THE LIGHTHOUSE
Shining the Everlasting Light of Our Lord Jesus Christ — Let His Light Shine on Us All
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There are two parts to the message for November. The first is God's work that we need to be doing, not just between now and when our new pastor arrives, but all the time. The second is having a thankful heart, not just at Thanksgiving, also, all the time.

New Season

For a period of time when I was young, I served as a member of the Federal Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration for Northeast North Carolina. There was a lot about farming a boy from the beach also not know. I would liken some of what I learned to be much like the season we are in at Bethany.

Imagine standing at the edge of the field in early spring. The soil has been tilled, seeds have been planted, and prayers for good weather fill the air. You can't yet see anything, but you place trust in God, believing the crop is coming. There will be a harvest. You might say the family at Bethany is between the seasons of planting and harvesting, waiting for the shepherd God has chosen to walk with us.

This is not a time sit by and do nothing. It is time to be ready. Just as a farmer tills the land for planting, we need to prepare our hearts, our ministries, and our community to welcome the one God is sending.

Pray faithfully and daily for the new pastor and all they and their family will need to accomplish to come and join us. Pray that our Bethany family will be in one accord as we move forward together.

We are not sure when, but we know God's timing is always perfect, and, as always, we must trust in Him. The same God who has been with us through many past seasons is with us now. Remember, waiting can be good as it prepares us for what is ahead.

The day our new pastor steps out into the community of Wanchese, they will not just be stepping into a role—they will be stepping into the Bethany family.

Thanksgiving

According to the Encyclopedia Britanica, Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States and Canada celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It is observed on the fourth Thursday in November in the United States and on the second Monday in October in Canada.

Thanksgiving is a day when families and friends gather to express gratitude for the year's blessings over a shared feast. The holiday has evolved from a harvest celebration to a national tradition of togetherness and thankfulness through centuries of tradition

You will recall in October that we opened one of our services with the praise song, "He Has Made Me Glad." The lyrics go like this, "I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart; I will enter His courts with praise. I will say, 'This is the day that the Lord has made!' I will rejoice for "He has made me glad." Psalm 100, in the King James Version, gives us a similar message:

A Psalm for Thanksgiving.

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
For the Lord is good;
His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.

Today we are reminded by 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJV) to be grateful and to give thanks not just in and around Thanksgiving, but every day. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Remember the one leper who returned to Jesus, and gave thanks for His healing.
May God Bless you Richly, Ken Mann

November 2026						
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Monthly Schedule:

S.AL.T. Sisters:
Monday, November 2, at 6:30 pm

Bethany Women's Group:
Thursday, November 5, at 7:00 pm
Hosts: Dorita, Shirley, and Joyce

Bethany's Table:
Wednesday, November 11
Preparation Day 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, November 12
Meals Packaged 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Deliveries 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Methodist Men:
Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Fellowship

Special dates:
All Saints' Day, *November 1*
Daylight saving time ends, *November 1*
Veterans Day, *November 11*
Christ the King Sunday, *November 22*
Thanksgiving Day, *November 26*
First Sunday of Advent, *November 29*

Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

Sunday
9:30 am Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)
10:30 am Worship – Sanctuary
Live Stream: Bethany YouTube and Facebook

Tuesday
9:30 am Bible Study

Wednesday
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday
9:00 am Mc Prayer
(Darrell's Restaurant)

Preschool
Tuesday - Thursday
8:30 am - 12:00 noon

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Church 252-473-5254

Glad Tidings...

A Report on Bethany's Table
by Nancy Gray

Our volunteers always have interesting discussions, and the topic this month was God's perfect timing. Unlike us, He is never early or late, but always right on time!

As Christians, we must remind each other to look for God in every circumstance. The drainpipe under the kitchen sink came loose at the close of prep day. I texted my plumber brother to ask if he could get us back in business. He came early the next morning right before he was leaving for a weeklong trip. God's perfect timing!

The refrigerator froze some of our salad makings. (As it turned out, the temperature regulator knob was upside-down!) A last-minute trip to the store had to be made and an extra $35.00 was added to our food cost. I remember being surprised that the receipt was exactly $35.00. You don't often see totals without cents. After the meals were delivered on Thursday afternoon, our delivery driver Jewel Mavrommatis brought in a cash donation from one of our recipients. You guessed it…. exactly $35.00. God's perfect timing!

