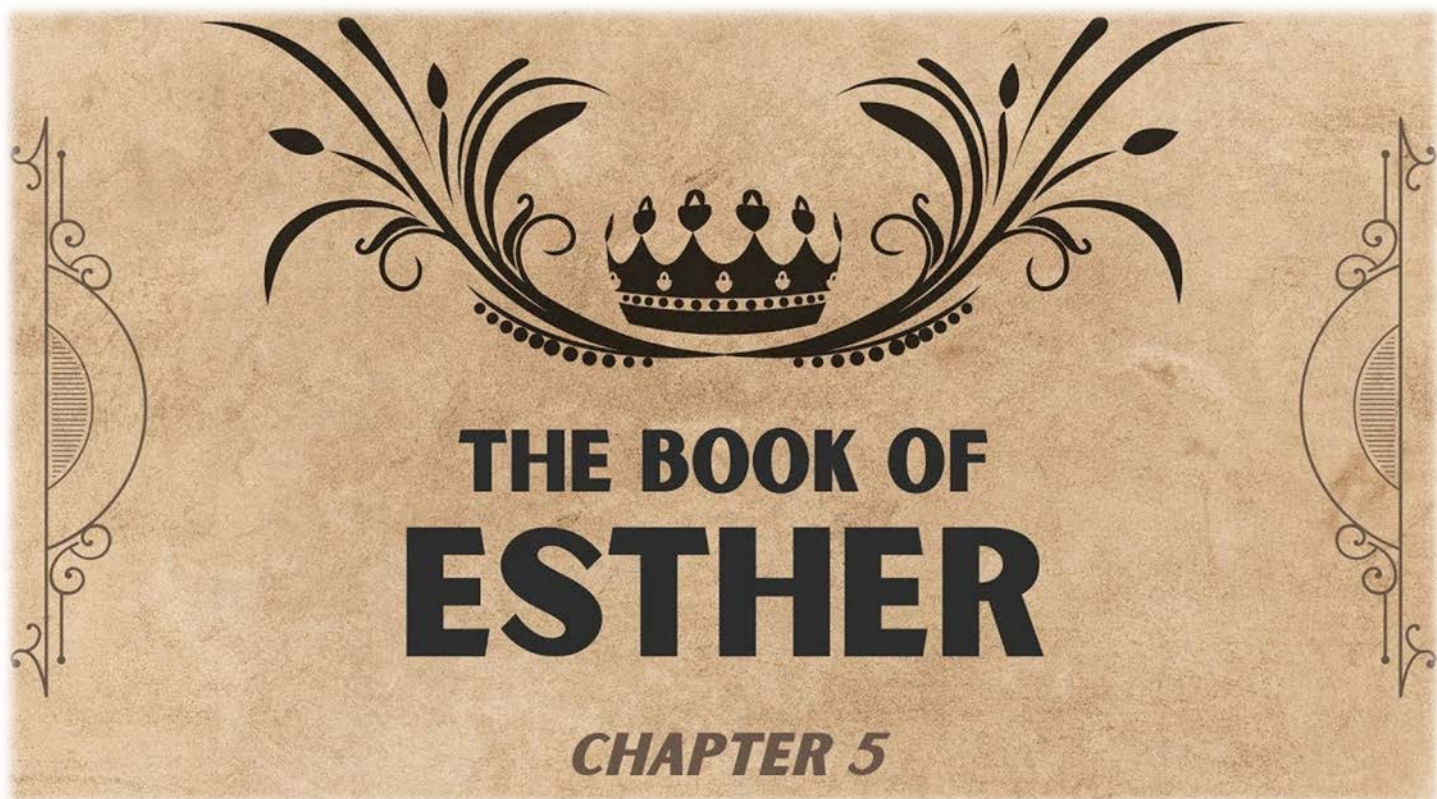




Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Aberdeen, North Carolina
Founded 1788

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

Service for the Lord's Day

July 26, 2026, 11 o'clock

Ordinary Time

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Prelude on Tallis' Canon

Young

~Bringing in the Light of Christ~

†Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 105:1-11

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples.

People: We remember the wondrous works He has done; we sing to Him and praise His holy name.

Leader: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: We seek the Lord's presence continually, trusting in His strength and His faithfulness.

Leader: Remember His covenant forever—the promise He made for a thousand generations.

People: He is the Lord our God; His covenant stands firm, His word endures, and His faithfulness never fails.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who remembers His promises and keeps them.

People: With grateful hearts, we worship the Lord who calls us His own.

†Hymn #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

†Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession

O Lord God Almighty, you have revealed the depth of your love to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, and yet we have failed to love you, enjoying your blessings without thanksgiving, and knowing your commandments without obedience. Pardon us of our sin, Lord, and pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may live for your glory, through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.

†Assurance of Pardon

†Sharing of the Peace

†Congregational Response #582

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)*

Moment with Young Disciples

Prayer of Illumination

First Old Testament Reading

Esther 5:1-9

Pg 447 in the front of your pew Bible

Special Music

Congregational Hymn Sing

What a Friend We Have in Jesus & Victory in Jesus

(see screen for lyrics)

Second Old Testament Reading

Esther 5:10-14

Pg 447 in the front of your pew Bible

Sermon

“Esther 5”

†Hymn #223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

†Affirmation of Faith

The Apostle's 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.

