

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

THE MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF BETHANY CHURCH OF WANCHESE · NORTH CAROLINA'S OUTER BANKS · JUNE 2026

"HOT AS HELL"

Soon we will be hearing statements like this. **"It is hot as hell out there."** What is hell? Hell is a place where God is not present. It is a place where people go when they have chosen not to have God in their lives, chosen not to accept the grace offer we find in Jesus Christ. It is a place people choose to go to.

God throughout history has tried many ways to keep us out of that place. Jesus came to help us stay out of that place. But God will not force us into a relationship with Him. Relationship offered must be relationship accepted. And if it is accepted there will be evidence in our lives of our acceptance. The Bible uses the word **"If"** a lot. If you persevere. If you keep my commandments. If we truly have **"Saving Faith"** we will see God's influence in our lives.

Hell is described in the Bible as a **"fiery furnace, a lake of fire, and an outer darkness."** All of those descriptions are in the Bible to help us realize how awful a place would be without God. As we look out at our world and our nation, we sometimes see a foretaste of hell not heaven. a foretaste of life without God, not life with God.

We see children shot before they have a chance to live life. **"It is hot as hell."**

We see rioters destroying, hurting, and attacking. **"It is hot as hell."**

We see police officers ambushed, shot at, attacked, and threatened. **"It is hot as hell."**

We see politicians more interested in power, and keeping power, than solving problems. **"It is hot as hell."**

I could go on, but I think you get my point. When we look at events going on in our world, we have a foretaste of what the world looks like when God is absent. We see what happens when we ignore God's commandments, to not kill, to not steal, to not covet, and a host of other commandments. We see what happens when we ignore Jesus's commandment to love your neighbor.

"It is hot as hell." We ask where is God? Why doesn't He step in and do something? Here is a simple answer. **One**, we have free will. In all the examples I gave, someone, or some group **"chose"** to do the

hellish things. **Two**, there are consequences. There are consequences when a person or a society allows such behavior. People suffer. But it is not God's fault.

I don't have enough space to talk about the things we need to do if we are going to experience the cooling rain of God's love and grace rather than the **hot fire of sin**. The devil is having a good time with all that is going on. But the devil will not have the last word.

Jesus will someday return and make things right. But until then He has promised to be with His followers. Those seeking to help create a foretaste of heaven in a world that is **"hot as hell."**

Let me tell you where God wants that to happen. In the church. God is calling us as a church to build an oasis where people can come and experience, **"love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."**

So, here is my point. God will show up in a mighty way if our nation turns back to Him and invites Him into the **"hell"** we are experiencing. We need to pray for that to happen. But we also need to make the Bethany Church Family, a place where we can experience a **"foretaste of glory divine,"** a foretaste of heaven.

I think we can do it. I think we can continue to build in this place a **"picture"** of what God wants in all places. I think we can build in this place the kind of community where those who come through our doors will experience something different than they experience out in the world. A place where we can learn and listen, love and laugh, sing and smile. A place of comfort and care, safety and solitude.


We need to look for ways we can be the spectacular place God sees when He looks at us. We need to dream and plan new ways to create a little of heaven in a world that sometimes seems to be going to **hell**.

It is **"hot as hell."** **Let's join hands and help create a place where we experience the cooling and refreshing presence of God.** Until the next time, God bless and keep you in the middle of His smile.

See you in church the place where God's people to **do** what God commanded. **"Honor the sabbath day and keep it holy."**

David S Clift

| June 2026 | | | | | | |
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Date:

| Nursery Workers | Acolytes | Children's Church |
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| June 7th Millie Barkley/ Tasha Curles | Owen Meekins | Jessica Davenport & Sheila Garrison |
| June 14th Nancy Doak / Opportunity To Serve | Kate Smith | Jessica Davenport & Carol Saunders |
| June 21th Stormy Heroux/ Opportunity To Serve | Wyatt Cooper | Jessica Davenport & Laura Mann |
| June 28th Carol Saunders /Victoria Meekins | Macon Morrill | Jessica Davenport & Millie Barkley |

Monthly Schedule:

Bethany Women's Group:

Thursday, June 4, at 7:00 pm
Salad Night

S.A.L.T. Sisters

Monday, June 8 at 6:30 pm

Bethany's Table:

Wednesday, June 10
Preparation Day 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 11
Meals Packaged 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Deliveries 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Methodist Men:

Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 pm
Dinner and Fellowship

Feeding the Lifeguards:

Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Bethany Women's Group

Special dates:

Flag Day, June 14
Juneteenth, June 19
Father's Day, June 21
First Day of Summer, June 21

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
7:00 pm 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

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

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Email: bethanymethodist@gmail.com

You Tube:

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

I'm reading *The Practice of the Presence of God with Spiritual Maxims* by a seventeenth-century French monk called Brother Lawrence. He wrote, "The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen...I possess God in as great tranquility as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament." One prayer of his went, "Lord of all pots and pans and things...Make me a saint by getting meals and washing up the plates!" I think I found my soul mate!

