

Sunday, August 6th during our worship service for the Serenity House.

**Hand in Hand Ministry Briefing:** The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit gives each one of us spiritual gifts to use in service to him. Would you consider using your gift, whatever it may be, to nurture and bless our children through our Hand in Hand children's ministry? If you are not already working with children, please join Jan Boswell on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the worship service to learn more about ways in which you can get involved. The briefing will be held in the Activity Center. *Child care will be available upon request.* Contact [jboswell@bethel-pc.org](mailto:jboswell@bethel-pc.org) to register.

**Bethel Women's Retreat Update:** It is getting close to the deadline to register for the Women's Retreat (last date to register is 8/14/2017). In order to continue planning for a successful retreat we need to know how many women will be attending. Our Pastor Boone's wife Joy has signed up. Come and get to know her better in a beautiful, relaxing mountain top setting! Please sign up now and don't forget scholarships are available if you need one. (Judy Heinemann 704-987-6511 or [jmheinemann8@gmail.com](mailto:jmheinemann8@gmail.com))

**Reception in Honor Pastor Ernest**—Please stop by the Fellowship Hall for punch and cookies after the 10:30 Sunday service on August 20th. This will give the Bethel congregation an opportunity to thank Pastor Ernest for his service at Bethel and wish him well in his next endeavors.

**Pray for Me is coming on August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Church wide Sunday school breakfast from 9-10 am in the Family Life Center. At 10:45 am, our children and youth will each select three adults of varying age to commit to praying for them during the 2017/2018 school year. Will you be a prayer partner? *Watch for sign-up information soon!*

**Getting to Know New Senior Pastor Dr. Tom Boone...**In his spare time, Tom enjoys tennis, golf, power-walking, cooking, video games, music, and movies. Tom will preach his first sermon at Bethel on Sunday, September 17. Look for more details in the coming weeks on preparations for Tom and Joy's arrival and opportunities to meet them.

**Bethel's Silent Auction Committee Needs You!** The Bethel BBQ and Silent Auction is coming up! Thursday, September 28 might seem a long way off, but the Silent Auction Committee is already gathering donations, and we can use your help to make this the most successful auction yet. Our mission proceeds will benefit Children's Hope Alliance (Barium Springs) again this year. Our goal is to increase the positive impact on the lives of the at-risk children in their care as much as possible. In 2017, the Silent Auction Committee would like to do something special and have themed baskets for sale. If you have questions about a theme or only have part of the items for a themed

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Forgive us, O God, when we remain silent against a culture of convenience, or respond with retribution to those who act out the fear raging inside them. When called upon, grant us your love, power, and self-discipline so that should we encounter hardships, we would bear witness to Jesus who overcame sin and death so that we would be in fellowship with you and one another. Hear us, we pray, as we continue our confession in silence...

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

#### \* **GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### SHARING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**A MESSAGE TO THE CHILDREN (Children in grades  
Preschool - 3rd may leave for Children's Worship)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

*"Give Thanks to God" (Housefires) Three Thirds*

#### \* **DOXOLOGY**

#### \* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

#### THE SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** *Romans 5:1-11; Pew Bible 798*

**THE GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:1-2, 10; Pew Bible 683*

**SERMON** *"Blessed Are Those Who Pursue Righteousness"*

#### \* **PROFESSION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (In the front of the Hymnal)*

#### GOING FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE TO LOVE & SERVE

#### \* **HYMN No. 600** *"If You Will Only Let God Guide You" (vs. 3&4)*

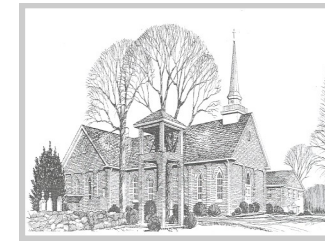
#### \* **CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP**

#### \* **BENEDICTION**

#### \* **CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Chancel Choir*

#### \* **CHIMES**

#### \* **POSTLUDE** *Alvin Knox*



## **Bethel Presbyterian Church**

*A Beacon of Christ's Love*  
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**July 23, 2017**

**10:30am Service**

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Dale Overcash*

**PRELUDE**

*"Forever Reign" (Hillsong) Three Thirds*

#### \* **SONGS AND HYMNS OF PRAISE**

*"Cornerstone" (Hillsong) Three Thirds*

*"We Believe" (Newsboys) Three Thirds*

**WELCOME**

#### ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

#### \* **CHIMES OF THE TRINITY**

#### \* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 34: 15 - 22*

L: The eyes of THE LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;

**P: But the face of THE LORD is against those who do evil,**

L: The righteous cry out, and THE LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

**P: THE LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

L: The righteous person may have many troubles, but THE LORD delivers him from them all;

**All: THE LORD will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

#### \* **HYMN No. 600** *"If You Will Only Let God Guide You" (vs. 1&2)*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you made the world breathtaking and life-giving. But through Adam's disobedience, sin invaded the world and separated us from you. Around the globe your church suffers. Your children are mocked for professing your name. Some are killed for praying to you. In places of less political strife some pursue personal convenience rather than loving you. We confess that we are seldom persecuted, but daily our faith is challenged when we commit our lives to you.

**Welcome!** Thank you for worshipping with us. We want to share the good news of Jesus Christ with you. If you desire to commit your life to Jesus Christ or have a pastoral need, call 704-892-0546.

If you would like to become a Covenant Partner of Bethel Presbyterian Church, please come to the front of the sanctuary immediately after the worship service. An elder will take you to our Parlor to meet with the pastor.

Childcare for children four and younger is provided at Sunday worship and Sunday School and by reservation for other services and events. Visitors, please ask us and we'll show you how to register your child.

