

**LET  
HIS  
LIGHT  
SHINE!**

# THE LIGHTHOUSE

July 2010

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## Multiplication Blessings

We have an exciting 2010 Summer Season here at Bethany United Methodist Church. Samuel Gunter is now on-board and will be offering ministry services to our fellowship as fulfillment of his Duke Divinity School Program. VBS looks to be exciting and will provide a comprehensive venue of classes for the youth of our community. The theme is "Galactic Blast." Feel free to visit the website at [www.bethanyunited.com](http://www.bethanyunited.com) for more details and updates to our calendar.

Blessings often come in ways we least expect them! In this story, Jesus takes a little and makes a lot. This multiplication method is how Evangelism works. Offering Christ often takes just a word of hope an act of Christian charity to become a complete and overflowing blessings resulting in a personal life fulfillment.

When Jesus asked Philip about feeding the group, Philip responded with pragmatic financial advice. Andrew took it upon himself to bring the young boy to Jesus with a small portion of food (five barley loaves & two small fish). His question to Jesus was, "What are they among so many?" Jesus responded with a miracle. It is important to note that Jesus gave thanks over the bread and fish. The act of giving thanks provides the seed of blessing for God's miracles to take place.

Seven Miraculous Signs- The Gospel of John:

- First, turning water into sweet wine (2:1-11).
- Second, healing the royal official's son (4:43-54).
- Third, healing the man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years (5:1-9a).
- Fourth, feeding the 5,000 hungry people (6:1-15).
- Fifth, walking on water in the middle of the night (6:16-24).
- Sixth, opening the eyes of the blind man (9:1-7).
- Seventh, raising the dead Lazarus (11:38-44).

Be Blessed,  
Pastor Jerome



11:00 A.M.  
WORSHIP



8:30 A. M.  
WORSHIP

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bryson Casey	Button Daniels / Jane Gray	Nancy Gray
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Blake Parrish	Lori Toler / Lora Whitehurst	Lisa Lewis
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fletcher Casey	Paula Mann / Holly Leonard	Jusara Dough
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Blayden Parrish	Chetty Parker / Marla Beasley	Audra Shackelford

### Monthly Schedule:

#### ✠ Baum/Gibbs Circle:

Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m.  
Meet at Darrell's Restaurant

#### ✠ Milah Meekins Circle:

Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Host: Ann Mihovch (Her House)  
Annual Picnic - Covered Dish  
Bring a Guest

#### ✠ United Methodist Men

Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

### **Special dates**

- Independence Day, July 4, 2010

### **Vacation Bible School**

Monday, July 5 to Friday, July 9  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
Program - Sunday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

Sunday, August 29 at 11:00 Worship Service  
Bible Celebration / Promotion Sunday  
Sunday School Classes will have presentations  
Youth will be participating in the Service

### **RADIO MINISTRY**

Saturday mornings at 8:40 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.  
WOBX - AM 1530 kHz  
"Outer Banks Christian Radio"  
The Bethany UMC Radio Ministry with Pastor Jerome.

### Weekly Meetings at Bethany:

#### **Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Early Morning Worship (Contemporary)  
9:50 a.m. Sunday School (Classes for All Ages)  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship (Traditional)  
Children' Church after Children's Time  
Children's Meetings (**Summer Break**)  
6:00 p.m. Senior MYF  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

#### **Monday**

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

#### **Children's Choir**

4:30 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Practice and Supper  
11:00 a.m. on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Sing for the Church

#### **Children's Story Hour**

Monday

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(June 14 to August 9)

**NO MEETING July 5**

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 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
 Program July 11 at 11:00 a.m. worship  
 Please register your child. **Forms are on the Secretary's Door or see**

**Denise Mann. Also you can go to [www.bethanyunited.com](http://www.bethanyunited.com)**

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We also have Student Take Home CD-ROMs available for \$3.00 that have all the Bible School songs (10) and 5 games.

**Change in Mission Project:** For our LOCAL MISSION we will collect toys and books to give to children in need of a love gift. Then any **money collected** will be sent to the Ryan Epps Home for Children in Haiti.

