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*"A Family of Faith, Growing in Christ, Growing through Service."*

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*Senior Pastor*

**Donna Wicker**  
*Financial Secretary*

**Duane Toole**  
*Director of Music*

**Carol Molinares**  
*Pianist*

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**see separate calendar for  
dates and meetings**

## JULY TEAM

If you are unable to serve on the date(s)  
assigned, please arrange  
for a replacement.

### PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER

Jim Evans

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

1 – Brian & Penny Gradwell  
8 – Brian & Penny Gradwell  
15 – Bob & June Sears  
22 – Bob & June Sears  
29 – Barbara Ozlin &  
Sheila Thayer

### USHERS - all month

Ray Crawford  
Ollie Peebles  
Jim Rountree

### WORSHIP LEADERS

1 – Chloe Blair  
8 – Barbara Ozlin  
15 – Dolores McCann  
22 – Kristin Hawthorne  
29 – Ross Dorneman

### OFFERING COMMITTEE

Jo Anne Dorneman, Dee McCann,  
June Sears

## JULY TEAM (continued)

### ELDERS

1 – DeLois & Jim Evans  
8 – David Brown &  
Barbara Ozlin  
15 – Ray Crawford &  
Dolores McCann  
22 – David Brown & June Sears  
29 – Ross Dorneman &  
Kim Gangloff

### •Communion to Home Bound

Dolores McCann &  
Becky Murrell

### DEACONS - all month

Captain: Linda Walls  
Merrily Baber  
Jo Anne Dorneman  
David Walls  
substitute: Frances Pully

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

1 – Duane Toole  
8 – Sue Marion  
15 – Pastor Jackie Twedell  
22 – Sue Marion  
29 – Pastor Jackie Twedell

## **BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

"To share the Good News of God's activity in our lives through witness and service to Westover Hills, Stratford Hills, and beyond, in order to encourage people to find their unique place in God's family."

## **THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH**

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."  
~ Peter Marshall

"At first they'll ask you why you're doing it. Later they'll ask you how you did it."

~ Anonymous



## FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

### Lord, Teach Us to Pray

We say the Lord's Prayer together every Sunday. It is a beautiful prayer, given to us by Jesus when the disciples asked how they should pray. This simple, short prayer is full of wonderful theology, full of bold statements about who God is and who we are. But in its repetition, I wonder if sometimes we overlook the powerful words we are praying. This Sunday, I will be beginning a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer, focusing on one phrase a week. As we go deeper into the Lord's Prayer, I pray that the prayer will become more than just words...I pray that this prayer will become a way of life.

As a way to prepare for my sermons every week, I would like to invite you to help me dive deeper into the Lord's Prayer. **Each Monday at 1:30 p.m., I invite you to join me at the church for study** on the phrase of the Lord's Prayer for the upcoming Sunday. Beginning on July 2, when we will study "Our Father, who art in heaven," I hope you will join me in the Parlor for study, conversation, and prayer. In my own study and preparations for this sermon series, I will be reading a few books – *The Lord and His Prayer* by N.T. Wright and *Lord, Teach Us: The Lord's Prayer and the Christian Life* by William H. Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas. If you are interested in reading along with me, please do. And if you have resources on the Lord's Prayer that you think I should know about, please share them!

I am really looking forward to diving deep into the powerful words of the Lord's Prayer throughout this sermon series! I hope you are, too.

### July 1 – Teach Us to Pray

- Luke 11:1-4 and Romans 8:26-27

### July 8 – Our Father, who art in Heaven

- Matthew 6:9-13 and Romans 8:14-17  
Guiding Questions: How do you address God? What images of God do you most identify with? Father? Mother? Shepherd? King? What is God's position in the universe? Does God reside primarily in Heaven?

### July 15 – Hallowed be thy name

- Luke 11:1-4 and Job 38:1-7  
Guiding Questions: How do you express God's holiness? How do you define holiness?

### July 22 – Pastor Jackie away at Craig Springs Second Triple Camp – Hymn Sing

### July 29 – Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven

- Matthew 6:9-13 and Isaiah 11:1-9  
Guiding Questions: What does the Kingdom of God look like? How does God's kingdom come to earth? What would it mean to want what God wants? How do you know what God's will is? How can we make earth more heaven-like? What is heaven like?

### August 5 – Give us this day our daily bread

- Luke 11:1-4 and Exodus 16:2-5, 13-26  
Guiding Questions: Do we really trust God to give us what we need? What would it be like to live with only what you really need?

### August 12 – Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

- Matthew 6:9-15 and Matthew 18:21-33  
Guiding Questions: What do we need forgiveness for? Some Bible translations use "debts" instead of "trespasses;" what do each of these indicate about the nature of sin? Why should we forgive others? Why is it so hard to forgive?

**August 19 – And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil**

- Matthew 6:9-15 and Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Guiding Questions: Does God tempt us? Does Satan? Is it wrong to be tempted? Do you believe in evil spirits or powers? Do you believe there is evil in each of us? How are we delivered from something that is within us?

