



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 September~

Another summer draws to an end and students are returning to their classes. Many parents lament the fact that their children are growing up much too quickly. Some even ask aloud or mentally pose the question to themselves asking, “where does the time go?”

Typically, we ponder the passing of time on momentous occasions during the year. Often, we reach the beginning of a new year and wonder what happened to the old year.

New Year. When is the new year started? We may be quick to say: January 1st. However, for many, the year starts at different times. Schools start their year around the first part of September. The liturgical year (church calendar) begins with the first Sunday of Advent. We could list more examples of marking the beginning of the year based on differing frames of reference. Regardless of when we start marking our years, we are faced with the inescapable fact that the years seem to pass more rapidly each cycle.

We may remember the words of the song by Jim Croce:

If I could save time in a bottle

The first thing that I’d like to do

Is to save every day till eternity passes away

Just to spend them with you

(“Time in a Bottle” circa 1972)

We wish to hold on to the times with our children. We wish to hold on to the times with our spouse. We wish to hold on to the times that bring us pleasure. Yet, we face the reality that time slips into eternity and those times become memories. As I thought about time, several things emerged that I now share.

From a biblical perspective, we need to understand that time is not measured by God in the same manner that we measure it. For God, time is meaningless. The nearer that we align with God the less time will mean to us. Peter reminds us of this in his second letter when he tells us: But do not let this one *fact* escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. (2 Peter 3:8 NASB)

Some of the things that we spend much of our time doing today is of little value and in some cases contrary to the will of God. Thus, they will not last.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever. (1 John 2:16-17 NASB)

Time is truly in God’s hands. We need to trust Him and his timing. In the third chapter of Ecclesiastes, Solomon list the seasons for various phases of life and then sums up the everything is appropriate (more literally translated beautiful) in its time. He has made everything appropriate (**Lit beautiful**) in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart, yet so that (Or *without which man*) man will not find out the work which God has done from the beginning even to the end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11 NASB).

Watching our children start go off to another school year, tearing another page off of our calendar, marking events that remind us of the passage of time may cause us to lament how quickly time slips past. It would be better for these events to help us to make the most of our time as Paul encourages in Ephesians the 5th chapter.

Therefore, be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:15-16 NASB)

As Jim Croce mused, we cannot save our time to be enjoyed later or savored over a lifetime. We need to understand that our fretting about time leaves us with the question asked by Jesus: And which of you by worrying can add a *single* hour to his life’s span? (Luke 12:25 NASB)

In closing this collection of thoughts, let’s consider what the psalmist tells us.

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD, I say, “You are my God.”

My times are in Your hand. (Psalm 31:14-15 NASB)

Happy school year, happy fall, enjoy and allow God to be in control.

~Devotion~

All One

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
Galatians 3:28, NIV.*

WHAT DID JESUS look like?

We don't really know the answer to that question, but many Americans and Europeans picture Jesus of Nazareth with brown hair, brown eyes, handsome and white, Caucasian. Suntanned, maybe, but definitely white. The kind of "white" you might meet in Minneapolis Cincinnati, or Peoria, Illinois.

But that's a myth. In all probability, Jesus was much darker in complexion than the average white American or European. He was born a Jew, he lived as a Jew, and he remained a Jew throughout his life. More importantly, even though he entered the sage of humanity at a specific place and time and possessed specific racial characteristics, in a larger sense Jesus transcends the barriers of race and color.

He was a Jew, yet he spoke freely and respectfully to a Samaritan woman. (See John 4.)

Custom prohibited Jesus, a Jew, from entering the home of a Gentile; yet when a Roman centurion pleaded on behalf of his servant, who lay sick at home, Jesus replied, "I will come and heal him." (See Matthew 8:5-13.)

When he was hounded by a Canaanite woman (Canaanites were historic enemies of the Jewish people), Jesus commended her faith and healed her daughter. (See Matthew 15:21-28.)

Jesus, though, was a victim of racial prejudice himself. On one trip through Samaria, he was rejected because the Samaritans guessed that he was a Jew bound for Jerusalem. (See Luke 9:51-56.)

