



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 November~

There is a television commercial for Medicare insurance in which a retired football player suggest that retirees may not be getting all the coverage they deserve. In reality, what he means is the coverage we can afford. Those who can afford the coverage will receive all of the benefits he mentions.

With God, He has provided so many benefits and they have already been paid for through the death of Jesus on the cross. Perhaps the question we need to ask ourselves are we using all the benefits that we have? Others may ask what these thoughts have to do with the Thanksgiving season that we are entering? To be certain, insurance is not a spiritual blessing. However, God showers blessing on each of us on a daily basis.

For many, we fail to stop and consider all of the blessings that God gives us. Each week, we assemble in worship service and sing (or mumble) the words to an old hymn of praise known as *The Doxology*. This song was written in 1674 by Thomas Ken. The words are relatively few and simple. We may have them committed to memory. However, if not, here they are for consideration.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Some of us may wonder if these words are a quote found in the Bible. The short answer is no. The idea of blessings coming from God and that we should offer our praise, is certainly found in the holy scriptures.

The call for praises to God are found in many places. Two of those places are found in the collection of songs and poetry we call the book of Psalm. We find many passages similar to these:

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a skillful psalm.

God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. (Psalm 47:6-8 NASB)

I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever. (Psalm 86:12 NASB)

We may find places in the New Testament that also call for us to offer praise to God for His blessings. For example, in Hebrews we find where we are to **offer up a sacrifice of praise to God.**

Through Him (Jesus) then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Hebrews 13:15-16 NASB)

In the book of Ephesians, we find Paul noting the blessings we have from God that He gives through Jesus.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. (Ephesians 1:3-4 NASB)

In the book of Romans, Paul again speaks of blessings from God.

For from Him (God) and through Him (Jesus) and to Him (Jesus) are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen. (Romans 11:36 NASB)

Let’s pause here to look at what Paul wrote. Paul reminds us that through Jesus, God gave us **all things**. I fear that all too often, when we read these verses and others, we think only of the “Christian” blessings: salvation, eternal life, home in heaven, etc. These are important but when we stop with this list, we limit or compartmentalize God to spiritual blessing only.

Think for a few minutes about what God gives us. Our earth is situated the correct distance from our star (the sun) to give us the range of temperatures that sustain human life. Our atmosphere is composed of the right combination of gases to allow us to breathe. The very planet on which we live is spinning at the right speed to generate the gravitational pull sufficient to keep us from flying into outer space while allowing us the ability to move without being pulled into the ground. We have a variety of plant and animal life to serve as a food source and, for the most part, is sustainable. When was the last time you stopped to thank God for these things?

As we read earlier, God has blessed us with spiritual blessings. We should never forget that. Yet, we should never lose sight of the fact that God can do more.

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20-21 NASB)

All of these things we have and enjoy in Jesus. These are the things we deserve and they are already paid for by our loving Father in heaven. So, as we think about the third Thursday of November and we pause to celebrate Thanksgiving, remember all of the material and spiritual blessings we enjoy. All of these blessings come from God. Are we receiving all of the blessings and benefits that we deserve as a child of God? God has already paid for them and like the loving father that He is, he has given them to us.

Ann and I wish each of you a happy thanksgiving. May we each remember to tell God how thankful we are.

~Devotion~

Bible Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-10

Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. 1 Kings 3:9.

HOW WOULD YOU define wisdom?

One fifth grader defined wisdom as “being smarter than anybody else.”

Another said that wisdom was something only “grandparents and old people have.”

Another said that wisdom was “Knowing enough not to do stupid stuff.”

And another called it “a little voice inside your head that tells you what to do when nobody else knows what to do.”

Not bad, but what do you think wisdom is? Is it knowing more than anybody else? Is it the ability to avoid “stupid stuff? Or is it something else?

King Solomon, who became famous in his time as a wise man, gives us a clue in the Bible. The third chapter of 1 Kings (in the Old Testament) tells the story of how God appeared to Solomon in a dream when Solomon became king. God asked him, “What do you want? Ask, and I will give it to you!”

Now, if God made that offer to us, most of us would say, “A million dollars!” or “my own computer!” or something like that. But not Solomon. He said, “Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong” (1 Kings 3:9).

Solomon’s words show that a major part of wisdom is the ability to “know the difference between right and wrong.” You may be well educated. You may be the top student in your class—maybe in your school. You may win thousands of dollars on Jeopardy! But if you want to be wise, you will seek “an understanding mind so that (you can) know the difference between right and wrong.”

No matter what else you may know, if you don’t know right from wrong, you’re not wise.

PRAY: The Bible says, “If you need wisdom—if you want to know what God wants you to do—ask him, and he will gladly tell you” (James 1:5).

