

Rev. Jaclyn Twedell
Senior Pastor

Donna Wicker
Financial Secretary

Duane Toole
Director of Music

Carol Molinares
Pianist

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Custodian

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 can send an e-mail to:
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**see calendar insert for
 dates and meetings**

FEBRUARY TEAM

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

PROPERTY OPENER and CLOSER

TBA – see David Walls

COMMUNION PREPARATION

- 5 – Marie Peebles & Ollie Peebles
- 12 – Marie Peebles & Ollie Peebles
- 19 – Marie Peebles & Ollie Peebles
- 26 – Marie Peebles & Ollie Peebles

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 5 – Penny Gradwell
- 12 – Donna Wicker
- 19 – TBA
- 26 – Ross Dorneman

USHERS - all month

David Brown
 Scot Hawthorne
 Tyler Hawthorne

FEBRUARY TEAM (continued)

ELDERS

- 5 – Brian & Penny Gradwell
- 12 – Johnny & Linda Grubb
- 19 – DeLois & Jim Evans
- 26 – Ross Dorneman & Dolores McCann

Communion to Home Bound

primary: Bob & June Sears
 secondary: Dolores McCann & Linda Spencer

DEACONS - all month

Captain: Barbara Koch
 Cari Alton
 David Walls
 Linda Walls
 substitute: Kristin Hawthorne

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



"I cannot believe that the purpose of life is to be happy. I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. It is, above all to matter, to count, to stand for something, to have made some difference that you lived at all." ~ Leo Rosten

"There is only one person who is capable to set limits to your growth ... it is you!" ~ anonymous

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Do you remember your baptism? Can you remember the feeling of the water on your skin? Can you still hear your pastor's voice as he or she said, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?"

Our baptisms are an important moment in our life of faith. They mark the beginning of our walk with God. Starting **Sunday, January 29**, four of Bethany Christian Church's young people will be learning about baptism in preparation for their own baptisms. These young people will meet together, with mentors, to learn about the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, baptism and communion, and what it means to be a Christian. They will have opportunities to share their own faith and ask incredibly profound questions, and ultimately, they will decide if they are ready to be baptized.

I encourage you to keep these young people in your prayers – Gwendylen Krantz, Sara Maddox, Abigail Krantz, and Marcus Krantz. Pray for them and the journey of faith they are about to begin. Remember them, and their parents, in your prayers as they embark on this wonderful journey with God.

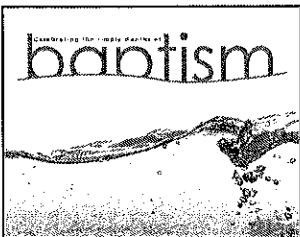
I look forward each year to teaching the young children of the church about baptism! They are always so excited, and even a little bit nervous, about choosing to be baptized. They know this is a big decision for them, and they take it very seriously (while still hoping to have some fun while learning)! Their joy and excitement remind me of when I was their age and when I was learning about baptism and what it means to be a Christian. It truly is an exciting time for these young people!

As these young people are learning about baptism, and preparing for their own, I invite you to remember your own baptisms. Where were you baptized and how old were you? What were you feeling? Were you nervous or excited? What were you thinking about? What did your baptism mean to you then? And what does it mean for you now?

We pray for these children and the journey of faith they are beginning. And we give thanks that we, as a church, are able to be a part of that journey, supporting and nurturing them and all who are new in the faith. I give thanks to God for Gwen, Sara, Abigail, and Marcus, and for this loving and caring and faithful church!

Blessings, Pastor Jackie

PASTOR'S CLASS

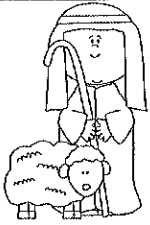


Pastor Jackie's Pastor's Class begins **Sunday, January 29**, and continues on **February 5, February 12, and February 26** for any 4th or 5th grader who is interested in learning about Baptism and what it means to be baptized. These classes will take place immediately following Worship. If you know any 4th or 5th graders, or anyone older, who might be interested in taking this class, please contact Pastor Jackie as soon as you can.

VACATION

Pastor Jackie will be on vacation from **Friday, February 17, through Thursday, February 23**. She will be in Fort Worth attending Brite Divinity School's Minister's Week, during which her mother, Rev. Cyndy W. Twedell, will be receiving a Distinguished Minister's Award. Pastor Jackie is looking forward to celebrating this honor with her mother and family. Please contact Jim Davis or Barbara Ozlin if you have a pastoral need during this time.

SHEPHERDING PROGRAM



Our 2017 Teams are set! Thank you to all who volunteered!

