



Bethesda Presbyterian Church | Aberdeen, NC |September 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear members and friends of Bethesda Presbyterian Church,

I pray you are well and walking with the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are a variety of things happening at Bethesda. We kick off Sunday School and Choir on Rally Day (Sept. 13); Homecoming takes place at Old Bethesda (Sept. 27). Behind the scenes, we are working on a new Heritage Room and new officers are soon to be elected. There is a sense of renewed zeal on the air!

I hope all this will inspire you. The Apostle Paul says, “Be ardent in zeal,” in Romans 12. This is certainly the season to lean into that verse and renew your own zeal.

Blessings,

Rev. David Priddy

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September Birthdays

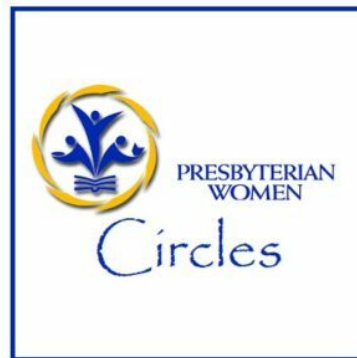
Family Promise Update:

Thank you to everyone who helped with our week at Family Promise. If you were unable to stay overnight or provide a meal, perhaps you could donate some supplies. 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.



The first planning meeting for the Thanksgiving Day luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 4th, in the Jesse Wimberley room immediately after worship. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Circles will resume meeting in September. All women are welcome to visit one or more and find the group that is right for you. See page 8 for information.



The Worship Committee are making changes to the children's bags used during Sunday Services. New bags will be available for Rally Day, and the old bags will be given to the children to take home. Supplies have been donated. The new bags will be available in the Narthex and at the side door.

1	Hunter MacIntyre
3	Lisa Noyes
	Katie Formanski
4	Teddi Garren
	J.R. Southers
5	Kristy Ransdell
7	Robert Maloubier
8	Sarah Clarke
10	Broadus Combs
	Jackson Hill
11	Amanda Gradzewicz
15	Connor Morgan
	Skyler Cunningham
18	Amelia Gradzewicz
27	Karen Robertson
	Bailey Byers
29	Pat McClain





September 12

5-7 pm

On Church Grounds

Join us for fellowship, food, and fun!

Bring your bathing suits!

Thank you to the Fellowship and Recreation Committees for planning this event!



CATCH THE EXCITEMENT!

Join us for Rally Day

**Help us kick off the new Sunday School year with
a big breakfast and Bible Bingo!**

SUNDAY: SEPT 13th

9:00 am

Fellowship Hall

Sign up to bring something to share for breakfast!

<https://bit.ly/bpcrally26>

Music Notes



Another month has flown by and we are heading for the busiest time of the church calendar. New Sunday School Classes and new opportunities to serve. Hopefully everyone will find a place to continue Bethesda's traditions of love and caring. I want to thank all of those who helped with special music for the month of August. Gloria Crane joined me for an organ/piano duet. She is always a pleasure hear and a huge help to me. Several of you have told me how much you enjoy the piano and organ together. Then a big thank you to Kim Clark for her prelude. Kim is such an excellent musician that she make accompanying her a real treat. Nothing lights up a room like the sound of youthful voices. Ella Clark, Avery Jessup, and Kelly Clark did an outstanding job. Their harmony is true and they are a joy to hear. For the last sunday in August I asked Mikeala Priddy to share. She has a lot of people who enjoy her music as they should. Her selection and singing are always meaningful. Thank you all. Last, as Reverend Priddy has been anouncing, we would love to have some more choir members. We especially need sopranos and hope some of you will come help. There's Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas music to prepare and Homecoming to enjoy. So come serve Bethesda and our Lord by presenting His message with song. Thank you and I look forward to hearing you sing on Sunday.

Blessings, Earlene

Looking Ahead...

September 12 - Church picnic 5-7 pm on Church grounds.

September 13 - Rally Day - Breakfast, Bible Bingo, Graduation of children, Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers.

September 18 - Faith Weaving Friends

September 20 - Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers/Session and Deacons Meet

September 27 - Homecoming at Old Bethesda



*103rd Anniversary of the first
Homecoming*
at Old Bethesda

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Tommy Miller

Join us for our annual Homecoming celebration at Old Bethesda Church.

Worship service begins at 11:15 am.

Join us for food and fellowship on the picnic grounds following the service.

