

Bethlehem Baptist Church

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Join us as we celebrate Family Fun Nights in July! We have exciting events planned and we want you to be apart. July 2nd will feature our July 4th celebration with an evening of food, fellowship and fireworks. It begins at 7:00 pm. July 9th we have a night of swimming and fishing planned at

Janice Mathis' home. It begins at 5:00 pm. July 16th we will focus on Operation Christmas Child. July 30th we will enjoy a time at Cane Creek Park beginning at 2:00 pm. Sign up sheets are available on the welcome table to help with our needed items for each event.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reflecting on True Freedom

Luke 4:18-19, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

In this passage, Jesus preaches his first recorded public message in the Gospel of Luke. In Jesus message, He states that He is the fulfillment of God's salvation plan. At the time, Israel was under Roman rule; oppressed, crushed, and broken. Isaiah tells of the One who was to come to give hope to a people who were broken by the rule of men. Jesus tells them the future has arrived.

Since the Garden of Eden, God's answer to our loss of freedom has always been Jesus. This month, I want to encourage you to reflect on the freedom we have in Christ. Without Jesus we are enslaved in sin. However, Jesus frees us to walk in a relationship with Him and to be the kind of people He created us to be.

Are you walking in His freedom in your life?

Also, this month, I want to encourage you to pray for and be a part of the opportunities God is giving us.

First, on July 2nd, we will host our annual fireworks fellowship at 7pm.

Second, on July 9th, we will have our FFN at Janice Mathis house starting at 5pm. We will enjoy a time of fishing and swimming. We will also have a meal fundraiser for our upcoming Puerto Rico trip following our morning worship service.

Third, on July 10th-14th, we will host Victory Sports Camp for 1st through 6th grade.

Fourth, on July 16th, we will have our first OCC Mission night at 6pm. On this night, we will prepare items for our OCC shoeboxes.

Fifth, on July 22nd - 28th, our mission team will travel to Puerto Rico to help with VBS in a new community called Cidra.

Sixth, on July 30th, we will have our FFN at Cane Creek starting at 2pm.

Church family, I ask you to please be in prayer for all of the opportunities we have this month.

We love you,
Pastor Patrick

From Your Youth Pastor: Zach Byrd

Church family, remember how I asked you in June's newsletter to pray for us as we made our way to Summer Salt youth Camp? Well, I am writing this July newsletter to you just hours before we leave and I will go ahead and say; thank you so much for your prayers! They have already been felt and believe me, we need them! I pray that I am able to inform you of what amazing things God has done in the lives of our students through Summer Salt Camp and Victory Sports Camp. Summer seems to be over before it really even begins.



Although our summer is flying by, we have many other things to be involved in and prayerful about. Pray for these events I just listed as well as children's camp, Puerto Rico and West Virginia missions trips. We want lives to be impacted for the kingdom and God to be glorified. I also look forward to the rest of our family fun nights together during the month of July. Church, I hope that you don't get tired of hearing me ask you to pray and be involved with the ministry at Bethlehem. I also hope that you do not get tired of hearing me thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and His people here in Buford, SC. What a privilege it is to be with you all. Galatians 6:9; *"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."*

Zach

Victory Sports Camp - July 10-14

HOPE night - July 19

Bible Study: Wednesday at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 6:00 pm



We would like to thank each of you for your kindness and prayers during our Dad's recent illness and death. Thank you for the cards, calls, texts and prayers that you sent during this difficult time in our lives. Also thanks for the food and other items that you sent to help support our family during this time. We continue to thank you for the monetary donations to the church and other organizations that will provide a lasting tribute in his honor. He loved his church and community and would have really appreciated all of your kindness during this time.

The Family of Jack Carnes



The song says "You're worthy of it all, for from
You are all things and to You are all things,
You deserve the Glory."

What an amazing summer we have already had. He is worthy of our service, He is worthy of our sacrifice, and He is worthy of our praise. The Lord is blessing BBC and He deserves the glory. If you are interested in serving the Lord through media or music, please come and see me. We would love for you to be apart.
Choir starts back this month.