I'm sure many of you could plug in a different pastime when you feel the Lord's pleasure: gardening, fishing, woodworking, walking, or playing music to name a few. Isn't it marvelous that God can commune with us in these ways? He is so personal. I'm reminded that He can also make His presence known as we do not-so-pleasant tasks, and, if we are open to it, that is a true miracle.

Twenty-two volunteers felt the presence of God as they worked in harmony to bring about our meal this month. Like Hatterasmen, we had our dessert before the rest of the meal came about. Pam Mihovch has been emptying out her mother's home after her recent death. Pam turned her grief into joy as she brought boxes of food to Bethany to be shared with others. Her mom had a lot of raisins and chocolate morsels. It made me think of the trail mix we had in Girl Scouts that also included pretzels and peanuts. We also threw in pecans, granola, and oyster crackers to make a delicious mix.

We had a grocery-store donation of quinoa, the South American grain that is a complete protein. The lifeguards love it, and what's good for the lifeguards is good for the residents of Roanoke Island! The grain is somewhat tasteless, taking on the flavors of the added garlic, cilantro, lemon, jalapenos, cucumbers, corn, tomatoes, and colored peppers.

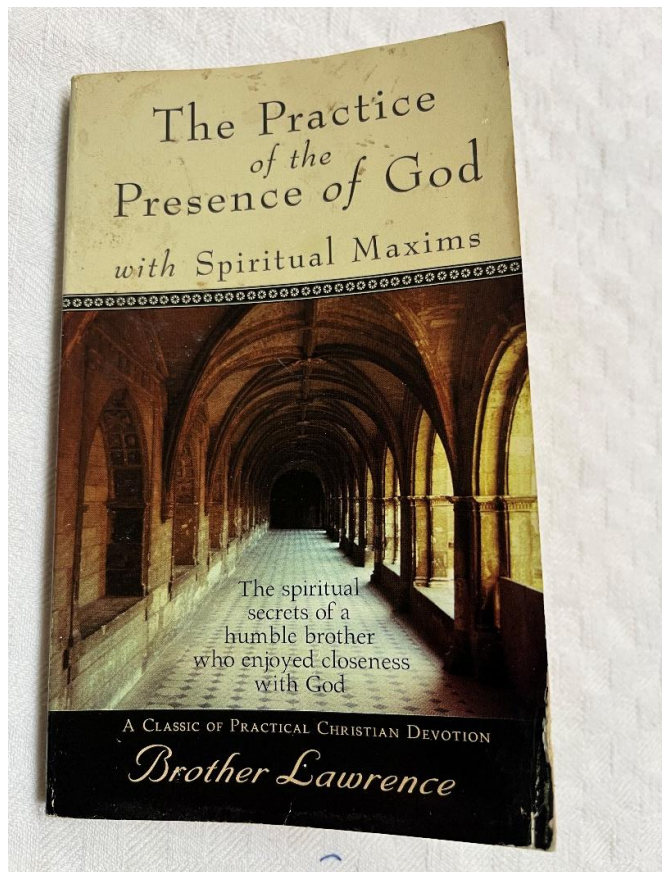
In our freezer we had a few small pork loins from the Dare Challenge Women's Center and some sweet potatoes from the preschool fundraiser and Island Farm. We added to what we

had with a big purchase from Piggly Wiggly. It tickled me how the cashier wanted to inquire what I was doing with all the pork and sweet potatoes but held back from asking.

Many of our volunteers were away traveling or under the weather, but we had a strong prep team, nonetheless. Peter Stone, who is still recovering from a broken leg, drove a route for us, and Cole Linquist rode with him to go up and down steps. Donna Pologruto and Kobe Beasley made another unlikely delivery duo, but that is what serving in a local church will do to you.

Each of our delivery boxes had a sticker on it explaining that we are moving our delivery date to the second Thursday of each month beginning on June 11, 2026. Thank you, Ms. Denise, for printing those.

In May, we served roasted pork loin, sweet potato casserole or sweet potatoes Ms. Dorita style, quinoa salad, a roll, and trail mix to 189 people at \$1.63 per person with 18 adult and 4 young volunteers.





TITHES

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

In April, we needed \$24,437.32 and our offerings were \$30,313.00.
In May, we needed \$30,546.65. As of May 25, our offerings were \$20,371.25.