My habit is to have a moment of anxiety on the Thursday morning of Bethany's Table by asking the question, "Have we got enough food?" The thought that we might be a little too close for comfort was plaguing me when Joe Winstead and his son Charles brought us a delivery from the Food Bank of the Albemarle. In the boxes were two pounds of hamburger and cans of tomato sauce that we used to boost up our spaghetti sauce. There were also boiled eggs to stretch our salad. God's perfect timing!

Every year, Betty Mann provides pears for our bread stand and for church use. She became super-energized and made it her mission to get all of the pears off of her tree, whether it was by shaking, a broomstick, or a tree-climbing neighbor boy. Thelma O'Neal also sent word that she had an abundance of pears. We got enough to make seven large pans of pear crisp. God's perfect timing!

Volunteer attendance was a bit light on both prep day and meal assembly day. Just as discouragement was settling in, cheerful volunteers walked in the kitchen door. One of our drivers forgot his commitment to deliver. When a phone call was made, he arrived in minutes. God's perfect timing!

In October, we served spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, a garden salad, and pear crisp to 197 people at $1.21 per person with 20 adult and one young volunteer.

Everyone seems to love pear crisp. Joanne Baum Clift, Joyce Baum's daughter, shared the recipe years ago.

Pear Crisp

Base:	Topping:
4 cups of sliced pears	1 stick of butter
1 cup sugar	1 cup light brown sugar
¼ cup flour	1 cup flour
1 tsp. cinnamon	2 cups of oats

It is best to use hard pears.
Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.





1 - Lexi Ruhle
3 - Bud Watts
3 – Connie Casey
4 - Dennis Schillings
5 - Kydd Tillett
6 – Tina Sanderlin
7 – Sheila Garrison
9 - Virginia Edwards
10 - Janelle Parrish
11 - Elena Gundaker
11 - Erin McCown
12 - Caroline Basnight
13 – Buck Dickerson
13- Gloria Abbs
14 - Bailey Daniels
15 - Gabrielle Partridge
15 - Ashley Austin
16 - Terry Midgett
16 - Chucky Midgett
16 - Marianna Riley
16 – Dom Gray
17 - Jessica Davenport
17 - John Daniels
18 - Kevin O'Neal
19 - Shane Baum
21 - Pat Leonard
23 - Valarie Pate
25 - Lainy Malarney
25 - Minta Meekins
26 - Jussara Dough
27 - Lynn Wilson
27 - Evalynn Meekins
28 – Grayson Hymes
29 - Garrett Daniels
29 - Sara Simmons
30 – Pat Fields



5 – Gaither and Amy Midgette
7 – Rick and Connie Casey
8 – Craig and Chetty Parker
9 – Austin and Bailey Shackelford
11 – Donald and Milah Elliot
14 – Mitchell and Connie Bateman
16 – Harry and Katherine Baum
17 – Gregory and Yvonne Austin
23 – Billly and Melissa Dickerson
24 – Joby and Marla Beasley



TITHES

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER
We need $6,109.33 weekly.

In September, we needed $24,346.00 and our offerings were $18,867.75. In October, we needed $24,437.32. As of October 26, our offerings were $17,157.00.



BETHANY METHODIST MEN MEETING

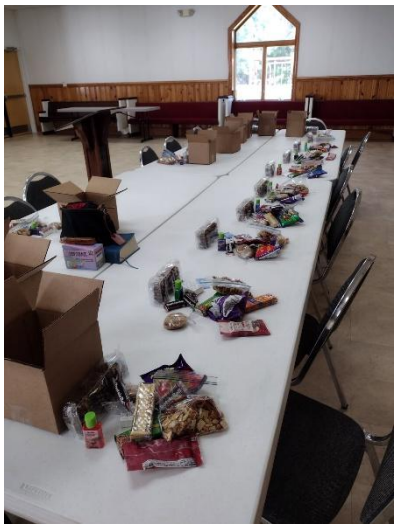
On November 12, the Bethany Men will meet (the second Thursday of each month) at 6:30 pm.

We will invite Dare Challenge men eat, have a short invocation and enjoy some fellowship. Please let's have a good turnout at this meeting.

I encourage you to join us to learn and grow in our faith in Jesus.