(*Sheol or place of the dead; see Psalm 16:10)

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

Offering & Offertory

Thine is the Glory

Young

†Offering Response Hymn #606

Doxology

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

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 #268 v1-3

Crown Him with Many Crowns

†Charge and Benediction

†Benediction Response Hymn #268 v4

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor and memory of Pam Laswell from her husband Mike and daughters Beth and Kim.

An acolyte sign-up sheet is on the closet door in the sanctuary narthex. Parents, please let us know if your child/children would like to participate.

Family Promise: Items needed at this time are Pine Sol or Mr.Clean floor cleaner, and white waterproof shower curtain liners, size 72 x 72 and 72 x 78. Shower curtain hoops for hanging. Leave in the narthex or church office. Thank you.

Christmas in July: Reminder, we will be supporting Southern Middle and Crains Creek this Christmas. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please put Mission: No Child Left Behind, Christmas on the memo of your donation. Thank you for supporting our local youth.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals will start back on August 19 at 6 pm. Everyone is welcome to join the choir. Should you need more information, please speak to Earlene

The Flower Chart is in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday. If you have a vase that you wish to recycle, please bring it by the church office for use on future Sundays.

Last Week's Numbers

Worship Attendance:116

Sunday School: 19

	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Revenues	\$44,697	\$203,321
Expenses	(\$32,587)	(\$207,848)
Net	\$12,110	(\$4,527)

July Birthdays

27 Taylor Wynn
28 Molly McCain
Reggie Smith

29 Sadie Ransdell
Susan McNeil

Celebrations and Concerns Prayer List

Members

Tom and Harriet Mueller Earlene and Larry McLamb Hester Combs
Jim and Mary Shaffer Mary Lawrie Peggy Jones Jim Thomas
Mary Ann Ward Frankie Holt Andy White The Moon Family
Ashtyn Adams Betty Lou Stewart Shaw Ray
Robert Maloubier Ann Frank

Members in Facilities

Ellen Heckman- Penick Village

Members to Keep in Prayer

Kitty Kuzminski Nancy Clark
Sara Swartout Karen Robertson

Friends and Family (new additions in bold)

David Bailey and family (friends of Bethesda)
June Bosley (cousin of Sue Wiener)
Robert Burns (friend of Bethesda)
The Byerly family (niece of Ann Woodfield)
Sally Conlon (friend of Connie Atwell and Ron Schuch)
Tommy Crane (Vance Crane's son)
Kyle Donohue (Kitty Kuzminski's niece)
Stephanie Dutton (friend of Laura Hill)
Lisa Eaton (Ann Woodfield's daughter)
Keith Gaines (relative of Pastor and Mrs. Mueller)
Samantha Garrison (former member of Bethesda)
April Graf (friend of Ann Woodfield)
Melissa Griffith (friend of Amy Hand)
Morgan Hill (friend of Nancy Dearborn)
Harold and Mary Ann Hogan (Henry's Parents)
Jesse Joyce (friend of Bill and Linda Parke)
JoAnne Ladd (friend of Paula Caddell)
Timothy Liles (friend of Leigh Baggs)

Michelle Marley (friend of Richard and Jane McInnis)
David McLenden (friend of Judy Heffner)
Glenn Miller (friend of Rick and Jane McInnis)
Carol and Alan Monroe (friends of Bethesda)
Kacey McDonald (cousin of Al McDonald)
Sarah McDonald (daughter of Al McDonald)
Neil McKenzie (friend of Jane and Rick McInnis)
Patrick McLaughlin (son of Pat and Sandy McLaughlin)
David and Peter McLenden (friends of Judy Heffner)
Teresa McLeod (Becky Brown's sister-in-law)
Judy Melendez (friend of Nancy Dearborn)
Matt Morgan (friend of Sue and Dan Wiener)
Jeanne Muse (friend of Mary Ann Ward)
Mike Norton (friend of Francisco)
Carrie Peterson (friend of the Noyes family)
Jan Phillips (Julie Formanski's mother)
Jennifer Pinkston (Gloria Crane's daughter)
Tom Pinkston (Gloria Crane's son)
Lavern and Reggie Revels (community members)
Alexander Deaton Riley (Great-grandson of Kitty Kuzminski)
Mark Simmons (friend of Rick and Lisa Noyes)
Ed and Linda Stallings (friends of Jane McInnis)
Chad Stambaugh (Carolyn Moore's Nephew)
Floyd Strupe (Mary Katherine's father)
Buddy Vandiver (Rick Noyes' Uncle)
Kathy Walker (friend of Kitty Kuzminski)
Kathy and Dale Weston (Nancy Dearborn's cousin)
Avalene Wright (daughter of Becky and Brian Wright)

Bethesda Officers
Elder of the Month for July is Craig Fogleman
Elders:

Class of 2026: Davis Clark, Craig Fogleman, Laura Hill
Class of 2027: Leslie Champion, Marsha Southers, Ron Schuch, Jamie Clarke
Class of 2028: Kristy Ransdell, Nancy High, Janet Peele

Deacons

Class of 2026: Jane McInnis, Terry Hardison, Carolyn Moore, Pat McLaughlin
Class of 2027: Curt Proctor, Kelly Clark, Jane Long, Susan McNeill
Class of 2028: David Keith, Grant Martin, Christi Conley, Sherry Wright,
Jesse Andersen - Youth

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