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**Making disciples of Jesus Christ  
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## November 2023

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A WORD  
FROM THE  
PASTOR

### Rev. Dr. Scott H. Wachter

Dear Bethel Church family:

There are a number of reasons I look forward to the month of November. Of course, we have our nation's day of remembering all the things for which we are thankful. The blessings of God upon this land and the people who dwell here are bountiful for those who take the time to abide with God. We have the annual South Carolina versus Clemson football game. My dogs finally get to do the thing for which they were born, and I get lots of exercise following them. But the thing I most await is *All Saints' Sunday* and singing the triumphant processional hymn, "For All the Saints" while a banner with bells bearing the names of our loved ones is carried down the sanctuary aisle to the altar.

I love this day of celebrating the Church and remembering the saints who have gone before us in the faith. As the names of our church members who have died since the last *All Saints' Sunday* are read aloud and family members light a memorial candle, we experience a truly holy moment. What incredible encouragement we receive from the disciples of Christ whose lives we witnessed and who have gone on to heaven! And thus we sing,

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

We have the assurance that those who publicly confessed their faith in Jesus Christ in this life receive a glorious inheritance in the next. Death is not the enemy for those who live forever in eternity.

For those of us who live on, life is not always wonderful. We go through times of struggle and pain. We sometimes experience moments that hurt us so deeply we wish we could go on to heaven in that moment. I appreciate that the writer of this great hymn, Bishop William W. How, acknowledges this reality,

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Don't miss the truth of God's exuberant love for all – the living and the dead. When we kneel at the altar rail to celebrate communion on *All Saints' Sunday*, we kneel with our Master, the Lord Jesus Christ. And we kneel with all the saints who have gone before us in the faith. We can't see them in their new, glorified bodies. And yet, they are right there with their Lord Jesus. And that, beloved, is "blest communion, fellowship divine!"

Blessings,

*Scott H. Wachter*



View our Sunday  
11:00 am Worship  
Services on our  
Facebook page.

Dear Lord, we beg but one boon more: peace in the hearts of all men living, peace in the whole world this Thanksgiving. —Joseph Auslander

**Pray for Peace in Israel.**

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The **Agape Christmas Concert** will take place during the 11:00 AM worship service on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The **Chancel Choir Christmas Concert** will be Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.



### Glory Group

**When:** Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12:00 PM

Come enjoy lunch and fellowship. Bring a friend.



Our UMYF groups are strong, active, and growing. We meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Sharon Courtney leads the middle school group and Pastor Scott leads the high school group.

Our big event in October was Trunk or Treat. In November the youth will lead the way in setting up the stage and

helping to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. In December the youth are going to the Festival of Lights at the James Island Park on December 3. Each group is also having a Christmas party. In January the Middle School UMYF is going to Revolution in Columbia and the High School UMYF is going to Sugar Mountain for their annual ski retreat. Forms needed to register for our trips are available at our UMYF meetings.

We have a mission trip planned for Costa Rica in June. We will be partnering with Faithful Servant Missions while staying at their mission compound in San Ramon.

Our Middle School UMYF has already outgrown the furniture in the middle school room and is in need of an additional sofa or two. If you have one available, please let us know.

### What's your November?

For Davey Blackburn, a pastor in Indiana, one particular month has brought "the highest of highs and the lowest of lows." He was born in November, moved to a new church in November 2011 and learned he'd be a father in November 2013. But two years later, in November 2015, Blackburn's wife and unborn second child were murdered during a home invasion.



Despite that painful tragedy, the pastor determined not to "let the enemy have a claim over November" or "steal the many beautiful memories I once held" about it. Since then, his church's worship team recorded an album one November, he proposed to his second wife another November, launched a new ministry one November and welcomed another child the following November.

That journey, Blackburn says, is evidence of God's faithfulness to replace a spirit of despair with a garment of praise (see Isaiah 61:3). And it's an important reminder for the holiday season, with all its memories and traditions. Just as God wants to heal and restore, Blackburn writes, "Your [deceased] loved one would not want your 'November' to haunt your memory forever."

