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Saints,

“Everybody gets a say...NOT everybody gets their way!” Growing up with two siblings, this was often a conversation we would have on family vacation. With three kids came, three different ideas, three different opinions, three different temperaments, and three different agendas. Most vacations began with a family meeting to decide what we all wanted to do or accomplish. My older sister, ever the organizer, would grab the notepad and start taking notes and putting together a calendar of activities and events. We would discuss, we would argue, and ultimately, we would vote. Everyone got to state their case, and most of the time we may even get a few of the things we wanted...but in the end not everybody got their way.

This may sound glib, but “Everybody gets a say...NOT everybody gets their way!” will be a bit of a mantra for us as we move forward in this season of transition. If we hope to better understand ourselves, our values, our capacities, and our non-negotiables, we will need everyone to exercise their voice. During our Church Town Hall, following worship on Sunday, September 28th, I shared an overview of the transitional plan that I’m calling, “The Clarity Project”. To borrow Tod Bolsinger’s illustration of Lewis and Clark in his book Canoeing the Mountains, if we hope to venture off the map into unknown territory and begin scaling mountains, we must gain a clearer picture of the terrain around us. This also includes a great deal of self-reflection so that we can understand what drives us as a church. Once we clarify what cannot and should not change, we can place everything else on the table for debate. To venture into mountains will ultimately require certain canoes be left behind. They served us well to get us here, but they want be nearly as helpful moving forward. Discerning what is required to move forward is an important step and part of my work as your Transitional Pastor.

To gain clarity, we need to hear from you. The first step in this process is a simple, but important congregational survey. It will only take you a few minutes to complete (unless you decide to write a book!). It’s important that your voice be heard and your perspective shared. Please take a few moments to go to the following link or scan the QR code to fill out the survey.

I know we have just begun this journey, but I’m grateful for your sense of adventure as we prepare to journey into the unknown. Together, and with the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish much for the Kingdom of God!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Patrick

SCAN HERE
CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY



Shine Jesus' Light!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, October 21st
7:30 AM
Westminster Hall

*Come and enjoy a good
breakfast and great
fellowship!*



Sunday, October 5

AUTUMN FEST

Sunday, October 12th
5-7pm
Goodale State Park

**Chicken and hamburgers will
be provided. Please bring
your favorite side dish.**

**Invite your family and friends
for a great evening of food,
fellowship, and fun.**



FALL FESTIVAL/ TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday, October 29
5:45-7:00PM

5:45pm—Fall Festival in Westminster Hall
Dinner: Corn Dogs/Chicken Tenders

6:45pm—Trunk or Treat—in the parking lot. Candy
will be given to children as they move from
vehicle trunk to vehicle trunk. A winner will be
awarded the INFAMOUS and COVETED MUMMY
TROPHY for "best decorated vehicle/trunk"



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

October items:
Soccer balls with pumps
Dolls
Stuffed animals
Toys

Any item that a child would be excited to
receive.

Please remember that these items have
to fit into a shoebox.

Monetary donations are appreciated to
help cover shipping costs. Please earmark
your check with "shoeboxes".

MEALS FOR MISSIONS

Drive-thru
Thursday, October 2
5-7pm

Chicken pot pie
Salad
Bread
Dessert



\$10 per plate

Dear Bethesda Member,

This year our theme for Stewardship Season is **Giving, Serving, Attending and Growing**. A part of giving is the annual pledge. Please take time in the coming days to pray about your pledge and how it will help us all plan for the new year.



Through your generosity, we are able to:

- Support meaningful worship and music programs
- Provide resources for children, youth and adult ministries
- Serve our local and global neighbors through outreach
- Maintain our church home as a welcoming space for all

This year Pledge Sunday is October 12. Please bring your card to the worship service or Sunday school class you attend on that day. You may also mail it in to the church or drop it by Clara Fenton's office before Pledge Sunday.

Thank you for being a vital part of Bethesda. Together, through God's grace, we will continue to grow in faith, love and service.

With gratitude and hope,
Mike Satterwhite Lindsay Guy Larry Gibbes
Finance and Resource Committee

HELP NEEDED FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!

We need volunteers to open up the back of their vehicles, decorate them, and hand out candy to the children.

HELP NEEDED FOR CAKE WALK!

We need volunteers to bake (or just bring) cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, breads, pies, etc to hand out during our CAKE WALK game.

You can bring your "goody" by the church office.

CANDY NEEDED!

We need lots of candy for volunteers to hand out to the children as prizes when they play the games that will be set up in Westminster Hall. If you could bring a bag of candy with you to church and place in the bin located near Brent's office, it would be greatly appreciated!



