

THE Shining the Everlasting Light of Our Lord Jesus Christ Let His Light Shine in Us All. LIGHTHOUSE

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YOU DID! I DID!

What have we done? We have all failed. Failure is a part of life. Zig Ziglar made a statement that contains a great deal of wisdom. He wrote: **"Make failure your teacher, not your undertaker."**

Failure is such a part of our lives that there is a whole industry that has been developed because of it. For example, the eraser industry was created because we make mistakes. How about the White-Out company or stain remover companies? Do I need to say more? Even in this age of computers, we have spell check and grammar check because we make mistakes.

Failure is not the issue. What we do with our mistakes is the important issue. Successful people learn from their failures. Edison said, **"Don't call it a failure; call it an education."** We need to learn from our mistakes. We need to grow wiser because of them.

We need to make failure our "teacher not our undertaker." Too many people let failure destroy them, cause them to give up, surrender their joy, lose their hope, and become discouraged. But listen to what John Maxwell wrote: **"Failure is an event, not a destination."** We have a choice. We can learn from our mistakes, pick ourselves up and move forward, or we can turn failure into a permanent part of our lives.

There is a better way. We can seek God's help and strength so we can move on from our failure. We can seek God's wisdom, so we don't make the same mistake again. We can take our failure and give it meaning by using it to help others steer clear of the same mistakes. The Bible, in the Book of Proverbs, gives us some wise counsel. **"For though a righteous man falls seven times, he arises again."** (24:16)

I have fallen down a few times in my life. Those times were not easy, but I have tried to be a **"get-back-up"** kind of person. I have tried to learn how to not stay-down-very-long kind of person. Here are three things that have helped me when I fail.

First: Turn to God. I already mentioned that one. The fastest way for me to get back up from failure is to take God's hand and ask Him for help. I have found that

He is always ready to pull me up. God has kept this promise in my life: **"Call on Me in the day of trouble, and I will help you."** (Psalm 50:15)

We need quickly turn to God when we fail. When we turn our face towards God, we discover that He has been facing us all the time. When we reach out to God, we find that His hand is already reaching out to us.

Then we need to do what He says. It does me no good to ask God to help if I am not going to do what He says. It does me no good to see what the Bible says if I am not going to do what the Bible teaches.

God and the Bible will very often tell us to do the **second** thing. We find it in the verses I mentioned on Sunday. Proverbs 12:15 says **"A wise man listens to advice."** Proverbs 19:20 says **"Listen to advice and accept instructions."**

The strongest, wisest, most balanced people I know are not afraid to ask for help and guidance from others. I thank God for the "counselors" in my life. They have insights that I sometimes don't have. Since they are not involved in my "failure" they can be "objective" and see things I don't see.

The **third** thing we can do when we fail is talk to someone who has made the same mistake and grew and developed because of it. That is why the Bible tells us to **"confess your sins to one another."** As I tell you about my failures, and you tell me about your failures we can gain new insights from each other. And find reason to hope.

The quote I used earlier from John Maxwell is from his book that has helped me. It is a very encouraging book. Even the title helps. It is called, **"Failing Forward."** Success is not the absence of failure but the ability to let God and others help us fail forward. Friends, the next time you fail, and you will, turn your experience into a teacher not an undertaker.

See you in church, the place where failures gather to find wisdom, strength, and the power to get up, learn, and move forward.

In His Service,

David.

| July 2026 | | | | | | |
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| Date: | Nursery Workers | Acolytes | Children's Church |
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| July 5th | Millie Barkley/ Tasha Curles | Becca Tawes | Jessica Davenport / Sheila Garrison |
| July 12th | Nancy Doak / Opportunity To Serve | Owen Meekins | Luke and Victoria Meekins |
| July 19th | Stormy Heroux/ Opportunity To Serve | Wyatt Cooper | Jessica Davenport / Carol Saunders |
| July 26th | Carol Saunders/Victoria Meekins | Kate Smith | Jessica Davenport & Laura Mann |

Monthly Schedule:

Bethany Women's Group:

