



The Good News of Bath Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Mission Statement of the Bath Christian Church is:

*“To serve the living God, to nurture our personal faith,
& to witness the good news of God’s love to others.”*

~Pastor Jim’s Thoughts for August~

I tend to consider myself to be a child (product) of the 60’s. I was born prior to the 60’s but as with most children, the first few years of life are tightly controlled by authority figures (parents, teachers, etc.). Somewhere around the age of ten or eleven, the desire for some level of independence awakens. We want to dress like our friends (note independence really means freedom to choose), we want to listen to our own style of music, and we want to be allowed some freedoms about our activities. This month marks the 50th anniversary of a monumental event that happened in upstate New York-Woodstock. I did not go to that gathering. I do know some who did. One of the groups that performed at Woodstock sang a Joni Mitchell song about the gathering. In the lyrics, there is a phrase

We are stardust, we are golden

We are billion year old carbon

And we got to get ourselves back to the garden

Many will read the word Woodstock and will either smile or grimace. The images of debauchery and depravity do not conjure the picture of returning to the Garden of Eden. However, most of the young people of that era and especially those who were in upstate New York for that event, were seeking the freedom to rebel any vestige of rules. Perhaps, in one way, the idea of following rules and suppressing of self-will, there was a return to the garden. Much of what we see in that era was a hunger for something new. The hunger for something new is still around today. It is not a new trend. Solomon felt the same restless hunger and wrote about it in Ecclesiastes. Consider these few verses found in the first chapter.

What advantage does man have in all his work which he does under the sun? A generation goes and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. Also, the sun rises and the sun sets; and hastening to its place it rises there again. Blowing toward the south, then turning toward the north, the wind continues swirling along; and on its circular courses the wind returns. All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again. All things are wearisome; man is not able to tell it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing. That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So, there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:3-9 NASB)

Solomon viewed his world in retrospect and realized that his pursuit of pleasure and fulfillment were all pointless and they had not satisfied. Solomon was much like our “Hippy” friends who thrived in the Summer of Love (1967) and Woodstock (1969). Those who were at Woodstock (in spirit if not in person) were seeking new feelings, new experiences, and new dimensions of love. Now, the survivors are in their 60’s or 70’s and many are still hoping to find that spark of something that they never found. They are seeking to return to the garden and know the joy of newness. Many are seeking that closeness to God that was present in the garden. Solomon’s dad, David, understood the hungers that drive us to seek new things can only be satisfied through our relationship with God.

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so, my soul pants for You, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God? (Psalm 42:1-2 NASB)

My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

On God my salvation and my glory rest; the rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him;

God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62:5-8 NASB)

O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; my soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips will praise You. So, I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth offers praises with joyful lips. (Psalm 63:1-5 NASB)

While we celebrate the waning few weeks of summer and perhaps remember the fiftieth anniversary of Woodstock, it is hoped that we have found the satisfaction of knowing God on a personal level. Maybe we have, through Jesus, found our way *back to the garden*.

~Youth Ministry~

From the Desk of the Youth Minister

Hi everyone!! I hope and pray everybody is having a safe and wonderful summer. It has been a hot one with little rain but we are still blessed by God each and every day!!

Bath Christian Youth has had a busy month with the Farmer's market. They have all worked hard in picking vegetables, including a lot of squash, zucchini, cucumber, and cantaloupe at Jamie Barnhill's garden and selling them along with Zucchini bread, blueberry muffins, zinnias picked and donated by Sylvia Barnhill, pickles made by my wife, Melissa, and so much more. The youth are learning a lot through what they have done and worked on at the market. For what they don't sell, they have been donating to Eagle's Wings in Washington, NC. So, they are getting a lesson on mission work and what Jesus has taught us on feeding the less fortunate, which is very important in order for us to become true Christians. I will be teaching them more about this idea as they grow in their Christian faith.

I went with Nick Jordan, Alex Jordan, Luke Midgette, and Andrew Midgette to Camp Caroline from July 21-26 for Delta Camp (Middle School Kids). We all had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed being there and learning more about God. The theme for the week was "The World Wide Family," which is uniting as one in Jesus through love and truth. The first week of this month, Raegan and Hannah Bogenn will be attending camp. I'm sure they will have a great time and an awesome experience.