The annual Widows and Widowers' Appreciation Dinner will be held at Lone Cedar on December 1 this year. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall for men to sign up to sponsor the widows and widowers. We'll complete the sign-up at this meeting.

Larry Franklin
Bethany Methodist Men's Leader



COLLEGE MINISTRY

Eighteen student bound care packages filled with sweet and savory goodies as well as small love gifts were all donated by the congregation at Bethany Church. The boxes were mailed on Tuesday, October 20.



FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

On Thursday, November 19 from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon join the preschool for a Thanksgiving lunch.

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Come join us for :

FRIENDSGIVING

at
Bethany Church of Wanchese
in the Fellowship Hall
on
Thursday November 26, 2026
1 pm until .....

Meats will be provided [Turkey and Ham]
If you are able, please bring a side dish or a dessert
[just not too large 😊]

Please R.S.V.P
to Denise Mann at 252- 216-6373
by
Monday November 23,2026
So we will know about how many will be joining us.

Look forward to Sharing time with you and Giving Thanks
for each other.





Thanks for all the cards and get well wishes from the church family.

Love every one of you.
Jean Tillett

To Our Friends of Bethany Church

Thank you so much for thinking of us! The meal was not only delicious, but the timing was perfect!

Much love in Jesus
Jerry and Michele Cribb



CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be sending our information to the directory company by the first week of November.

We will have an opportunity to proof our directory before it is published. When we send the proof back in, we can order more books.

Families that had their picture taken will receive one free directory.

If you didn't have your picture taken but want a directory, you will need to purchase one. Also, families that had their picture taken and want more than one directory, please let Denise Mann know by November 15 and pay $9.00 per directory. You can make your check out to Bethany Church of Wanchese.

In our December newsletter, we will have some information on a Church app we are purchasing from the Directory company.

NOVEMBER 2026 GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF GRACE...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 9:30 Morning Bible Study	4 6:30 Praise Team Practice	5 7:00 Bethany's Women Hosts: Dorita, Shirley and Joyce	6 9:00 McPrayer	7
8 Samaritan Purse Boxes Due Bank Lone Cedar Tickets Go On Sale	9	10 9:30 Morning Bible Study	11 1:00 – 3:00 Bethany's Table Preparation Day 6:30 Praise Team Practice	12 Bethany's Table 3:00 – 4:00 Meals Packaged 4:00 – 5:30 Deliveries 6:30 Methodist Men Dinner and Fellowship	13 9:00 McPrayer	14
15 Methodist Men Information and money due to Larry For December Dinner	16	17 9:30 Morning Bible Study	18 6:30 Praise Team Practice	19 Newsletter Articles Due 11:00 – 12:00 Fellowship Thanksgiving Lunch with Preschool	20 9:00 McPrayer	21
22 Wrapping Present Items Due Poinsettia Orders Due	23 8:30 Decorating Church Friendsgiving RSVP due	24 9:30 Morning Bible Study	25 6:30 Praise Team Practice	26 1:00 – Until Friendsgiving 	27 9:00 McPrayer	28
29 Hanging Of The Greens Program	30					

Our Prayer List... In Your Mercies Lord, Hear our Prayers

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

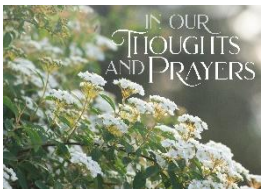
Rob Ayers
Sandy Barile
Bobby and Milah Dough
Will and Pat Fields
Steve Hamlen
Amy Jones
Tom Miss
Tucker Tilley

ONGOING PRAYERS

Roy and Sharon Ambrose
Gregory Austin
Dylan Baker
Wayne Barnett
Walter Baum
Carl Beacham
Mike Beasley
Freddie Blackmon
G. G. Bonner
Nathan Boone
Jimmy Bulfin
Eric Craddock
Michele Cribb
Karl Daniels
Jennifer Delio
Katy Dettmer
Joe Doak
Linda Dunn
Karen Etheridge
Sharen Etheridge
Jordan Ford
Dawn Gerakaris
Ruth Hayes
Ted Hemilright
Linda Mann
Karen Martin
Babs Meekins
R. S. Meekins
Paul Midgett
Ted Midgett
Brandy Flynt Moore
Tim Morrill
Linda O'Neal
Thelma O'Neal
Holly Presgrave
Sharon Ralph
Scott Sawyer
Stan Sawyer
Teresa Silva
Jean Tillett
Joe Willis



