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

Last Sunday was the Day of Pentecost. It was on that day of the Jewish Festival of Weeks almost 2,00 years ago that Jesus' promise to His disciples was fulfilled. Just moments before His ascension into heaven, Jesus told His disciples, "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Ten days later, the promise was fulfilled, and the Church was born. The Holy Spirit fell upon the followers of Christ and through the bold preaching of a now Spirit-filled Simon Peter, over 3,000 people gave their lives to Jesus and became fellow members of the fledgling Church at Jerusalem.

Throughout my almost 40 years of "professional" ministry I have been tempted to go it on my own. That is, I have been enticed by the enemy and my pride to think that I can use my own gifts without relying on the Holy Spirit to empower my every action: every sermon, every prayer, every visit, every... Before Simon Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, he denied even knowing Jesus, and then he ran away and hid behind a locked door. After the Holy Spirit fell on him in a violent and loud wind that appeared like tongues of fire, he was not a coward any longer. Now operating not in the flesh but in the spirit, he became the de facto leader of the Church and was eventually crucified for his vocal efforts to win the world to Christ.

Blood Connection Blood Drive

Where: Bethel UMC/City

Parking Lot

When: Sunday, June 25th

9:00 AM to 2:00



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



Today we are living in a time when people are rejecting Christ and His Church at an alarming rate. There is a realization amongst church leaders that if something does not change, the church in America will follow the church in Europe and grow increasingly irrelevant to society. What needs to change is clear to me. We don't need something new. What we need is something old. Something that we've already been offered.

What we need is to open ourselves to receive the promise of Jesus - the Holy Spirit. If we welcome and allow the Holy Spirit to empower us as Christ-followers and the Church, people will desire what we have just as thousands of people became followers of Jesus at the very first gathering of the Church of Jesus Christ meeting in Jerusalem.

Will you join me in praying to be Spirit-led as an individual, as a part of the Bethel Church family, and a member of the Church universal?

Your Shepherd on the journey,

Sett 2. Wachter

JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Event		
June 4	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00		
June 11	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00 Worship with Agape Praise Band		
June 18	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00 Father's Day		
June 25	Worship Service 8:45 & 11:00		



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



Recently the church has had to change vendors for the altar flowers. The price has gone up to \$100.00. There are still several dates available to sign up for if you wish to place flowers on the altar.

FEFF	Month	Date
	June	14
	June	28
Choir Practice for	July	12
A	July	26
Summer	August	9
	August	23



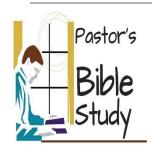
Behind the Scenes

with our Shut-Ins

News

We are still serving around 20 of our shut-ins a meal once a month. In May, DeLoris Hamilton's team, including Becky Goodwin, Joy Hoffman, Nancy Hetrick, and Darlene Mangum provided the meal.

Those delivering these meals were: Becky Goodwin and Joy Hoffman DeLoris and Tony Hamilton Tom Woodward. Helping hands doing the work of Christ!



Our summer Bible study begins on Wednesday, June 14. Sessions are held at both 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. We will be studying several of the Parables of Jesus. Parables are simple stories of common things that also teach a spiritual lesson. We will start with a few of the more wellknown parables: The Parable of the

Sower, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, and the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Plan to join us on the Wednesdays you are in town during the summer.



The Board of Trustees has completed the repair on the exterior door hardware. If you have not come by to get a new key please do so as the old keys do not work. There is now only one key to all exterior doors.

The Trustees are continuing to work with an architect to provide the necessary drawings to submit to the DSS Fire Marshal to determine the necessary changes to our facilities to return to an all-day program option for our preschoolers. At this point there is a lot to be done which cannot be accomplished by the beginning of the new school year in the fall as hoped.



Come glorify God together

Don't use summer as an excuse to skip church! By gathering in corporate worship, we obey God's command, become equipped for Christian living, and minister to our fellow tins for engaging in corporate worship

pilgrims. Consider these tips for engaging in corporate worship.

First, show up — in person if you can. Examine your heart and your motivation for attending church. Lift up your eyes from earthly matters to focus on God.

Come prepared. Do you need to confess anything or remove any hindrance? As you worship, consider how each part of the service displays the gospel: greeting, singing, confessing, reading Scripture, hearing Bible-based teaching, praying, giving and communing.

