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# The Spirit of Bethel

## For The People of Bethel

**Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.**

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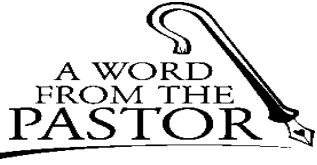
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**Rev. Dr. Scott H. Wachter**  
Dear Bethel Church family:

It's September, so it's football season. I have always been a lover of football from the day I strapped on my first pair of shoulder pads and was fitted for a helmet when I was in the third grade. I've always enjoyed the loud cracking sound of a hard hit. For a few years of my college days, I traded in the pads and played rugby without them. Amazingly, one of the loudest hits I ever heard was in a match when we were playing the Georgia Bull Dogs down in Athens. For the last chapter of my football life, I've been on the sidelines of high school football stadiums (and with Burke at The Citadel's Hagood Stadium) all across South Carolina. These last seven years with Burke have provided the most opportunities to do ministry. My stint with the Gaffney Indians provided me with the most state championships: 2003, 2005, and 2006. Through it all, I've learned that the mission of every football team includes a statement like the following: *To score more points than the opponent.* That's pretty basic, isn't it?

Now when it gets to the vision of how to do score points, there is a plethora of ideas. There are variations of the shotgun, option, spread, I formation, T formation, pro set, wildcat, etc. And when it comes to stopping the opposing team from scoring there are so many variations I can't keep up. I worked with one defensive coordinator who tried to implement every conceivable defensive set known to humanity. All he accomplished was confusing the kids and the rest of the coaching staff. After a while, he went to an

old-fashioned 4-3 scheme with an occasional nickel back and the results were much better.

Like football teams, local churches have missions and visions of how to fulfill the mission. The basic mission of the church as we understand it in our tradition is: *To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.* Obviously, there are many, many ways of making disciples and many more ways of trying to make the kingdom of this world more like the Kingdom of God. Like a football team, a local congregation like Bethel is most successful in accomplishing the mission to make Christ-followers and bring positive change to our world (starting right here in our community) by having deliberate strategies.

Our Charge Conference is only a couple of weeks away. At Charge Conference we assess and celebrate our current successes. Note our shortcomings. And look to the future. Next month I'll share with you my *State of the Church* address and we'll include our ministry report presented by our Church Council Chair, Mike Kuszmaul. Until then, I hope you will enjoy some football while you remember to keep the main thing the main thing. Blessings,

*Scott H. Wachter*

The Rev. Dr. Scott H. Wachter



**Bethel Charge  
Conference  
September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Some committee meeting times have been changed to prepare for Charge Conference. Please check the calendar for times.



**Time is running out!!** Book your appointment. Photos for the directory will be taken

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**FREE 8"X10" photo just for scheduling an appointment!**

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter sc259 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field.

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. **Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.**





In August, we sponsored another Laundry Day with In His Name Colleton. We provided quarters and lunch to all the attendees thanks to your generosity. We still consider the first Sunday of each month “Collection Sunday” but there will always be a detergent container in the church, whenever you would like to donate. Laundry Day, August 22<sup>nd</sup>



Glory Group

**When:** Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 12:00 PM

Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend.



Bethel Men’s Group News

The next meeting of the Men’s Fellowship will be **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall.

During our August meeting the following officers were re-elected; Mike Kuszmaul, President; Buddy Creech, Vice president; Terry Walters, Treasurer. The men's fellowship has a busy time coming up with dinners for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at CPA on Thurs 8 Sep and then on Fri 9 Sep at Colleton County High School. It is also time to bring back the "Taste of Bethel" which is scheduled for Weds 26 Oct. After the success of "Back to Bethel" dinner on 14 Aug, the Worship Committee would like to have another dinner following the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday 27 November. As you can see with all this going on we can use all the help and support we can get from the men of Bethel. So come on out and enjoy a meal, devotion, planning for all the above activities and good Christian fellowship. Praying to see you there.

Our Middle School and High School UMYF’s are back to their regular schedule for the school year. Except on holidays, the Middle School UMYF meets from 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. and the High School UMYF meets from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Visitors and newcomers are always welcome.



The **Youth Room** has undergone a dramatic transformation. The hardwood floor has been restored. The walls, trim, and windows have been painted. Furniture has been cleaned. More furniture has been ordered. And rugs and wall hangings are on the way. If you haven’t seen the youth room recently, you should check it out.