Thursday, July 2, at 7:00 pm
Host: Jewel Mavrommatis

S.A.L.T. Sisters

No Meeting in July

Bethany's Table:

Wednesday, July 9
Preparation Day 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, July 9
Meals Packaged 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Deliveries 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Methodist Men:

Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Fellowship

Feeding the Lifeguards:

Thursday, July 9 at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Women

Special dates:

Canada Day, July 1
Independence Day, July 4

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 Morning Bible Study
7:00 pm Evening Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday

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

MINISTRIES AT BETHANY

Meal Train – Jennifer Hamlen 919-665-7993
Y.A.L. – Outreach to New Mothers
Sheila Garrison 804-239-5242
College Students – Sheila Garrison 804-239-5242

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You Tube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvKaNdMcGqS95YiViFQ1ydQ/>

I remember the time Dock Sawyer painstakingly brewed a big batch of Brunswick stew in our church parking lot. He poured ingredients he had purchased in bulk into a huge cauldron that sat on a gas burner. He needed no outside help as he followed a recipe in his mind and relied on his instincts to judge how the stew should look, taste, and smell. When it came to be time to make Brunswick Stew for Bethany's Table, I tried to apply his methodology even if we didn't have uniform ingredients or the traditional cookware. It's the love that you put into it that counts!

Virginia, Georgia, and Native American nations all claim to be the founders of the stew that is often made with wild game. We went with free chicken from Shirley Eyer at Dare Challenge Women Center. Of course, we used chicken stock and pulled ham bones from the freezer to make more stock. Dock once said his secret ingredient was a little bit of beef, so a couple of London Broils were purchased. The Roanoke Island Food Pantry gave us cans of tomatoes, potatoes, and corn. Garlic, celery, cabbage, and lima beans joined the mix.

We had a new helper on prep day, Georgia, who also volunteered during Project Glam Girls. Many of our regular prep volunteers were unable to come in June; however, some former volunteers answered the call at just the right time. It was great to see Vivian Shackelford, Stella Hollingsworth, and Nita and Clint Hepler back in the kitchen. Preacher David walked in the back door and lent a helping hand. On delivery day, Neil Scarborough joined the packing team after a long absence.

A new route driver signed up to help, but she forgot to come! Doug Curles and Kobe Beasley graciously covered two routes for us that day. Another glitch occurred when we stacked hot soup containers on top of each other. It caused some melting of the lids, but everyone persevered. June marked the beginning of the new schedule for Bethany's Table. Prep and deliveries now take place on the second Wednesday and Thursday of the month. Everyone seemed to handle the transition well.

In June, we served Brunswick stew, a homemade pimento cheese sandwich, a fruit cup, and cookies or Little Bite muffins to 197 people at \$1.42 per person with 24 adult and 4 young volunteers. We had enough extra stew to send to the lifeguards and put out at the bread stand.



Stella Hollingsworth and Connie Troutman put in two hours of pimento cheese sandwich making.



Shirley O'Neal and Nita Hepler packed up cookies without succumbing to temptation.



Spoiler alert: Ladd Bayliss of Island Farm said the Irish potatoes will soon be ready to harvest for next month's meal.



TITHES

MAY AND JUNE

We need \$6,109.33 weekly.

In May, we needed \$30,546.65 and our offerings were \$27,906.25. In June, we needed \$24,437.32. As of June 22, our offerings were \$15,856.00.



CUDWORTH CEMETERY

Please remember your cemetery dues for mowing at the Cudworth Cemetery.

Dues are \$25.00 per lot, annually. Make your payment to: Cudworth Cemetery Fund P. O. Box 100 Wanchese, NC 27981.



BETHANY METHODIST MEN MEETING

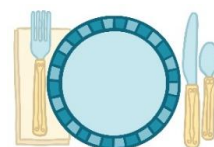
On July 9, the Bethany men will meet (now the second

Thursday of each month). We will share the meeting with Dare Challenge participants.

We will have a dinner starting at 6:30, a devotion, and Dare Challenge men will deliver their personal testaments. Our ultimate goal of growing the Methodist Men fellowship which will also include involving young men.