Be careful not to compartmentalize corporate worship as separate from the rest of life. Instead, consider how you'll carry the experience into the coming week. Come ready to receive; then let that overflow fuel you for the days ahead. Come prepared to participate, knowing that worshiping together is a rehearsal for heaven. But most importantly? Just come. — Monica L. Wilkinson



Don't Forget!

Bethel has two worship services every Sunday, even during the summer, at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM. Be sure to fit one of them in your summer plans.



Preschool Graduation was held on Friday, May 26th in the Sanctuary. The ceremony was broadcast on Facebook Live on the Church page. Beginning June 1st the summer half day program will begin.





In Memory of **Margaret Maxcey** By DeLoris and Tony Hamilton By Amanda and Tommy Fulton By Martha Smalls

In Memory of Linda Windham By Jeanine Price

In Memory of **Jimmy White** By Penny and Bill Summers By Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gardner By Family of Emily T. Brunson Sylvia and Henry Brunson Lois Brunson Mary Ann and Bubba Foy Emily and Buddy Hiers By Kimberly DeSantis By Glenda and Jim Russell By Amanda and Tommy Fulton By Debra and John Smith

Divine dance

Using the fancy word *perichoresis* (from Greek for "around" and "contain") may win you admiring — or strange! — looks. But since the 7th century, people have



used it as a beautiful image of the Persons of the Holy Trinity containing and permeating one another. A more familiar word, *choreography*, has led to recent understandings of perichoresis as the divine and eternal dance of love.

Picture three dancers' synchronized yet independent movements. Weaving gracefully in and out, each seems to know what the others will do next. They may touch lightly but don't constrain or impede one another. Though distinct individuals, they move so fluidly together that they are, in a sense, one entity.

Even more profound: Jesus invites us into the dance! "If you love me," he says, "you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth. ... I will come to you. ... I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you" (John 14:15-20, ESV). As the actions of Jesus, the Father and the Spirit interweave in Scripture and in the world, may our lives too be drawn into the loving dance.

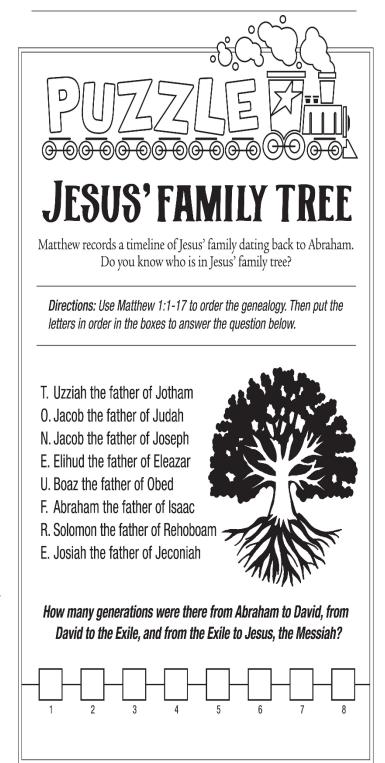
Bible Quiz



What does God compare to rain "watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater"?

- A. The justice of the nations
- B. The work of God's people
- C. The message of Isaiah the prophet
- D. God's word

Answer: D (See Isaiah 55:10-11, NIV.)



Answer: FOURTEEN



Seth Harris	1	Moya Pierce	15
Scott Walters	2	Heath Griffith	16
Will Crook		Carol Winn	17
Kyle Strickland	7	Jack Sims	18
Michelle Bell		Baylor Pierce	
Jane Moore	9	Tommy Fulton	19
Charlotte Johnston	10	Jan Pollard	20
Brooke Hudson	12	Mike Fanchette	21
Sally Moore		Vicky Mundell	
Sandy Katchuk		Vera Newington	22
Nikki Beasley	13	Meredith Hipp	25
David Crosby	14	Joe Ritter	
Charlie Mangum		Carl Avant	27
Michael Katchuk		Jamie Gahagan	
Marie Howell	15	Jayden Beach	29
Parker Odum		June Dyches	30
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Beth and Jerry Smoak	1
Tindall and Chase McRae	2
Jennie and Jamie Bunton	5
Terry and PA Pournelle	9
Mary Hunter and Clayton Stoddard	12
Brandy and Chris Rowe	
Janna and Brannon Davis	16
Joy and Herman Hoffman	20
Laura and Ben Barnett	
Deborah and Rick Ackerman	21
Emily and Troy Edwards	24
Donna and Scott Rizer	
Sheri and Mark Stone	27