Love in Christ, April



Summer is in full swing, and it is going way too fast! I am extremely excited for what the month of July will hold! We will kick off July with our Family Fun Night Fireworks and then dive right into Victory Sports Camp on July 10th-14th. Please be in prayer for this outreach event and the number of children and volunteers that will attend. On Wednesday nights, we are continuing to learn about the Armor of God and the importance of suiting up against the enemy. I pray that the children will absorb the information that they hear and will learn to apply it within their lives. For the month of July, the kids will be collecting school supplies for the kids in West Virginia. Last year, I was completely overwhelmed by the amount of school supplies that were brought in, and I hope we can get the same amount or more this year! If you would like to donate, please see me! Please be in prayer for the children as the next school year is creeping back up on them. Also be in prayer for our mission trips to Puerto Rico and West Virginia and Kids Camp in August!

Thank you church family for being so supportive of our children and loving on them the way you do!

Yancey Dingler



Collections for this month include toys, balls & jump ropes (foam balls, blow up beach balls, tennis balls, hacky sacks, small plastic balls, but no balls with liquid in them). Everyone who brings a small toy to our July 16th FFN will be entered into a drawing for a prize. On the 16th, we'll be prepping for our OCC packing party, making DIY games and items for our shoeboxes that we will pack in November. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite finger foods for our time of fellowship.

SERVING for the month of July

Sunday, July 2

Sound

Jake Workman

Video

Staci Holden

FB Live

Joni Catoe

Nursery

Chanda Harding,
Christina Harper

Children's Worship (PS)

Tiffany Nguyen, Nancy
Nguyen, Teresa Moseley

Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)

Megan & Bryan Jenkins,
Youth

Security

Ryan Jordan, Todd Wallace

Sunday, July 9

Sound

Adam Nguyen

Video

Joni Catoe

FB Live

Faye Zaugg

Nursery

Missy Blackmon,
Brittany Blackmon

Children's Worship (PS)

Becky Sanders, Melissa
Wallace, April Wright

Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)

Susan Montgomery, Ronnie
Bailey, Ashley Lee

Security

Barry Faile, Joseph Wright

Sunday, July 16

Sound

Jake Workman

Video

Melissa Wallace

FB Live

Ronnie Williams

Nursery

Doug, Leanne & Rebekah
Robertson

Children's Worship (PS)

Yancey Dangler, Karen Dangler

Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)

Brittany Nguyen, Lisa Smith,
Peyton Deese

Security

Monty Craig, Wayne Boone

Sunday, July 23

Sound

Adam Nguyen

Video

Caeden Deese

FB Live

Susan Montgomery

Nursery

Allana Morgan, Jessica &
Morgan Williams

Children's Worship (PS)

Jessica Williams,
Karen Whitaker

Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)

Charity Deese, Brittany
Blackmon, Alexis Blackmon

Security

Ronnie Williams,
Jeff Funderburk

Sunday, July 30

Sound

Jake Workman

Video

Halie Workman

FB Live

Melissa Wallace

Nursery

Alexis Blackmon,
Peyton Deese

Children's Worship (PS)

Cheryl Morgan,
Allana Morgan

Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)

Joining Corporate Worship

Security

Rex Knight, Ab Wright

Wed Night Sound/FB Live

July 5 - No Services

July 12 - Faye Zaugg

July 19 - Ronnie Williams

July 26 - Susan Montgomery

August 2 - Melissa Wallace



July 17-21 here at BBC
from 9:00 am until
12:30 pm each day.

Register online at
artslancaster.com or call 803-285-7451
for more information.



Victory Sports Outreach Camp

July 10-14 here at BBC. You must have completed 1st through 6th grades.

Cost is \$25. Registration begins at 8:45 am on Monday, July 10th or you
may visit their FB page (Victory Sports Outreach Camp) to register online.

Pickup is 4:00 pm each day. Activities include baseball/softball, football, soccer, basketball,
cheerleading and volleyball. Lunch is provided for all campers with bible study and games
as well.



Dear Church Family,
What a wonderful
family of friends and
loved ones you all are.

Thank you so much for the ones who provided
food for us while I was hurt and sick. For all
the cards, visits and calls; you have no idea
how much it meant to me.
Yours in Christ, Judy Whitaker



Deacon Ministry

Will meet Sunday, July 2nd at
3:30 pm



Will meet Thursday,
July 20th at 7:00 pm.



Current needs include: Peanut
butter, spaghetti sauce, stuffing
mix, canned meat, jelly, canned
pasta and green beans.