BETHANY METHODIST MEN MEETING

On June 11, the Bethany men will meet (the second

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

We will have dinner starting at 6:30, a devotion, and continue the video series "Everything You Need" with David Jeremiah. Our ultimate goal is 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.

Note: Beginning June we will be meeting on the second Thursday and thereafter (to match the Bethany's Table date change).

Larry Franklin
Bethany Methodist Men's Leader



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 on Sunday, June 21.

- 1 - Jonathan Flowers
- 2 - Tom Ross
- 3 - Rex Mann
- 4 - Michelle Evans
- 4 - Alli Burdette
- 4 - Elsie Sanderlin
- 6 - Samson Diaz
- 7 - Joyce Baum
- 8 - Alyssa Nixon
- 8 - Dorita Balance
- 9 - Lana Vestal
- 10 - Laura Tillett
- 11 - Sydney Daniels
- 14 - Rose Hawkins
- 14 - Maiya Ribeiro
- 14 - Jordan Fitzgerald
- 16 - Katherine Baum
- 16 - Cora Beth Pate
- 16 - Judy Coltrain
- 16 - Lamont Warren
- 16 - Cody Parrish
- 18 - Marjorie Gutshall
- 18 - Johnnie Robbins
- 19 - Beach Gray
- 19 - Doug Curles
- 20 - Tasha Curles
- 21 - Bonnie Morrill
- 21 - Siana Bivins
- 22 - Allen Berry
- 23 - Carletta Ballance
- 23 - Bubba Gallop
- 23 - Chloe Utz
- 23 - Janice Williams
- 25 - Craig Parker
- 25 - Cassie Toler
- 25 - Isaac Simonsen

- 1 - Tom and Anne Ross
- 7 - Tommy and Margaret Toler
- 12 - Randy and Shirley O'Neal
- 16 - Edward and Marcy Mann
- 16 - Robert and Linda Quinn
- 19 - George and Michelle Evans
- 20 - Luther and Connie Daniels
- 23 - Tad and Jussara Dough
- 25 - Richard and Valarie Pate



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.

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.



MEALS FOR LIFEGUARDS

Thursday, June 11, at 6:30 pm
Hosts: Bethany Women's

Group

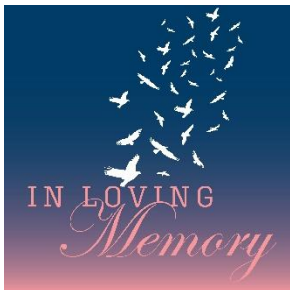
Thursday, July 9, at 6:30 pm

Hosts: TBA

Thursday, August 13, at 6:30 pm

Hosts: Methodist Men

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



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARK CREEF

Saturday, June 6
1:00 pm – 5:00 PM
Magnolia Pavilion
Manteo



Join us for a sweet summer bridal shower celebrating Bonnie Bleu Thompson
Friday, June 12
6:00 pm

Home of R.S. and Babs Meekins
102 Old Schoolhouse Road, Wanchese

Registered at Amazon



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MISSIONS

Heifer International



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.

JUNE 2026

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God...

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| | | 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study | 6:30 Praise Team Practice | 7:00 Bethany's Women Group Salad Night | 9:00 McPrayer | |
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| | 9:00 Drop off Teacher Appreciation Food Bethany Kitchen 6:30 S.A.L.T. Sisters | 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study | 1:00 – 3:00 Bethany's Table Preparation Day 6:30 Praise Team Practice | Bethany's Table 3:00 – 4:00 Meals Packaged 4:00 – 5:30 Deliveries 6:30 Methodist Men Dinner & Fellowship 6:30 Feeding Lifeguards | 9:00 McPrayer 5:30 – 8:00 Summer Kick Off Party His K.R.E.W. and Crossroad Kids Afterwards His K.R.E.W. Lock In Sleeper Over | 9:00 am Go home from Lock In |
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|  | | 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study | 6:30 Praise Team Practice | | Newsletter Articles Due 9:00 McPrayer | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| First Day Of Summer  | | 9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Bible Study | 6:30 Praise Team Practice | 7:00 Administrative Leadership Team Meeting | 9:00 McPrayer | |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | |
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Our Prayer List.. *In Your Mercies Lord. Hear our Prayers*

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

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| Judy Batts | Billie Mann |
| Joyce Baum | Tim Morrill |
| Tatum Beale | Holly Presgrave |
| Michelle Cribb | Johnnie Robbins |
| Jennifer Delio | Scott Sawyer |
| Sharen Etheridge | Lacy Williams |
| Dionne Glover | Nan Willis |