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

Larry Franklin
Bethany Methodist Men's Leader



MEALS FOR LIFEGUARDS

Thursday, July 9, at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Women

Thursday, August 13, at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Methodist Men

- 1- Jennifer Hamlen
- 2- Johnny Beasley
- 2 - David Tillett
- 2 – Tifanie Midgett Daniels
- 3- Tommy Toler
- 3 -Nancy Doak
- 4 – Will Fields
- 5 - Corbin Tillett
- 5 - Matte Samson
- 6 - Joe Willis
- 6 - Levi Curles
- 8 - Pam Mihovch
- 10 - Billon Hollingsworth
- 10 - Conrade Davenport
- 11 - Nick Sapone
- 12 – Jessica Houston
- 12 – Brady Curles
- 14 - Kenny Wells
- 15 - Carol Meekins
- 15 – Billy Dickerson
- 16 - Millie Barkley
- 16 - Blake Parrish
- 16 - Blayden Parrish
- 17 - Joseph Machie
- 19 - Stanley Scarborough
- 20 – Connie Troutman
- 21 - Melody Dean
- 21 – Joseph Doak
- 22 - Liz Ann Creef- Meekins
- 22- Steve Hamlen
- 23 - Gayle Tillett
- 23 - Asia Evans Stewart
- 23 - Carl Beacham
- 25 -Marilyn Campbell
- 26 - Peter Kremser
- 27 - Candy Daniels
- 27 - Milah Elliot
- 27 - Linda Quinn
- 29 - Shaylor Meekins
- 31 - Amy Midgette
- 31 – Blake Houston

- 2 – Steve and Jennifer Hamlen
- 11 – Willie and Candy Daniels
- 13 – Bud and Rheana Watts
- 19 – Luke and Victoria Meekins
- 20 – Larry and Toni Franklin
- 21 – Robert and Ina Ruhle
- 21 – Peter and Karen Kremser
- 22 – Joe and Nan Willis
- 27 – Ian and Keri Simmons

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Becky Beacham 252-473-5313. She can give you more information.

preschool registration



PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting applications for the 2026 – 2027 school year. The children need to be three by August 31, 2026.

Anyone interested in enrolling a child in Bethany Preschool can stop by the church office Monday – Friday. You can also contact the school 252-475-1295, Becky Beacham 252-473-5313 or Denise Mann 252-216-6373. The applications are on Bethany Church of Wanchese website and Facebook page. We would like to have the applications back in by August 1, 2026.

The Bethany Church Of Wanchese Preschool meets Tuesday – Thursday 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. The preschool will begin on the first Tuesday after Labor Day and end on the last Thursday in May. The cost is \$130.00 a month.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Each of the three Manteo schools received an enormous delivery from Bethany on their required end of year lock-in work day!. Each school got cookies, brownies, candies, fruits, salads, dips, and crackers for a crowd! Thanks to the dedicated Bethany warriors who respond to the call every time!..

Sheila Garrison



On Sunday, June 14 Jennette and Genevieve Cooper were baptized.



Photoed along with the girls were their mother Stormy Heroux and bothers Wyatt and Gauge. Also, in the background

is Preacher David S. Clift.

CHRISTIAN SYMBOL



SHELL — A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian

symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

JULY 2026 TO GOD BE THE GLORY... HALLELUJAH!

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| | | | 1 6:30 Praise Team Practice | 2 7:00 Bethany's Women Group Host: Jewel Mavrommatis | 3 9:00 McPrayer 9:00 – 6:00 His K.R.E.W. and Crossroad Kids Field Trip Norfolk Zoo | 4  |
| 5 Celebrating the 4th of July | 6 | 7 9:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Evening Bible Study | 8 1:00 – 3:00 Bethany's Table Preparation Day 5:30 – 8:30 VBS Decorating 6:30 Praise Team Practice | 9 Bethany's Table 3:00 – 4:00 Meals Packaged 4:00 – 5:30 Deliveries 6:30 Methodist Men Dinner & Fellowship 6:30 Feeding Lifeguards | 10 9:00 McPrayer | 11 |
| 12 Communion | 13 | 14 9:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Evening Bible Study 5:30 – 8:30 VBS Decorating | 15 6:30 Praise Team Practice | 16 | 17 Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 McPrayer | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 9:30 Morning Bible Study 7:00 Evening Bible Study | 22 6:30 Praise Team Practice | 23 7:00 Administrative Leadership Team Meeting | 24 9:00 McPrayer 12:00 – 5:00 VBS Decorating | 25 |
| 26 5:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 – 7:30 Ice Cream Social | 27 6:00 – 8:30 Vacation Bible School | 28 9:30 Morning Bible Study 6:00 – 8:30 Vacation Bible School | 29 6:00 – 8:30 Vacation Bible School | 30 6:00 – 8:30 Vacation Bible School | 31 9:00 McPrayer 6:00 – 8:30 Vacation Bible School | |

