



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 October~

October 12th, aside from being our anniversary, is also remembered that an explorer named Christopher Columbus set sail in 1492 to find a new and perhaps shorter route to the West Indies. We know that his original intention did not go as planned. We spent many years giving credit to Christopher Columbus for discovering America. This, we have learned, was at least 400 years after other Europeans had made the same discovery.

There are many times when we believe that we know certain things to be true and later learn that our understanding is based on insufficient information. Once we learn more, we adjust our knowledge base and thus arrive at a better understanding. We may find that we readjust our understanding and beliefs several times during our lifetime. It is not that we are unable to commit to a solid foundation; it is that we draw on more information and using that knowledge, we arrive at our beliefs. This is true of our understanding of God.

Theology, in its simplest form, means the study of God. It is our human attempt to rationalize the infinite being. It is a systematic study of everything we may know of God. When we are called upon to explain our theology, we articulate our understanding of God.

For some of us, we leave these heavy discussions and thoughts to those we deem more educated in theological studies. We believe ourselves to be unqualified to express our theology. However, we all have our beliefs about God and His nature. We have arrived at our theology by either listening to others express their views, by our reading of the Bible, or allowing social context to shape our view of God. Our view of God will be more clearly focused as we learn more about Him. Our study of the Bible that allows us to see how everything fits into His plan and design helps us to know God.

One of the aspects of God is that He is omnipotent. (A theological word) This means that God is all powerful. His power is without limit. The Bible starts with these words: **In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. (Genesis 1:1-3 NASB)**

In the beginning God and from that point on God speaks and the word took shape. God has the power over nothingness to create everything. He also has the power over death. **Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also raise us up through His power.** (1 Corinthians 6:14 NASB)

When we fail to believe in the creation or the resurrection of Jesus, then we deny the power of God. That leaves us with a host of unanswered questions.

It reminds me of my own process of education. As I began to study science, I began to question **In the beginning God**. After some time, I realized that the answers may only be found in God. Louis Pasteur observed: *Little science takes you away from God but more of it takes you to Him.* He also said: *The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God.*

Another aspect of God is another theological word: omniscient. This tells us that God is all knowing. God knows everything about every one and even the creatures. The psalmist tells us that God knows what we will say before the words form in our mouth.

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it all. (Psalm 139:1-4 NASB)

Jesus tells us that God knows about a bird falling from the sky and the hairs of our head.

Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. (Matthew 10:29-30 NASB)

If God has all knowledge, why do we think that we may use our limited brain power to rationalize our beliefs or behavior when God, through His revealed word (the Bible) tells us something different than what we choose to believe?

The third theological word that describes God is omnipresent. This tells us that God is everywhere. There are no secret places where we may hide our thoughts or deeds. God is there and sees them. David mentions the presence of God in the 139th Psalm.

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. (Psalm 139:7-10 NASB)

The word Sheol may also be translated as nether world. This is a term that is used for the infernal regions or hell. It may also be referring to the afterlife or time after death. David tells us that even in death, we will be in the presence of God.

While we celebrate the voyage of Christopher Columbus, we know that his voyage helped others to discover the beauty and riches of the western hemisphere. Maybe we will also pick up our Bibles to learn more about the nature of God. We have a limitless God about whom we have so much to learn.

~Board Minutes~

The Board of Bath Christian Church met on August 4, 2019. The chairman opened the meeting by reminding members that our world is currently in a state of unrest and in need of Christians providing the light of God's love for others to see.

Barry Norman led the group in prayer.

Minutes were read, corrected and accepted on a motion by Starley and 2nd by Leon.

The treasurer report for the months of June and July were reviewed by Jamie Barnhill. They were accepted on a motion by Pearson Chrismon and 2nd by Gerald Morris.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The issue of installing a security light in front of the new addition was resolved when it was determined that there currently exists an off/on switch and it was in the off position. There was no need to contact the electrical contractor.

- Concerning the remaining security lights.....a decision was delayed until winter months.