DIRECTOR OF EVANGELISM, OUTREACH, AND MINISTRIES

As the coolness of Autumn settles in, we are reminded that God is the Lord of all seasons. The leaves may change and fall, but His love never fades. This month invites us to reflect on God's faithfulness, our stewardship (time, talent, and treasure), and prepare our hearts for gratitude as we move toward Thanksgiving.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-8, 11: *"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.... You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*

Sunday Schedule

9:15 – 9:30am – Fellowship with Light Refreshments in Westminster Hall

9:30 – 10:00am – RISE leads us in Worship in Westminster Hall

10:00 – 10:45am – Sunday School Classes

11:00 – 12:00Noon – Worship Service

Creation Museum & Ark Encounter Trip – Kentucky

 October 6–9 (Fall Break)

A group of 15 from our church will be traveling to Kentucky during Fall Break to experience the **Creation Museum** and the **Ark Encounter**. The Creation Museum features more than 150 exhibits, a planetarium, zoo, and an inspiring walk through biblical history from Creation to Christ's return. The Ark Encounter showcases a full-size replica of Noah's Ark, built to biblical dimensions, with three decks of exhibits bringing Noah's world to life.

 Please pray for safe travels, fellowship, and spiritual growth during this exciting trip.

Autumn Fest – A New Fall Tradition!

 Sunday, October 12 | 5–7 pm

 Goodale State Park

 Chicken & hamburgers provided.

Join us for the Autumn version of our Annual Spring Oyster Roast! This will be an **adult-only event**, so please bring your favorite side dish and invite your adult friends and family to come enjoy the evening together.

Joy Club (55+) Trip – South Carolina State Fair

 Thursday, October 16

 Leaving church at 9:00 am / Returning 3:00 pm

 Cost: \$10

Contact Jane Clyburn (803-484-1256) or the church office by October 1.

This will take the place of our monthly Bingo.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following in prayer:

- Our homebound members
- Those recovering from illness or surgery
- Our children, youth, and adults as we grow in faith

This October, may we embrace both the beauty of the season and the beauty of God's unchanging promises. Just as every leaf tells of God's handiwork, may our lives reflect His glory in all we say and do.

Faith, Hope, and Love,
Brent Kendall

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Hello Bethesda Family!

September was quite a month for our children and youth. Wednesday afternoon BLAST programs began, and we have some new kiddos joining us this year! We are learning about spiritual disciplines and how we practice being in God's word. See the pictures of our youngest theologians with their "listening for God ears" on. Then we had our Fall Youth Retreat to Williamsburg, VA where we talked about anxiety and fear and how we can practically cope and always have the Spirit with us. We had a wonderful time diving into scripture, serving each other and God's children in Williamsburg, going on a dolphin kayak tour and being in God's creation, and fellowship with our fellow believers. Please check out the photos below. We also had another missions meal that raised over \$600 which is enough for 2 students to go on a regional mission trip OR to give 30 local foster children a bag of necessities instead of carrying a trash bag of belongings. Thank you for supporting our youth mission projects and trips. Of course, our other regularly scheduled programs continued, and I want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who helps make those happen.

Looking ahead- October will be PACKED. On the 2nd, we will have another missions meal of chicken pot pie, salad, and dessert. Then some of our young people will be on Fall Break while others will join Bethesda on the Ark Trip to Kentucky. Please join me in praying for safe travels and adventures while they are out of school. We are looking forward to hearing our BLAST kiddos sing in worship on Oct. 19th. The youth will have a pumpkin painting contest that will be voted on during our Fall Festival and Trunk-or-Treat on Oct. 29th. Please plan to join us for this annual community outreach event as a helper or to decorate your trunk. If you are unable to be present on the 29th, we do need people who are willing to donate candy for prizes and sweet treats for the cake walk. This promises to be a fun evening! I look forward to partnering with all of you to reach our youngest disciples in Bethesda and outside of this beautiful campus.

In Christ,

Hannah Winstead

Hannah Winstead
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
Director of Children and Youth Ministries
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2 Corinthians 4:18



