



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

It is hard to believe that August has reappeared on our calendars. August is a time for winding up our summer vacations and, for some, returning to the routine of schools. It is a time when the hottest temperatures may be posted as summer is determined to exert its claim to the season.

During this month, we are accustomed to the sweltering heat and high humidity. We limit our time outside to early morning hours or evenings as we seek some relief from the heat. We budget for higher electric bills as we depend on the air conditioning. Perhaps, we are marking our calendars as we count the days until fall.

The heat of August may be broken by an occasional weather front that moves through the area with some rain and a slight reduction in temperatures. We don’t mind the rain because it brings relief.

At times, we may find that we need relief. The load of cares we seem to have placed on us becomes too much for us to continue. In the August heat, that load may become excessive. In Peter’s first letter, we are given instruction for easing our burdens when we are told that God wants us to cast **all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 NASB)** For some reason, we don’t trust God enough to hand our cares, concerns, and anxieties to Him and leave them with Him. We may show Him those cares but we don’t stop carrying them. We could and should learn a valuable lesson from some of the writers of the Old Testament.

One of the writers who could teach us about God’s caring for us is Ezekiel. He writes to offer encouragement to the exiled children of Judah. Babylon had taken many of the young and promising people from their homeland into Babylon. Their spirit was crushed. Ezekiel offers hope: **I will make them and the places around My hill a blessing. And I will cause showers to come down in their season; they will be showers of blessing. (Ezekiel 34:26 NASB)**

The image of showers of blessings became the inspiration for a hymn that many of us know-*Showers of Blessing*. This hymn was written by Daniel Whittle. Whittle chronicled the events surrounding his conversion. It was during the Civil War and he had seen several battles. During one of those battles he lost one of his arms from just above the elbow. While he was healing, he read a New Testament that his mother had packed in his things. He read it through twice. A young boy placed his hand in Daniel’s hand and asked him to pray for him. Daniel Whittle initially protested that he was as wicked as the boy and did not know how to pray. Yet, Whittle writes: *“I dropped on my knees and held the boy’s hand in mine. In a few broken words I confessed my sins and asked Christ to forgive me. I believed right there that He did forgive me. I then prayed earnestly for the boy. He became quiet and pressed my hand as I prayed and pleaded God’s promises. When I arose from my knees, he was dead. A look of peace had come over his troubled face, and I cannot but believe that God who used him to bring me to the Savior, used me to lead him to trust Christ’s precious blood and find pardon. I hope to meet him in heaven.”*

In the prayer of a novice, God sent relief. The young boy died with a *look of peace* on his face. This opened the door for Whittle to become an evangelist and write several hymns.

In the very familiar psalm, David writes that God gives us seasons and places of refreshing and restoration.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. (Psalm 23:2-3 NASB)

Isaiah tells us that when we wait for the Lord, we will be restored and refreshed.

Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up *with* wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. (Isaiah 40:31 NASB)

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The promise of refreshing from God may be in the form of a direct sign from God or through God sending us inner peace to help us restore. The refreshing may also be in the form of godly people bringing us comfort through their companionship. Paul mentions several people who helped to bring him relief as he writes to the church in Corinth.

I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part. For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, acknowledge such men. (1 Corinthians 16:17-18 NASB)

As we endure the heat of August, and find refreshing from the rain showers of air conditioning, let us seek refreshing from God in our struggles to live our Christian lives. God has promised refreshing and it has been shown that the refreshing may come in various forms.

~Devotion~

Christian Story: Baseball

(Inspirational Christian Story based on a baseball game)

Bob and the Lord stood by to observe a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team. The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. They continued to watch as a batter stepped up to the plate whose name was Love. Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single because Love never fails.

The next batter was named Faith, who also got a single because Faith works with Love. The next batter up was named Godly wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass: Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked because Godly wisdom never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were loaded. The Lord then turned to Bob and told him He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. Bob said, "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace.

Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone, Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen. But Satan was not worried; his center fielder let very few get by. He went up for the ball, but it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing to the ground; then it continued over the fence for a home run!

The Lord's team won. The Lord then asked Bob if he knew why Love, Faith, and Godly Wisdom could get on base but could not win the game. Bob answered that he did not know why. The Lord explained, "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game you would think you had done it by yourself. Love, faith and wisdom will get you on base,...but only My Grace can get you home. My Grace is the one thing Satan cannot steal.

