



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.

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
5 – Barbara Ozlin & Sheila Thayer
12 – Geoff Gangloff
19 – Stephanie Lewis
26 – Kathy Rende & Barbara Ozlin

USHERS - all month
Primary: Ross Dorneman
Backup: Ollie Peebles

WORSHIP LEADERS

5 – Linda Grubb
12 – Ross Dorneman
19 – Tyler Hawthorne
26 – Kim Gangloff

DEACONS

Stephanie Lewis
Tyler Hawthorne

ELDERS

5 – Linda Grubb
12 – Ross Dorneman
19 – Brian Gradwell
26 – Kim Gangloff

ELDER SERVICE TO HOMEBOUND
Brian & Penny Gradwell

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 1:00 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

"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead."
~ Roald Dahl

"Let us live like flowers—wild and beautiful and drenched in sun." ~Ellen Everett

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. ~Psalms 33:12

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

Stewardship report as of May 31, 2026 (41.67% of the year)

Income received year-to-date\$66,224.80 (43.01% 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.....\$78,896.03 (37.43% 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 May 31, 2026

Truist Checking Acct	\$ 31,475.53
Truist Business MM Acct	\$ 654.08
Truist CD (matures 6-22-2027)	\$ 26,815.88
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)	\$ 52,133.20
Perpetual Endowment*	\$ 437,705.10
*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.....	123,671.00

WORSHIP | SPIRITUAL GROWTH | COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

A great time was had by all at VBS. The average attendance was 22. Pastor John Hall's lessons were inspiring and gave us a lot to think about. The highlight of the last night was having communion in the sanctuary. Many thanks to Becky and her committee for providing our meals each night and to Carol for playing during our sing alongs.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly Bible study this summer on the topic of HEAVEN. We meet on **Tuesdays at 10 AM**, ending on **July 28**. Each session includes 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

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE DEPARTMENT



Please join us for our 3rd "Combined Sunday School" event of the year on **Sunday, July 12th at 9:15 am.** ~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

Diana Case-Foster

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.

EVANGELISM | OUTREACH DEPARTMENT



The **ACTS** (Area Congregations Together in Service) offerings will be collected at Bethany on **Sunday, July 5** and **Sunday, July 12**. 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 and 18 hygiene kits on June 9. Thank you for your efforts with this mission!



A HOLLYWOOD PREMIER!

Some of you will remember Megan and BJ Barlow from their time working with our music and youth ministries some years ago. You may also recall that the Barlows have lived in Southern California for several years where BJ served as a staff minister in a DOC regional office and then as pastor of a local church. During that time Megan worked as a teacher while also pursuing her dream of acting in a professional setting.

Last year Megan's dream came true when she landed a part in a new 8-episode drama series for the Peacock television streaming service for NBCUniversal. "The Five Star Weekend" will premiere on Thursday, July 9th on Peacock. Megan will appear in Episodes 1 and 5 in a cast led by Jennifer Garner. The series is based on a book of the same title by Elin Hilderbrand. Be sure to set aside some time on July 9th to binge watch this new series and keep an eye out for our Megan.

The rest of the story is that BJ has recovered from his health crisis. The Barlows have moved to Wisconsin where BJ is now serving as pastor of another church and Megan continues to look for acting opportunities in (relatively) nearby Chicago.



Megan's selfie in the trailer provided for her personal use by the studio during the filming of the series!

FROM PASTOR JACKIE TWEDELL WOODS



This past week, Amelia's daycare was closed for summer break. So Amelia and I went on adventures! Now, these were not big adventures – we went to the grocery store and to Milby's to try on shoes (of course she preferred playing with their toys over trying on shoes!). We fed our next-door-neighbor's cat while they were on vacation. And we went to the library!

We love Story Time at the library! What could be more fun than books and singing and dancing? And the Midlothian and Bon Air children's sections have everything a toddler would want! Amelia spent her time going back and forth between the books and the colors and the puzzles and the books! And loved being able to explore!

I have always loved the library, so I had a blast watching Amelia love it, too! Amelia borrowed two books – Princess Dinosaur and Dog Loves Books – and I picked up some of the books I had requested.

Those books will probably sit in a stack in my car until it's time to return them, though...because my reading is different in this stage of my life. I'm doing a lot more audiobooks than physical books, and that's ok! I've discovered that I love listening to books! Here are some of the best books I've listened to recently...

Books I recommend...

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

A beautiful book, told in the letters Sybil writes and receives...letters to friends and family, and even famous authors. It was such a fun listen, too, because each letter's author had a different voice.

The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club by Martha Hall Kelly

I love any book about books, and this one was both fun and full of suspense! Set on Martha's Vineyard during World War II, young sisters start a book club. There's romance, intrigue, and a spy in their midst!

Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection by John Green

I don't often read non-fiction, but this one was short and a lot of different people were talking about it. And wow, it was fascinating! Did you know that the creation of the cowboy hat is connected to tuberculosis? That's one of the many things I learned from this book!

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

Carol Molinares first recommended this book to me, and then everyone I knew was reading it. It might be the most popular book of the year! And it totally lived up to its hype. Theo taught me the importance of wonder and what a gift it is to be kind.

I would love to hear about your favorite books!

Happy reading!

Blessings,

Pastor Jackie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 AA-YC 7:00 pm	3 church office holiday for July 4th	4 Independence Day
5 ACTS Offg Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:30 pm	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	8	9 AA-YC 7:00 pm	10	11
12 ACTS Offg Combined Sunday School 9:15 am Worship 11:00 am Crown & Joy 1:30 pm	13	14 Bible Study 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	15	16 Theology on Tap at Maldini's 6:30 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm	17	18 C&J 8:30 am
19 Sunday School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Board mtg noon Crown & Joy 1:30 pm	20	21 Bible Study 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm	22	23 AA-YC 7:00 pm	24	25
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Notes: AA: Into Action Alcoholics Anonymous C&J: Crown & Joy Presbyterian Church DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship FH: Fellowship Hall YC: Youth Center						© 2022 Vertex42 LLC Calendar Template by Vertex42.com