SUNDAY ● SEPTEMBER 27

History Corner

Friday October 12, 1934 - The Pilot

Bethesda Calls and Her Sons and Daughters Come

Hundreds attend celebrations of 143rd Anniversary of Ancient Church.

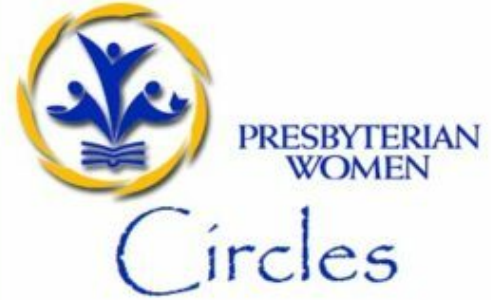
Brothers Shaw Speakers.

There is no event which news means more to this section of North Carolina than the annual Homecoming Day at Old Bethesda Church in Aberdeen. Last Sunday marked the 143rd anniversary of the old church, and the occasion was fittingly celebrated by the return of the sons and daughters to hear two had gone forth from its congregation to make their marks in the world, Dr. Angus R. Shaw of Charlotte, and his brother Judge Thomas J. Shaw, of Greensboro. Dr. Shaw preached a filling and stirring sermon at the morning worship; Judge Shaw made the address in the afternoon, choosing as his subject, "Home Life". His remarks were an inspiration to all. The reunion of the clans at this annual homecoming event, the hearty handclasps, the neighborly chats, the breaking of common bread beneath the stately trees of the old churchyard are other features which mark occasion as pleasurable, memorable and stimulating each year. Hundreds were there last Sunday, and hundreds left better for the sanctity and fellowship the day invoked. In the words of the Rev. Earnest Lowry Barber, minister to the flock of Bethesda, "Life is short at best, and there is a wholesome influence that prevades an old church that spread benignly over us as we linger under the spell of memory. It is a fine-thing for us to visit the final resting place of the splendid men and women of the past as we look at their monuments, read their names, the dates and inscriptions, somehow we are encouraged. We straighten up, lift up our heads, and make good resolutions and set our faces a little more clear-eyed to the future."

- Submitted by Shaw Ray. Shaw's Great Uncles were the speakers at the 1934 Homecoming.

This year, another son of Bethesda, Rev. Tommy Miller, will be our guest preacher.

Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women's Circles at Bethesda will be starting back in September. We encourage all women to be involved. If you are interested in joining a circle or finding out more information, you may contact one of the leaders.

Friendship Circle

Leader - Carolyn Burns

Phone 910-315-5914

Meets the 1st Monday of every month - They will meet Sep 7 - Labor Day
Meeting time is 10 am in the classroom across from the ladies parlor

Martha's Circle

Moderator - Nancy High

Phone 919-749-0706

Meets 1st Tuesday of the month starting in September 6 pm
in the ladies parlor

Young Women's Circle

Moderator - Mary Katherine White

336-978-5779

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the ladies parlor

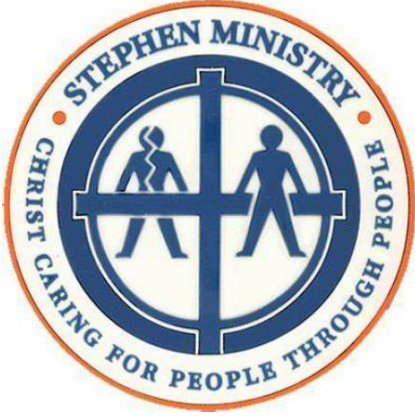
Circle #4

Leader - Linda Parke

910-603-7214

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month in the ladies parlor at 10 am
Group studies a bible study

Stephen Ministry



Do you, or someone you know, need a Stephen Minister?

You, or someone you know, might need a Stephen Minister if hurting from:

Grief: You or someone close to you lost a loved one and need a supportive friend;

Health Issues: You or a family member or a close friend face a chronic or terminal illness;

Life Changes: You or a family member went through a divorce, job loss, or a major move; and/or

Isolation: You or someone close to you feel lonely, depressed, or overwhelmed by family stress

We know it is hard to ask for help. We were all brought up with the feeling of self-reliance/self-sufficiency - that inner belief that one does not need help to survive, solve problems, or handle life. Sometimes you, or someone you know, just need a little Christian sharing and "Care Giving." As in Proverbs 3:27 says, "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."