CONFIRMATION MEETING

All youth who are interested in finding out about the next opportunity to join Bethel through Confirmation are invited to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, September 11, at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your parents and your calendar. The meeting will take about 15 minutes after which the Middle School youth will join the UMYF group in the youth room and Pastor Scott will work on a schedule with the parents.



The next women’s Bible study will begin **September 25<sup>th</sup>** This will be the Beth Moore study, “Now That Faith Has Come.” It will be 7 sessions. If you are interested, please contact the church office to **sign up by Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. The cost will be \$20.

CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee (FH)
Monday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.	Church Council (Sanctuary)
Sunday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.	Staff Parish Relations Committee (FH)
Sunday, September 18, 5:00 p.m.	Charge Conference (Sanctuary)



In Memory of **Kenneth and Grace Cope**  
By Donna Kay and Alex McIver

In Memory of **Dot Reeves**  
By Delores Crosby

In Memory of **Millie Murray**  
By Delores Crosby  
By Dallas and Kristin Murray  
By the Food Pantry Ladies  
By Mary L. Aiken  
By Lucia Shuler Hill  
By Charles and Miriam Peacock  
By the Salley Starr Circle  
By Carolyn Powers  
By Paul and Fran Pye  
By Gene Varn  
By Carol Slocum  
By the Will Goodwin Sunday School Class  
By Nancy and Whit Spell  
By Laverne Sanders  
By the Lula Strickland Circle



The work on the steeple continues. The contractor who was hired to conduct the interior work is wrapping up the work in consultation with our structural engineer. The company who has been hired to do the work on the exterior is expected to be onsite on September 26. Thanks to Joey McLaine the stained-glass windows in the top of our steeple are illuminated. Come by after dark and check out the view. The repair work on the steeple is costing us over \$150,000. Please help out by making an extra donation to the “Steeple Fund.” Thank you.

Our bus has already been put to good use. We currently owe \$32,183.65. Undesignated memorials are helping to pay off this debt by action of the Finance Committee and Church Council. Additional gifts are appreciated.

The safety and protection of our people and our property is important to our Trustees. Procedures are in place to provide a safe and secure environment for our church facilities. Unfortunately, some of our doors are not being locked by those who unlock them. Please check to make sure doors are locked after use (especially the kitchen door which has to be manually locked when leaving). On Tuesday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, the Walterboro District is hosting an *active shooter training*. All Trustees, workers with children and youth, and other interested persons are invited to attend.



Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
  - B. botany
  - C. herpetology
  - D. songwriting
  - E. A and C
  - F. B and D
  - G. All of the above
- Answer: G (See 1 Kings 4:29-34.)

Puzzle!

Look up each verse in an NIV Bible and find a word that fits in that row. Then write the word from the bold vertical column in the blank below to complete Proverbs 24:3-4.

1 Corinthians 8:1		<b>N</b>					
Philippians 1:9						<b>H</b>	
2 Peter 1:5							<b>S</b>
			<b>A</b>				2 Timothy 3:7
Matthew 24:32				<b>S</b>			
John 7:15				<b>R</b>			
					<b>I</b>		Isaiah 33:6
2 Peter 3:18						<b>E</b>	
		<b>W</b>					Proverbs 24:5

By wisdom a house is built, and ...  
through \_\_\_\_\_ its rooms are filled with  
rare and beautiful treasures.

PROVERBS 24:3-4, NIV

Answer: know, insight, goodness, always, lesson, learning, foundation, power, knowledge





Mark Stone	1	Shirley Wilmot	19
Betty Sue Wilson	2	Margaret Girardeau	
Janice Alexander	4	Buzz Benson	21
Darlene Medlock	5	Trey Rhodes	
Jo Anne Boone	7	Bill Boineau	22
Lynn Harrison		Johnnie Benson	23
Gail Howell		Leon Langley	
Dorothy Reeves	8	Meredith Eichenberger	
Bonnie Langley		Tony Hamilton	
Carol Armentrout		Jeff Molinari	
Robin Berry	10	Duncan Hunt	26
Joanne Herndon	12	Michael Ritter	
Dwight Mitchell	13	Jeanine Price	27
Zach Clegg	14	Debbie Strickland	
Nona Rizer		Caleigh Smoak	29
Carroll Brown	16	Philip McNair	
Noah Hipp		Frances Beach	30
Owen Harris	17	Bobby Bonds	
		Mindy Corbett	



Judy & Tom Woodward	6
Mary Jane & Bill Little	7
Pam & Thomas Hayes Whitacre	
Debbie & Carey Strickland	17
Deana & Allen Ilderton	23



The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Millie Murray** on her recent passing.