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

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Dylan Baker

Ken Mann



Logan Bonner

Unspoken

Elizabeth Chabay

Unsaved

Jason Galloway

Caregivers

Kyle Gaskill, Jr.

Haiti

Darren Gibbs

Our Nation and Leaders

Dylon Griffin

People in Nursing Homes

Vova Lebediev

The Peace of Israel

Colby Moore

Those in Prison

John Snider

Ukraine

Jonson Utz

ONGOING PRAYERS

Roy and Sharon Ambrose

Ted Hemilright

DeLana Barkley

Vova Lebediev

Wayne Barnett

Brandy Mann

Ethan Basnight

Dewey Mann

Tyisha Basnight

Linda Mann

Walter Baum

Denise Mariner

Tatum Beale

Sammy Mariner

Mike Beasley

Karen Martin

Freddie Blackmon

Babs Meekins

G. G. Bonner

R. S. Meekins

Nathan Boone

Paul Midgett

Glenn Bradley

Ted Midgett

Jimmy Bulfin

Tom and Connie Miss

Eric Craddock

Brandy Flynt Moore

Michelle Cribb

Tim Morrill

Jennifer Delio

Linda O'Neal

Katy Dettmer

Missy Ogden

Joe Doak

Bill Parker

Milah Dough

Craig Parker

Linda Dunn

Holly Presgrave

Kathy Elks

Sharon Ralph

Karen Etheridge

Johnnie Robbins

Sharen Etheridge

Scott Sawyer

Pat Fields

Stan Sawyer

Jordan Ford

Ashley Seay

Claudia Zamor Garcia

Robin Smith

Dawn Gerakaris

Gayle Tillett

Dionne Glover

Anita Twyne

Siobhan Hall

Tim Whitehurst

Kristine Hamilton

Lacy Williams

Ruth Hayes

Joe Willis

Nan Willis

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Hoyt Tillett

HAITI MISSION



Last month I spoke about the baby found in the trash pile. They still haven't found a home for her. Everyone has the same reason, "can't afford food for her".

Sonson texted Chetty this afternoon and said he just got back from the police station, and he told them he wants to join the Haitian police force. He said they told him he will leave for training at the end of June. He's going to need all the prayers he can get. Police are killed all the time down there with all the gang violence.

I read an article this past week that said American Airlines will start service to Haiti in November. Not sure how safe it'll be to travel there.

Thank you for the donations. And please continue the prayers

Blessings,
Chetty and Craig



THEY WALKED EVERYWHERE

When a teenager earned his driving permit, he approached his father, a minister, to discuss using the car. His dad replied, "I'll make you a deal.

Raise your grades, spend some time in your Bible and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk."

A month later, the young man came back. "Son, I'm proud of you," his father said. "Your grades are up, and you've been faithful in your Bible study. But you didn't get your hair cut."

The teenager paused. "Well, Dad, I've been thinking. Samson had long hair. Moses had long hair. Noah had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair."

His father nodded. "That's true. And they walked everywhere they went."

The church has scheduled a time for pictures to be taken for a new **CHURCH DIRECTORY**. Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 25, from 2:00 pm to 8:30 pm and Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. You can sign up online Monday – Friday. For those who prefer signing up on paper, that can be done at church on Sundays. This information is on the table in the sanctuary near the entrance doors. **We need everyone to sign up as quickly as possible to make sure we have enough time slots.** If we need more slots, they will add a third day for appointments.