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| 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

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| Roy and Sharon Ambrose | Susan Johnson |
| DeLana Barkley | Vova Lebediev |
| Wayne Barnett | Brandy Mann |
| Ethan Basnight | Dewey Mann |
| Tyisha Basnight | Linda Mann |
| Walter Baum | Denise Mariner |
| Mike Beasley | Sammy Mariner |
| Freddie Blackmon | Karen Martin |
| G. G. Bonner | Donna Medeiros |
| Nathan Boone | Babs Meekins |
| Glenn Bradley | R. S. Meekins |
| Jimmy Bulfin | Paul Midgett |
| Eric Craddock | Ted Midgett |
| Katy Dettmer | Tom and Connie Miss |
| Joe Doak | Brandy Flynt Moore |
| Milah Dough | Linda O'Neal |
| Linda Dunn | Missy Ogden |
| Kathy Elks | Bill Parker |
| Karen Etheridge | Craig Parker |
| Pat Fields | Sharon Ralph |
| Jordan Ford | Ginger Reber |
| Claudia Zamor Garcia | Stan Sawyer |
| Dawn Gerakaris | Ashley Seay |
| Siobhan Hall | Robin Smith |
| Kristine Hamilton | Gayle Tillett |
| Ruth Hayes | Anita Twyne |
| Ted Hemilright | Tim Whitehurst |
| | Joe Willis |

LOST LOVED ONES



Family of Rhonda Daniels
Family of Louie Bell Payne

Family of Karen Hayes

HAITI MISSION

Haiti is a very dirty country. This is mostly because the government doesn't offer its people any services, such as trash pickup; therefore, people just throw their trash in the streets. Once it starts piling up, someone's going to set it on fire, so it just smolders. About three weeks ago, Sonson was out walking around looking for a job and as he walked past one of these piles. He said he could hear a baby crying. He said he started searching the pile and found a baby that someone had thrown away like garbage. He carried her home for his wife to clean her up. The next morning, he carried her to the police station, and they told him to just put her back in the trash. So now, we have another mouth to feed until they can find her a home.

Fast forward a week, and Sonson was walking his son Samy to school and as he was walking back home, he got caught up in a drive by shooting. He was hit twice in his back and two guys walking close to him were killed. Sonson had surgery to remove two bullets from his back so he's still sore. As for the baby, they haven't found anyone who will take her in. No one wants her because everyone is already cramped with money to feed their own. So, it looks like Sonson and wife have a daughter. They call her Nissah.

Another one in Haiti is Jenny. Jenny was one of the original kids at the orphanage. Growing up now, she is 23 and out on her own. Recently she had to have some female surgery. Even after her surgery, she's been in a lot of pain, and the Doctor told her that they may have nicked an organ and may need another surgery. Until she finds out, all we can do is keep her in prayer.

Chetty & Craig Parker



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.

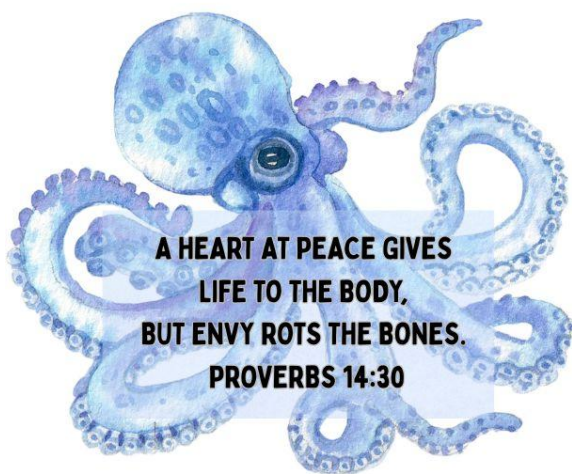
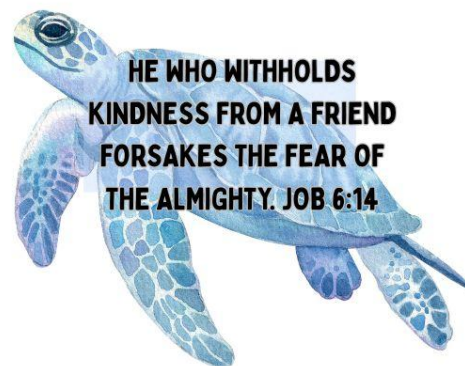
BETHANY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

Rejoice in the Lord always. again I will say, rejoice!
Philippians 4:4

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.
Psalm 29:11

DURING THE PAST MONTH, THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF BETHANY CHURCH COMPLETED THEIR STUDY OF THE BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT AND SHARED A SONG WITH THE CHURCH FAMILY. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN STUDYING MEANINGFUL WORDS THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE: LOVE, JOY, CONFIDENCE. BLESSING, FRIENDS, AND JEALOUSY. WE READ MULTIPLE SCRIPTURES SHARING THE MEANING OF EACH WORD AND HOW GOD WANTS US TO LIVES AS CHRISTIANS. WE ALSO ENJOYED MANY MEALS MADE BY MRS. NANCY GRAY, WORKED IN OUR JOURNALS, MADE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS, AND MADE MEMORIES TOGETHER IN THE YOUTH CENTER.