- At a call meeting it was determined that the proposed storage for the communion room is pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A request for a TV to be installed in one classroom was made by Claudia Alligood and Rachel Jordan. Following discussion a motion to purchase a TV was made by Leon and seconded by Starley Stell.

REPORT FROM YOUTH COMMITTEE

Gerald Morris reported that the committee had met for the purpose of the six month evaluation of the Youth Minister. Gerald reported that following their discussion a vote of 6 to 1 of NO CONFIDENCE was taken.

There was a motion by Gerald and seconded by Starley Stell that the board accept the recommendation that the church exercise the 30 day option of termination of contract to become effective on August 12, 2019. Following a lengthy discussion a vote was taken and passed.

- Becky relayed to the board that the Ladies Group would pay the cost of replacing the floor covering in the four back rooms of the church, in addition to the passageway, fellowship hall and kitchen. Leon moved and Gerald 2nd that the board accept the offer.

- Following a discussion, Leon made a motion, 2nd by Reeves to remove the last parking space on the 3rd row and the two spaces adjacent to the columbarium.

- Funds have been requested by Polly Gurganus to assist in her bicycle ride on behalf of MS. A motion by Larry Schmitt and 2nd by Jeff Staton to contribute the same amount as last year.

MINISTER REMARKS:

- Jim gave the number of visits made during June and July.

- He announced that Hank Jarman, Pastor at Wheat Swamp Christian Church will hold Revival this year.

- The Gideons had requested the opportunity for a visit.

- The Red Cross had requested that a Blood Drive be held at the church.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Jim Cullen.

Respectfully submitted:
Becky Tuten

~Devotion~

Prosperity Begins With Meditation

Psalms 1:2-3 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

One of my favorite passages in the Scriptures is Psalm 1, and clearly this psalm holds an important key for our lives as believers to be fruitful and prosperous. That key is meditation. The psalmist describes the one who prospers as one who meditates “day and night”; a continual meditation developing the Godly habit of disciplining one’s mind in divine truth.

I love what Charles Spurgeon said about meditation, “He is not the best student who reads the most books, but **he who meditates the most upon them**; he shall not learn most of divinity who hears the greatest number of sermons, but **he who meditates the most devoutly upon what he does hear**; nor shall he be so profound a scholar who takes down ponderous volumes one after the other, as he who, **reading little by little, precept upon precept, and line upon line, digests what he learns, and assimilates each sentiment to his heart by meditation**”.

Meditation on the word of God brings its truth and light to bear powerfully upon your mind and soul. Since you are made in the image of God you are not a shallow creature, but a very profound one. You have the opportunity to be deeply affected and beautifully transformed by the living words of God. Don’t miss out on it. As you contemplate and reflect on His Word, allowing it to expose, redefine, and transform every area of your life, you will flourish like a tree planted by a river, and whatever you do will prosper! Only remember, it begins with meditation.

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~CMF~

The CMF of Bath Christian Church met Wednesday September 4, 2019 with Leon Wingate presiding and 14 in attendance. Present were R. Smith, J. Cullen, J. Burgess, G. Morris, G. Heath, H. Robertson, J. Barnhill, S. Stell, L. Schmitt, B. Hill, C. Dupree, B. Tankard, M. Aydlett, L. Wingate.

Cooks for the evening were Burgess, Heath, Winstead and Morris. A great meal was served and the cooks were applauded.

Dr. Robertson led us in devotion about prayer. We have a praying Church. People who pray learn what faith is and why prayer is important to God. In the book of Genesis, Abraham challenged God to spare the righteous people. The God Abraham challenged is the same God we have today. In 1 Samuel, Hannah with no child prayed to the Lord and promised to give her child to the Lord’s service. Hannah’s prayer was answered, she had prayed from her heart. Jonah called out to the Lord and thanked him before the rescue. In Matthew chapter 6 is the Lord’s Prayer. No matter how many times you say it, it puts you in contact with God. In Daniel chapter 3 we are told to seek God by prayer. We pray for his kingdom to come, but do we mean it. God’s promise encourages us to pray. Submit to His plan.

