

THE Shining the Everlasting Light of Our Lord Jesus Christ Let His Light Shine LIGHTHOUSE

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THANK YOU, TILLERS

Every Sunday when I get up to preach one of my desires is this: to plant a seed in the spiritual life of someone in the congregation. That is an important task but let me tell you about another important task. It is called **“tilling the ground.”**

Who are these ground tillers? Who are the people who ready the ground for the seed, for God’s word? Who are the people who seek to make the ground on a Sunday morning a suitable place for a seed to take root, grow, and blossom?

There are many people who help till the ground. For example, the greeter ministry is vitally important in setting an atmosphere of radical hospitality. It involves much more than handing out bulletins. The greeters are tillers. They are sometimes the first people worshippers encounter when they enter the building. Their smile, their helpfulness, and the warmth of their greeting helps set the tone for what happens next.

There are other tillers each Sunday morning but let me mention one group that sometimes we forget, the **tillers in the pew**. Think about it. What you do in the pew is of vital importance. You help set the atmosphere for worship. You influence the attitude of the worshipers around you. You help prepare the soil, so when a seed is broadcast, through a hymn, an anthem, a prayer, a sermon that seed has the best possible chance of taking root, growing, blossoming, and someday being a fruit producer.

I am reminded of what Paul said, **“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.”**

(1 Corinthians 3:6) Paul was affirming the different roles people have in producing spiritual fruit. God ultimately brings the growth, but God uses us to till the ground, sow the seeds, and water the plant.

What you do and how you do it makes an enormous difference. The attitude you bring to worship, the energy and the enthusiasm you bring all help the soil. But how you interact with those around you, the smile and your greeting are vitally important. Especially with a visitor who is not yet part of the family

You help till the soil, and you never know on any given Sunday how your tilling will help bring about eternal fruit in the life of someone else. So let me take this opportunity to thank all those who every Sunday do a wonderful job of tiling the soil. Without you the sowing of the seed would be so much more difficult. What you do is so important to fruit producing. How do I know?

In every growing church I have served here is some of what visitors said they liked. “The friendliness of the people.”— “The welcoming atmosphere.”

Those comments thrill me, because it means that the “ground tillers” are doing a wonderful ministry in the entrance, (the Narthex), in the aisles, in the hallways, in the bathrooms and in the pews. Before I stand up to preach, the ministry of tilling has already begun.

I want to thank all you wonderful “tillers.” You are helping make a difference in the lives of people. Today I salute and thank God for the **“ministry of tilling.”** It is a joy to watch you prepare the soil for God’s word. (Hint: remember when the Call to Worship is sung, the tilling stops and we get ready for the seed.)

See you in church, the place where all the ministers of Christ gather to worship to fellowship, to serve, and to grow. A happy watcher, David



May 2026						
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Date:	Nursery Workers	Acolytes	Children's Church
May 3rd	Millie Barkley/ Tasha Curles	Kate Smith	Jessica Davenport / Carol Saunders
May 10th	Nancy Doak / Opportunity To Serve	Becca Tawes	Jessica Davenport / Sheila Garrison
May 17th	Stormy Heroux/ Opportunity To Serve	Wyatt Cooper	Jessica Davenport / Laura Mann
May 24th	Carol Saunders / Victoria Meekins	Macon Morrill	Jessica Davenport / Millie Barkley
May 31st	Becky Beacham / Misty Curles	Joanna Davenport	Jessica Davenport / Victoria Meekins

Monthly Schedule:

Bethany Women's Group:

Thursday, May 7, at 6:30 pm
Out To Eat – Tale Of The Whale

S.A.L.T. Sisters

Monday, May 11 at 6:30 pm

Bethany's Table:

Wednesday, May 20
Preparation Day 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, May 21
Meals Packaged 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Deliveries 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Methodist Men:

Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Fellowship

Special dates:

National Day of Prayer, *May 7*
Mother's Day, *May 10*
Ascension of the Lord, *May 14*
Armed Forces Day, *May 16*
Victoria Day [Canada], *May 18*
Day of Pentecost, *May 24*
Memorial Day, *May 25*
Trinity Sunday, *May 31*

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
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm Crossroads Kids (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm His K.R.E.W. (Youth Room)

Tuesday

9:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm 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

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

Web Site: www.bethanyofwanchese.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/Bethany2023

Email: bethanymethodist@gmail.com

You Tube:

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

Preacher David S. Clift
Church 252-473-5254
Cell 843-957-5626

Email: dsclift@gmail.com

The ministry of Bethany's Table is supported by so many, and we often don't know where donations come from. One example of an anonymous gift occurred on Easter Sunday. When I walked past the office door, Denise called out that we received a \$500 check that day. We don't know who to thank, so we humbly thank God.