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God for wisdom in specific areas of your life. You may want to start by praying the words that Solomon used in 1 Kings 3:9 when he asked God for wisdom: “Give me an understanding mind so that I can ... know the difference between right and wrong.

Rob Shiflet

Testing 101

When you are going through something hard and wonder

Where

GOD

Is

remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

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~Board Minutes~

The Board of the Bath Christian Church met September 8, 2019. Howard Robertson presided. Becky Tuten opened the meeting with prayer. The secretary's report was approved as presented as was the financial report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The security of the buildings has been a concern both during the work week and services. The following recommendations have been approved:
 1. Motion lights/ cameras installed at the front doors of the new building.
 2. Monitors installed for the offices of the minister and secretary.
 3. A lock will be placed on the door connecting the sanctuary and the new building. This door can be opened from the new building side.
2. Storage cabinets in church building: Eddie Coltrain bid \$1100 for building the proposed cabinets. Leon Wingate made the motion to proceed with the project at that price. Reeves Smith seconded the motion which was approved.
3. Claude stated that a larger worktable was needed in the communion room.
4. A TV has been installed in the classroom as requested by Claudia Alligood.
5. Billy also asked for approval to order the materials for the Christmas Shoe-Box project. Alex Shreve has volunteered to chair the filled project. Approval given.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – The Chairman appointed the following to serve on the nominating committee for the coming year: Reeves Smith, Gerald Morris, Barry Norman. Howard reviewed one requirement for serving; three years of membership but sometimes exceptions may be made. The completed list will be presented at the October meeting.

2. Leon Wingate emphasized that any member who sees a need for maintenance to contact a member of the committee. Also, anyone who wishes to use the facilities should contact a member of the committee.
3. The hurricane damage on Ocracoke Island was discussed. Leon will contact the Ocracoke United Methodist Church which is aiding the island recovery for information. Billy Hill made a motion to donate \$2000 through the Foley Fund. Motion approved.
4. **MINISTER'S REMARKS**
Fifty two visits made during month: Revival begins on September 29: Special music will be presented. Billy Hill made a motion to the same amount of payment to the singers as was given last year. Leon seconded. Approved.

Billy Hill dismissed the meeting with prayer.

June Wallace - Secretary

Wash your
HANDS
and say your
PRAYERS
Cause
Jesus
and germs are
Everywhere.

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~CWF~

~November Schedules~

The Bath Christian Church CWF met in the Fellowship Hall on September 25, 2019. There were seventeen ladies present: Alice Wingate, Nancy Hill, Betty Schmitt, Jessie Brooks, Diane Adams, Linda Heath, Nancy Robertson, Rachel Jordan, Marcia Norman, Joyce Aydlett, Becky Tuten, June Wallace, Sarah Stone, Claudia Alligood, Nelda Ormond, Debbie Smith and Cynthia Stell.

Debbie presided and opened with prayer. Claudia presented the program using Max Lucado's book *The Gospel of John*. The lesson title was *The Woman At The Well* and was the third in this series of study. The scripture reference was John 4:5-30. She closed with prayer.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. The offering was collected and a prayer was given by Nancy H. Nelda gave the treasurer's report.

Old Business:

The committee for painting the front church handrails will meet on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 10:00 to sand and paint.

Projects for the Bazaar are being worked on at the Craft House on Mondays at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Claudia reviewed the volunteer jobs list for the Bazaar. If you are interested in helping, please contact her.

Claudia reported the church landscaping was reviewed and two small shrubs will be replaced.

New Business:

Rachel moved that a \$200.00 donation be given to the Salvation Army. Joyce seconded. Carried.

October 23, 2019 meeting will be presented by Joyce Aydlett from Max Lucado's *The Gospel of John* Lesson Four (4).

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Stell

Greeter Schedule:



- November 3 Marcia Norman
- November 10 Terry Woolard
- November 17 Gary Sheppard
- November 24 Mary Lynn Edwards



Flower Schedule:

- November 3 Carol Richardson & Children
- November 10 Connie & Roger Winstead
- November 17 Debbie & Reeves Smith
- November 24 Nancy & Billy Hill

Nursery Schedule:



- November 3 Darlene Ormond & Debbie Smith
- November 10 Sandra & Claude Dupree
- November 17 Rachel & Cliff Jordan
- November 24 Connie & Roger Winstead

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

Children's Moment Schedule:



- November 3 John LaCava
- November 10 Alex Shreve
- November 17 Shoe Boxes-Alex & Alice
- November 24 Kids of God's World

Serving Schedule:

November 3

Elders: J. Everett & G. Morris
Deacon of Wk: J. Everett & B. Hill
Deacons: T. Everett, B. Hill,
B. McRoy & B. Norman

November 10

Elders: H. Robertson & S. Stell
Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & L. Schmitt
Deacons: L. Schmitt, R. Smith
B. Tuten

November 17

Elders: L. Wingate & J. Barnhill
Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & P. Chrismon
Deacons: P. Chrismon, B. Cutler,
T. Everett

November 24

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

~Announcements~

It's Time to Pack Shoebox Gifts



Every year, millions of children around the world have the opportunity to hear the Gospel and experience the joy of Christmas through Operation Christmas Child (OCC) shoebox gifts. Samaritan's Purse will be collecting these gifts the week before Thanksgiving, and now is the time to start packing.