Prayer concerns were discussed. Doc prayed for everyone mentioned.

Business Meeting

- Minutes read and approved
- Financial report given and approved
- Donation made to Polly Gurganus’ ride for MS
- District Meeting calendar set for next 2 years. Bath will host 10/27/2020
- Work day at Camp Caroline 10/12. Slaymaker needs some attention
- Thank You card received from Ruth’s House
- Chairs for fellowship, tabled until more information made available
- Donation made to Eagles Wings
- No meeting October because of Revival
- Cook schedule set through February 2020, posted in kitchen
- Cooks for November are Wingate, Dupree and Aydlett

Leon closed the meeting with prayer.

Billy Hill, Recorder

~CWF~

The Bath Christian Church CWF met in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. There were twenty ladies present Becky Tuten, Rachel Jordan, Sarah Stone, Jessie Brooks, Nancy Hill, Peggy Davis, Jean Winstead, Sandra Dupree, Alice Wingate, June Wallace, Betty Schmitt, Linda Heath, Debbie Smith, Diane Adams, Joyce Aydlett, Claudia Alligood, Nancy Bunch, Nelda Ormond, Barbara Morris and Cynthia Stell.

Barbara presided and opened with prayer. Alice presented the program using Max Lucado's book *The Gospel of John*. The lesson title was *A Wedding In Cana* and was the second in this series of study. The scripture reference was John 2:1-11. She closed with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. The offering was collected and a prayer was given by June. Nelda gave the treasurer's report. She read a thank you note from Eagles Wings Food Bank.

Old Business:

Becky reported the Church Board approved our request to purchase and install new flooring in the rooms behind the Church Sanctuary, hallway, Fellowship Hall, kitchen and old bathrooms. The exceptions are the two newest bathrooms with tile flooring.

June and Nancy have completed the new Chrismon Crown for the Christmas tree.

New Business:

Committee chairperson is to call people on their list for food needed for funerals.

Claudia will meet with Garden Classics to evaluate plants and replacements if required.

Rachel will call on volunteers for painting of rails on Church Building.

Claudia is looking for volunteers and ideas for the upcoming Bazaar. Work will continue on Mondays at 9:00 am at the Craft House until items are completed.

Rachel stated that church history needs to be updated.

September 25, 2019 meeting will be presented by Claudia Alligood from Max Lucado's *The Gospel of John* Lesson Three (3).

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Stell

~October Schedules~

Greeter Schedule:



- October 6 Rachel Jordan
- October 13 Claudia Alligood
- October 20 Phil McRoy
- October 27 Barbara Morris



Flower Schedule:

- October 6 Homecoming/CWF
- October 13 Marcia & Barry Norman
- October 20 Sarah & Rod Bowen
(Hannah/Nick Wedding)
- October 27 Mary Lynn Edwards

Nursery Schedule:



- October 6 Kandice & Billy Dean
- October 13 Rachel & Cliff Jordan
- October 20 Kathy & Tori Dupree
- October 27 Lesley Woolard & Lexi Clark

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

Children's Moment Schedule:



- October 6 Claudia Alligood
- October 13 Alice Wingate
- October 20 Kids of God's World
- October 27 Marcia Norman

Serving Schedule:

October 6

Elders: C. Dupree & J. Everett
Deacon of Wk: J. Everett & R. Smith
Deacons: R. Smith,
B. Tuten & P. Chrismon

October 13

Elders: G. Morris & H. Robertson
Deacon of Wk: B. Morris & T. Everett
Deacons: B. Cutler, T. Everett,
B. Hill, & B. McRoy

October 20

Elders: S. Stell & L. Wingate
Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & L. Schmitt
Deacons: B. Norman, L. Schmitt,
R. Smith, & E. Gurganus

October 27

Elders: J. Barnhill & C. Dupree
Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & B. Tuten
Deacons: B. Tuten,
P. Chrismon, B. Cutler

~Announcements~

Upcoming Events

October 6 – Homecoming

November 16 – Bazaar

December 8 & 15 – Christmas Cantata

Choir Schedules

Cantata Practice:

6:00pm – Sunday, October 6, October 13, October 20
and October 27.

Choir Practice:

7:30pm – Wednesday, October 9, October 16

Youth Activities

9/29/19 – 10:00am...Practice Songs for Revival
(breakfast served).

10/26/19 – 5:30pm – Trunk or Treat. Hot dogs, chips,
drinks, cookies/brownies.

10/27/19 – 10:00am...Crafts for Fall Bazaar, short
devotional.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM at Carol Richardson's home. This is a study on the Book of Matthew and will continue until October 22nd. All ladies are invited.

Eagles Wings

Eagles Wings food pantry is still accepting nonperishable donations. There are labeled boxes in the Fellowship Hall. 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.

Church Bazaar

The annual Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 16th. As usual, this is a total church effort, so everyone's help will be needed. Be thinking about how you can help. Later there will be sign up sheets for supplies, drinks, food and helpers. If you have ideas about items for our raffle, please let Claudia know. The Bazaar is a wonderful time of fellowship, especially for our church family as we prepare and set up for the event. There is more fellowship on the day of the Bazaar as we interact with our neighbors and friends in our community and beyond. Do not forget that the funds raised from this effort provides money for many significant causes in our greater community.

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Prayer Requests : Church Family Prayer Concerns:

Bill Bertram; Eddie Buck; Charlie Clark; Ella Mae Smith & Michael Corless; Bill Cutler;

Bobby & Donna Drake; Marian Everett; Charles, "Pete" Fell; Marie Gonzalez; Beverly & John Holt; Jackie Mullen; Ashley Norman, Lori Norman, Gary Sheppard; John Tankard; Beverly & Ron Tincher, caregivers, & Unspoken Requests.

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Carl Alligood; Gail Alligood; Olivia Armstrong & her mother Lee; 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; Roy Buck; Luke Cahoon; John Conway; Ella Mae Copeland; Evan Cornelius; Colt Cowell; Walter Cutler; Glenda Douglas; Maryanne Edwards; George Elliott; Bobby Everett; Esther Flowers; Dianne Floyd; Danny Gonzalez sister; Pauline Gurganus; Jon Hadel; Amy Adams Hardee; Belinda Latham Hardy; Wade Hosey; Mike Isbell; Allie Faye Ivey; Thurman Jackson; Becky Jernigan; Vickie Jessen; Sheila Cox Jones; John Kelly; Rick Kelly; Sue Kemmer; Anna Keyzer; Ronnie Martin; Barbara Mason; Christy McKisseck; Carol McRoy; Allison Mills; Josh Moyer; 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; Maison Sanz (19 YO in need of heart, lung & liver transplant); Dean Sheppard; Betty Slade; Harry Slade; Jo Smith; Sissy Cooke Spencer; Michael Spencer; Raymond Spencer; Don Steffa; Leonard Sullivan; Susie Swinson; Hope Blatch Tafair; Sonya & Roger Tuning; Gary Tyer & his family; Judy Tyer; Becky Sheppard Waters; Ronnie Watson; Miranda Woolard; Jim Worthington; teenagers throughout the world; students, teachers & families; & Unspoken Requests.

The families of Sue Brookshire, Theresa Bullock, Hackney High, Tawny Wall Hollis, Jimmie Jones, Mary Maynard, Eli H. Williams.

Military Prayer List:

Jim Bass, Blane Boyd, Chase Brooks, Zack Cook, Timm Cox, Will Cutler, Zack Davis, Jonathan Dupree, Grant Fath, Kerry Mills, Hayden Tankard, Grayce Woolard..

In Nursing Homes: Dorothy Mathews, Bob Miller.

Please submit news to me
for the November newsletter by
9:00 am **Thursday, October 24th.** Thank you!
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