Congratulation to our High School Graduates:



Richard Austin  
 Cole Beasley  
 John Beasley  
 Kylie Beasley  
 Meredith Dunnigan  
 Sarah Elliott  
 Dallas Twyne



Kylie / Sarah / Meredith



Dear Church and Family

Thank you for the many delicious meals you provided following my recent surgery. They were a great help for us. Also thank you for your visits, phone calls, cards and especially prayers on my behalf. Your love and concern mean more than you will ever know.

Thank you to Pastor Jerome for his visits at the hospital and here at home. They were most comforting.

Prayers on my behalf have been and are being answered. So again thank you each and everyone. Each of you hold a special place in my heart.

Love, Jane Sapone



### Children's Choir

Now that we have all recover from the end of school, it is time for children's choir to start. Our next children's choir and supper will be Sunday, July 18th.

The children will sing the following Sunday at the 11:00 service.

On Sunday, August 15th the children's choir will be going to see High School Musical 2 at the Lost Colony. We will be buying tickets in advance. Please let me know soon if your child wishes to go [caradtwife@hotmail.com](mailto:caradtwife@hotmail.com) or 473-2293.

Mark your calendars for Sunday August 29th. This is Bible Celebration / Promotion Sunday and we will be singing at the 11:00 service.

Children's Choir is for ages 4 to 5th grade and meets the 3rd Sunday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00. Dinner is provided.

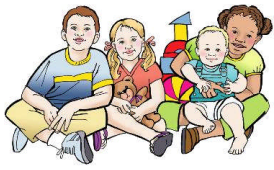
### Interpretive Dance Group



The dancers (front, from left) are: Ragen Twiford, Ella Samson and Jordan Baum; (middle) Lara-Cate Wright, Emma Rogers, Jasmin Gibbs and Maiya Ribeiro; and (back) Madie Stetson, Ashlen James, Rylee Payne, Tessie Dough and Cora Beth Page.

The interpretive dancers performed on Father's Day Sunday. We had twelve girls dance to the song "You Invite Me In". The girls had seven practices in all and worked very hard while preparing for their performance. Thank You to Nicole Gaskill for teaching the girls the dance, and to Denise Mann for running the sound for all the practices. Thank you to Ann Mihovich for making the beautiful skirts.

Interpretive dance group is for girls 1st to 5th grade. We will start working in late September for our performance in the Christmas program.



Story Hour

School is out and that means that Bethany's Story Hour is in full swing. As usual we meet every Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 except for the week that VBS is in session. Even though our banner

in front of the church says "ages 2--6" (we wish that thing would wear out this year!), children of all ages are invited. The older children are much needed helpers. They listen attentively to the stories and help the younger ones focus as well.

We're sticking to the formula that we've found really works--we read the story, tell the story, and act out the story. The craft illustrates the story and gives them something to take home so that they can tell their families the story. Even the snack acts as a review. The first week we learned about Elijah the prophet and how he prayed for fire to come out of heaven to reveal who the true God really was. After hearing and seeing the story, the children made clothes pin doll Elijah's and altars out of beans (rocks) and toothpicks (wood). For snack we had Jell-o jigglers (rocks--okay, use your imagination) and pretzel sticks (you've got it--wood). One mother said, "I had heard these stories growing up, but now it is like I'm learning them all over again."

All are welcome. All are needed. In the next lessons we are learning about Naaman being cleansed from leprosy and Esther saving her people. Come and see what the snack will be!