The Lord uses these gifts to reach people living in the middle of nowhere, including islands, deserts, and places where there are no churches. On the remote border between Russia and Mongolia, in the land once ruled by Genghis Khan, OCC partners were able to hand out shoeboxes to children who never received Christmas gifts. Through these gifts, over 200 individuals heard the gospel.

We often hear how God works through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to plant churches. One of them is in a Central Asian country that has been closed to the Gospel. "The first believers were children who received a gift box and their parents," one OCC partner said. "Operation Christmas Child is helping bring forth churches and helps them stand on their feet." In the 10 years since that church was planted, many of these children have grown up, and I'm glad to report that many of them continue to faithfully follow Christ. Some of them have even established a local feeding ministry to spread the Gospel.

Every shoebox you pack enables us to reach one more child with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please remember that the most important thing you put into your shoebox is your prayers for the child who will open it.

(Taken from the Samaritan's Purse October Update)

There is eternal value attached to the shoebox gifts we pack. This year, Bath Christian Church has a target of 116 shoeboxes. That is 116 gospel opportunities that will impact a child, a family, a community somewhere across the globe. What a blessing to know that we can be worldwide missionaries right here in our own home town!

For your convenience, Bath Christian Church has pre-printed boxes and "how to" brochures available. If you have questions or need more information, feel free to contact Alex Shreve at 252-725-2019 or ashreveocc1960@gmail.com.

National Collection Week is November 18th - 25th.

Bazaar Time

It's November – time to give thanks and to attend the Bath Christian Church Bazaar! Saturday, November 16, is the date; 6:30 (biscuits), 7:00 (yard sale), and 7:30 (the rest of the bazaar opens) until 1:00pm, the times. Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss this great shopping opportunity.

You can start your morning with a hot cheese or sausage biscuit before you wander out into the elements to shop for bargains you can't do without at the Yard Sale. Journey on back over to the Fellowship Hall to browse through the crafts and needlework. While there, you might want to purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of several great prizes, and, of course, it's time to buy a new knife from Jessie, knife lady. Follow the aroma down the hallway to the fabulous Baked Goods department, where you'll find some of the world's best cakes, pies, breads, candies and other goodies. Remember, the bazaar is close to Thanksgiving, so this is a perfect opportunity to save yourself some baking time and treat your guests to a mouth-watering treat at the same time. Right next door to the baked goods, you'll find the Canned Goods department, and you can stock up on those beautiful and delicious canned goods, vinegars, and sauces that have been bottled just for you. By this time you should have worked up another appetite, so head on back to the food court and treat your pallet to some warm and satisfying vegetable soup, beans, homemade chicken salad sandwiches, and homemade pimento cheese sandwiches. Yum!

By the end of the day, your tummy will be full, you will have visited with lots of nice, friendly people and you will probably have completed a good bit of your holiday shopping. What more could you ask?

We'll be looking for you on November 16, so come on by and enjoy the festivities. Our day wouldn't be complete without you! Your support of our annual bazaar will allow us to make helpful contributions to many worthwhile charities in our county and area.

Bazaar Notes - 2019

Saturday, November 16

6:30 Biscuits
7:00 Yard Sale
7:30 – 1:00 Bazaar
12:30 Raffle Drawing

Suggested Set-up Schedule

Monday, November 11

9:00 – 12:00 Finish up at the Craft House, pack items in boxes
12:00 Lunch at Fellowship Hall
1:00 Set up tables and put out decorations

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 Meet at the Craft House to load trailers and trucks
ASAP – Price items and start putting out merchandise
12:00 Lunch at Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 Price and display items
12:00 Lunch at Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 14

Price and display items
12:00 Lunch at Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 15

Baking Day
Individuals will cover the Fellowship Hall.

Yard Sale Set-up Schedule

Monday, November 11

9:00 am – 12:00 noon
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 am – 12:00 noon
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Friday, November 15

9:00 am – 12:00 noon
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THANK YOU ahead of time for all the time, energy, money, effort, etc. that you expend to make our Bazaar a place where shoppers like to return year after year. Your unselfish efforts allow our women's group and our church to have the resources to help so many families and projects throughout the year. That is a proud commentary to you all for the classy group of ladies (and gentlemen) you are!!!