The youth group will be moving their weekly meetings to Sunday after church at 11:30am. This will be for all youth including pre-schoolers. We will have a lesson for the children along with games and activities. The parents along with the youth will be providing and preparing lunch for the meetings.

On July 28, we had Youth Sunday, with the children leading the whole service. It was a very meaningful service and they all delivered a very loving message to the congregation. I want to thank them for doing such a great job!!

The youth will be going to the H20BX Waterpark in the Outerbanks on Saturday, August 10. We will be meeting at the church at 7:30am. leaving by 8:00am. and return by 5:00pm. If we have 20 or more people going the cost of admission is \$24.99 plus tax. If there are under 20 people going, the cost is children under 42" tall: \$26.99 and for adults: \$36.99. Drinks and snacks provided, bring lunch. To sign up for this trip, there are sign up sheets on the table in the back of the sanctuary and see me to fill out a permission slip for your child. Please sign up by Sunday, August 4.

As most of you have heard, Melissa and I are expecting a little girl in the first week of December. We have decided to name her Ada Leigh Joy. We are so excited and are so blessed to have such a wonderful and loving church family to help us welcome her into this world. We want to thank each and everyone of you for your love and kind words as we go through this journey. We are so looking forward to what God has planned for our family. Again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much.

I hope everyone has a great August. Keep cool and stay out of the heat. God bless you all!!

Peace and Love, Phil

~Youth Devotion~

Mission through Love

Missions is more than a trip in the summer, but our calling as Christians right where we are. It is a way of living and to be a witness about the good news of Jesus and what he truly means to us as Christians. This can happen far away, but it should be happening right here in our own communities every day. Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-36, "For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in. I was naked and you clothed Me. I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.

We are called by God to help the less fortunate, the poor, the sick, the disenfranchised, the prisoner, and the weary. And all these people are right here in our own communities. When I was in high school, I saw a shirt that said Think Globally, Act Locally. That saying has stuck with me ever since. Let's help people that live right beside us in our own community and spread that love everywhere we go.

The greatest sermon ever told, "The Sermon on the Mount" in Matthew 5:1-11, Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted, Blessed are the meek For they shall inherit the earth, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain Mercy, Blessed are the Pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Mission is a calling from God for every Christian. We can do mission work anywhere and everywhere, whether it be donating food, volunteering at a shelter, helping the elderly clean their yard, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and spreading the word of GOOD NEWS of JESUS and the KINGDOM of GOD. Through love and truth we can do these things to help change the world. Amen.

~Board Minutes~

The Board of Bath Christian Church met May 5, 2019. Chairman Howard Robertson presided. Billy Hill opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion by Becky Tuten and second by Terry Everett. Jamie Barnhill, treasurer, gave the financial report. The building project has been completed and cost is paid in full. Leon Wingate motioned to approve the report as presented. Pearson seconded the motion which was approved.

BUSINESS

1. Easter offering totaled \$1500.
2. Cleaning Committee - Jamie stated that the new building was cleaned prior to the dedication by Gwen Slade and her helper who was paid \$50. Gwen donated her time.
3. The newly updated By-Laws concerning the use of the building were reviewed. Cynthia Stell will be the contact person for scheduling the use of the facility. A few other items were clarified and changed before the final approval. Leon Wingate made the motion to adopt the new by-laws as amended. The motion seconded by Pearson Chrismon was approved.
4. The locks on the new building need to be keyed alike. Jamie will make contact with a locksmith to make the changes.
5. The Youth Minister gave a report on the April activities of the Youth and included the plans for May. The first "Family Worship Service" is scheduled for June 9 at 10:00 AM
6. Minister's Remarks
 1. Visits made – 53: 6 in hospitals
 2. Regional minister was pleased with the reception received during her visit for the dedication event.
 3. Announced that background checks will soon be required for ministers.
 4. The Redemption Quartet will be our guest on fifth Sunday.

Gerald Morris dismissed the meeting with prayer.

June Wallace, Secretary

~CMF~

The CMF of Bath Christian Church met Wednesday June 5, 2019 with Leon Wingate presiding and 18 in attendance. Present were L. Wingate, B. Norman, B. Hill, B. Cutler, S. Stell, G. Morris, J. Cullen, C. Dupree, R. Smith, G. Heath, B. Tankard, J. Burgess, L. Schmitt, J. Barnhill, M. Aydlett, B. Beckman, D. Adams, and H. Cutler.