The Stephen Minister provides Care Giving by:

Listening: They hear your concerns without judging you;

Caring: They walk beside you through tough times;

Keeping Secrets: Your talks stay strictly private; and

Praying: They offer Christian comfort and encouragement.

As you consider calling for/referring someone a Stephen Minister, know that there are Big Hurts and Little Hurts. We find that big hurts usually get all the attention, and in many cases professional support. However, little hurts are just as important.

Psalm 34:18 was written by King David to share comfort and hope, and remind us that God is near when we hurt.

Mission/Evangelism

Worldwide Missions - Malawi

Malawi, Mpambadzi Chipangano
In the rural village of Njumbula

Pastor Peter Kanjaye

Y-Malawi Missions – Walk with a
Village Church Program

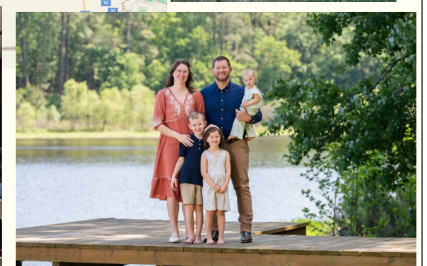
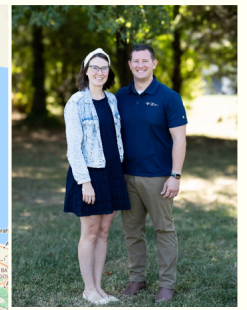
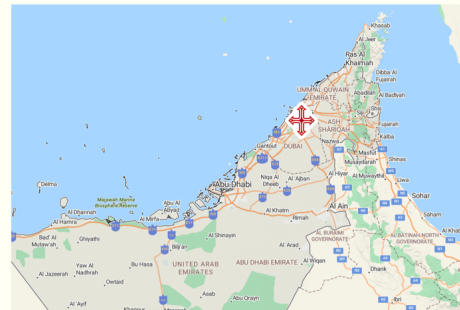


Worldwide Missions – United Arab Emirates

Dubai Mission

Forrest Strickland and Family

Seminary teaching to send
others out into the world to
share the Gospel in their native
countries



Ways you can help:

Be an evangelist by sharing the Gospel with those in your life.

Invite someone to church.

Pray for our local missions and service workers.

Pray for our global missionaries and those teaching and sharing the Gospel in the world.

Volunteer to serve at local organizations.

Give to the mission fund at Bethesda to support local and worldwide benevolences.



Our Merry Hearts Have Returned!

We are excited to have the kids and teachers back down the hall for another school year.

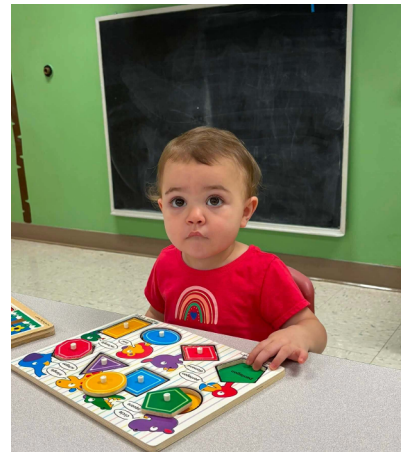
The PreK class teachers are Hailey Bigham and Mason Roth

The 3's teachers are Scarlett Keith and Hannah Ough

The 1's and 2's teachers are Angie Underhill and Mikaela Priddy

We are blessed to have such loving amazing teachers!

Please keep all Bethesda's teachers and students in your prayers throughout the school year.



Faith Church

The exterior painting of the church is nearly complete! It has been a long, hot summer. Our Board of Directors met in August and were updated on all the progress being made. We have connected with our friends at Brownson Memorial Church. Their men's group will be helping us with some up-coming outdoor projects this fall.

Our website is now live! Please take a look and return for updated information - you can scan this QR code or go to www.faithhistoricchurch.org



If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation to support the continued efforts to restore this historic church, please make checks payable to Friends of Faith and send to Bethesda's church office, or you can place your check to Bethesda Church in the offering basket with the designation in the memo line for Old Faith Church.

Online donations may also be made on our website or scan the QR code here!

All proceeds go directly into the project.

Blessings and peace,

Julie



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Sunday Schedule

10:00 Adult Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

See our calendar on our website for days and times of youth events.