Logan Bonner
Elizabeth Chabay
Jason Galloway
Kyle Gaskill, Jr.
Darren Gibbs
Dylon Griffin
Vova Lebediev
Colby Moore
John Snider
Jonson Utz
Unspoken
Unsaved
Caregivers
Haiti
Our Nation and Leaders
People in Nursing Homes
The Peace of Israel
Those in Prison
Ukraine



LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Dewey Hemilright

Family of David Rogers

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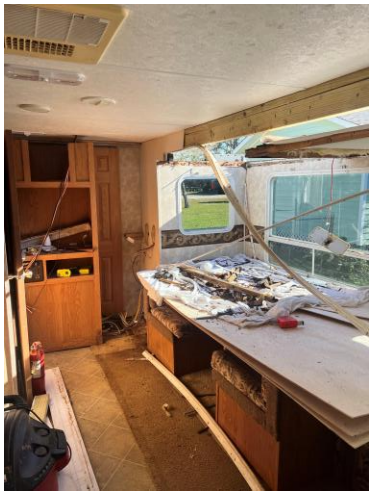
In February 2025, I had a travel trailer donated to me to give to a needy family in Western North Carolina. This thing has been a "can of worms." Everytime we fix something we find something else wrong. It started with a piece of wallpaper hanging, so I peeled it off. The wall behind it was rotten! I pulled that out to replace it, only to find a wall on the slide-out was rotted, too. Next the roof on the slide was rotted and leaked. While at work, we noticed a couple of soft spots in the floor, so we pulled up the carpet and fixed that, then replaced the flooring with vinyl plank flooring. We painted the inside slide-out walls and reinstalled the couch and dinette. Next, Chetty said there's a leak in a cabinet in the forward bedroom.

I'm just hopeful after doing all this work over the past year, that it doesn't fall apart on the way out there!

Mt. Carmel Church in Mann's Harbor has raised money to get the trailer reworked. Someone donated four new tires and our labor is free. Next, we'll find a family out there who is still living in a tent or some other shelter to give it to.

Craig and Chetty Parker







Bethany Missions Team (BMT)

BMT has hit the ground running this Fall! Team members include Sheila Garrison, Millie Barkley, Nita Hepler, Vickie Nicholas, and Connie Troutman, and Nancy Gray as our Lay Leader representative. We will be reaching out to our supported missions contacts for current/future updates, as well as identifying other opportunities to serve and spread His Word, including working with our GMC NC conference (and Edenton District) partners. BMT's 2027 agenda includes local as well as global projects in Haiti, Ukraine, Ecuador, and Uganda.

The Daniels family shared their latest newsletter with BMT as one of Bethany's financially supported global missions (an Assemblies of God World Mission - AGWM. Mickey & Jen Daniels continue their work in Ecuador by ministering to families, youth groups, the elderly and disabled, and surrounding communities by way of projects at schools, playgrounds, and other public facilities while they work to secure a location for planning their second church. More information on ways for individuals to donate and follow this ministry can be found at https://agwm.org/en/individualmissionary/

Sheila Garrison

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS TO HELP OTHERS



Operation Christmas Child

The Christmas boxes and suggestion lists are on the table in front of the Sanctuary; we will need the boxes returned on Sunday, November 8. For more information you can go to their web site: samaritanspurse.org

Things that cannot go in the boxes: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

You can choose a girl or boy 2 – 4 years old, 5 – 9 years old, or 10 – 14 years old, and you will need to put in the boxes a $10.00 donation to cover shipping and other project costs.

VERY IMPORTANT: DO NOT TAPE THE BOXES! JUST PUT RUBBER BANDS AROUND THEM.



FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER



GIFT WRAPPING SUPPLIES

The Outer Banks Women's Club sponsors the Angel Gift Program each Christmas. Since the gifts are distributed to families in big, black garbage bags, we thought it would be nice to have gift wrapping items available for the families.

During the month of November, we will have a container in the sanctuary for anyone who would like to donate items for wrapping presents. Some suggestions: wrapping paper, tissue paper, tape, ribbon, gift tags, boxes, bags, etc. All items need to be in by Sunday, November 22.

FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER



MITTEN TREE

You can bring gloves, hats, toboggans, scarves, socks, etc. to put on the Mitten Tree located across from the water fountain. We will also have a container in the sanctuary. All gifts are welcome.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Monday, November 23, at 8:30 am, the decorating committee will be **getting the church ready for Christmas**. If you would like to help with this project, please feel free to join us that morning.
We will need lots of hands.

Hanging of the Greens Service, November 29, at 10:30 am. We will need help from our children, youth and adults. We will need readers. If you would like to help out with this, let Denise know.

Widows and Widowers' Appreciation Dinner
Tuesday, December 1, at 6:30 pm at Lone Cedar. Hosted by Methodist Men.

Bethany Women's Group
Thursday, December 3, at 6:30 pm at Bethany Church. Hosted by Penny Robbins.

Lone Cedar Lunch Fundraiser
Sunday, December 6, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at Lone Cedar.
See more information under their article.

Preschool Christmas Program
Thursday, December 17, at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Bethany Church Christmas Caroling
Friday, December 18, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
We will be taking the bus to caroling to our community shut-ins. After caroling, we will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies at the church.

Bethany Christmas Program
Sunday, December 20, at 10:30 am
In our December newsletter, we will let you know when rehearsal practice will be.

BETHANY METHODIST MEN
WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS' APPRECIATION DINNER

Tuesday, December 1, at 6:00 pm

Members of Bethany Methodist men will need to contact Larry Franklin (804-869-7344). He needs to know who your date is or if you need a date. We need to make sure all widow and widowers get an invitation.

The restaurant has requested names and menu selections. You must have each of your guests choose what they want to eat. Listed below is the list of food items with a plate number. You need to let Larry know all names of your party and which plate number they want. Information and money need to be given to Larry by Monday, November 23. The cost per person is $40.00.

Plate #1 – Baked Parmesan Encrusted Chicken Breast
Plate #2 – Fresh NC Shrimp / Fried
Plate #3 – Fresh NC Shrimp / Broiled
Plate #4 – Fresh Flounder / Fried
Plate #5 – Fresh Flounder / Broiled
Plate #6 Prime Rib of Beef

All plates will be accompanied by potato of the day, seasonal vegetable of the day, homemade corn bread and fruit cobbler.

Names	Plate #1	Plate #2	Plate #3	Plate #4	Plate #5	Plate #6

LONE CEDAR LUNCH

Basnight's Lone Cedar is holding a fundraiser lunch at Lone Cedar in loving memory of Lessie Tillett and Marc and Sandy Basnight on Sunday, December 6, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. All plates are $18.00.

Menu: Fried Shrimp	Turkey
French Fries	Dressing
Cole Slaw	Mashed Potatoes
Corn Bread	Green Beans
	Corn Bread

This will be a drive thru fundraiser in Lone Cedar's parking lot.

Bethany Church of Wanchese is selling tickets from Sunday, November 8 – Sunday, November 29. We need people to sell tickets and put out posters. Contact Denise Mann (252-216-6373) for tickets and information.

Tickets are also available at Lone Cedar – they will sell tickets up to and on the day of the event.

Basnight's Lone Cedar will be donating 100% of the fundraiser money. The funds will be divided between Bethany's Building Fund and the Marc Basnight Scholarship Fund at the Outer Banks Community Foundation.

DESSERTS NEEDED

We will have a bake sale during the Lone Cedar lunch in their parking lot. We need desserts. (No desserts that need to be refrigerated.) Also, please make sure you send desserts in containers that you do not want returned. Also, write on your dessert what it is.

You need to bring your desserts to the church on Saturday, December 5, from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Also, we need people to help with the bake sale that day. If you can work a shift, let Denise Mann know.



PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 30, 2027 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Wanchese Community Building
Menu: Stewed Chicken and Pastry
Candied Yams and Green Beans

Cost: Donation

Bake Sale

Silent Auction: Bidding 4:00 – 6:00

Music: 5:00 – 7:00

We will gather silent auction items from Tuesday November 17 to January 7. If you can help by going and asking for items, or if you would like to donate items, please contact Denise Mann (252-216-6373) email mannfarmyard@embarqmail.com

We need to know which businesses are being asked so we are not asking them numerous times by different people. Also, there are forms we need to give you.

If you want to cover a whole area, we have a suggested list.