God Remembers

It is not difficult for me to remember that the little ones need breakfast in the morning, dinner at midday and something before they go to bed at night. Indeed I could not forget it. And I

find it impossible to suppose that our heavenly Father is less tender or mindful than I. ... I do not believe that our heavenly Father will ever forget his children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not his habit to forget his children. -J. Hudson Taylor



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

OUR PRAYERS: Myra Barwick, Jane Bell, Scott Bell, R. Lee Benton, Jeff Benson, Maddox Carter, Stacy Carter, Dorothy Cummings, Chris Corbett, Terri Crosby, Louis Harris, Barbara Hermann, Carl Hermann, John Hiott, Lad Howell, Brooke Hudson, Ted Kinard, Mike Kuszmaul, Noah Lutz, Frances McDonald, Bobbie McLaine, Lamar Muckenfuss, Chuck Murdaugh, Jane Myers, Ed Newington, Shirley Plexico, Christopher Plummer, Tyler Pope, Beverly Ritter, Joey Ritter, Richard Sharpe, Janice Robbins, Ricky Sargent, Miriam Smith, Alice Wachter, Charles Wachter, Terry Walters, Betty Sue Wilson.

Nursing Homes/Shut-Ins/Distant Members: Frances Beach, Jackie Bennett, Doris Bone, Carroll Brown, III, Jane Brown, David Cox, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean, Caroline Johnson, Joy Lawson, Doie Mitchell, Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Sara Smith, Kay Speaks, Miriam Westbury, Bill 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.



Parents are stewards

Striving to raise happy, well-rounded children isn't wrong "unless those successes become the goal," writes Jeffrey Reed in *ParentLife* magazine. For

Christians, he says, the driving force of parenting should be helping kids follow God's path.

"What if we parented as if we were temporary stewards of the greatest containers of godly potential?" Reed asks. "What if our goal for our children was to continually seek God's guidance on what it is that he wants for them and to help them pursue that goal on a daily basis?" He concludes: "In a hundred years, nothing we do will matter apart from the impact we've made in God's kingdom on earth. Perhaps your children will be that legacy."

"The beginning of love is the will to let those we love be perfectly themselves, the resolution not to twist them to fit our own image." --- Thomas Merton

"Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others." —H. Jackson Brown Jr.





used and given to the needy. We Abigail Ray Corbett (Abby) did get supplies from the VFW and their auxiliary. It will Graduating from Colleton help out a lot. We are still getting dog and cat food from County High School FoCCAS and this time they also gave us treats and supplements. Attending Technical College of

the Lowcountry

Nursing Program



Jackson Hughes Sims (Jack) Graduating from Colleton Preparatory Academy

Attending Clemson University

Biological Sciences



Scholarships Available

Kaylee Carter Spears Graduating from Colleton Preparatory Academy

Attending Clemson University

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Thomas Warren University of South Carolina Suma Cum Laude **Biological Sciences**

Bethel Scholarships Available

Multiple scholarships available are to qualifying students with one application. The application packet is on the Bethel website and are due by July 3, 2023.



Sorry for the misinformation in last month's newsletter. For years, the second Saturday in May the Post Office collected food for food pantries in Walterboro. The plan has been discontinued, but if you put out food the food will be

The Free Laundry Day was sponsored by Bethel in April. Remember that they could use volunteers to give out food or quarters to the "customers". Because of you, each month we have sponsored the Laundry Day we did not have to take money out of the missions' fund. Your donations have covered our commitment each month.

On Food Pantry Day, we try to put out items that aren't essential but might put a bigger smile on our clients faces. We like to have combs, toothbrushes, soap, socks, and Poptarts. Individual little apple pies and cherry pies seem to be favorites. If you ever wish to give, you just put them in the Food Pantry.

Thanks, The Missions Team



Finding freedom

Juneteenth, America's newest federal holiday, marks the official end of slavery in the nation. President Lincoln issued the **Emancipation Proclamation**

on January 1, 1863. Applying only to the states in the Confederacy, it declared "that all persons held as slaves are, and henceforward shall be free." But news of freedom didn't reach Galveston, Texas, until June 19, 1865, when 2,000 Union troops arrived to enforce the decree. The U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment, which bans slavery, was ratified a few months later.

Just as freedom and justice came in fits and starts to the Israelites, so it comes to our own country and around the world, where the pursuit for justice continues. -adapted from The Wired Word



Being in love is a good thing, but it is not the best thing. Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the

grace which both partners ask and receive from God. On this love the engine of marriage is run; being in love was the explosion that started it. —C.S. Lewis