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 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
7/27/26 ~ 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**



**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



First Day of School



Last Day of School

As we wrap up another wonderful preschool year, we are so proud of all our students and how much they have learned and grown! This year, the children learned to write their names, recognize all of their ABCs, and count to 20. We also learned all the days of the week and months of the year. Most importantly, we hid God's Word in our hearts by learning 9 Bible memory verses throughout the year. It has been such a joy watching each child grow academically, socially, and spiritually



A very special thank you to Preacher David for taking the time to come speak with our students this year, as well as spending time playing with us on the playground alongside his dog, Teddy. The children always looked forward to those special moments!

We would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to Principal Denise for all of the love, support, and help she provides throughout the school year and especially during graduation season. Your kindness and dedication mean so much to our preschool families and staff.

Lastly, we are so thankful for our wonderful church body for continually supporting, encouraging, and praying for our preschool ministry. Your generosity, love, and investment in these children help make this program such a special place to learn and grow.



This year was filled with so many special memories! From hands-on learning and crafts to music, story time, and playground adventures, the children learned through laughter and play each day. We loved watching friendships grow, confidence bloom, and little personalities shine bright in our classroom. Thank you for allowing us to be part of such an important season in your child's life!



S.A.L.T. SISTERS



— Opportunity to Serve —

Manteo

School Administration & TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY REFRESHMENTS

Monday, June 8, 2026

Drop off ready to serve donated
baked goods, snacks, individual lunch items
trays, fruit/veggie platters, etc.

by **9AM, Monday, June 8, 2026**
at **Bethany's kitchen;**

To sign up or ask questions call
or text Sheila @ 804-239-5242.





**30-Day Scripture
Writing Challenge**

JUNE

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"/> June 1 | Hebrews 10:19-20 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 16 | Proverbs 3:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 2 | Revelation 3:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 17 | Acts 3:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 3 | John 12:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 18 | Matthew 6:21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 4 | 2 Corinthians 4:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 19 | 1 Samuel 2:6-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 5 | Job 19:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 20 | Revelation 3:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 6 | John 14:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 21 | 1 Corinthians 16:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 7 | Proverbs 10:7 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 22 | Joshua 1:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 8 | 1 John 3:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 23 | Ephesians 5:25 |
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Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

PUZZLE

REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

Bible Quiz

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?

- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

Answer: (1 Chronicles 28:3)



WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

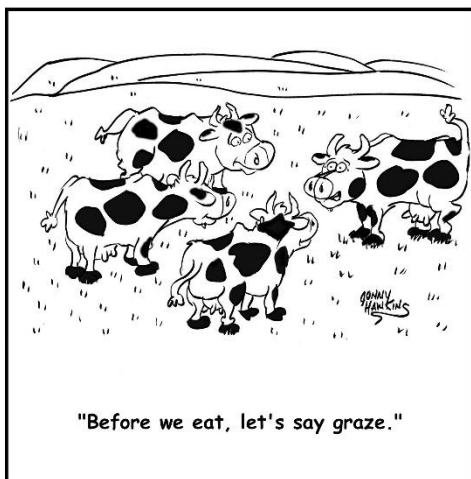
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| Shem, Ham & Japheth = M | John the Baptist = N |
| Solomon = O | Jacob & Esau = A |
| Jonathan = I | Cain, Abel & Seth = O |
| Jesus = C | Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Isaac & Ishmael = P |
| | Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S |

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| God: | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." | _____ |
| Adam: | God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. | _____ |
| Noah: | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. | _____ |
| Abraham: | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. | _____ |
| Isaac: | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | _____ |
| Laban: | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. | _____ |
| Jacob: | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. | _____ |
| Saul: | His son was David's best friend. | _____ |
| David: | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. | _____ |
| Zechariah: | His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. | _____ |

As a father has _____
on his children, so the LORD has
_____ on those who
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Return Service Requested



REFLECTING THE FATHER'S NAME

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, You give Yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on You. May my life spread Your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see You in me. Amen.