

The Bethany Banner

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A Word From the Pastor's Study

In the beginning of the year 1837 my great-great-great Grandfather, Rev. David R. Preston, left his brief pastorate at the 1st Presbyterian Church of St. Charles, Missouri to go back toward his home in the Greenbrier Valley of Virginia, where he notes, "...the air more agrees with my constitution". He left to take up the pulpit of the Presbyterian church in Abingdon, Virginia, after previously serving as a church planter in both Pensacola, Florida and in St. Charles, MO.

Thankfully in God's providence the diary of his early ministry survives to this day in the records of the Greenbrier Historical Society. One of the things he notes about his and his young families reception at Abingdon is of the warmth of his new church family and how that says something about the man he was following there. While history does not always strictly repeat itself I can gladly report it certainly has in the case of his great-great-great Grandson.

If there is anything which marks the work of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Book of Acts it is the way brothers and sisters in Christ cared for, and provided for, the needs of all the members of the Body of Christ; from the compassion for both the Gentile and Jewish widows in Acts 6 to the opening of the home of Lydia in Acts 17 so that the people of God would have a place to meet and eat, this is a sign of a healthy understanding of the work of service in the life of the believer. It is only expected that we who have been given so much by our Savior should return that favor to His bride. It is with this motivation that I look forward to serving each and every one of you in the days, weeks, months, and years ahead by God's most perfect grace and in Christ's mercy.

Brandy and I want to again thank each and every member and friend of the Bethany Church for your gifts of food, of service, and prayer through the last couple of weeks as we are getting settled into the manse and the Bethany community.

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Sunday Preaching Schedule

November 5	1 Chronicles 29:10-19
November 12	Family Retreat
November 19	Acts 3:1-10
November 26	Colossians 1:9-18

Bible Reading Plan for Month

November 5-11	Luke 1-6
November 12-18	Luke 7-13
November 19-25	Luke 14-20
November 26-Dec. 2	Luke 21-24

Important Dates for Nov.

Bethany Family Retreat	Nov. 10-12
Christmas Child Shoeboxes	Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Service	Nov. 22
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Children's Christmas Program	Nov. 26

Larger Catechism Question

WLC Question #7

“What is God?”

“God is a Spirit, in and of himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection, all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, every where present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.”

Missionary of the Month

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a missionary church, seeking to grow the Kingdom by the means of grace. This month we would like to highlight the ministry of Justin and Jillian Brickey in Spain. We are currently taking up offerings for their ministry and ask that you especially lift them up in your daily prayers. They are serving in Asturias. They have asked that we especially focus our supplication on the growing conflict between the region of Catalonia and the Spanish government. Also, to keep in mind their children as they continue to acclimate to school life in the Iberian peninsula, and of course for the work of the Gospel of Christ Jesus in that land.

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Youth Corner

As this is kind of an impromptu newsletter we would normally have a report in this column about the work and life of our young people at Bethany ARP Church.

In lieu of that please take a moment during the month of November to pray for each of our leaders and our children as we enter this busy season, both in school and in the life of our youth as they prepare for us an excellent Christmas program for the church.

Report from WOC

Likewise in this portion of the newsletter we will have a report from the Women of the Church to share the work they have been engaged in through the month and ways you can be in prayer for their labors and help them as they serve us throughout the year.

Please be in prayer for all our ladies!

Session Report

As you might guess this is the place to get up to date on the work of the Elders of Bethany Church as they shepherd us in accordance with Christ's call.

I am sure the Elder's would very much appreciate your prayers during the month of November, and beyond. ☺

Deacon's Report

The work of the deacons can often go unnoticed, but as you walk in the fellowship hall this month give praise to them for the fine job they did in securing for us a beautiful new floor through the generous offerings you provide. We will obviously have reports here each month.

Christian Education Report

Growing in the knowledge of the Lord is a vital part of the Christian life. We invite you to take advantage of the Sunday School and other educational opportunities as they arise.

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting

On the backside of the last page we will have sections covering the topic to be looked at on Wednesday night at 6:30.

In November we will begin a devotional using "The Bruised Reed", sermons by puritan author & pastor Richard Sibbes.

We cordially welcome all to come!

Monthly Prayer Requests

In this portion we will list particular prayer needs as well as a presbytery and nation we will covenant to prayer for through the month. This month we are going to highlight Catawba Presbytery and the nation of South Sudan.

Prayer Needs:

Chuck Walker, Dollie Douglas, Hayes Faulkner, Sarah Faulkner, Janice Patterson, Kelly Fowler, Winifred Callister, Peggy Wells, Theodore McClure, Geneva Smith, Bible Release Time, Good News Club, Andrew Brunson, Rev. Gentry McColm, Rev. George Bush, Lois Moody, Alex (Grier's friend), John Bailey, & Samantha Johnson.

The President, end of abortion, our nation, our military, and the Persecuted Church.

Psalm of the Month

"Give ears to my words O LORD, consider my meditation. Give heed to the voice of my cry. My king and my God! For to you I will pray. My voice shall you hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to you, and I will look up. For you are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with you. The boastful shall not stand in your sight; you hate all workers of iniquity. You shall destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. But as for me, I will come into your house in the multitude of mercy; in fear of you I will worship toward your holy temple. Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of mine enemies; make your way straight before my face." – Psalm 5:1-8

Devotional Moment

"Now the ordinary way and means whereby [Christ] reveals Himself unto anyone is by the preaching of the Word, which though it be a dead letter in itself, yet when He puts life and spirit into it, and opens our hearts, as He did open Lydia's thereby, then we see and conceive His mercy and our own wretched vileness, where upon we cannot by love Him, knowing how He has loved us, and gave Himself for us. (c.f – Eph. 1:17-18)."

– John Preston, "A Heavenly Treatise on Divine Love", pg. 30