The society that Jesus entered when he became a man drew three primary distinctions among people: They were divided by their race (Jew or Gentile), class (slave or free), and sex (male or female). The Good News that Jesus brought presented a radical departure from those class distinctions, however.

Paul summarized it eloquently when he wrote, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26-28, NIV).

Reflect: God commands unity – or living in harmony – among all people. How do you and I usually treat people who are different from us? Are you living in harmony with all people – regardless of sex, class, or race distinctions?

Pray: Say a special prayer today for victims of discrimination, particularly among the people you know.

Rob Shiflet

~Board Minutes~

Call Meeting – May 18, 2019

The Bath Christian Church held a call meeting on May 18, 2019 immediately following morning worship for the purpose of making a decision on hiring a church cleaning group.

Reeves Smith reported that the committee had secured four bids. The bid submitted by Wade McKeel was accepted. Mr. McKeel is currently employed by the local school system in a janitorial position. He will perform the work on Thursday or Friday of the week and the church will offer a one year contract.

The motion was made by Reeves Smith, seconded by Terry Everett and passed by those in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Tuten

~Board Minutes~

The Board of Bath Christian Church met on June 2, 2019. The chairman, Howard Robertson, called the meeting to order. Claude Dupree led the group in prayer.

The minutes were read and approved with corrections on a motion by Starley Stell and seconded by Leon Wingate.

Jamie Barnhill gave the treasurer report. The report was accepted on a motion by Becky Tuten, seconded by Larry Schmitt.

-The group was reminded that on June 30th the Redemption Quartet would be presenting the morning worship.

-The adopted update of guidelines for use of church facilities and equipment were distributed. The guidelines will be made available to members in the church secretary's office. Scheduling for facility use will be done by Cynthia Stell. Members are encouraged to refer to the church calendar.

-A discussion concerning the need for a security light in front of the new addition was held. Gerald Morris made the motion, 2nd by Larry Schmitt, that the electrical contractor be contacted.

-A general discussion ensued on need of the continued use of existing three lights. A decision was delayed.

-It was announced that the air conditioner in the new building had to be updated due to the unexpected heat associated with having the stain glass windows in the front two rooms. The treasurer was authorized to pay the bill on a motion by Billy Hill and seconded by Leon Wingate.

-Jamie Barnhill announced that some of the existing church locks had been rekeyed in addition to resetting the lock code on the fellowship door.

-The Finance Committee will take inventory of the church contents for insurance purposes and to provide the church with a current list of equipment and supplies.

-Work will begin on forming a church budget.

-There will be no July meeting of the board.

Ministers Remarks:

Reported one baptism during the month, 47 home visits, 2 hospital visits. In May he was added to Pastoral Committee at the hospital.

Youth Minister:

-Phil reported on the cookout and afternoon of water activities hosted by Gerald and Barbara Morris at their home with 36 in attendance.

-He is preparing for Youth Sunday, which is to take place in the new building.

-VBS is planned for June 24-27 with the Methodist and Episcopal children participating. Is in the process of organizing a Youth Adult Sunday School Class with plans to start in the fall.

-Has gotten Youth T shirts prices with 25 shirts for \$232/45 or 50 for \$374.50. There was a motion by Billy Hill 2nd by Becky McRoy to purchase 50 Tshirts.

-Pearson Chrismon informed the board that he had met with the Bath Town Council for the purpose of having the two parking spaces closer to the new building designated as handicap. The town will provide the signs and the church is asked to install them.

-Chairman of Pastoral Relation Committee, Leon Wingate reported that the committee has found no major concerns and were satisfied with services provided.

-Services on the Sunday that was dedicated to graduates was discussed and it was felt that, in the future, more time was needed for individual recognition of each student.

-Annual salary increase was discussed. A motion by Leon for a 4% increase was passed.

-The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Howard Robertson.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Tuten

Music Ministry Update

It's hard to believe that it's time for the choir to reconvene from our summer "rest" on Wednesday, September 3. And what a busy summer it has been! The children are back at school now after enjoying days of travel, rest, sports, Bible School, camp, water parks, and so many other special fun times with friends and family. Many of us have had opportunities to share vacations with family and enjoy their visits in our homes. Others have been doing much traveling and seeing the God-created beauty of our own country. Whatever has been on your agenda we hope you have made some wonderful memories.

