



Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Aberdeen, North Carolina
Founded 1788

*"Glorifying God by proclaiming the gospel of
Jesus Christ through love, faith, prayer, and service."*

Service for the Lord's Day

April 21, 2024, 11 o'clock

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Preschool Sunday

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Devoutly. Leave Gratefully. Serve Faithfully.

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

I Danced in the Morning
Bringing in the Light of Christ

Wagner

†Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1,2,5

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

ALL: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

†Opening Hymn # 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God, we give you thanks that by your power, you created us, and by your goodness, you call us to be your people. We confess that we have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness so we may choose your will and obey your commandments. Accept the offering of our worship that every race and nation may enter your courts, praising you in song through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

†Sharing of the Peace

†Congregational Response

Glory to God

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. (2x)

Special Music

Merry Hearts Preschool

Praise Ye the Lord, Kumbaya, Who is the King of the Jungle, Everyday with Jesus

A Moment with Young Disciples

Catechism Review

Question 103

Prayer of Illumination

Psalms

Psalms 127 & 131

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:1-7

Sermon

“The Child in Our Midst”

†Congregational Hymn #169 v.1-4 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived

by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*In this context, the word catholic is defined as the universal Christian church)

†Prayers of the People

Offertory

Be Not Afraid

Davis

Chancel Choir

†Offering Response Hymn

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below, Praise him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

†Closing Hymn #306 v.1-4 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

†Blessing for the Meal

Charge and Benediction

†Choral Benediction #306 v.5

Taking the light of Christ into the world

Postlude

Guide Me , O Thou Great Jehovah

Colvin

† Please stand as you are able.

We welcome children with all the energy, enthusiasm, wisdom, and vocalization they bring to worship.

Announcements

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory and honor of Earlene McLamb's grandmother Viola "Bigmama's" birthday.

The Elder of the Month for April is Jamie Clarke. **Session and Deacons** will meet today at 4 and 6 pm, respectively.

Pastor David will be on work-study from April 23 to 30; contact the church office or the elder on call for assistance. Kay Mack will preach on April 28.

Habitat for Humanity Apostles' Build: April 25-27, 8 am-1 pm. We need volunteers to work on this year's Apostles' Build house on our assigned weekend. Bethesda will work in conjunction with other area churches. Please let the office know if you can volunteer for any or all the days. Go to <https://sandhillshabitat.org/> and click on the Volunteer button to register.

Friendship Circle's last circle meeting before summer break will be May 6.

Ascension Service will be Thursday, May 9, at 6 pm. **Youth Sunday** is on Pentecost, May 19. We will be recognizing our graduates. If you (or your child) will be graduating from high school, university, or post-graduate work, please let the office know. All high school seniors are welcome to do a "Senior Moment." If you'd like to participate, please indicate that as well.

Campus Cleanup We're hoping for a clean sweep on Saturday, May 18, between 9 and 11 a.m. Please join us for a spring cleaning of Bethesda. Nursery is available during these times. (Thank you, Rebecca and Lynn.) If you're interested in volunteering, email Laura Hill at lauramdhill@gmail.com, or you can sign up after church on May 5 or 12.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Friday, June 10-14, from 5-7:15 pm; please mark your calendars. Please go to the following links to view our Amazon wish list <https://bit.ly/vbsamazon24> and our sign-up genius <https://bit.ly/vbsgenius24>

Last Week's Numbers

Sunday School Attendance 52

Offering Collected \$6,010.55

Worship Attendance 142

Celebrations and Concerns

Members

Ginger Wilson Mona Kahl Jim Kahl Matt Forbis Don and Jean McGiffin
Earlene and Larry McLamb Nate Forbis Dan Goodin **The Family of Willis Clark**
Sara Swartout Cy Israel Karen Robertson Peggy Jones

Members in Facilities

Hugh Joyce, Ellen Heckman - Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

Jane Sandrock Kitty Kuzminski Nancy Clark
Dot Templin Jackson Smith Bruce and Joyce Thomas
Don and Jean McGiffin Ruth Sinclair Gladys Harris

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

Jenny Abbot

Cindy Atwell (daughter of Connie Atwell and Ron Schuch)

David and Patsy Bailey (friends of Bethesda)

June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)

Ann and Ray Bruce (friends of Bethesda)

The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)

Sarah Corcoran (Marjorie Downey's granddaughter)

Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)

Lisa Eaton (Ann Woodfield's daughter)

Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)
Pete Golden (friend of Laura Hill)
April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)
Barbara Greer (Andy Auman's aunt)
Tommy Grove (friend of Bethesda)
Scott Harmer (friend of Ron and Jane Long)
Morgan Hill (friend of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)
Justin Hanks (nephew of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)
Henry & Vera Hutcherson (Will Jacob's grandparents)
Ricky and Kam Hurst (friends of Bethesda)
Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)
Family of Jerry Kahl (son of Jim Kahl)
Bill Kay (Debbie Pace's brother-in-law)
Kelsi (friend of Carolyn Burns)
Christina King and Family (friends of Bethesda)
The Family of David Kuzminski (son of Kitty Kuzminski)
Millie Langenfeld (Nancy Dearborn's aunt)
Timothy Liles (friend of Leigh Baggs)
Carol and Alan Monroe (friends of Bethesda)
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)
Judy and Mike Melendez (friends of Chuck and Nancy Dearborn)
Mike Palmer (Betsy Mofield's son-in-law)
Betty Parke (Bill Parke's sister)
Carrie Peterson (friend of the Noyes family)
Vickie Pinkston (friend of Gloria Crane)
Jennifer Pinkston (Gloria Crane's daughter)
Tom Pinkston (Gloria Crane's son)
Alexander Deaton Riley (Great-grandson of Kitty Kuzminski)
Betty Ann Shaw (mother of Mary Ann Ward)
Denise Schuch (daughter-in-law of Ron Schuch and Connie Atwell)
Savannah and Deone (friends of Amy Hand)
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
The Family of Evelyn Terry (friends of Mary Ann Ward)
Doris Tulloch & daughters Rebecca and Sarah (friends of John McInnis)
Angie and Abby Underhill (friends of Bethesda and Merry Hearts)
The Family of Freddie Upchurch (friends of Mary Ann Ward)
Pattie Waddell (sister of Lisa McDonald)
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousins)