In Christ, Caroline, Button, Jimmie, and Nancy



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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 - Barry Stetson         | 4 - Orman and Linda Mann           |
| 2- Johnny Beasley         | 8 - Jimmy and Linnea Woodson       |
| 2 - David Tillett         | 11 - Willie and Candy Daniels      |
| 3 - Carolyn Basnight      | 12 - Gaston and Merichris Saunders |
| 3 - Chesley Midgett Jr.   | 13 - Bud and Rheana Watts          |
| 3 - Tommy Toler           | 14 - Rusty and Caroline Stetson    |
| 3 - Jewel Mavrommatis     | 22 - Joe and Nan Willis            |
| 5 - Corbin Tillett        | 22 - Patrick and Rheanna Byrd      |
| 5 - Matte Samson          |                                    |
| 6 - Joe Willis            |                                    |
| 6 - Orman Mann            |                                    |
| 8 - Mark Creef            |                                    |
| 8 - Pam Mihovch           |                                    |
| 10 - Billon Hollingsworth |                                    |
| 10 - Steve Basnight       |                                    |
| 10 - Conrade Davenport    |                                    |
| 11 - Sam Cage             |                                    |
| 11 - Molly Kinnisten      |                                    |
| 11 - Nick Sapone          |                                    |
| 13 - Bernard Dunlo        |                                    |
| 14 - Ron Tillett          |                                    |
| 14 - Caroline Stetson     |                                    |
| 15 - Carol Meekins        |                                    |
| 16 - Millie Barkley       |                                    |
| 16 - Jill Cote            |                                    |
| 16 - Blake Parrish        |                                    |
| 16 - Blayden Parrish      |                                    |
| 17 - Joseph Machie        |                                    |
| 19 - Stanley Scarborough  |                                    |
| 21 - Melody Dean          |                                    |
| 22 - Liz Ann Creef        |                                    |
| 23 - Gayle Tillett        |                                    |
| 23 - Danny Daniels        |                                    |
| 23 - Asia Evans Stewart   |                                    |
| 23 - Carl Beacham         |                                    |
| 24 - Lois Gallop          |                                    |
| 27 - Candy Daniels        |                                    |
| 27 - Milah Elliot         |                                    |
| 31 - Amy Midgette         |                                    |



Come join us at Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Children's Church is during the 11:00 a.m. worship service for children ages 1st grade to 5th grade. We

worship in the service until children's time then we go to the back of the church to have our lesson.

### Father of the Year



Jeff James Younger Father Wayne Gray Older Father



CD For Sale

The new CD from The Captain's Crew is out. It includes some new songs and old favorites. Bethany members Ken and Paula Mann wrote some of the original songs and Connie Bateman sings a brand new version of The Lighthouse. The CD is available in

Wanchese at Mann's Red and White and on line from iTunes, Napster, Amazon.com and from the groups web site [www.thecaptainsmusic.com](http://www.thecaptainsmusic.com)



The Preschoolers had their end of the year swim party at Ryan and Presley Tillett's house on Wednesday, May 26th. The weather was beautiful as the children and the parents swam. We enjoyed a meal of pizza, chips, fruits, brownies, and cookies for dessert.



The Preschoolers presented their end of the year program and graduation. As the parents assembled in the church sanctuary, a slide show of all the year's Preschool activities was presented. The program began as the parents and children pledged the American flag and sang "My Country Tis Of Thee". The children sang holiday, secular, and Bible songs they had learned during the year. Some of the songs included "Mr. Sun", "The Days of the Week", "Mary Had a Baby", "The Wise Man and the Foolish Man, and "Peter, James, and John in a Sailboat". Each of the children spelled their names for the audience. The children who are going to school in the fall were honored as they marched into "God of the Ages". Each older child was presented with a diploma saying they completed two years of Pre-School. Those children honored were Abby Flowers, Barrett Tillett, Blake Dobson, Erica Sawyer, Leslie Cahoon, Luke Midgett, Owen Reibel, Paris O'Neal, and Sara Simmons. Owen received the award for the most improved student.



Closing comments were made and thanks was given for another successful year for Bethany United Methodist Church Preschool..

I want to personally thank all the church members who have donated to the Preschool whether monetarily or by helping with the Senior Luncheons during the year. God has blessed this school and continues to use this school as a ministry in the community.

At this time, the Preschool has twenty-five children enrolled for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be three by August 31st, call the Preschool at [475-1235](tel:475-1235) and leave a message or call Gayle Tillett at [473-3759](tel:473-3759). The child will be put on a waiting list.

preschool registration





IN NEED  
OF PRAYER

# OUR PRAYER LIST

## NEW PRAYER CONCERNS

Jill Adams  
Steve Anish  
Ola Austin  
Sybil Blount  
Button Daniels  
Melvin Daniels Jr.