RINGING BELLS ACROSS AMERICA- CONSTITUTION WEEK BY DAR



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



MEN'S BREAKFAST



YOUTH MEAL MINISTRY



FOOD FOR THE SOUL





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 11:00 Worship 2:30 BLAST 4:00 Book Club 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	2 Drive thru dinner 5-7pm	3 10:00 Property	4
5 Communion 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 RISE 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Book Club	6 10:00 Bible Study 10:00 PWCT 1:00 Congregational Care	7	8 NO BLAST 4:00 Book Club 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	9	10	11
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19 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 RISE 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship Service 5:30 Youth	20 10:00 Bible Study	21 7:30 Men's Breakfast	22 2:30 BLAST 5:30 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	23	24 Newsletter DEADLINE	25
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Please check the weekly church bulletin for changes or additions!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1. Lisa Woolard | 12. Lee Wilcox | 29. Mary T. Freeman |
| 2. Sue Ziemke | 16. Hailey Beam | Bo Dickinson |
| Bill Nettles | 17. Bennie Marshall | Jackson Rundlett |
| 7. Elizabeth Butler | Gailene Holland | Elise Kendall |
| 9. Kay Tiller | Hannah Winstead | 30. Caroline Woolard |
| Jan Massalon | 19. Gavin Cobb | Heather Woolard Lawson |
| Inis Gibbes | 23. Beth Sheorn | |
| 10. Cara Mock | 25. Danny Massalon | |
| 11. Hannah Chickering | 26. Joy Parrott | |
| 12. Larry Gibbes | 28. Ray Amyette | |



Prayer Requests

Prayers

MEMBERS: Susan Marshall, Baynard Boykin, Carol Meckstroth, Judy Martin, John Shaylor, Larry Parrott, Ken Mays, Roy Isaacson, Sally Huntley, Erlene Vaughan, Jennifer Barfield, Tommy Gaffney, Helen Young, Ellen Williams, Bob Mays, Kitty Sheorn

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lyn Neil (Jan Massalon's cousin), Anna Vaughn Manly (cousin of the Thomas'), Judy McAbee (Lisa Woolard's mother), Barbara Cecil (Carolyn Drake's sister), Diane Alexander (friend of Mike Eddings), Clint Baxley (Stephanie Batten's brother), Betty Carges (family friend of Jim & Jo McLeod), Mary Wannamaker Hendrix, Huntley Duryea (The Windham's nephew), Clair Orvin (friend of Jan Massalon), Nina Bell (Doug Bell's sister-in-law), Paul Davis (friend of Freddie and Louise Myers), Colette Hearon (friend of the Floyds), Arthur Simon (friend of the Parnells), Debbie Durant (friend of the Massalons), Wallace Barr (Carolyn Hammond's brother), George Carder (Jo McLeod's cousin), Mike Mays (Bob Mays' son), John Kennelly (friend of Angie & Lindsay Guy), Rev. Tim Erskine, Sophie Butcha (friend of the Satterwhites), Rory Gaffney (Tommy & Elizabeth Gaffney's grandson), Nick Lindsay (Karen Lindsay's brother), Loraine Truesdale (relative of the Parnell/Guy family)

MILITARY: Hamilton Matthews (friend of Marc & Kathryn Jones), Matthew Palmer, Clay Higgins (Grandson of Emily Jones, nephew of the Deals and Joneses), Jonathan & Laurie VanEtten (Pam & Bill Nettles' daughter and son-in-law)



If you would like to provide flowers for the worship service, we have several openings for the rest of the year. Please contact the church office.



Bethesda Presbyterian Church

502 DeKalb Street
Camden, SC 29020

Return Service Requested



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SACKS OF LOVE

We provide Sacks of Love for Camden High School. This is a very rewarding way to help hungry children in our community by donating the items listed below. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Tucker at ntuckersc@yahoo.com.

Monetary donations are welcome and needed to fill any shortfalls that we may have in donated food items.

Food List for Sacks of Love

All should be individual serving sizes with pop-tops or tear-off lids.

- Vienna sausage
- Tuna, canned or pouch /Chicken, canned or pouch
- Pork, canned or pouch
- Spam in individual tear-open pouches
- Beanie Weenies
- Chili or chili & beans
- Spaghettios, Beefaroni, or other pasta foods (7 or 7 ½ oz size, not larger cans)
- Individual serving of fruit (cups/cans)
- Peanut butter or cheese filled crackers (6 cracker packs are best)
- Pop Tarts
- Granola breakfast bars
- Peanuts, cashews, sunflower seeds
- 8 oz. Juice boxes
- Pudding Cups & Jell-o Cups
- Ramen Noodles
- Hot chocolate (pouches)
- Small bags of pretzels, animal cookies, or other individually wrapped cookies or cakes
- Beef Jerky (Slim Jims)
- Raisins
- Single Serve Soups
- Cup of Soup
- Bagels or muffins (individually wrapped)
- Pasta Cups, Mashed Potato Cups, Mac and cheese cups
- Breakfast bars like Belvita or generic brand
- Canned vegetables (many come in individual or smaller can sizes)
- Dinty Moore Complete Meal (several varieties and it's a complete meal)
- String Cheese (for Calcium) shelf stable
- Yogurt (Gogo Squeeze Yogurtz) are shelf stable