.....Author Unknown

Sin is expensive

Sin is expensive. Incredibly expensive. But the price isn't paid in cash, it's paid in mental, emotional, and spiritual pain. God didn't create an arbitrary list of "DOs" and "DON'Ts" to see if we could follow them. No, He laid out a set of essential guidelines for living. His anger towards lying, stealing, cheating, coveting, murder, jealousy, and pride is because all of these behaviors destroy relationships. Everything that the Bible labels as sin is something that God is trying to protect us from. His desire is love, peace, grace, and harmony with Him and with all of creation. Sin is our defiant rejection of this in an effort to satisfy our own selfish desires.

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Following Christ is
Not a casual or
occasional practice
but a continuous
commitment and way
of life that applies
at all times and
in all places.

Elder Dallin H. Oaks

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~CWF~

The CWF met on June 23, 2021 with 15 members present. Those attending were: Sandra Dupree, Joyce Aydlett, Rachel Jordan, Alice Wingate, Debbie Smith, Nancy Hill, Helen Brooks, Cynthia Stell, June Wallace, Becky Tuten, Nancy Robertson, Claudia Alligood, Diane Adams, Jessie Brooks and Gale Walton.

Claudia called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone and made sure everyone had a printed agenda. Alice opened with prayer.

Becky gave a devotion about God being in the "small stuff".

Prayer concerns were shared and discussion followed on how to best help several members going through difficult situations. Recommendations were forthcoming and positive actions were taken.

Nancy Robertson offered up a prayer for those mentioned with prayer concerns.

The minutes were read and approved.

Discussion followed on whether to go back to night meetings. Nancy Robertson made a motion to go back to night meetings at the next meeting on July 28. Becky seconded and the motion passed. The next meeting will be July 28 at 7:30. Diane and Joyce will provide refreshments.

Under New Business discussion was held relative to bereavement meals. Claudia, as President of CWF, will talk to Jim and serve as liaison between the bereavement food groups and families.

A recommendation was made that the Church Board have a Bereavement Committee in place so that people are in place for future services.

Alice is in charge of scheduling family night. Some of the teams have lost members so there may be some changes in store. Teams are to contact Alice.

The Bazaar in November is still on tap. The Craft House will most likely begin in August.

Claudia gave the Treasurer's report in Nelda's absence.

Joyce made a motion to give Jessie approval to order the knives for the bazaar. Diane seconded and the motion passed.

The winner of the grab bag was Sandra. All members joined in a circle sharing something special about our country. The meeting was closed with the CWF Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gale Walton



August Birthdays

August 7	Charlie Woolard
August 9	Morey Everett
August 11	Gerald Heath Wallace Selby
August 16	Bobbie Sanderson
August 17	Gracie Greer Dianne Wingate
August 19	Hilda McLawhorn
August 20	Becky McRoy
August 21	Reid Courson
August 23	Terry Everett
August 25	Polly Gurganus
August 26	Charles Clark
August 28	Curby Clark
August 29	Lesley Woolard
August 31	Sandra Dupree

You know you have
gone BLIND when you
can 'see nothing
wrong" with
something that God
has called SIN.

Gps-gracepowerstrength



Flower Schedule:

August 1 Diane & Dick Adams
August 8 Betty & Larry Schmitt
August 15 Need volunteer
August 22 Need volunteer
August 29 Need volunteer



Nursery (Little Lion's Class) Schedule:

August 1 Connie & Roger Winstead
August 8 Cassandra & Ronnie Gilbertson
August 15 Jessie & Helen Brooks
August 22 Barbara & Gerald Morris
August 29 Kandice & Billy Dean

Serving Schedule:

August 1
Elders: S. Stell & L. Wingate
Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & M. Aydlett
Deacons: M. Aydlett, P. Chrismon,
L. Gurganus, G. Heath.
August 8
Elders: L. Wingate & J. Barnhill
Deacon of Wk: L. Wingate & J. Jordan
Deacons: J. Jordan, B. McRoy,
B. Norman, R. Smith.
August 15
Elders: J. Barnhill & C. Cartwright
Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & B. Tuten
Deacons: B. Tuten, C. Woolard,
L. Woolard, M. Aydlett
August 22
Elders: C. Cartwright & G. Morris
Deacon of Wk: Cartwright & P. Chrismon
Deacons: P. Chrismon, L. Gurganus,
G. Heath, J. Jordan

August 29

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

~Announcements~

August Events

August 1 – Thursday 5th 5:30 pm
Vacation Bible School
August 8th 7:30pm Church Board Meeting
August 23rd School Begins
August 25th 7:30pm CWF

Volunteers Needed

If you are not already on a rotating schedule for Greeter, Nursery, Children's Moment, live streaming, or other church functions, please consider signing up. The more volunteers we have, the rotation will be less.