Other times, we are acutely aware of who gives a gift and the sacrifice involved. An example of this occurred this month when Eric Soderholm said he would be giving enough fresh asparagus for our meal. The weather got a little cool, and the asparagus didn't get the memo that they had a date to make. Eric was going to finish cutting what he could the morning of prep day, when he discovered he had to leave home for an out-of-town meeting before daybreak. Keeping his promise to Bethany's Table, he went out to the field behind Secotan Market the night before with a headlamp on. When the lamp went out, he pulled out his phone and kept looking for green and purple spears. He delivered the goods at 9:00 at night. It was way beyond the call of duty, but it didn't stop there. He was worried that there wasn't quite enough asparagus, so he called his buddy John Bliven who went out into his own garden the next morning and got us five more pounds. Such devotion left us speechless.

As always, Shirley Eycler funnels food to us, and gave us several hams. I bought four more on sale during Easter week for \$.89 a pound, but the store had a limit of two and I only had time to go to two stores. Then, Shirley cleaned out a freezer and came up with more hams and ham steaks for us. No limit! She also provided Muenster cheese for macaroni and cheese, baking mix for blueberry muffins, and some large heads of cabbage.

Bethany's Table is supported in so many seemingly small ways that add up to big contributions. Sharon Whitehurst and Donna Pologruto both bought disposable gloves for the kitchen when they were out shopping, and each one got a different size. We used the meat slicer that Lish Meekins got out of Apple Daniels' barn many years ago saying, "I'm taking this for the church." Apple didn't utter a word. Preacher David came over to chat up the prep crew, and his jokes had

everyone laughing. Vanessa Foreman always remembers to take photos.

In April, we served grilled ham, macaroni and cheese, pan-seared asparagus, cabbage salad, and a blueberry muffin to 193 people at \$1.16 per person with 26 adult and 3 young volunteers.

Everyone hold onto your hats. After over ten years of delivering on the third Thursday of each month, Bethany's Table is going to make a date switch. **Delivery will be on the second Thursday of each month beginning in June for the next ten years.** A poll was taken of our volunteers, and each one said that a switch would not affect their ability to serve.



Eric Soderholm became my hero in 2018 when he captured a rat snake for me. It was living in my chicken house, getting fat on fresh eggs. I asked Eric what to do, and he literally took the problem in hand...bare hands, and relocated it.



David Tillett displayed his skills on the grill and stovetop.



Part of the crew, Gloria Abbs, Donna Pologruto, Connie Troutman, and Vickie and David Nicholas, were making prep look easy.



- 1 - Rodney Wilson
- 1 - Neil Gray
- 1 - Hayden Flowers
- 1 - Eva Coronado
- 4 - Tracy Leonard
- 4 - Donna Mederios
- 5 - Micah Burdette
- 7 - Paula Mann
- 7 - Crew Basnight Moran
- 11 - Andrew Ray Foreman
- 11 - Hannah Midgett
- 12 - Cookie Utz
- 12 - Lisa Hayes
- 13 - Zach Walker
- 13 - Baron Mann
- 14 - David Hoppe
- 16 - Tread Willis
- 18 - Kali Jo Beasley
- 18 - Allen Moran
- 19 - Rylee Payne
- 19 - Penny Robbins
- 20 - Britton Shackelford
- 22 - Brent Elliot
- 25 - Maison Leonard
- 25 - Mary Gray
- 25 - Joan Gaskill Davis
- 26 - Cody Dough
- 27 - Evelyn "Tom" Tillett
- 27 - Linda Mann
- 28 - Becky Beacham
- 29 - Gauge Cooper



- 4 - Kenny and Lori Wells
- 8 - Billie and Denise Mann
- 14 - Brett and Jessica Houston
- 18 - Kydd and Dana Tillett
- 22 - Hughie Basnight and Vanessa
- 23 - Rob and Lisa Ayers
- 24 - Bob and Bonnie Morrill
- 25 - Jeff and Jen James



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.



TITHES

MARCH AND APRIL
We need \$6,109.33 weekly.

In March, we needed \$30,546.65 and our offerings were \$22,862.00.

In April, we needed \$24,437.32. As of April 20, our offerings were \$24,035.00.



