com/events/#July).



# Christmas in July

Support the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Christmas Mother while enjoying a meal and/or a night out

Flyer for each event found at link below or by using QR code



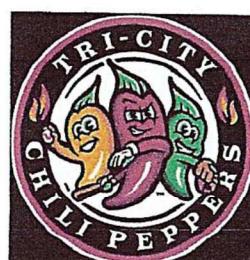
Join us on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 @ Red Robin  
Chesterfield Towne Center and show the flyer so 20% of your meal  
cost is donated

Join us on Tuesday, July 15, 2025  
Come to any of the following locations:  
Koger Center Blvd (across from Chesterfield Towne Center  
Hull Street Road @ Harbour Pointe  
Colonial Heights on Conduit Road  
Show the flyer for that location so 10% of your meal cost is donated



Join us on Thursday, July 24, 2025 @ Bell Greek  
at Bellgrade in Midlothian  
or on Iron Bridge Rd in Chester  
and mention so 25% of your meal cost is donated

Come on out to the ballgame  
TriCity Chili Peppers vs the Greenville Yard Gnomes  
Watch the 2025 Christmas Mother throw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch  
Get your tickets via the link on our website (use QR code below or go to  
[www.cchchristmasmother.com/events/#chilipeppers](http://www.cchchristmasmother.com/events/#chilipeppers))  
Purchase Christmas Mother admission so \$4 of ticket price is donated  
Also, bring a new copy of your favorite childhood book to donate



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