If **YOU** have a need, please contact the church office, and your need will be passed along to the appropriate person.

- ❖ card team members who will be sending you birthday and anniversary cards:
Cari Alton, Jo Anne Dorneman, DeLois Evans, Ann Hasty, Barbara Koch, Mary Jane Lowe, Sue Marion, Dolores McCann, Carole Morris, Harold Reynolds, Linda Spencer, and Donna Wicker
- ❖ care team who will organize and minister to you when special circumstances arise:
Mary Jane Lowe, Dolores McCann, Barbara Ozlin (coordinator), and June Sears
- ❖ contact buddy team who are one-to-one contacts for those people who want to be checked on regularly:
Erlyst Brandon, Carol Kimmel, Mary Kline, Marie Peebles, and Sheila Thayer
- ❖ phone tree team who will call you because you don't have or use email:
Phyllis Basl, Carol Browder, Jo Anne Dorneman, Mary Kline, Christie Rolston, Jim Rountree, and Betty Stargardt
- ❖ prayer team who will set aside special time to pray for your needs:
Debbie Jett and Sue Marion

EVANGELISM DEPARTMENT

Mark your Calendars – “Theology on Tap” at 6:30 pm on the **third Thursdays** of every month

Pastor Jackie and the Evangelism committee are starting a new small group at Bethany Christian Church. We will meet at 6:30 pm on the third Thursday of every month at O'Toole's (just down the block from our church on Forest Hill) for fellowship, food, fun, and conversation in a casual setting.

Who is invited? Everyone! Invite your friends, invite your adult children, invite someone you know who may not have a church community. All are welcome!

What will we talk about? Anything and everything! Pastor Jackie will lead discussions on relevant faith topics in a casual setting. Some examples might include the role of faith in our daily lives, biblical and/or theological questions, and current events.

Why are we meeting at O'Toole's? The evangelism committee is beginning a focus on getting to know Bethany Christian Church's neighborhood, so we thought "What better way to get to know this area than by going to the neighborhood's favorite restaurant?" Our plan is to make our presence known there. We hope that people will see us having good conversation and having a good time and ask us who we are. We will tell them, "We are a group from Bethany Christian Church, just down the road. You are invited to join in our conversation tonight, and of course, we would love to see you Sunday morning for worship!" Our hope is that this will be a fun way to reach out to new people who might be looking for a church!

Will there be childcare? YES! Childcare will be offered at the church beginning at 6:15 pm, so couples with young children will have a safe place for their children.

This month's Theology on Tap will be **Thursday, February 16**, at 6:30 pm at O'Toole's. We hope to see you and some friends there!

If you have any questions, please call Pastor Jackie!

Financial Peace University

We are ironing out the details to have a **preview on Thursday, February 9**, of Financial Peace University and to start classes on **Thursday, February 23** at Patrick Henry School. If you are interested and/or have questions, please see Penny Gradwell.

OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

Bainbridge

On January 17, Charles Stevens took eight bags of canned goods and donations to Bainbridge Community Ministry.

Week of Compassion – “YOU ARE HERE”

“Just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25:40

In this world there are people who are thirsty, are hungry, are sick and/or in prison, and are without adequate clothing or supplies ... each of these are claimed by Christ to be His family. He is so present with them that when you feed them, offer water, care for the sick or welcome a stranger, you are caring for, and welcoming, Christ.

When you give through Week of Compassion to those who are suffering from natural disasters, war, or poverty, you let them know that YOU ARE HERE. Please prayerfully give what you are able to our Week of Compassion campaign; our special offering will be collected on **Sunday, February 19**, and **Sunday, February 26**.

STEWARDSHIP DEPARTMENT

Stewardship report as of December 31, 2016 (100% of the year)

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| Offering income received year-to-date | \$142,460.97 (112% of annual budget) |
| Total operating expenses year-to-date | \$191,021.34 (101% of annual budget) |

- Year-to-date, we have also received \$14,067.06 in other income (including interest and dividends) and accounted for a \$15,421.31 fund gain in our Perpetual Endowment fund.
- "Offering income" netted more than budgeted due to donations received from "I will give as I can" pledge cards and special offering collections being more than anticipated. We had some members who gave over their pledge card amounts and some who weren't able to meet their pledge card amount, and our Sunday School + transient offerings didn't meet our budgeted amount.
- Expenses within each department were kept down this year. We did have the unexpected roof and pastor's office repair which was a large unbudgeted expense.

WORSHIP DEPARTMENT



Handbells – We are excited that we have had some response of people interested in playing our church bells. A date and time for our first rehearsal has not been set, but, hopefully, we will have a fun night of reacquainting ourselves with the bells.