To sign up online go to www.ucdir.com
Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled photography appointment scheduling login

Enter your church code **nc629**

Enter your church password **photos629**

You can also use this QR code to get to the web site



The more pictures we have taken, the more credits we get to have extra church group pictures. There will also be an up-to-date roster with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

Each family will get a free 8 X 10 picture and a directory. You do not have to purchase additional pictures.

BETHANY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

I will fight for you, you
need only to be still.

I will deliver you from your
troubles. Psalm 34:17

Exodus 14:14

I will never leave you or
forsake you. Hebrews 13:5

DURING THE PAST MONTH, THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF BETHANY CHURCH HAVE KICKED OFF THE SUMMER TOGETHER AT CHURCH, STUDYING GOD'S WORD, AND MAKING MEMORIES TOGETHER. DURING OUR SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY AND LOCK-IN SLEEPOVER WE ENJOYED WATER FUN, PLAYED GAMES TOGETHER, HAD A BONFIRE, WATCHED THE MOVIE SOUL SURFER, AND DISCUSSED WHILE GOD DIDN'T PROMISE AN EASY JOURNEY HE PROMISED SO MUCH MORE. WE DIVED INTO THE BIBLE AND LEARNED SOME OF WHAT HE DID PROMISE US. EXODUS 14:14, JOSHUA 1:9, JOHN 14:27, HEBREWS 13:5, PSALM 46:1, JEREMIAH 29:11, ROMANS 8:28, PHILIPPIANS 4:19, AND DEUTERONOMY 31:8.



VBS DECORATION TEAM
CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO HELP
JOIN US TO HELP DECORATE AND PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR VBS.
WE WILL ENJOY A MEAL TOGETHER, DECORATE, AND ENJOY CHRISTMAS MUSIC.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH 5:30-8:30 PM ~ TUESDAY, JULY 14TH 5:30 - 8:30 PM ~ FRIDAY, JULY 24TH 12:00 - 5:00 PM



**I WILL BE YOUR
REFUGE AND
YOUR STRENGTH.
PSALM 46:1**



**I WILL SUPPLY ALL
YOUR NEEDS.
PHILIPPIANS 4:19**

**Bethany Church Children and Youth
Crossroads Kids & His K.R.E.W.
Pizza Picnic and Jockey's Ridge Boarding Fun
Friday, August 14, 2026
5:00PM Bus will depart from Bethany
8:00PM Bus will return to Bethany**

**VISIT THIS LINK TO REVIEW THE SCRIPTURES DISCUSSED AND COLOR PAGES SHARED -
[HTTPS://CANVA.LINK/BETHANY-CHILDREN-YOUTH-PRAYER-JOURNAL](https://canva.link/bethany-children-youth-prayer-journal)**

Bethany Church of Wanchese

101 Old Wharf Rd, Wanchese, NC 27981

Vacation Bible School

Christmas in July • The Great Advent-ture

7/27/26 ~ 7/31/26 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM

**Dinner, Lesson, Activities, Music, Petting Zoo,
and Water Fun.**

To register scan the QR code

Register by July 3rd



for your T-Shirt



**Christmas
IN JULY**

REGISTER YOUR CHILD:

You can find the QR code or form on our Facebook Web Site or send an email to mannfarmyard@embarqmail.com for an online or paper form. You can drop the paper form to the church office, mail, or email to the address given.

We would like to encourage everyone to register their children before Bible School because it will help us plan for suppers, crafts and most of all, we will be able to get started right on time Monday night.

See QR code on flier to go to online form.

To guarantee a tee shirt you need to register by Friday, July 3.



Decorating Party

DECORATING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, July 8 5:30 – 8:30

Tuesday, July 14 5:30 – 8:30

Friday, July 24 12:00 – 5:00

Come out for fun and fellowship to help us get ready for Vacation Bible School.



On Sunday, July 26, from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm we will have an ice cream social so you can stop by and pick up items for your child. Then on Monday night you can just drop off the children.