Remember that everyone's help will be needed to clean up after the Bazaar on Saturday afternoon! Thank you all!

"Tis the Season" for Our Cantata

Long ago, a Baby was born in Bethlehem that would change the world. He came as our Messiah, to redeem and deliver us. This year's new cantata celebrates the coming Messiah with a worshipful retelling of the Christmas story. Our church choir and members of the community are working diligently to prepare our annual Christmas cantata for you.

On Sunday, December 8 at 5:00 p.m. and December 15 at 10:00 a.m., you are invited to come hear and worship through music as we present "Messiah, Heaven's Glory." This beautiful arrangement combines selections from Handel's Messiah, popular Christmas carols, and contemporary worship songs. We are excited to have two very special young girls from our youth group singing with us this year.

Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall following the evening program on December 8. Spread the word to friends and family and join us in another season of preparing the way as we welcome here our Savior, Lord Jesus.

Choir Schedules

Cantata Practice:

6:00 pm – November 3, 10, 17, 24

Choir Practice:

7:30 pm – November 6, 13, 20

Youth Activities

November 16th – Church Fall Bazaar

November 24th – Christmas Parade Float Preparation

December 1 – 2:00pm – Bath Christmas Parade

Upcoming Events

November 16 – Bazaar

December 1st 2:00pm – Bath Christmas Parade

December 8 & 15 – Christmas Cantata

Eagles Wings

Eagles Wings food pantry is still accepting nonperishable donations. Supplies are especially needed during the upcoming holiday season. There are labeled baskets 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 other items.

Attention!!

There will be no family night Wednesday, November 13th due to bazaar setup. November 27th was not scheduled because of Thanksgiving. Our next Family Night will be Wednesday, December 11th – Team **1**. If you are not currently serving on a team we hope you will consider joining a group. Let the church secretary know as soon as possible as a 2020 Family Night Schedule will be published beginning January.

Church Directory Updates

Please make the following recent changes/additions to our Church Directory:

Joyce and Mark Aydlett, 217 S. Main St., Bath, NC 27808. They will no longer have a land line. Cell: Joyce 252-714-2783 – Mark 252-252-714-1086.

Malissa Waters Griekspoor, 2894 Woodstock Rd., Belhaven, NC 27810.

Liz & Pete Fell, 112 Finwick Dr., Bath, NC 27808

Nancy & Howard Robertson, 179 Maritime Loop, Bath, NC 27808. – no land line -Nancy 252-717-2781; Howard 252-717-2780.

Gale & Jerry Walton, 941 Old Pamlico Beach Rd. W., Belhaven, NC 27810. PH: 252-964-6643.

Cassandra & Ronnie Gilbertson, 64 Cool Point Rd., Bath NC 27808. Cassandra: 303-653-3319, Ronnie: 303-269-1325.

Sarah Stone, 5278 Hwy 92, Bath, NC 27808. Cell: 910-604-1164.

Alexandra & Donald Shreve, 18 Queens Way, Bath, NC 27808. Cell Alex: 252-725-2019.



Church Family Prayer Concerns:

Carolyn Ambrose; Bill Bertram;
Charlie Clark; Ella Mae Smith &
Michael Corless; Bill Cutler;

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

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: Bonnie Kelly, Dorothy Mathews,
Bob Miller.

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Olivia
Armstrong & her mother Lee; Rickie Bause; Mark &
Mary Scott Baver; Ann Beckman; Frankie Black;
Vera Boseman; Judy Boyd; Susan Boyd; Barbara
Britt; Roy Buck; Luke Cahoon; Larry Carter; John
Conway; Ella Mae Copeland; Evan Cornelius; Colt
Cowell; Glenda Douglas; Maryanne Edwards;
George Elliott; Bobby Everett; Esther Flowers;
Dianne Floyd; Chris Gibbs; Danny Gonzalez sister;
Pauline Gurganus; Jon Hadel; Amy Adams Hardee;
Belinda Latham Hardy; Wade Hosey; Mike Isbell;
Thurman Jackson; Becky Jernigan; Vickie Jessen;
Sheila Cox Jones; John Kelly; Sue Kemmer; 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; 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; Annette & Wayne
Tuten; 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 Carl Alligood; David Bennett; Gary
Brinn; Mary Hadley Cox; Walter Cutler, Donald Ray
Jones; Doris Brooks Karnowski; Anna Keyzer; John
Langley; Margarette Swindell Laughinghouse; Bo
Lewis; Lucy Pake; Phillip Payne; Shirley Sheppard;
Luke Tetterton;

Please submit news to me
for the December newsletter by
9:00 am Thursday, November 21st. Thank you!
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