Blackburn, author of the forthcoming book *Nothing Is Wasted*, says everyone has a November but can choose what to do with it. Instead of letting your November haunt, you can let God use it to heal. —Stephanie Martin



### In Memory of Beverly Ritter

- By Darlene and Charlie Mangum
- By Delores Crosby
- By Jan and Charles Price
- By Fran and Paul Pye
- By Margie and Peter Weathers
- By Cynthia and Charles Lucas
- By Williams Farms Partnership
- By Carol and Gary Herndon
- By Wynona and Donald Rizer
- By Cindy and Duncan Hunt
- By Melissa and Wally West
- By Carolyn Powers
- By Gail and Robert Eppinette
- By Beth and Bill Boineau
- By Joe Ritter
- By Rantowles Baptist Church
- By Ettie Ann Grooms
- By Clarence Grooms, III
- By Jan and Ross Knorr
- By Betty Jane and Gilbert Brown
- By Eva Beach
- By Susan, Busby, Wes & Elizabeth Brickle
- By Keri and Edmond Smith
- By T. Vernon Drew
- By Betty and Robert Strock
- By June and Jimmy Bilka
- By Bethany UMC, Friendship Circle Sunday School Class
- By Cheryl and Bruce Murdaugh
- By Celeste and Bryan McCollum
- By Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Hutto, Jr.
- By Pat Clough
- By Wendy and Joe Clark
- By Rally, Elizabeth, Ashton & Sarah Purvis
- By Karen and Jack Schrt
- By Claire Palmer
- By Ann and Toni Hooker
- By Gail Hyatt
- By Sheri and Mark Stone
- By Joy and Herman Hoffman
- By Charlotte and Elton Culpepper
- By Lucille Culpepper
- By Dr. Joe Flowers
- By Lewis Bane
- By Lee Dean and Rev. David Cox
- By Jane and Larry Bell
- By Trudy and Steve Zobel
- By Carol Winn
- By Mary Jane and Bill Little
- By Debra and Riddick Ackerman
- By Dr. Kerin Beach and family
- By Gail Hay



### Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give \_\_\_\_\_ in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- A. alms
- B. praise
- C. thanks
- D. offerings

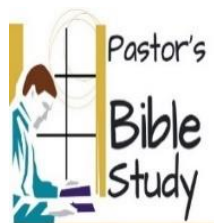
Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.)



### Bethel Men's Group News

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be **Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

Special thanks to the Sally Starr Circle for their cookie contributions for the FCA meals. Also, many thanks to all who prepared delicious food for the Taste of Bethel.



The Pastor's Bible study will conclude its study of the parables of Jesus on November 1. On November 8, we will begin a new study of one of the books of the Bible to be chosen by the participants in our study.

We will meet each Wednesday in November except for the week of Thanksgiving. The 10:30 am session is held in the library. The 6:00 pm session is held in the fellowship hall. Bring a Bible or borrow one from the office.

### News



Behind the Scenes with our Shut-Ins

Shut-ins: We are still serving around 22 of our shut-ins each month. In October meals were prepared by Sarah Lee White, Debra Smith, Amanda Fulton, and Billie Shoupe.

Delivering the meals were Joy and Herman Hoffman, Tony and DeLoris Hamilton, and Tom and Judy Woodward.

If you know of any shut-in from our church, please contact the church so we can add them to our list.

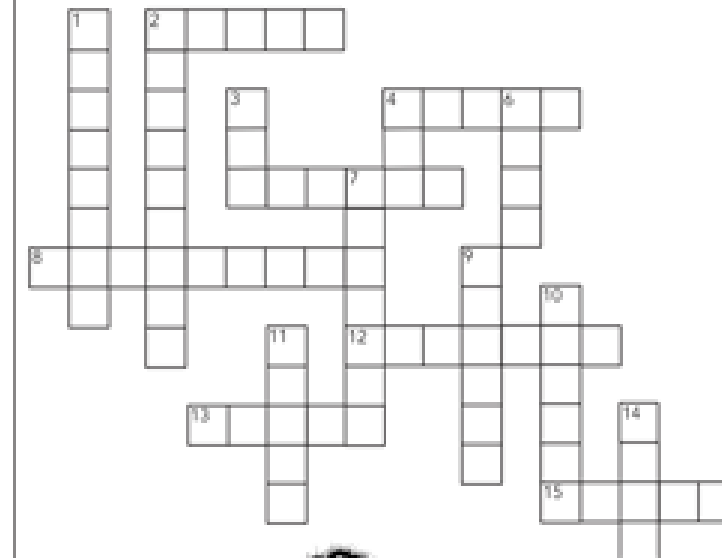
Helping hands doing the work of Christ!