SUMMER KICK OFF & YOUTH LOCK-IN 2026



LIVING GIFT MARKET

Choose A Meaningful Gift To Help Families Around The World Achieve Self-Reliance

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|  <p>FULL » \$500 SHARE » \$50</p> <h2>HEIFERS</h2> <p><i>"These people named their organization after me, so I must be a pretty big deal."</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$300</p> <h2>CLEAN WATER</h2> <p><i>"Water you up to besides adding me to your gift bag?"</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$300 SHARE » \$30</p> <h2>FISH</h2> <p><i>"Nothing fishy about it, I get along swimmingly with all the families I meet!"</i></p> |
|  <p>FULL » \$250 SHARE » \$25</p> <h2>WATER BUFFALO</h2> <p><i>"Dare I say I'm the strongest gift option available?"</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$120 SHARE » \$10</p> <h2>GOATS</h2> <p><i>"I'm perfect for the cool people in your life who know what G.O.A.T. means."</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$120 SHARE » \$10</p> <h2>SHEEP</h2> <p><i>"Sweaters shrink. Sheep don't. Plus — I'm perfect for all the knitters in your life."</i></p> |
|  <p>FULL » \$120 SHARE » \$10</p> <h2>PIGS</h2> <p><i>"Pretty in pink and perfect in your gift bag."</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$60 SHARE » \$10</p> <h2>GARDEN SEEDS</h2> <p><i>"I loved you from the moment I seed you."</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$30</p> <h2>HONEYBEES</h2> <p><i>"I'm a sweet gift for your honey! (Pro tip — throw in some locally sourced honey!)"</i></p> |
|  <p>FULL » \$20</p> <h2>FLOCK OF CHICKS</h2> <p><i>"Who cares if the chicken or the egg came first — as long as I'm your first pick."</i></p> |  <p>FULL » \$5,000</p> <h2>GIFT ARK</h2> <p>A Gift Ark donation includes a pair of water buffalo, cows, sheep and goats, as well as honeybees, chicks and more. A Gift Ark can provide entire communities with milk, eggs, honey and wool, boosting both nutrition and income. These animals will become life-changing gifts for families around the world!</p> | |

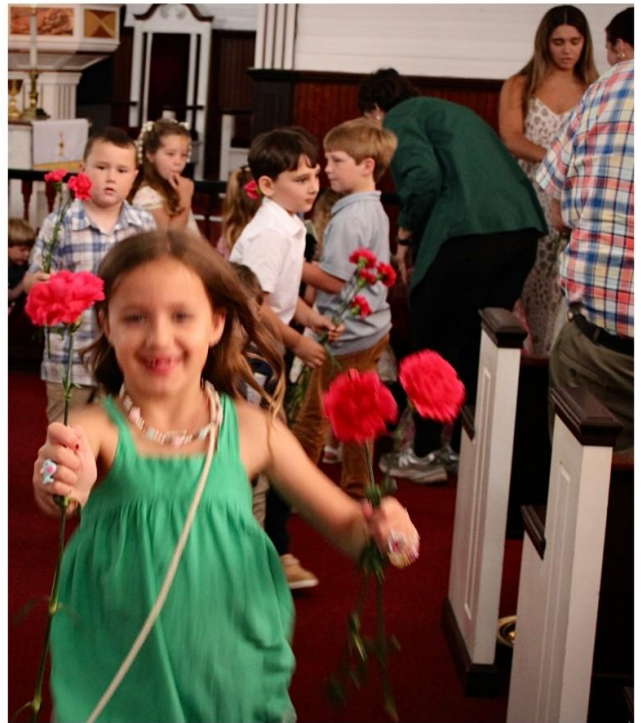
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Heifer International gives families the animals, training and opportunity they need to succeed — igniting an energizing spark that motivates and empowers families to take action and better their futures. Ultimately, our goal is to help families reach living incomes, ensuring that they have adequate food, housing and other essential resources to lead dignified lives.

We will be making donations to purchase animals for this project.

If you would like to give a monetary donation, make your check to Bethany Church of Wanchese and put VBS Mission Project in the memo line.