We will also need people to stew chicken. You will need to pick the chicken off the bone and save the broth. If you would like to help with this, let Becky Forrest, Preschool Teacher know (252-423-8693).

We will need bake sale items.



October Wrap-Up From the Administrative Leadership Team

The most recent class of Bethany's Administrative Leadership Team took their seats on October 19, 2026, after being voted in at our September Charge Conference. Recently elected chairperson Nancy Gray called the meeting to order. Millie Barkley gave a devotion on the futility of worry.

Coordinator of Social Media Julia Tawes submitted a report revealing that Bethany had over 90,000 content views on social media in the month of July mostly due to Vacation Bible School! She has created a social media form to simplify the way church family members can request her services in obtaining social media posts, slides, playlists, graphics, letters, newsletter pages, etc. She will make that form available on the church website and in the church office.

Representing the Trustees, David Whitehurst, will be meeting soon with a newly appointed team consisting of Scott Buckalew, David Tillett, Dave Nicholas, and Craig Parker. The team will elect their chairman and make recommendations concerning hiring a maintenance person as a part-time employee or a by-the-hour contractor. David Whitehurst has compiled lists of routine maintenance duties and pressing upkeep projects and repairs that the team may undertake or hire out.

Finance chairperson Jim Troutman continues to investigate a way to reduce our wind and hail insurance premiums. It is time to make a decision concerning renewing a copy machine contract. When Denise Mann gets more information, the Administrative Leadership Team members will be polled for a consensus.

Laura Beth Mann is heading up the team on children and youth consisting of Millie Barkley, Tasha Curles, Vickie Nicholas, and Luke Meekins. Teaching material to be used by volunteers has been purchased for Sunday School and Children's Church. In the absence of an employee to head up the Children and Youth program, the group will carry on.

Missions' chairperson Sheila Garrison will assemble her team at the end of October to review all of Bethany's current and future missions opportunities. Missions team members include Connie Troutman, Vickie Nicholas, Millie Barkley, and Nita Hepler.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations (SPPR) chairperson Bill Wilson gave an update on where we are in the search for a new pastor. He explained that obtaining a pastor in the Global Methodist Church is very different from our former experiences with the United Methodist Church. Our church profile is available online for review to a Global pastor seeking another position. If our Presiding Elder Chris Aydlett deems it to be a good match, an in-person interview will take place between the candidate and the SPPR team that consists of Bill Wilson, Randy O'Neal, Laura Beth Mann, Victoria Meekins, and Nancy Gray. Both the candidate and the church will have 48 hours to decide if it is a good fit.

The group discussed the possibility of getting an app for membership directory information on our phones.

The group acknowledged the sacrifice and service of Ken Mann who will be filling in on Sundays until a new pastor is found.

The Methodist Men are hosting the Widow and Widowers' dinner again this December at Basnight's Lone Cedar Café.

The idea of having Bethany Church merchandise such as t-shirts and hats was revisited. A few members will renew their research.

The Administrative Leadership Team will meet again on Monday, December 7, 2026 at 6:45 pm.



Walking with God & each other through all the seasons of life.

Bethany Church of Wanchese

Safari Scoop

BETHANY PRESCHOOL

OCTOBER 2026 ISSUE

What a wonderful month October has been! Our classroom has been filled with laughter, learning, and so many sweet memories. We have loved watching our little explorers grow in confidence, build friendships, and try new things. Each day brings something special, and we are so thankful to be a part of their preschool adventures!

What We've Been Learning

October has been full of learning and fun! This month, we explored the letters A, B, C, and D and practiced recognizing, writing, and finding words that begin with each letter. We also learned all about the number 2, the color orange, and the oval shape through fun, hands-on activities! Our little learners have been working so hard, and we are so proud of all their progress!

Little Scientists

Our little scientists had so much fun exploring the inside of apples! We counted the seeds, learned about the different parts of an apple, and used our observation skills to make predictions and discover what we noticed. We enjoyed many hands-on activities that made learning fun and helped us explore the world around us!

October Adventures

We had a special visit from our local firefighters, who taught us about fire safety, stop, drop, and roll, and how they help keep our community safe. We got to walk through the fire truck and even spray the water hose! We also enjoyed a fun-filled field trip to the pumpkin patch, making sweet memories with our friends. What a wonderful month of learning, exploring, and making memories!