BETHANY METHODIST MEN MEETING

On May 21, the Bethany men will meet on the third

Thursday of this month.

We will have dinner starting at 6:30 pm, a devotion, a short program, and a business meeting with a goal of ending before 800 pm. The ultimate goal is to grow the Methodist Men.

Applications are being reviewed for the Ken Doughty Scholarship in May.

Larry Franklin

Bethany Methodist Men's Leader



SCHOLARSHIPS

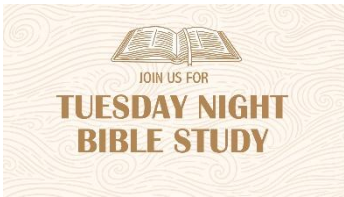
Melvin R. and Carrie E. Daniels Scholarship \$1,000.00

Applications are due by June 1, 2026. You can stop by the church office, contact Paula Mann, or email Denise Mann at mannfarmyard@embarqmail.com for an application.

We will also have the application available on the church website under resources.



You are invited to join us at NC Global Methodist Church Annual Conference in Winston-Salem at the Benton Convention Center on June 17 - 20, 2026.



NEW BIBLE STUDY

Preacher David will begin a Bible study Tuesday, April 28, at

7:00 pm on James. This will take the place of the Prayer Service.

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.

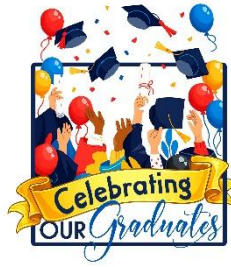
Anyone interested in enrolling a child in Bethany Preschool can stop by the church office Monday – Friday. You can also contact the school 252-475-1295, Becky Beacham 252-473-5313 or Denise Mann 252-216-6373. The applications are on Bethany Church of Wanchese web site and Facebook page. We would like 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 ends on the last Thursday in May. The cost is \$130.00 a month.

MAMIE MORRILL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

If you would like to donate to this fund, make the check to Bethany Preschool and put in the memo line “Mamie scholarship.” You can put your donation in the church offering, drop off to the church office, use our online donation from our website, or mail to Bethany Church Preschool

P. O. Box 239, Wanchese, NC 27981.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Bethany Women’s Group will be honoring the graduating class of 2026 on Sunday, June 7, during the

10:30 am worship service. Seniors, please wear your caps and gowns.



WATER LIFE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER

Baby Bottle Campaign
Mother’s Day - Father’s Day
May 10 – June 21

Get some kind of container and save your change. You will need to bring your donation container in on Sunday, June 21.







We welcome into our church family Austin and Mitzy Thompson and their children Effie and Tex.



MAY 2026 ... TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS.. TRUST AND OBEY..

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

					9:00 McPrayer	1	2
3 4:30 – 6:30 Crossroads Kids His K.R.E.W.	4	5 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	6 6:30 Praise Team Practice	7 6:30 Bethany's Women Out To Eat Tale Of The Whale	8 9:00 McPrayer		9
10 4:30 – 6:30 Crossroads Kids His K.R.E.W. 	11 6:30 S.A.L.T. Sisters	12 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	13 6:30 Praise Team Practice	14 	15 9:00 McPrayer		16 
17 4:30 – 6:30 Crossroads Kids His K.R.E.W.	18 5:45 – 8:00 Administrative Leadership Team Dinner & Meeting	19 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	20 1:00 – 3:00 Bethany's Table Preparation Day 6:30 Praise Team Practice	21 Bethany's Table 3:00 – 4:00 Meals Packaged 4:00 – 5:30 Deliveries 6:30 Methodist Men Dinner & Fellowship	22 Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 McPrayer		23
24 3:00 – 6:00 Crossroads Kids His K.R.E.W. Jennette's Pier 31 4:30 – 6:30 Crossroads Kids His K.R.E.W.	25 	26 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study	27 6:30 Praise Team Practice	28 6:30 Preschool Graduation Program	29 9:00 McPrayer		30

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

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Mike Beasley
Milah Dough
Debra Fournier