FATHERS DAY 2026

PRESCHOOL SCOOP



This year's preschool graduation was especially meaningful as we celebrated our Class of 2026 and all the places they'll go. This year, we dedicated our graduation to sweet Mamie, who will forever be a part of the Bethany Church of Wanchese Preschool family and the Bethany Preschool graduating class of 2026. Though she is no longer with us here, her light, joy, and memory remain woven into our hearts. We honor her tonight and carry her with us, trusting that love leaves a lasting mark that never fades.



We had the best time celebrating the end of an amazing year at Bethany Preschool with a fun day at the splash pad! The kids had so much fun running, playing, and splashing together, and it was such a sweet way to wrap up a year full of learning, growth, and special memories. We also enjoyed cupcakes to celebrate all they accomplished this year. Watching how much each child has grown academically, socially, and spiritually, has been such a joy. We are so thankful for this special year and for every family that was part of it. These little ones have our hearts, and we can't wait to see all the amazing places they'll go.



CLASS OF 2026

BETHANY CHURCH OF
WANCHESE'S HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATES





LIFEGUARDS

Thank you to all of those who continue to make this ministry possible. We served roughly 50 people with Nags Head Ocean Rescue on Thursday, June 11!

Interested in helping out in July or August? Contact Becky Beacham at (252) 473-5313

31-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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> July 1 | Isaiah 61:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 17 | 2 Peter 3:7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 2 | Psalms 119:45 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 18 | 3 John 1:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 3 | Ephesians 3:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 19 | Psalms 1:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 4 | 2 Corinthians 3:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 20 | Philippians 4:6-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 5 | Galatians 5:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 21 | Hebrews 13:5-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 6 | Romans 12:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 22 | Psalms 27:1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July 7 | Acts 18:9-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> July 23 | Daniel 6:26-27 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> July 16 | John 8:34 | | |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

PUZZLE



JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise.
They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down
the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



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Answer: Praise the Lord!

Bible Quiz

About 450 years before Jesus, Nehemiah heard that Jerusalem still lay in ruins after the Babylonian invasion. The news broke his heart. After days of prayer and mourning, he stepped forward to lead the effort to rebuild the city wall. Despite opposition, the people pressed on.

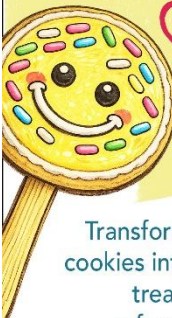
A well-known verse describes their progress: "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to _____." **Choose the correct ending:**

- A. be protected
- B. work
- C. serve
- D. live

Answer: (Nehemiah 4:6, ESV)




COOKIE SMILE POPS



Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.


What you need:

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into ¼-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



Puzzle!

One of a Kind

The scrambled words and phrases below are all drawn from Scripture. Unscramble each one to reveal the correct biblical term or phrase. After solving them, transfer the circled letters in order to the lines at the bottom of the page to uncover the final message.

1) eiVn _ _ _

2) ilLy fo teh elaVly

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3) abLm fo dGo _ _ _

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4) estMar _ _ _ _ _

5) eJuss _ _ _ _

6) okRc _ _ _ _

7) rdBea fo eiLf _ _ _ _ _

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8) higLt fo hte dorWl _ _ _ _

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9) voaSir _ _ _ _ _

10) doLr _ _ _ _

11) ishCrt _ _ _ _ _

12) ehSprhed _ _ _ _ _

13) hTe doWr _ _ _ _ _

14) rncPie fo cePae _ _ _ _ _

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What do all these words have in common?

Answers: Vine; Lily of the Valley; Lamb of God; Master; Jesus; Rock; Bread of Life; Light of the World; Savior; Lord; Christ; Shepherd; The Word; Prince of Peace; Names of God's Son



Return Service Requested



OUR AWESOME GOD

When our lives are focused on God, awe and wonder lead us to worship, filling our inner being with a fullness we may never have thought possible. Awe prepares the way for God's transforming power within us. This transformation of our inner attitudes takes place as awe leads us into wonder, admiration, reverence, surrender and obedience before God.

—James Houston, *The Transforming Power of Prayer*