Looking Ahead to November

November 5th
Show N Tell

November 11th
NO SCHOOL

November 12th
Camo Day

November 19th
Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 22nd–28th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break

Growing in God's Word

This month, we learned about God's love, protection, and faithfulness through some amazing Bible stories! We explored Jesus Calms the Storm, David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lions' Den, and Jonah and the Whale. Each story reminded us that God is always with us, we can trust Him when we are afraid, and He hears us when we pray. We love watching our little ones grow in their faith and learn more about Jesus!

Explorers of the Month

Congratulations to Rosie and Colt, our October Explorers of the Month! These two have shown us what it means to be great friends! They are kind, caring, and always ready to be a good friend to those around them. We are so proud of the kindness and friendship they bring to our classroom each day! Keep shining, Rosie and Colt!

A Month to Remember

October has been such a special month! We enjoyed learning new letters, numbers, and shapes, exploring through science, hearing wonderful Bible stories, and enjoying exciting adventures like our firefighter visit and pumpkin patch trip. Our classroom has been filled with laughter, learning, and so many sweet moments, and we are so thankful for each of our little explorers and their families! We can't wait to see what November brings!










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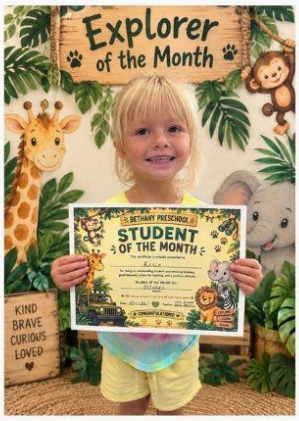






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30-Day Scripture Writing Challenge

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

- ☐ **Nov. 1** Exodus 14:13
- ☐ **Nov. 2** Colossians 3:15
- ☐ **Nov. 3** John 14:27
- ☐ **Nov. 4** Romans 15:13
- ☐ **Nov. 5** John 16:33
- ☐ **Nov. 6** Psalm 85:8
- ☐ **Nov. 7** 1 Peter 5:6-8
- ☐ **Nov. 8** 2 Thess. 3:16
- ☐ **Nov. 9** 1 John 2:23
- ☐ **Nov. 10** Titus 2:11
- ☐ **Nov. 11** 1 Chronicles 16:35
- ☐ **Nov. 12** Colossians 1:13-14
- ☐ **Nov. 13** 2 Kings 17:38-39
- ☐ **Nov. 14** Psalm 23:6
- ☐ **Nov. 15** John 14:2-4
- ☐ **Nov. 16** Proverbs 15:18
- ☐ **Nov. 17** Proverbs 29:11
- ☐ **Nov. 18** Nahum 1:3
- ☐ **Nov. 19** 1 Thess. 5:18
- ☐ **Nov. 20** Jonah 2:9
- ☐ **Nov. 21** Psalm 95: 2-3
- ☐ **Nov. 22** 2 Corinth. 4:15-16
- ☐ **Nov. 23** Ephesians 1:15-16
- ☐ **Nov. 24** 1 Timothy 4:4-5
- ☐ **Nov. 25** Psalm 7:17
- ☐ **Nov. 26** Isaiah 12:4
- ☐ **Nov. 27** Psalm 100:4
- ☐ **Nov. 28** 1 Chronicles 16:34
- ☐ **Nov. 29** Colossians 3:17
- ☐ **Nov. 30** Revelation 14:7

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!


Break the Chains 2026


Pancakes for Haiti 2026

How many yummy pies can you find?

Happy Thanksgiving

Memory Verse

Color and cut out the bookmark!

Give thanks to the **Lord** for he is good; his love endures **forever**

Psalm 107:1, NIV

Quiz Time!

1. Who should we give thanks to?
   A. God
   B. Ourselves
   C. The animals
   D. The weather

2. What is one way we can show God that we are thankful?
   A. By helping others
   B. By complaining
   C. By being selfish
   D. By refusing to share

3. Which of these is something we can thank God for?
   A. Our food
   B. Our family
   C. His blessings
   D. All of these

4. Complete the verse: "In every thing give _____."
   A. praise
   B. thanks
   C. gifts
   D. joy

I'm thankful for...

Turkey Maze

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As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.

May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.