Cooks for the evening were Wingate, Norman and Hill. A good meal was had by all and thanks were extended to the cooks.

Devotion was given by D. Adams and he talked about seeing God. After a humorous story Dick assured everyone that God will always recognize us. Scriptures of Prov. 10:7, Luke 18:16, Prov. 22, and PSA. 127 were referenced supporting this. We were then told that the words Laus Deo are displayed on top of the Washington Monument, meaning Praise Be To God. Everywhere you go, God is there.

Prayer concerns were listed and there were many. Leon had prayer for each mentioned.

Business Meeting

--No CMF meetings for months of July and August

--Cooks for September are Burgess, Heath, and Winstead.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Billy Hill, Recorder

~CWF~

~August Schedules~

The Bath Christian Church CWF met in the Fellowship Hall on July 26, 2019. There were eleven ladies present: Alice Wingate, Nancy Hill, Jessie Brooks, Linda Heath, Claudia Alligood, Jane Wright, Becky Tuten, Helen Brooks, Nelda Ormond, Barbara Morris and Cynthia Stell. Barbara presided and opened with prayer.

There was no program.

The offering was collected and a prayer was given by Nancy. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Nelda gave the treasurer's report. She read thank you notes from St. Thomas Back Pack Program, Athens Mamma Ministry, Ruth's House and Disciples Women Blessing Boxes.

Old Business:

The Chrismon tree crown is being worked on. Four campers enjoyed their time at Camp Caroline.

New Business:

The Craft House is now open on Monday mornings. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

After much discussion, the ferns in front of the church will be replaced. Motion was made by Helen. Claudia seconded. Carried.

With Board approval floor coverings ONLY will be replaced at the back of the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and kitchen. Motion was made by Claudia.

Alice seconded. Carried.

August 28, 2019 meeting will be presented by Alice Wingate from Max Lucado's *The Gospel of John* Lesson Two (2).

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Stell

Greeter Schedule:



- August 4 Terry Woolard
- August 11 Terry Everett
- August 18 Beau Norman
- August 25 Brenda Godley



Flower Schedule:

- August 4 Nancy & Howard Robertson
- August 11 Betty & Larry Schmitt
- August 18 Family Members of Pauline & O.J. Gaylord
- August 25 Becky & Phil McRoy

Nursery Schedule:



- August 4 Lesley Woolard & Lexie Clark
- August 11 Darlene Ormond & Debbie Smith
- August 18 Sandra & Claude Dupree
- August 25 Cynthia Stell & Bobbie Sanderson

Reminder: At least 1 person should be in nursery by 9:45 AM and remain for late arrivals.

Children's Moment Schedule:



- August 4 Marcia Norman
- August 11 Jeff Staton
- August 18 Kids of God's World
- August 25 Alice Wingate

Serving Schedule:

August 4

Elders: H. Robertson & S. Stell
Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & B. Hill
Deacons: B. Hill, B. McRoy
B. Norman & L. Schmitt

August 11

Elders: L. Wingate & J. Barnhill
Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & R. Smith
Deacons: R. Smith, J. Staton,
B. Tuten & P. Chrismon

August 18

Elders: C. Dupree & J. Everett
Deacon of Wk: C. Dupree & T. Everett
Deacons: B. Cutler, T. Everett
B. Hill & E. Gurganus

August 25

Elders: G. Morris & H. Robertson
Deacon of Wk: G. Morris & B. Norman
Deacons: B. Norman, B. McRoy,
L. Schmitt, & R. Smith

~Announcements~

Dockside Devotions

Come worship and enjoy a short ecumenical devotion at Bonner Point on Tuesday nights, 7 PM this summer. This is the eleventh year of devotions brought to you by local clergy and lay speakers. God will be there for sure. Please join us to worship Him Matthew 18:20 – **“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them.”**

August 6..... Becky Albriton
August 13..... Brian Oliver
August 20..... Claudia Alligood
August 27..... Pastor Chris Hux

Eagles Wings

Eagles Wings food pantry is running extremely low on food for their clients in our area. Nonperishable donations are greatly needed and can be placed in the labeled box in the Fellowship Hall or dropped off at their location, 932 W. 3rd St, Washington, N.C. 27889 on Monday thru Friday 9AM-12 Noon or by appointment (975-1138). Thank you for your help.