**August 26 – For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever**

- Luke 11:1-4 and Philippians 4:4-7

Guiding Questions: What does it mean for God to be ruler over everything? How does that affect the way we pray? Do you believe that God is all-powerful? What does it mean to give God glory? If God is eternal, how do you think God views us and our world?

**September 2 – Amen**

- Psalm 72:19 and 2 Corinthians 1:20

Guiding Questions: The word 'Amen' is a declaration of affirmation found throughout the Old and New Testament. We often use it as an ending to our prayers, but it can be so much more. What does 'Amen' mean to you? Do you ever find yourself saying 'Amen'? In what contexts?

**September 9 – Interactive worship based on the Lord's Prayer**

~ Blessings, Pastor Jackie

**EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**Vacation Bible Camp** starts **Monday, July 9, and runs through Thursday, July 12**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with supper. Here is a list of children's lessons for the week:

- Monday ..... Moses and the burning bush
- Tuesday ..... Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace
- Wednesday ..... Tongues of Fire – Holy Spirit
- Thursday ..... Salt of the Earth and Light of the World

"Wish crosses" for supply items are on the large bulletin board in the Narthex. Please take one or more, and return your items to the box under the table in the Narthex. Kim Gangloff and Margot Krantz ask that you return the items to them by Saturday, July 7. Contact Kim if you need to get your items to church after Tuesday, July 3.

"Back to Mayberry" Adult Study: Have you ever heard anyone say, "I wish we could go back to Mayberry; back to a simpler time when life was far less complicated?" Our adult study during Vacation Bible Camp will focus on scripture called to mind by the moral lessons portrayed in selected episodes of the popular 1960's television series, *The Andy Griffith Show*. Each night we will watch an episode of the show, and Jim Davis will lead a discussion on the application of Biblical principles in our lives today.

**Craig Springs Camp** – Six young people from Bethany will be attending Second Triple Camp from **Sunday, July 22, through Friday, July 27**. Please pray for them in their travels and for their experiences at church camp. Pastor Jackie and B. J. Gradwell will be counselors.

**OUTREACH DEPARTMENT**

**A.C.T.S. (Area Congregations Together in Service)** – Bethany has been a part of A.C.T.S. for several years, and we use them as a referral for people who call our church looking for financial help. Before A.C.T.S. helps a person or family, they do an interview for an assessment of needs. They do not automatically give money on the spot. After the assessment, if they find a true need that they feel meets their criteria, they will help with rent, utilities, etc. They also will provide financial counseling to help the individual better manage his/her finances. I think it is fair to say that they offer a hand up, not a hand out.

In order to continue being able to refer folks to A.C.T.S., we have to contribute \$600 per year. On **Sunday, July 1, and Sunday, July 8**, we will be asking for contributions for A.C.T.S. so that we can continue to support this worthwhile organization. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give. Please put "A.C.T.S." in the memo section of your check.

**STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT**

*"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Matthew 6:19-21

**Stewardship report as of May 31, 2018** (41.67% of the year)

Offering income received year-to-date \$59,178.36 (50% of annual budget)  
 pledged donations; "give-as-I-can" donations;  
 transient, Sunday School, and special offerings

Total operating expenses year-to-date \$78,462.54 (43% of annual budget)

So far for 2018, we have received \$4,471.46 in other income (interest, dividends, facility donations) and a \$500.00 donation to our General Fund. We also recognized a \$5,764.40 loss in our Perpetual Endowment Fund investment.

Information on our accounts as of May 31, 2018

Checking Acct	Balance at 4-30-2018	\$ 17,725.51
	deposits (all monies received during May)	20,878.71
	expenditures (during May)	(18,994.16)
	Balance at 5-31-2018	\$ <u>19,610.06</u>
TD Ameritrade Cash Acct	Balance at 4-30-2018	\$ 9,942.66
	withdrawal (deposited into checking acct)	(9,942.66)
	Balance at 5-31-2018	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Perpetual Endowment*	Balance at 4-30-2018	\$ 326,689.41
	no activity (Income earned & value change rec'd qtrly)	-----
	Balance at 5-31-2018	\$ <u>326,689.41</u>

- \*restricted principal.....\$ 199,845.24
- \*dollars available as directed by designated gifts  
 from members/friends.....\$ 54,475.33
- \*income available for general church needs as  
 directed by the General Board.....\$ 72,368.84

No money has been taken from the Perpetual Endowment Fund account since 4-1-2015.

**WORSHIP DEPARTMENT**

On **Sunday, July 22**, while Pastor Jackie is away Craig Springs Camp, Duane Toole will be leading a hymn sing service that morning during Worship.

**BOARD MEETING INFO FROM THE MODERATOR**

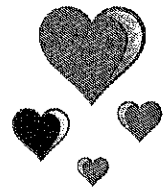
There will not be a regular Board meeting on **Sunday, July 15**. If you have business that needs to be brought up to Board members, please contact Jim Davis, Moderator, so the information can be sent via email.