- 1 - Allana Morgan
- 2 - Ray Plyler, Ralph Moseley
- 3 - Melissa Munn
- 6 - Mochelle Jackson
- 8 - Swayze Coppedge, Doris Usher
- 10 - Ashlee Steele
- 11 - Tara Adams, Jack Wallace
- 12 - Freya Lane
- 16 - Mallory Baker
- 17 - Steve Dingler
- 19 - Yancey Dingler
- 21 - Chris Branham
- 22 - Kelsey Baker
- 23 - Morgan Deese
- 24 - Peyton Deese
- 25 - Erica Morris, Kaden Sapp
- 27 - Mason Deese, Martha Segee
- 28 - Brody Sanders
- 29 - Judy Glenn
- 30 - Myrtis West, Brittaney Coppedge



- 9 - Bobby & Mochelle Jackson
- 13 - Ab & April Wright
- 14 - Matt & Brittaney Coppedge
- 15 - Chris & Kendra Watts
- 21 - Larry & Judy Glenn
- 23 - Eric & Allison Bowers
- 25 - John & Cherie Tanner



Month of June

	<u>Tithes</u>	<u>CIF</u>
June 4	\$9,108.09	\$50.00
June 11	\$11,613.00	\$580.00
June 18	\$8,532.47	\$1,150.00
June 25	\$10,734.00	\$19,267.00
Totals	\$39,987.56	\$21,047.00

Monday, July 17 - Judy Whitaker, Don White
 Tuesday, July 18 - Judy Whitaker, Don White
 Wednesday, July 19 - Larry & Hollis Deason
 Thursday, July 20 - Judy Whitaker, Don White
 Friday, July 21 - Larry & Hollis Deason



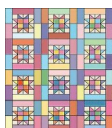
West Virginia Mission Trip

Join us as we travel to Bradshaw, WV to serve alongside the Stapleton's. We will leave the church



August 2nd and return August 6th. During the week, we will host VBS as well as other activities at Rock Springs Baptist Church. A sign up sheet is available on the welcome table if you are able to serve. Cost is \$150 for an adult and \$50 for each child under the age of 12.

The Sewing Ladies will not meet this month. However, join them for a field trip on July 18th. See details →



Quilters will meet Saturday, July 15th at 9:00 am in the FLC.

Crochet group will not meet in July and August.



The Sewing Ladies are invited for a field trip to the Women's Enrichment Center on Tuesday, July 18th. We will leave the church at 9:30 am. We will also shop at the LOTUS Boutique before heading out for lunch. A sign up sheet is on the welcome table.



Puerto Rico Mission Trip Fundraiser will be Sunday, July 9th immediately following our AM worship.

MEMORIALS

Capital Improvement Fund

IN MEMORY OF

Jack Carnes

Marion & Dianne Pitmon
 Nancy & Johnny Bundy
 Quality HealthCare Services, Inc.

Paula Tuten

David & Lynne HarKreader

Dawn & Danny C. Trent

IN MEMORY OF

Pete Gregory

Doug & Annette Deese

IN HONOR OF

Julia Sowell & Zach Byrd

Harold & Mary Osborne

Children's Fund

IN MEMORY OF

Jack Carnes

Janet Segee

JULY

2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Deacon's Meeting 3:30 pm FFN Fireworks 7:00 pm	3	4 	5 No Services	6	7	8
9 PR Mission Trip Fundraiser after AM Service FFN Fishing & Swimming Mathis home	10 Victory Sports Camp 	11 Victory Sports Camp	12 Victory Sports Camp Children & Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	13 Victory Sports Camp	14 Victory Sports Camp	15 Quilters 9:00 am FLC
16 FFN OCC Mission Night 6:00 pm	17 LCCA Arts & Sciences Camp  Meals on Wheels	18 The Sewing Ladies Outing 9:30 am LCCA Arts & Sciences Camp Meals on Wheels	19 LCCA Youth Hope 6:15 Children & Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm Meals on Wheels	20 LCCA Arts & Sciences Camp Men's Ministry 7:00 pm Meals on Wheels	21 LCCA Arts & Sciences Camp Meals on Wheels	22 Puerto Rico Mission Trip 
23 Puerto Rico Mission Trip <u>No PM Services</u> 30 FFN Cane Creek 2:00 - 6:30 pm	24 Puerto Rico Mission Trip 31	25 Puerto Rico Mission Trip	26 Puerto Rico Mission Trip Children, Youth & Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	27 Puerto Rico Mission Trip	28 Puerto Rico Mission Trip	29