P.S. They desperately need plastic grocery bags. Empty bags can be placed in Eagles Wings boxes along with canned goods.

Youth Group

Saturdays 8:00-12 Noon through August 31st

Bath High School Preservation Farmers Market in old high school gym. Our youth will be selling vegetables and baked goods.

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Bike Ride For MS

Polly Gurganus is planning her annual ride “Bike for MS” in September. This will be her 31st year and it will be held in New Bern. She is seeking support by prayers, thoughts and donations. To help Polly reach her goal in helping find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis donations can be mailed to her at 1141 Water Rd, Washington, NC 27889.

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Church Bazaar

Bazaar date is set for Saturday, November 16th. The Craft House is open on Mondays from 9-12 noon. Everyone is welcome to participate. Ideas needed. Reminder: if you have extra canning jars please leave them in the Fellowship Hall.

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Prayer Requests : Church Family Prayer Concerns:
Diane Adams; Bill Bertram;
Eddie Buck; Charlie Clark;
Ella Mae Smith & Michael Corless;
Ann Cullen; Bill Cutler; Bobby & Donna Drake;
Marian Everett; Charles, "Pete" Fell; Marie
Gonzalez; Polly Gurganus; Beverly & John Holt;
Jackie Mullen; Lori Norman, Gary Sheppard; John
Tankard; Beverly & Ron Tincher, caregivers, &
Unspoken Requests.

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Olivia
Armstrong & her mother Lee; Mike Bauder; Rickie
Bause; Mark & Mary Scott Baver; David Bennett
(brother-in-law of Connie Winstead); Frankie Black;
Bob Bohi; Vera Boseman; Judy Boyd; Susan Boyd;
Barbara Britt; Sue Brookshire; Roy Buck; Luke
Cahoon; Sylvia & Jimmy Coltrain and their family;
John Conway; Ella Mae Copeland; Evan Cornelius;
Colt Cowell; Walter Cutler; Glenda Douglas;
Maryanne Edwards; George Elliott; Bobby Everett;
Esther Flowers; Dianne Floyd; Angie Gaylor;
Danny Gonzalez sister; Pauline Gurganus; Jon
Hadel; Amy Adams Hardee; Belinda Latham Hardy;
Tawney Hollis; Jim Hurdle; Allie Faye Ivey; Vickie
Jessen; Jim Jones; Sheila Cox Jones; John Kelly;
Rick Kelly; Sue Kemmer; Anna Keyzer; Ronnie
Martin; Barbara Mason; Danny Mason; Christy
McKisseck; Carol McRoy; Allison Mills; Josh Moye;
Mary Jo Nason; Alvin Norman; John David Oden;
Gladys Owens; Emily Page; Mike Painter; Kent
Paul; Wilson Paul; Brian Peele; Joyce Pitt; Larry
Poore; Paula Radcliffe; Brandi Robbins; Beth
Rodgers; Wendy Rouse; Naison Sand (19 YO in need
of heart, lung & liver transplant); Betty Slade; Harry
Slade; Jo Smith; Sissy Cooke Spencer; Michael
Spencer; Raymond Spencer; Don Steffa; Leonard
Sullivan; Wayne Sullivan; Susie Swinson; Sonya &
Roger Tuning; Gary Tyer & his family; Judy Tyer;
Becky Sheppard Waters; Ronnie Watson; Miranda
Woolard; Diane Worley; Jim Worthington;
teenagers throughout the world; & **Unspoken
Requests.**

The families of Maggie Credle; Cecelia Swain;
Tommy Woolard.

Military Prayer List:

Jim Bass, Blane Boyd, Chase Brooks, Zack Cook,
Timm Cox, Will Cutler, Zack Davis, Jonathan
Dupree (being deployed to Afghanistan), Grant Fath,
Kerry Mills, Grayce Owens, Hayden Tankard.
Jonathan Dupree's military address:
738 AEAG/MSS:APO AE 09355.

In Nursing Homes: Dorothy Mathews, Mary
Maynard, Bob Miller, Betty Sheppard.

Please submit news to me
for the September newsletter by
9:00 am Friday, **August 23rd**. Thank you!
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