**Worship Committee Meeting**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 6:00 PM**  
**in the Library**

Youth Groups will be decorating the church for Advent on **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.** Parents are asked to come help decorate.

# Puzzle!



### ACROSS

- 2. cause of Job's trouble
- 4. twinkling, heavenly lights
- 6. the Shuhite, a friend (2:11)
- 8. creature of the deep (41:1)
- 12. the Temanite, a friend (2:11)
- 13. sores
- 15. Job had 7,000

### DOWN

- 1. the One who ever lives (19:25)
- 2. affliction
- 3. had seven sons
- 4. ocean
- 5. precipitation
- 7. Job had 500
- 9. the Naamathite, a friend (2:11)
- 10. Job had 3,000
- 11. Job's fourth friend (32:2)
- 12. Job had 500 oxen

Answers: Across 2. Satan, 4. star, 6. Bildad, 8. Leviathan, 12. Eliphaz, 13. boils, 15. sheep; Down 1. Redeemer, 2. suffering, 3. Job, 4. sea, 5. rain, 7. donkeys, 9. Zophar, 10. camels, 11. Elhanan, 12. oxen



# NOVEMBER Birthdays

Joy Hoffman	3	Sarah Dean	19
Carolyn Powers		Carol Simmons	20
Linda Sisk	4	Jennifer Craven	21
Ashley Amundson		Hannah Davis	
Julie Koon	5	Jamie Bunton	
Dicky Mitchell	6	Reid Pollard	22
Teresa Wachter	8	Melanie Ritter	23
Johnny Thomas	12	Bill Wilson	
Jennings Burttram		Kaylee Spears	
Rylee Jacobs		Chase McRae	25
Stacey Magus	12	Jackson Bell	
Bert Koon		Lauren Ulmer	26
Mike Kuszmaul	14	Walker Bryan	27
Becky Kinard		Frank Biggers	30
Charlotte			
Culpepper	18	Delores Crosby	
Ann Howell		Austin Moore	

# NOVEMBER Anniversaries

Jane & Haskell Moore	1
Harriet & Bobby Bonds	2
Catherine & Mike Fanchette	21



In Memory of **Caroline Johnson**  
By The Essie Loper Circle

In Memory of **Sara Smith**  
By The Essie Loper Circle

In Memory of **Andy Ulmer**  
By Cynthia and Charles Lucas  
By Cindy and Duncan Hunt  
By Joanne and Jeffrey Herndon  
By Sydney and Walter Haynes  
By Frank Smith  
By Sylvia and Charles Rowland

In Memory of **Beverly Ritter**  
By Gail and Bill Howell  
By Sylvia and Charles Rowland  
By The Essie Loper Circle  
By Ellen and Roy Schumpert  
By Marie and Ellison Young  
By Mary Wynn Chamblin  
By Patsy and Carl Avant  
By Julie and Darrell Moody  
By Martha Johnson



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

**OUR PRAYERS:** Jane Bell, Scott Bell, R. Lee Benton, Harriet Bonds, Maddox Carter, Stacy Carter, Roger Crook, Donald Crosby, Steve Crosby, Dorothy Cummings, Jackie Dearbaugh, Steve Dearbaugh, Louis Harris, Karl Harrison, Lynn Harrison, Joan Hiott, John Hiott, Eunice Howard, Lad Howell, John Kincaid, Noah Lutz, Joy Lyle, Mike McElmurray, Bobbie McLaine, Dana Moorer, Chuck Murdaugh, Jane Myers, Ed Newington, Mitch Phillips, Christopher Plummer, Tyler Pope, Pat Ray, Chelsey Riles, Melanie Ritter, Adrienne Rizer, Laverne Sanders, Richard Sharp, Bonnie Thomas, Alice Wachter, Terry Walters, Ann Williams, Nicky Maxey Williams,.

**Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members:** Jackie Bennett, Doris Bone, Carroll Brown, III, Jane Brown, David Cox, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, Barbara Hermann, Joy Lawson, Doie Mitchell, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury, Betty Sue Wilson, Bill Wilson.

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



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.



The Reverend Dr. Scott Wachter and the church family of Bethel wish to extend our deepest sympathy to family of **Frances Beach** on her recent death.

In His Name-Colleton  
Empty Bowls 2023

**November 2**  
at **Walterboro Wildlife Center**

**\$20 per person includes soup, bread, dessert, & drink from 11 to 1 and 5 to 7**

tickets available starting on September 11 at In His Name-Colleton

\*Pottery classes every Tuesday 6:30-8:30pm at The Artisan Center. bowls made will be available at Empty Bowls\*

## Agape Praise Team Christmas Concert

The Agape Praise Team will present their annual Christmas Concert as part of the worship service on:

**Sunday, December the 10<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 am worship service.**

This year's program includes a couple of new songs. One is an Anne Wilson/Josh Turner rendition of "The Manger". We also are including a Casting Crowns selection "Make Room".

It is very appropriate as we enter the busy Advent season that we make room in our hearts for God to write his story in our lives. The program have some classics the praise team is known for like "Down in Bethlehem", "Gotta Tell", "Jesus-Oh What A Wonderful Child" and "Mary Did You Know".

Please mark your calendar now and make special plans to attend the Agape Christmas concert on Sunday Dec. 10th at 11a.m. in the sanctuary. MERRY CHRISTMAS from The Agape Praise Team.

## Praise Report from the Mission Team

The Food Pantry continues to hand out 45 to 50 bags of food at each pantry. We again ask you if you have any food you could donate for the "extra buggy". In the "extra buggy" we put "special food", something that would add something fun to eat - poptarts, corn bread mix, peanut butter crackers, etc.

We have donated money to First Steps, Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Shop with a Cop. We hope our donations will help some children have a very Merry Christmas.

We will be sponsoring The Free Laundry for In His Name - Colleton in November. Don't forget Empty Bowls is being held November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Wildlife Center for lunch and dinner. It will be sponsored by In His Name. All proceeds will go to In His Name ministries.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all really have a lot to be thankful for.



## Native American Indian Month

Jo Anne Boone, Chairman The South Carolina United Methodist Church promotes the inclusion of the Native American community, builds awareness and appreciation for the Native American presence, history, traditions and spirituality, implements assistance to the Native American Community leading to self-sufficiency in all areas of life, and dispenses funding to Native American ministries and community development in the SCUNC.

November is designated Native American Indian month. Support from church members is encouraged to contribute to the Elder Basket Project. Baskets of staple foods, and household necessities are delivered to American Indian tribes and communities all over South Carolina.

Check Memo Line: Designate for: **NA Elder Baskets (Put name of Church.) Mail to: Attention of: Ms. Gail Corn, SC UMC Conference, 4908 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.**



### Take time to recharge

"Then Jesus said, 'Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.' He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat" (Mark 6:31, NLT). Can you relate? Especially during the holidays, we're "coming and going" so much that we often run out of steam.

As an introvert, I learned an important lesson while navigating a busy graduation season for my son. I was happy to host a celebration for family and friends, but about 20 minutes into the party, fatigue clouded my spirit. My social battery was empty and desperately needed charging.

I sought out my cousin — who "gets" me — and admitted I needed a break. He kindly replied, "Then go into another room and just be. We've got things covered." I was heard and assured that it was okay to press pause. Even Jesus and his disciples sought privacy and rest.

In what ways do you need a break today? Even if you're an extrovert, how can you care for your whole self during the holiday rush? Pay attention and give yourself permission to proactively recharge your battery. —Janna Firestone