Mary Dunlo  
Jack Dunn  
Mary Francis Gallop  
Evelyn Hall  
Jason and Candie Holland  
Rex Mann

Frank "Knobby" Miller  
Phillip Quidley  
Crystal Rogers  
George Stein  
Joe Willis  
Ted (Steve Budd's Father)

## ONGOING PRAYERS

Tiffany Ackerman  
S. C. Basnight  
Stephen Bateman  
Mary Ann Bland  
Martha Borden  
Mary Cox  
Mickey Daniels  
Buddy Davis  
Vanessa Foreman  
Amy Garretson  
Barbara Hirsch

Brent Humphrey  
Lorraine Johnson  
Judith and Jill  
Jusara's Mother  
Gracie Kelly  
Cindy Kelly  
Charles Leaner  
Nancy Ward Meekins  
Michelle Meredith  
Sean Meredith  
Charles Midgett

Hudean O'Neal  
Donna Roughton  
Jane Sapone  
Nancy Scarborough  
Golden Simpson  
Tom Slater  
Coy Stanley  
Barbara Tillett  
Ron Tillett  
Betsy Ruhle West  
Melissa Wright



Matthew Rayburn



Unspoken  
Unsaved  
People in Arkansas Flood  
Oil Spill and Situation in the Gulf  
Tornado Victims



## LOST LOVED ONES

Family of Cathey Clawson  
Family of Louis Cudworth  
Family of Genevieve Jones  
Family of Claude Parker  
Family of Jennie Pologruto  
Family of Vic Wilson  
The Hadden Family (Lost a premature twin)

Family of Albert Creef  
Family of Collis Gallop Jr.  
Family of Francis Meekins  
Family of Helen Pitsch  
Family of Brandon Presgraves

# The Fourth of July

by Bob Balliet

It's time again to fly our flag,  
With much respect and pride;  
It is our country's birthday,  
This 4th day of July!

As we enjoy the fireworks,  
The picnics and parades;  
Let us reflect on all the things  
That make our country great:

Is it those rights we cherish,  
The freedoms we enjoy;  
Equality in law - that's  
guaranteed  
To every girl and boy?

The answer's YES for most of  
us  
Not all of that I'm sure!  
For many in our country still  
Much suffering they endure.

The many that are hated,  
Because they don't fit in;  
'cause they have different  
customs,  
or for the color of their skin.

Yet, we are all Americans,  
From every walk of life;  
Claiming equal and fair  
treatment  
Protection from all strife.

We're in this land together,  
We're brothers, sisters, all;  
United we'll attain great goals,  
Divided we shall fall!

So, on our country's birthday,  
Let's pledge, for all to see:  
We'll strive to live together,  
In peace and harmony!

Our future will be brighter,  
God bless us, I do pray.  
And, with one voice now let  
us sing:  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, USA!

## Patriotic trivia

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was used as a national song before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

## A prayer for summer

A rippling sea of green and gold  
Is shimmering before us  
As wind stirs the tall corn,  
Wave after green wave rises high,  
Reaching for the summer sun.

Lord God,  
When you summon seeds  
From these furrowed fields,  
How readily they obey!

Like the myriad crops,  
Help us grow steadily:  
Help us stretch, ripen  
Round out, unfold.

In the warm rays of your strength,  
Help us yield goodness!



## HUMOR & WISDOM



### “America the Beautiful”

Katharine Lee Bates (1859-1929) wrote, edited and taught English in her native Massachusetts. Occasionally, she wrote hymns, too.

On a trip to Colorado, Bates was greatly impressed by amber waves of grain, fruited plains and purple mountain majesties. She believed that God had definitely shed his grace all across this land. A visit to the summit of Pikes Peak inspired Bates to write her most famous poem-hymn, “America the Beautiful.”

Bates also realized that patriotism was an important part of America. She was grateful for heroes “who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life.” She wanted all Americans to realize how God had shed his grace on them and had crowned what was good “with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Bates embodied the spirit of thankfulness to God for all she had experienced and been given.

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