**BETHANY CRAFTERS**

The once-a-month Bethany Crafters will not meet during the summer. The next get-together will be **Sunday, September 2**, at 4:00 p.m.

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

Date	Names	Yrs
July 1	Richard & Susan Fox	52
16	Daniel & Carol Molinares	5
26	Ken & Carol Roland	38
28	Ray & JoAnn Crawford	34
31	Bruce & Sue Marion	47



**SYMPATHY**

We express our Christian love and sympathy to Paul Banks and family on the death of Florence Greenwood Banks on June 2.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who came out to Chloe's graduation party. Your love and support mean the world to us.  
 ~ Thanks again, Lori Blair

**PRAYER CONCERNS – Please notify the church office when this information changes.**



Acute:  
 Dee McCann  
 Jean McNeely  
 Carolyn Moore  
 Kevin Scholl

Ongoing:

Eddie & Phyllis Basl	Dee & Jim Evans	Ann Hasty
Hazel Heider	Helen Knighton	Dick Koch
Sandy Lewis	Earl & Elizabeth Little	Hilda Murrell
Juan Pletcher	Gay Purcell	Ken & Carol Roland
Connie Stroupe	Charlotte West	

members of our church family who may be struggling with chronic health issues, sadness, loneliness, and other burdens or who might just need a "prayer hug"

Extended Church Family:

- Miriam Adams ..... John Lancaster's grandmother
- Roy Clark and his grandson ..... Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friends
- Anna Dorneman ..... Ross and Jo Anne Dorneman's granddaughter
- Bonnie and Gary Enderle ..... Dee and Jim Evans and Bobby Nelson's friends
- David Etheridge ..... Donna Wicker's friend
- Wallick Harding ..... Juan Pletcher's nephew
- Al Miller ..... Jo Anne Dorneman's stepbrother
- Naomi Painter ..... frequent visitor
- Geraldine Russell ..... Penny Gradwell's mother

Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

## DAYS AWAY IN JULY

Pastor Jackie Twedell will be a counselor at Craig Springs Camp **Saturday, July 21, through Friday, July 27**. If you have a pastoral need during this time, please contact Barbara Ozlin (Elder Chairperson) or Jim Davis (Moderator).

Donna Wicker will be out of the office from **Wednesday, July 4, through Sunday, July 15**, on vacation.

Carol Molinares will be out in **mid-July** on vacation visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Emily and Wyatt Wolfe, in Hawaii.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- ❖ to Chloe Blair for winning the Engard Award for James River High School for the Chesterfield Tech Center. This award is given to only one student from each school based on grades, volunteering, and overall positive attitude. She was nominated by her instructors at the Tech Center and selected by the administration.
- ❖ to Audrey Blake on the birth of her fifth grandchild and to Lucy on the birth of her little brother; Bill and Miriam Blake are great grandparents for the seventh time. Benjamin Thomas Blake was born June 21 to Vincent and Chauna Blake. He weighed 8 lbs 7 ozs and was 21 inches long.
- ❖ to Anthony and Petrina Miller on the birth of their son and to Mia on the birth of her little brother. Anthony Jerrell Miller, Jr. ("LJ") was born June 23 (on his daddy's birthday!) at 10:52 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs 9 ozs and was 20 inches long.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

Lola Roberson ... new phone 1-919-977-8750

Joe Roberson ... 1-347-585-7263 / jroberson55@gmail.com

Audrey and Lucy Blake ... 605 Sunrise Five Way, Apt. D, North Chesterfield, VA 23236-3753

## DID YOU KNOW ...

Our Ushers and our Health Care Volunteers began serving our church in October, 1981, almost 36 years ago!

## HMMMM ...

Thank you to David Brown for sharing.

A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

# July 2018

**AA:** Alcoholics Anon  
**YC:** Youth Center  
**DWF:** Disciples Women's Fellowship  
**ELIM:** Elim Church  
**FH:** Fellowship Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 A.C.T.S. Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	2	3  AA-YC 7:00 pm	4  church office closed ~4th of July	5  AA-YC 7:00 pm	6  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	7 AA wkshop-YC noon <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
8 A.C.T.S. Offering Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	9 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm	10 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	11 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm	12 Vacation Bible Camp 6:00 pm <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	13  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	14 AA wkshop-YC noon <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
15 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	16	17  AA-YC 7:00 pm	18	19 "Theology on Tap" at O'Toole's 6:30 pm (nursery at church 6:15 pm) <hr/> AA-YC 7:00 pm	20  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	21 AA wkshop-YC noon <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
22 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm Aug Newsette deadline	23	24  AA-YC 7:00 pm	25	26  AA-YC 7:00 pm	27  ELIM-FH 7:30 pm	28 AA wkshop-YC noon <hr/> ELIM-FH 6:00 pm band practice
29 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am <hr/> ELIM-FH 4:00 pm	30	31  AA-YC 7:00 pm				