THE JOURNEY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. In many Christian traditions, Advent also marks the beginning of the church year. Rather than starting with a new calendar, the church begins by preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Advent leads to Christmas, followed by Epiphany, traditionally observed on January 6, 2027, to remember the revelation of Christ to the nations and the visit of the wise men. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10, and guides believers toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, March 28.

Forty days after Easter, Christians observe Ascension Day on May 6, remembering how Jesus "was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9, ESV). Pentecost follows on May 16, 50 days after Easter. On that day, the Holy Spirit empowered Christ's followers and united them for the church's mission.

The season after Pentecost continues until Advent arrives once more, inviting the church to begin the sacred journey again.

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Almighty God, our Creator, Redeemer and Eternal Companion, we come before You overwhelmed by the boundless goodness You bestow upon us.

On this special day, we remember how You blessed those who came to this land seeking the freedom to worship without restraint or hindrance.

We are immeasurably grateful for our heritage. We pray that our faith may be as fervent as the faith of those who left everything familiar to journey to a strange land, where they themselves were strangers.

We gather as grateful beneficiaries of Your faithful servants who paid a costly price to glorify You and serve You. Mindful of the first Thanksgiving meal shared by newcomers and Native peoples, we now gather around our own tables with family and friends.

We come before You with love and deep appreciation for Your constant grace and abundant gifts. The beautiful food before us is a visible reminder of Your generous provision.

Ever-giving and ever-loving God, we humbly thank You for all Your blessings. We ask for one gift more: the honor of Your presence. Be our guest, so that we may enjoy fellowship with You and with one another.

We pray in the name of Your greatest gift to us, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.





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PUZZLE

Counting Our Blessings

Thanksgiving is a great opportunity to "count our blessings." God blesses each of us daily in so many ways. Solve the following math problems. Then write the words on the numbered lines below to complete Ephesians 1:3, NIV.

14 - 7 = ____ Father	10 + 15 = ____ in
10 + 9 = ____ heavenly	6 - 3 = ____ to
10 + 5 = ____ blessed	12 - 6 = ____ and
2 - 1 = ____ Praise	6 + 6 = ____ Christ
7 + 7 = ____ has	18 - 9 = ____ our
11 + 11 = ____ every	22 - 11 = ____ Jesus
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10 + 10 = ____ realms	7 + 6 = ____ who
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5 + 5 = ____ Lord	9 + 9 = ____ the
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Ephesians 1:3, NIV

Answer: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

Bible Quiz

What did St. Paul teach about how people can recognize the existence of God?

A. They would have no understanding of God unless someone told them.
B. They could see evidence of God by observing creation.
C. God cannot be known in any way except through Jesus.

Answer: (Romans 1:19-21)



Bread Painting

When you eat this fun snack, be thankful for Jesus, who is our Bread of Life.

What you need:



- Small cups
- Milk
- Food coloring
- Clean, food-safe brush
- Slice of bread
- Toaster or toaster oven
- Butter, optional

What you do:

1. Set out one small cup for each color you want to use.
2. Pour 1 to 2 tablespoons of milk into each cup.
3. Add a few drops of food coloring to each cup and stir until the color is bright.
4. Using a clean, food-safe brush, gently paint a picture or design on the bread. Be careful not to soak the bread.
5. When you're finished painting, toast the bread. Add a little butter, if desired, and enjoy!



Reminder:
Ask an adult for help when using a toaster or toaster oven.

"I am the bread of life."
John 6:35, NIV

Puzzle!



A MIRACLE DINNER

Matthew 14:15–21 & John 6:1–14
is a Bible story about a special dinner.
Below is a poem about that story.

Complete the poem by filling in the blanks with the correct pairs of words.

then / men	rest / quest
true / you	began / ran
late / ate	faces / spaces
lunch / bunch	done / ton

Jesus was tired and went to find _____,
So away from the crowd he started his _____ .
It came to an end before it _____,
The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and
they _____.
His boat pulled ashore and he looked at
their _____ —five thousand men, plus families
filled all open _____.
And so Jesus spoke and he taught until _____.
The disciples told him it was time they
all _____.
Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____,
and feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____!
What would they do? They'd need a
whole _____!
But then a young boy came and offered
his _____ —five loaves and two fish to
feed this big _____.
Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____
it fed all the women, the children and _____!

Answers: rest, quest, began, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men

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