About That Hymn ♪

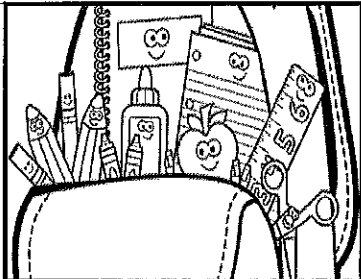
Charles Wesley experienced his spiritual conversion on Pentecost Sunday, May 21, 1738. In 1739, approaching the anniversary of that conversion, he wrote an 18-stanza hymn that he titled, "For the Anniversary Day of One's Conversion." The original first stanza of this hymn, beginning, "Glory to God and praise and love," has been included in our hymnal as the last stanza of the hymn culled from the original 18 stanzas as **"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."** It turned out to be one of the most used hymns penned by Wesley, who wrote over 6,500 hymns! Our hymnal (*Chalice Hymnal*, 1995) uses these stanzas from the original text in this order: 7, 9, 8 and 1. The seventh stanza, beginning, "O for a thousand tongues" has become the first stanza, and thus the hymn title, in most hymnals since about the turn of the 20th century.

The rhyme scheme of the hymn was in Common Meter (8,6,8,6 syllables per line) and was used with many tunes, but most commonly ORTONVILLE, until it finally was associated with the present tune, AZMON, after that tune's publication with the hymn in 1839 in Lowell Mason's *Modern Psalmist*. The composer of the tune is unknown, though a similar tune has been found that is attributed to Carl Gotthelf Glazer, who lived in the late 18th century.

Although the Methodist's hymnal includes all eighteen stanzas and some hymnals use five or six, our hymnal includes only four, as has become the custom in American hymnals. To see the other wonderful stanzas on line, go to https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O_for_a_Thousand_Tongues_to_Sing.

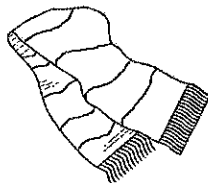
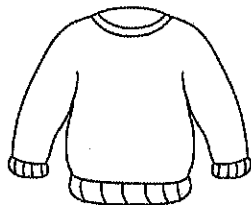
Duane Toole

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



DWF Circle #1 is collecting school supplies for needy children at Beulah and Bellwood schools in Chesterfield County. Most supplies need to be replenished in the middle of the school year, and this is an opportunity to help these children succeed in school. Any items used in elementary school would be greatly appreciated. A box is in the Narthex for collection. Please have the items at church **by February 20**. Thank you in advance for caring about the children in our area. If you have any questions, please contact Dee McCann or Dee Evans.

INTERFAITH COUNCIL OF GREATER RICHMOND



The Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond IICGR is helping with a clothing drive to provide needed articles for refugees in Jordan who will experience winter conditions until June. Especially needed are socks, as well as, sweaters, scarves, gloves and coats.

Items may be new or gently used, but must be clean, with no missing buttons, broken zippers, etc. All sizes, children and adults are welcome.

If you could like to contribute, there will be a container in the coat rack hallway at church. The deadline for donations is **February 12**.

THANK YOU AND A MESSAGE

I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for making Christmas such a memorable occasion. The church was decorated beautifully. The choir did an amazing job as usual. A special thanks to Barbara Koch and Carol Kimmel for all of the time and energy they put into the amazing Children's Program. The kids loved it, and it told the story in a special humorous way. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare such a delicious breakfast and everyone who helped to serve our church during the Christmas season. I also wanted to thank everyone who participated in Christmas caroling and for those who donated items to the Kenmore. Thank you to Donna for helping to organize the bags and thank you especially to Ed McCann who donated a lot of his personal money to make sure the youth could make this happen. Thank you to the youth for recognizing how important it is to spread the love in Jesus' name especially to those whom Society has forgotten. I wish everyone in the church could have seen the faces on the residents at the Kenmore. They were so grateful, and I pray that we helped them to feel loved during Christmas. May everyone have a blessed New Year. ~ in Jesus' name, Sarah Oatman

Earl and I aren't able to get to church every Sunday and for other events, but we miss everyone! We also miss communion every Sunday and our sweet young pastor. ~ Love, Elizabeth Little

PRAYER CONCERNS



Acute:
 Sonny and Carol Browder
 Mac and Kitty Case
 Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne
 Mary Kline
 Charley Lindsey
 Sarah Oatman
 Sue Sears

Ongoing:

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| Merrily Baber | Florence Banks | Ann Hasty |
| Hazel Heider | Sandy Lewis | Earl Little |
| Elizabeth Little | Carolyn Moore | Ken Roland |
| Gladys Rountree | Betty Stargardt | 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:

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| Miriam Adams | John Lancaster's grandmother |
| Phil and Jean Anderson | Merrily Baber's sister and brother-in-law |
| Harry Arnold | Kim Gangloff's father |
| Wayne Barlow and family | B. J. Barlow's father |
| Lisa Carlson, her son, and doctors . | Carolyn Moore's friend |
| Heidi Yeatts Christian | Carol Molinares' friend |
| Roy Clark | Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friend |
| Pamela Cochran | |
| Nick Elam | Hugh and Mary Penn Hawthorne's friend |
| Ellis family | Mary Kline's friends |
| Lynn Ellmore | Jo Anne Dorneman's stepsister |
| David Etheridge..... | Donna Wicker's friend |
| Tina and Kohlton Frank..... | Linda Spencer's stepdaughter and grandson |
| Nancy Hamilton | Ross and Jo Anne Dorneman's friend |
| Barbara Hart | Dee McCann's cousin |
| "Jane" | Carolyn Moore's friend |
| Clarence Kotte | David Brown's friend |
| Sara and Aaron Maddox's grandpa | |
| Brenda Musik | friend of the Evans' and McCanns' |
| Beverly Parker | John Lancaster's mother |
| Paige Robertson | |
| Karen Peregoy | Dee and Jim Evans' daughter |
| Geraldine Russell | Penny Gradwell's mother |
| Hannah and Leroy Stevens | Sarah Oatman's friends |
| Nell Toole | Duane Toole's mother |
| Claudine Wood | Carole Morris' mother |

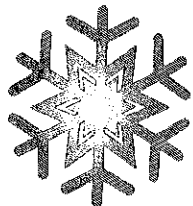
Please pray for those who suffer from natural disasters and war; for all of our men and women in the military and their families; for our country, its leaders, and peace in our world; and for our church.

2017 FLOWER CHART



The flower chart for 2017 is up on the small board next to the kitchen. Please sign up for your special day for flowers for the Sanctuary.

INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTIFICATION



Pastor Jackie, Jim Davis, and Ross Dorneman have the information for CBS and NBC to notify them if we have to cancel services due to inclement weather. If you have a question, please tune in to one of those stations (or check your email).

ANNIVERSARIES

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| February | 6 | Chad & Cari Alton | 18 |
| February | 12 | Eddie & Phyllis Basl | 46 |
| February | 14 | John & Barbara Kline | 47 |
| February | 14 | Pierson & Misty Lotz | 2 |
| February | 15 | William & Linda Davidson | 47 |
| February | 18 | Paul & Florence Banks | 69 |

2017 CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time! Please send or leave in the office all of your updates for the 2017 Church Directory – email address changes and cell phone numbers are important! We also need names and phone numbers for emergency contacts for everyone (this information will not be printed in the Directory, but it will be kept in the office if needed).

HELPFUL TIP (thank you, David Brown, for sharing)



Put a cup of water in your freezer. Freeze it solid, put a quarter on top of it, and leave it in your freezer. After a power outage, you can tell if your food thawed out completely and just refroze, or if your food stayed frozen while the power was out.

If the quarter has fallen to the bottom of the cup, that means all the food defrosted, and you should throw it out. But if the quarter is either on the top or in the middle of the cup, your food may still be ok.

Remember: If you don't feel good about your food, just throw it out. Be safe!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <h1>February 2017</h1> | | | | | | AA: Alcoholics Anon YC: Youth Center DWF: Disciples Women's Fellowship FPU: Financial Peace University |
| | | | 1 Choir 7:30 pm | 2 AA-YC 7:00 pm | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am "Souper Bowl of Caring" noon Pastor's class noon | 6 | 7 AA-YC 7:00 pm | 8 Choir 7:30 pm | 9 FPU preview at Patrick Henry School TBA AA-YC 7:00 pm | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Pastor's class noon | 13 | 14 AA-YC 7:00 pm | 15 Choir 7:30 pm | 16 "Theology on Tap" at O'Toole's 6:30 pm (nursery at church 6:15 pm) AA-YC 7:00 pm | 17 Pastor Jackie leaves for vacation Youth Lock-In for all ages-YC TBA | 18 |
| 19 Wk of Compassion Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am | 20 March Newsette deadline | 21 DWF Circle #1 at church 10:00 am AA-YC 7:00 pm | 22 Choir 7:30 pm | 23 FPU at Patrick Henry School TBA DWF Circle #4 at church 7:00 pm AA-YC 7:00 pm Pastor Jackie returns from vacation | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Wk of Compassion Sun School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am Pastor's class noon | 27 | 28 AA-YC 7:00 pm | | | | |