Brandy Flynt Moore
Missy Ogden
Anita Twyne



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

ONGOING PRAYERS

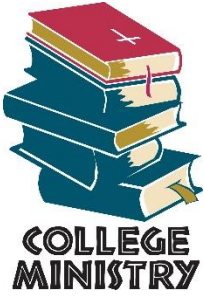
Roy and Sharon Ambrose
DeLana Barkley
Wayne Barnett
Ethan Basnight
Tyisha Basnight
Walter Baum
Freddie Blackmon
G. G. Bonner
Nathan Boone
Glenn Bradley
Jimmy Bulfin
Eric Craddock
Katy Dettmer
Joe Doak
Linda Dunn
Kathy Elks
Karen Etheridge
Pat Fields
Jordan Ford
Claudia Zamor Garcia
Dawn Gerakaris
Siobhan Hall
Kristine Hamilton
Ruth Hayes
Ted Hemilright
Susan Johnson
Vova Lebediev

Brandy Mann
Dewey Mann
Linda Mann
Denise Mariner
Sammy Mariner
Karen Martin
Donna Medeiros
Babs Meekins
R. S. Meekins
Lily Bleu Mervine
Paul Midgett
Ted Midgett
Ann Mihovch
Tom and Connie Miss
Linda O'Neal
Bill Parker
Craig Parker
Sharon Ralph
Ginger Reber
Stan Sawyer
Ashley Seay
Robin Smith
Razph Sparks
Colin Tibbs
Gayle Tillett
Tim Whitehurst
Debbie Williams
Joe Willis

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Roscoe "Rossie" Beasley



COLLEGE MINISTRY

The college student ministry held card signing events so greetings, notes of encouragement, and wishes for a blessed summer could be expressed by signees. The cards, to be mailed before the end of

April, will also include a small token of Bethany love via a Dunkin Donuts gift card.



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 back 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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates:
Monday, July 27 –
Friday, July 31

Times:
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Christmas In July The Great Advent-ture
Dinner will be provided nightly

Sunday, July 26 at 5:15 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Pre-registration and Ice Cream Social

If you would like to help with this great and fun ministry for our children in the community, contact Denise Mann 252-216-6373.

BETHANY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,
Ephesians 1:7



DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF BETHANY CHURCH HAD FUN CELEBRATING EASTER, OUR SAVIORS RESURRECTION, AND MOVING INTO SPRING. WE STUDYED VARIOUS SCRIPTURES DISCUSSING JESUS, THE CROSS, AND HOW OUR SINS ARE WASHED AWAY BECAUSE OF JESUS'S BLOOD SHED FOR US.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1:9



Bethany Church
Children & Youth Beach Day
 May 24th, 2026 from 3:00- 6:00PM
 Drop off & Pick up at Jennette's Pier (South Side)
 We will provide drinks and snacks.

Bethany Church Children's Ministry May Calendar

Crossroads Kids = Open to children ages 3 - 10. His K.R.E.W. Youth = Open to Youth age 11 and up.

EVERY SUNDAY: 9:30AM Sunday School; 10:30AM Children's Church and Nursery; 4:30-6:30 PM Crossroads Kids & His KREW Youth Meetings

NO CHILDREN AND YOUTH MEETING MAY 17TH ~ MAY 24TH MEETING @ JENNETTE'S PIER

BETHANY CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER FUN

**BETHANY CHURCH
CROSSROADS KIDS & HIS K.R.E.W. YOUTH
SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY**

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH 5:30 - 8:00PM
**BOUNCE HOUSE, WATER FUN,
COOKOUT, AND BONFIRE**

**BETHANY CHURCH HIS K.R.E.W.
YOUTH LOCK IN SLEEPOVER**
YOUTH RISING 6TH GRADE AND UP

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH 5:30 DROP OFF (NO LATER THAN 9PM)
SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH 9:00AM PICK UP
BONFIRE, GAMES, MOVIES, SNACKS, AND BREAKFAST
(YOUTH MUST BE SIGNED IN AND SIGNED OUT BY ADULT)

ZOO
**BETHANY CHILDREN & YOUTH FIELD TRIP
THE VIRGINIA ZOO IN NORFOLK VIRGINIA**

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026
LEAVING: 9:00 AM FROM BETHANY CHURCH
RETURNING: 6:00 PM TO BETHANY CHURCH

COST: ADULTS (AGES 12+) \$20, SENIORS (AGES 62+) \$18, CHILDREN (AGES 2-11) \$17.
CHILDREN WILL NEED TO EXTRA MONEY FOR SNACKS AND SOUVENIRS,
AND ARE ASKED TO PACK A LUNCH AND DRINK FOR THE DAY.
RSVP - AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BETHANY BUS.
JESSICA DAVENPORT - 252-256-4275

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

Bethany Church of Wanchese
101 Old Wharf Rd, Wanchese, NC 27981
Vacation Bible School
Christmas in July • The Great Advent-ure
7/27/226 - 7/31/26 from 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Dinner, Lesson, Activities, Music, Petting Zoo,
and Water Fun.
To register scan the QR code



**Christmas
IN JULY**

**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

During the months of June, July, and August Bethany Children and Youth Groups will not meet weekly on Sunday afternoons. The other wonderful events on this page are great ways to stay connected during your summer break. Please reach out to Jessica Davenport, Coordinator of Children and Youth Ministries, 252-256-4275 for additional information or if you have any questions.