**Announcements July 23rd—July 30th**

***Let's meet under the trees for lemonade and fellowship after this morning's service. See you there!***

***Rise Against Hunger:*** As part of our Cross Culture camp we will be packing 15,000 meals for 'Rise Against Hunger' (formerly 'Stop Hunger Now'). Our campers would like to invite all interested adults, youth, and older elementary kids to join us. There will be jobs for all ages and stages. The event will take place on Wednesday, August 2nd, in the gym. Trucks will unload around 8:30 am. Packing and prepping will begin at 9:00 am. A hot dog lunch will be provided after the event for all our packers. At Cross Culture our goal is to be culture changers not culture copies. Come help us make a difference through Rise Against Hunger. Contact [jboswell@bethel-pc.org](mailto:jboswell@bethel-pc.org) for additional information.

***Circle #2 please note:*** There will be no meeting for August, however, your circle group is joining Cross Culture campers in packing meals for Rise Against Hunger on Wed, Aug. 3rd at 9:00am.

***Community Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bethel!*** Join us Wednesday mornings at 7:00am in the Fellowship Hall for great food, fellowship and prayer!

***Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser:*** Continuing every Thursday until the end of August, the Bethel Presbyterian Fellowship Committee will offer a hot dog lunch from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm for everyone. Lunch will include a hot dog, coleslaw, chili, chips and tea. Donations will be accepted. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship with church members and visitors who have not had the opportunity to visit our church. Please mark your calendar and join helping in the kitchen for a day, please contact Barbara Dresser at us for a great lunch. If you are interested in 704-896-2695 or at [barbara@dresser.cc](mailto:barbara@dresser.cc). Volunteers are needed!

***Serenity House Special Offering***—We will have a special offering on

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basket, we are happy to help put things together and then wrap them in plastic basket coverings. You can help by donating the following items, or asking your friends, relatives and neighbors to donate: Gift cards or certificates for services, experiences, restaurants, stores, gas cards, Movie tickets, sporting events or performances, beach house, condo, or time-share and can donate a week or a long weekend, these are very popular items at the auction. If you have any questions or items to donate, or have something else to contribute, please contact Amy Petrenko at [amy.petrenko@gmail.com](mailto:amy.petrenko@gmail.com) or Betsy Shores at [betsyshores@gmail.com](mailto:betsyshores@gmail.com). Please tell your friends and neighbors to save the auction date, September 28! Blessings and thank you for your generosity that will help these children!

**Attendance** for last week—Sunday School:115;10:30am Worship Total:266

**Elder: Allen Cook**

**Deacons:** Tony Basinger, Penny Brown, Judy Caldwell, Susan Cook (lead), Beverly Epperson, Jason Kraus. Joshua Elliot, Ken Oliver, Rick Whitman

**Media Team:** Tom Perkinson, Bill Weatherington, Sloane Adler, Ken Dresser, Sonny Burgess, Ryan Whittington



**Please turn off** or silence your cell phone as you enter the church!

**July 23—July 30**

- Sun., 7/23** 9:15am Summer Sunday School/Walking With Jesus  
10:30am Summer Sunday Service  
3:30pm—6:00pm VBS  
5:00pm Bethel Youth Group  
6:30pm Alcoholics Anonymous
- Mon., 7/24** 9:00am Sewing Ministry  
6:30pm—8:00pm VBS
- Tues., 7/25** No Meetings
- Wed., 7/26** 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00am Card Ministry  
1:00pm Bethel Youth Outing/LN Mini Golf Putt-Putt  
7:00pm Worship Team & Choir Practice
- Thurs., 7/27** 11:00am Hot Dog Lunch Fundraiser
- Fri., 7/28** No Meetings
- Sat., 7/29** 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous
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<b>Vision Statement</b> <b>Reflecting the Love and Truth of Christ to Transform Lives.</b>	
<b>Mission Statement</b> <b>A Community of Christ Followers making disciples by:</b> <b>WORSHIPING the living God</b> <b>TEACHING the truth of Scripture</b> <b>CARING for others</b> <b>SERVING with the compassion of Christ</b> <b>ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Thomas J. Boone, III...<i>Senior Pastor Elect</i>          Rev. Ernest L. Gardner, III.....<i>Transitional Pastor</i>          Rev. Mark Moss.....<i>Assistant Pastor</i>          Jan Boswell.....<i>Christian Education Director</i>          Jeremy Churchill.....<i>Youth Director</i>          Susan O'Keefe.....<i>Interim Music Director</i>          Beth Moss.....<i>Parish Nurse</i>          Teresa Hewitt.....<i>Organist</i>          Lisa Weber.....<i>Administrative Assistant</i>          Beth Bynum.....<i>Receptionist</i>          Allen Hauser/Neil Vroom .....<i>Bookkeepers</i>          Bobby Waugh.....<i>Facilities Manager</i>          Walker Burton.....<i>Assistant Facilities Manager</i>          Michelle Koslick.....<i>Weekday Preschool Director</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summer Sunday Schedule</b></p> <p>Sunday School 9:15 am          Worship 10:30 am          Bethel Youth 5:00 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office Hours</b></p> <p>Mon-Thurs 9am - 4pm; Fri 9am - 2pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Contact Us</b></p> <p>19920 Bethel Church Road          Cornelius, NC 28031          704-892-0546          or <a href="http://www.bethel-pc.org">www.bethel-pc.org</a>          CCLI# 945092</p>

Every M - F from 6:30-9:00 a.m. Family Life Center is open for walkers.  
**YMCA Sponsored Senior Yoga:** 1:30 pm Mondays  
**YMCA Sponsored Senior Exercise:** 1:30 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays