

Speak Lord,
FOR YOUR SERVANT
IS LISTENING.
1 SAMUEL 3:9

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

August 9, 11 o'clock

Ordinary Time

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

Wagner

~Bringing in the Light of Christ~

†Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 105:16-22

Leader: God is the One who guides His people, even through uncertainty.

People: We trust in God's provision, for He never abandons His own.

Leader: Let us remember the Lord's faithfulness across generations.

People: We gather to praise the God who keeps His promises forever.

†Hymn #720

Jesus Calls Us

†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

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Pg 247 in the front of your pew Bible

Special Music

Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart

Voss

Gloria Crane, Piano; Earlene McLamb, Organ

New Testament Reading

1 John 3:18

Pg 240 in the back of your pew Bible

Sermon

“Ministry of Presence”

Rev. Thomas Greene

†Hymn #697 v.1-3

Take My Life

†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

Offertory on “Olivet”

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 #697 v.4-5** *Take My Life*

†**Charge and Benediction**

†**Benediction Response Hymn #697 v.6**

Postlude

Postlude on Hymn to God

Young

† Please stand as you are able.

Announcements

Thank you to Rev. Thomas Greene for leading us in worship today and for his message.

Rev. Thomas J. Greene, II was born and raised in Hamlet, North Carolina. With a lifelong passion for history and storytelling, he entered Campbell University intending to become a teacher, historian, or attorney. However, a clear call to ministry redirected his path and led him into a life of pastoral leadership, theological education, and service to the local church.

After graduating from Campbell University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in history, Thomas served as an Area Coordinator and Resident Director in the Department of Student Life while discerning his call to ministry. A year later, he enrolled at Campbell University Divinity School, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2017. It was there that he also met the love of his life, Meagan.

Thomas has served at First Baptist Church of Erwin for thirteen years in a variety of leadership roles, including Minister to Students, Senior Pastor, and now Co-Pastor. His ministry is deeply rooted in a passion for the rural church, community engagement, and missions. Throughout the year, he can often be found serving with the local ministry, Erwin Churches Helping Others, assisting with disaster relief efforts, or participating in mission work, including building homes in Belize.

Thomas and Meagan, who is also an ordained minister, now serve together as Co-Pastors of First Baptist Church of Erwin. They also serve their community as chaplains with the Erwin Fire Department, where Thomas is currently learning the ropes as a volunteer firefighter. Together, they have been married for ten years and are the proud parents of their son, Harris (2), with another child expected soon. They are grateful to call Erwin, North Carolina, home.

Outside of ministry, Thomas enjoys spending time with his family, antiquing, exploring the outdoors, reading, cooking, traveling, and following a wide variety of sports. He is especially passionate about encouraging, equipping, and consulting with local churches, believing that healthy churches are essential to healthy communities.

Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of our Bethesda Family – from Leslie Champion

Congregational Meeting: There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship on August 16 to review some business and to select two members from the congregation at large for the 2027 Nominating Committee. Candidates must be actively involved in the life of the church for a number of years, regularly attending worship services, and supporting the congregation's ministries. Please ask your candidate if they are eligible and willing to serve if nominated and elected. **Session and Deacons** will also meet next Sunday, August 16 at 4 and 6 pm respectively.

Prayers and sympathy to the Marts family upon Billy's passing on Friday. Please keep Sandy and the family in your prayers.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive in the Fellowship Hall, August 24 from 10-2:30 pm. Go to redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code BPC to register to donate. Type O blood is especially needed; the blood banks are at critically low levels.

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.

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.

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: 110

Sunday School: 19

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

August Birthdays

9	Jim Mack		Nancy Gorba
	Sam Ransdell	18	Barb Ficklin
	Patrick Byers		Mark Jessup
11	Christian Blue	20	Cy Israel
	Lynn Dworak		Janet Peele
	Justin Andersen		Nancy Dearborn
	Brenda Huffman	21	Tucker Martin
	Carrie Moon	24	Jeff Wynn
12	Kelly Clark	27	Birdie Wynn
14	Steve Morgan	29	Sadie Ransdell
16	Mary Lynn Sutphen	30	Shaw Ray
	Scarlett Roth	31	Ella Clark
17	Davis Clark		Gloria Crane
	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

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)

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 August is Marsha Southers

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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