Dockside Devotions

Bonner Point – Tuesdays 7:00 PM

August 3 Howard Robertson
August 10 Pastor Cris Nobles
August 17 Claudia Alligood
August 24 Pastor Chris Hux
August 31 Alex Shreve

Eagle Wings

Bath Christian Church has been very supportive of Eagle Wings food program. Baskets are now located in the vestibules and Fellowship Hall. Nonperishable foods, paper products and cleaning supplies are always in demand. Monetary gifts are also needed but do not leave cash in the basket. Checks are accepted made payable to Eagle Wings. They currently have an ample supply of plastic grocery bags. Thanks for continuing to support this worthy and needy cause.

**“It’s my job
to Love,
the Holy
Spirit’s job
to convict
and
God’s job
to judge.”**

Billy Graham

Food Preparation Protocols

As we transition back into all church activities, food preparation protocols have been developed:

1. Food preparers will wear gloves at all times when handling food or utensils.
2. Only team members involved in the food service will be allowed in the kitchen or meal preparation areas. (No exceptions).
3. Individual pre-packaged and sealed utensils, napkins, salt and pepper will be provided.
4. Food will be served by team members in a buffet style line outside of the kitchen. The servers must wear gloves and be in good health.
5. All tables will be sanitized before and after the meal by members of the team.

Please make the church secretary aware of church directory additions/changes. We would like to recognize you on your birthday if you will contact the church office with that information.



Dr. Seuss



Prayer Requests : Church Family Prayer Concerns:
Dick Adams; Bill Bertram; Charlie Clark; Ella Mae Smith & Michael Corless; Ann Cullen; Bill Cutler; Liz & Pete Fell; Vernon Godley; Beverly & John Holt; Carol Richardson; Nancy Robertson; Eunice Robbins; the Sandersons; Linda Shively; Beverly & Ron Tincher, caregivers & **Unspoken Requests.**

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Jane Bass; Susan Boyd; Patsy Browning's nephew; Amber Bullock; Tilman Carter; Eddie Coltrain; John Conway; Tracy Cordon; Anthony Cutler; Kilby Davis, Walt Davis, Esther Flowers; Dianne Floyd; Chris Gibbs; Gail Gibbs; Kathy Godwin; Gracie Greer's great grandfather Steve Jones, Brandy Gurganus; Pauline Gurganus; Bryant Hardison; Chris Harris; Hunter Hasty; Betty Hill; Jay Holt; Jo Ann & Mike Isbell; Laney Jordan; Jerry Klaas; Linwood Lewis; Steve Mann; Carol McRoy (Phil's sister in law); Diana Overton; Susan Overton; Mavis Owens; Mike Painter; Wilson Paul; Stephanie Sabbra; Patricia Smith; Raymond Spencer; Susie Swinson; Roger Tuning; Faye Waters; Ann Winfield; Wendy Woolard; & **Unspoken Requests.**

The families of: Frank Allen, Sr., Billy Ange, Lana Baird, Doug Branch, Carol Carrow, Annie Laura Clark, Eddie Clark, Nora Coffman, Donna Cutler, Ida Faye Cutler, Walfred Eriksson, Jerry Fucito, Jack Hill, Tucker Hollis, Dinah Howard, Ann Winslow Jennette, Benjamin Langley, Mariah Lynch, Jimmy Manning, Annette Mayo, Ernst Niederbuehl, Harold Ormond, Amy Sasnett, Ann Sheppard, Verna Shirley, Dallas Spain, Jr., Dorothy Sparrow, Pamela Spencer, Warren Stewart, Jr., Debra Warren, Joseph Wells, Tiffany Whichard Williams, Redden Woolard, Sr., Ronald Woolard.

Military Prayer List:
Jim Bass, Blane Boyd, Chase Brooks, Zack Cook, Timm Cox, Will Cutler, Zack Davis, Grant Fath, Kerry Mills, Hayden Tankard, Grayce Woolard.

In Nursing Homes: Pete Fell, Bob Miller.

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