The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Dorothy (Dot) Bridge Reeves** on her recent passing.



Bethel Members, their families, and others in the Bethel extended church family who need your prayers:

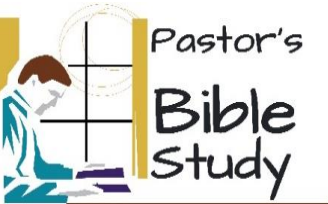
**OUR PRAYERS:** Jane Bell, Maddox Carter, R. Lee Carter, Stacy Carter, Lee Dean Cox, Lucille Culpepper, Frankie Evans, Barbara Hermann, Eunice Howard, Ladd Howell, Dean Ilderton, Anderson Jones, Ted Kinard, Noah Lutz, Parks Mangum, Chuck Murdaugh, Ed Newington, Tyler Pope, Beverly Ritter, Linda Ritter, Richard Sharpe, Richard Smith, Gertha Stackley, Miriam Smith, Terry Walters.

**Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members:** Mary Lee Armentrout, Frances Beach, Travis Beeson, Jackie Bennett, Doris Bone, Carroll Brown, III, Jane Brown, David Cox, Mary Esther Crook, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, Joyce Gentry, Caroline Johnson, Joy Lawson, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Miriam Westbury, Bill Wilson, Betty Sue Wilson.

**Military Service:** Christian Beasley, Caleb Blankenship, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni, Matthew Mangum, Edward Phillips, Jordan Ray, Tristan Ray, Blake Rhodes, Erin P. Walters.



Please call the church office at 843-549-7691 to have a name added to our prayer list. Also please call the church office if you have a spiritual need or concern and wish to speak with Pastor Scott.



A study of the Book of Acts continues. Two sessions are offered every Wednesday (10:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.). Join us as we learn more about God's Word and what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



This day is holy.  
Nehemiah 8:9

Keeping the Sabbath

Oh, what a blessing is Sunday, interposed between the waves of worldly business like the divine path of the Israelites through Jordan! There is nothing in which I would advise you to be more strictly conscientious than in keeping the Sabbath day holy. I can truly declare that to me the Sabbath has been invaluable. —William Wilberforce



District Active Shooter Training

September 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm



The food was delicious and the fellowship was amazing. A good time was had by all.

Back to Bethel



One Word

Author and lay minister Samuel Gordon told of an elderly woman whose memory began to fade. “She had once known much of the Bible by heart. Eventually only one precious bit stayed with her [2 Timothy 1:12, KJV]: ‘I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.’ By and by, part of that slipped its hold, and she would quietly repeat, ‘That which I have committed unto him.’

“At last, as she hovered on the borderline between this and the spirit world, her loved ones noticed her lips moving. They bent down to see if she needed anything. She was repeating over and over again to herself the one word of the text, ‘Him, him, him.’ She had lost the whole Bible, but one word. But she had the whole Bible in that one word.”



Donations Being Accepted for Shoeboxes

You may contribute to the Shoebox fund with your offering on Sunday or any of the online giving methods. Just mark it for the “Shoeboxes”.



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES PARTNERSHIP

The United Methodist Men and our Missions Committee are working with the FCA to provide a meal and a message for the high school football teams and coaches at both Colleton County High School and Colleton Preparatory Academy. We'll be at CPA on September 8 and CCHS on September 9. If you would like to help out, please contact Mike Kuszmaul. We are also working with Colleton County's FCA Ambassador, Coach Leroy Riley, to schedule FCA meetings at USC Salkehatchie.



Our Lost Sheep

**ADDRESSES NEEDED:** If you have an address for any of the following members of Bethel, please notify the church office.

Allison Bello	Sarah Kinard
Larry Berry	Gini Lucas
Ashby Bonds	Chuckie Mangum
Kaycee Catterton	Dorothy McDaniel
David Crosby	Jaimie Mullinax
Eric Culpepper	Summer Nay
Becki Davis	Amy Petrolawicz
Monica Eversol	Julia Petrolawicz
Keeley Farris	Patti Phillips
Jennifer Goodwin	Donald Rizer
Brittany Hogan	Lehe Ruegner
Michael Hogan	Bryan Sanders
Priscilla Hogan	Jenny Smyly
Lawton Huggins	Mary Hunter Stoddard
Jerry Hughes	Mary Stone
Abigail Kinard	Charles Strickland
Dean Kinard	Martha Strickland
Judy Kinard	Mark Warren
	Lauren Whitley