Merry Hearts Preschool

At Bethesda Presbyterian Church

Two-Year-Old Class

Teachers: Kim Clark & Angie Underhill

Felton Book
Grant Carpenter
Rylee Cunningham
Owen Fernside
Liam Gradzewicz
Reed Kulyk

Ava Moon
Ezra Nephew
Rowan Priddy
Emma Southers
Jack Vasquez
Hazel Copenhaver

Three-Year-Old Class

Teachers: Scarlett Roth & Sarah McDonald

Wyatt Cole
Cecelia Dutton
Elijah Ferguson
Zander Martin
Arthur Nephew
Isabelle Ough

Lincoln Peterson
Victor Salazar
Mugsy Stevens
Sonny Stevens
Maverick Voisey
Ashlyn White

Preschool Class

Teachers: Rebecca Dunn and Summer Golden

Yates Book
Calvin Dutton
Amelia Gradzewicz
Hazel Hand
Ayla Jacobs
Parker Kelsch
Nova McNeill
Weston Peterson
Maddy Priddy
Harper Jessup
Brayden Pyo
Birdie Wynn

April Birthdays

21 Ruth Sinclair
22 Jim Kahl
23 Eleanor Hamme
Nancy Clark

24 Cookie Crowley
25 Jim Shaffer
26 Curt Proctor
Erin Jessup

STAFF

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Merry Hearts Preschool Director
Scarlett Roth scarlett@merryheartspreschool.com phone: 944-1319

Grounds Matt Harris Nursery Rebecca Dunn Custodian King Chavis

Office hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am–2:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am–12 noon

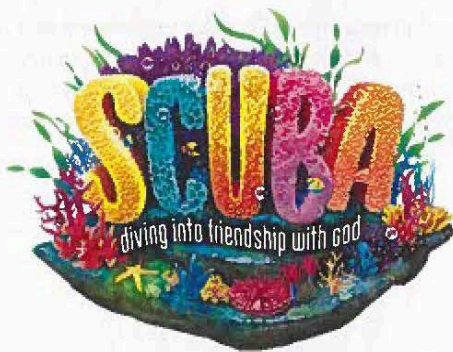
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With music, crafts, STEM activities and games, it is a week of fun you don't want to miss!



JUNE 10TH - JUNE 14TH
5:00 PM - 7:15 PM

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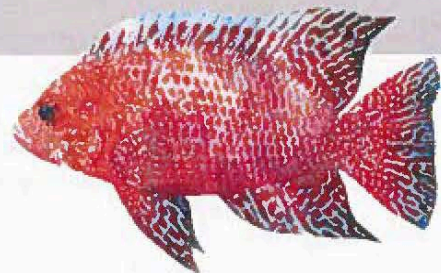
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2024 VBS Registration Form

Child Name: _____ Gender _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Additional Number(s): _____ Email (*Important*): _____

Family Information:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you interested in volunteering at VBS? YES _____ NO _____

Are you interested in attending the Adult VBS class? YES _____ NO _____

I agree to allow my child to participate in the Vacation Bible School offered by Bethesda Presbyterian Church. I understand that my child must abide by all workshop rules as a condition of participation. I am aware that the activity may cause accident or injury as a direct or indirect result of participation. I also agree to assume all risks involved in my child's participation in the camp. I further agree to release Bethesda Presbyterian Church, its employees, volunteers, and agents from any responsibility should an accident occur. I release any pictures taken during the program to be used for promotional purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

1. Mother/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

2. Father/Guardian's Name: _____ Phone: _____

4. Additional Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

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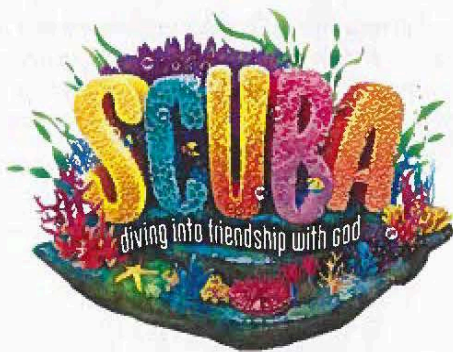
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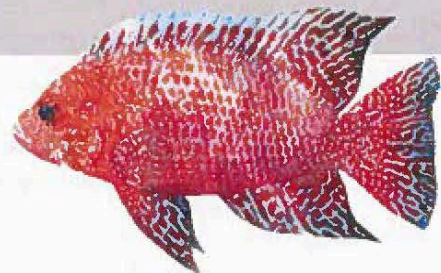
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