The next several months give us multiple opportunities to fellowship and enjoy time together with our church family. The week of revival will kick off on September 29. Once again we will be blessed with a variety of music at our revival. Homecoming Sunday is October 6. And that Sunday also marks the beginning of our cantata rehearsals. The annual church bazaar and yard sale will be on November 16 and our Christmas cantata will be presented on December 8 and 15, so please mark your calendars. With our upcoming revival, bazaar, and Christmas cantata, it promises to be a very busy but joyous autumn season as we praise God through our worship, fellowship, and singing. See you in church!

Nancy

*Dear Heavenly
Father
Please put a hand of
Protection this school
Year on all the
Children
Teachers
And
Staff
Watch over them
Protect them
Love them
We Thank you
God
For all you do.
Amen*

~August Schedules~

Greeter Schedule:



September 1 Alice Wingate
September 8 Becky McRoy
September 15 Jeff Staton
September 22 Gerald Morris
September 29 Joyce Aydlett



Flower Schedule:

September 1 Linda & Gerald Heath
September 8 Connie & Rick Tee
September 15 Carolyn Fisher
September 22 Becky Tuten
September 29 Sandra & Claude Dupree

Nursery Schedule:



September 1 Connie & Roger Winstead
September 8 Ellen Heck & Julie Crawford
September 15 Jessica & Jeff Staton
September 22 Jessie Brooks & LaDonna Younger
September 29 Barbara & Gerald Morris

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

Children's Moment Schedule:



September 1 Claudia Allgood
September 8 Darlene Ormond
September 15 Kids of God's World
September 22 Becky McRoy
September 29 Brenda Godley

Serving Schedule:

September 1

Elders: S. Stell & L. Wingate
Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & B. Tuten
Deacons: J. Staton, B. Tuten
P. Chrismon & B. Cutler

September 8

Elders: J. Barnhill & C. Dupree
Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & B. Hill
Deacons: T. Everett, B. Hill,
B. McRoy & B. Norman

September 15

Elders: J. Everett & G. Morris
Deacon of Wk: G. Morris & L. Schmitt
Deacons: L. Schmitt, R. Smith
J. Staton & C. Drake

September 22

Elders: H. Robertson & S. Stell
Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & B. Tuten
Deacons: B. Tuten, P. Chrismon,
B. Cutler, & T. Everett

September 29

Elders: L. Wingate & J. Barnhill
Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & B. Hill
Deacons: B. Hill, B. McRoy,
B. Norman & L. Schmitt

~Announcements~

Upcoming Events

September 29, 30 & October 1,2 – Revival –
Pastor Hank Jarman, Wheat Swamp Christian
Church.

October 6 – Homecoming

November 16 – Bazaar

December 8 & 15 – Christmas Cantata

Church Board Meeting

The September 1st Board Meeting is being rescheduled to Sunday evening, September 8th at 7:30 pm.

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will resume September 10th at Carol Richardson's home at 10:30 AM. This will be a 8 week study on Tuesday mornings on the Book of Matthew. All ladies are invited.

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower for Hannah Bowen and Nick Peel hosted by ladies of Bath Christian Church, Sunday, September 15th from 2-4 PM in the fellowship hall. The couple is registered at Belk & Target.

Bike Ride For MS

Polly Gurganus is planning her annual ride "Bike for MS" September 14th and 15th. 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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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.



Prayer Requests : Church Family Prayer Concerns:

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; Beverly & John Holt; Jackie Mullen; Ashley Norman, Lori Norman, Gary Sheppard; John Tankard; Beverly & Ron Tincher, caregivers, & Unspoken Requests.

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Terry Allen; Carl Alligood; Gail Alligood; 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; 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; Wade Hosey; Jim Hurdle; Mike Isbell; Allie Faye Ivey; Becky Jernigan; 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; 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; 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 Theresa Bullock, Sylvia Coltrain; Myrtle Hill, Grace S. Kendall, Mary Maynard, Blanche Monroe, "Gator Roper, Betty Sheppard, George Stancill.

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 October newsletter by
9:00 am **Thursday, September 19th.** Thank you!
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