PRESCHOOL SCOOP



In April, our preschoolers had a wonderful time learning and exploring together! We focused on the letters X, Y, and Z, practiced recognizing the octagon shape, and worked with the numbers 6, 7, 16, and 17. We also learned all about the color purple and enjoyed discovering the beauty of the spring season. To wrap up the month, we talked about Earth Day and how we can help take care of our planet. It's been a fun and exciting month full of growth!



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"
-Philippians 4:13

Important Dates:

- May 6th- MES Field Trip
- May 13th- WCA Field Trip
- May 27th- End of Year Party
- May 28th- Graduation

Please be sure to check out our bulletin board for more information about upcoming activities



Our Easter celebration was such a special and joyful time! The children had so much fun participating in an exciting egg hunt and were thrilled to meet the Easter Bunny. Along with the fun, we also spent time learning about the true meaning of Easter, hearing the story of Jesus and why this day is so important. It was a beautiful balance of fun, faith, and learning for our little ones!



We had such a fun and memorable time during our trip to the strawberry patch! The children loved exploring, picking strawberries, and enjoying a special snack together. It was a great hands-on learning experience and a wonderful day spent outdoors. We also celebrated the 100th day of school in a very silly way by dressing up like we were 100 years old! The kids had so much fun showing off their "old" outfits, and it made for lots of laughs and special memories as we celebrated being 100 days smarter!



BETHANY CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT





iBelieve.com
**31-Day Scripture
Writing Challenge**

MAY

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"/> May 1 | Exodus 23:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 17 | Luke 24:49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 2 | Daniel 3:17-18 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 18 | Acts 1:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 3 | Jeremiah 17:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 19 | Acts 2:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 4 | Revelation 4:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 20 | Acts 4:31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 | Matthew 6:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 21 | John 3:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 6 | Nehemiah 1:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 22 | Romans 5:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 7 | Psalms 33:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 23 | 1 Corinthians 2:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 8 | Isaiah 26:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 24 | Galatians 4:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 9 | Micah 7:18-19 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 25 | Exodus 20:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 10 | Proverbs 31:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 26 | Proverbs 23:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 11 | 2 Corinthians 9:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 27 | Luke 1:46-47 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 12 | Job 33:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 28 | Proverbs 22:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 13 | Psalms 143:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 29 | Colossians 3:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 14 | Exodus 31:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 30 | Psalms 103:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 15 | Micah 3:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 31 | Romans 5:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 16 | Joel 2:28-29 | | |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

PUZZLE

A LEGACY OF FAITH

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy learned about faith from his mother and grandmother.

Complete the verse below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowels.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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f ₃ rst l ₃ v ₂ d ₃ n y ₄ ₅ r gr ₁ ndm ₄ th ₂ r
L ₄ ₃ s ₁ nd ₃ n y ₄ ₅ r m ₄ th ₂ r
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n ₄ w l ₃ v ₂ s ₃ n y ₄ ₅ ₁ ls ₄ ."

2 Timothy 1:5, NIV

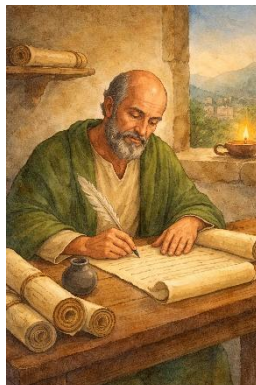
Answer: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

Bible Quiz

Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: (Romans 16:22)



GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



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| Joash (2 Kings 11:2) | A _____ |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5) | B _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | ___ C _____ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D ____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | __ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6) | G _____ |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:4) | H _____ |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28) | I _____ |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19) | J _____ |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28) | _____ K ____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | __ L _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | M _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20) | _____ N ____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5) | O _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22) | _____ P _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24) | R _____ |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3) | S _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13) | _____ T ____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1) | ___ U ____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1) | ___ V ____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18) | _____ Y ____ |
| James (Matthew 4:21) | Z _____ |

Return Service Requested



Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.