

Bethany United Methodist Church

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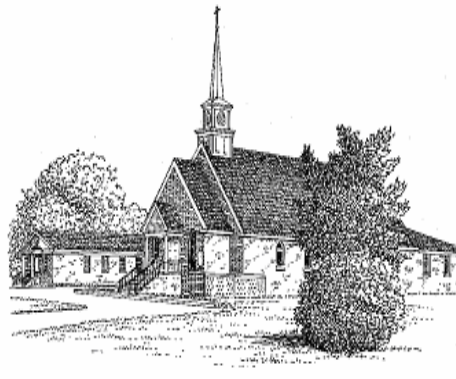
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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

May 17, 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter



LARGE PRINT Hymnals and Bulletins are available for your use – request one from an usher
Listening devices are available from the ushers for the hearing impaired.

Gathering

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to use this time to welcome and visit with others in the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let the chiming of the hour be a call to silent prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

May Nights, from "The Seasons"

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS 8:30 David Chapin 11:00 Martin Breen

*OPENING CHORUS

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is

TFWS, No. 2119

**Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;
where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life,
there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit, of the Lord.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to you, O Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Great is the Lord

UMH, No. 2022

*OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we come to you in worship and thanksgiving, You are greater than we can understand, open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus. You are more loving than our hearts can respond to; help us to give ourselves to you in worship so that we learn what you want us to be. You are wiser than we can know; still our minds as we worship you so that we can understand the things you are saying to us. Loving God, in Jesus you to come to the world in humility. You chose the path the world saw as foolish. You used what the world considered weak. We worship and adore you. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

TFWS, No. 2193

**Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 8:30 Charlotte Cecil 11:00 Diane White
Children pre-school through third grade are dismissed to go to children's church (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scripture is read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 17:17; 18:24 Pew Bible, OT, page 573

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:9-17 Pew Bible, NT, page 104
 This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD *He Is My Forever Friend* Marsha Miller

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

CONSECRATION OF OUR PRAYER SHAWLS Janet Chapin

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *The Summons* UMH, No. 2103

During the singing of this hymn, you are welcome to come forward and kneel at the Communion rail to pray, to make a new commitment to Christ, or to otherwise respond to God's Word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Mike Andersen

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory *Lake Lonely and Country Dance, from "Piano Miscellany"*
 Gordon Binkerd (22 May 1916-2003)

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH, No. 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN *Shine, Jesus, Shine* TFWS, No. 2173, refrain

*BENEDICTION Dolores Breen

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,
 blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire;
 flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
 send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

POSTLUDE *Kitten on the Keys (1921)* Zez Confrey (1895-1971)

**Congregation to Stand*

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are delighted to have you in our congregation today. We invite you to participate as fully in our worship service as you feel comfortable. Bethany Church offers a full range of study and fellowship opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and older adults. Sunday School, in session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning, features nine different classes for adults, one class for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery. We invite you to come back to Bethany and get to know us better!

Our Nursery

For the convenience of parents of small children a nursery is provided during both worship services and also during the Sunday School hour. The maximum suggested age for the nursery is four years old. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Hugs Ministry

Bethany's HUGS ministry has placed four prayer shawls on the communion rail. After these shawls have been prayed over, they will be presented to Sissi Mise, Gwen Thornton, Dean Beach, and Lorraine Johnson. We invite you to come forward during the hymn of commitment to pray for these ladies.

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar today are given by Isabella and Doug Wheat and family in memory of the birthday of pop, Marshall M. Mattox, Jr. May 9, and honoring the anniversary of Kathleen and Marshall on what would have been 55 years of marriage on May 25th.

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom Bible Buddies Silent Auction in WBFH
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	4:00	Dockside Harmony Concert
	6:00-7:30	Bible Buddies
	7:00	Outreach Ministries Committee meeting
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00	Missions Committee meeting
	7:00	Vacation Bible School planning session
Wednesday	9:00	"Day of Caring" Mission Project
	10:00	XYZ Day trip to St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton
	7:00	Focused Prayer: Those serving in the military
	7:30	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	10:30	Naomi Circle
	6:30	Scouts meet in educational classroom
	6:30	Emmaus
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible Study
	6:00-7:30	Supper/MYF
	7:00	Discipleship Ministries Team meeting

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer	
District Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson	
Minister:	Reverend Stephen E. Young	
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd	
Pastor in Residence:	Reverend Bob Justis	
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain Carol Johnson	
Lay Leader:	Archie Leigh	
Associate Lay Leader:	Roy Bauschatz	
Youth Leader:	Sondra Colbert	
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent	
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox	
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford	
Soloist:	8:30	Roy Bauschatz
Acolytes:	8:30	Mark Nichols 11:00 Will Neikirk
Lay Readers:	8:30	Dolores Breen 11:00 Gene Harrell
Altar guild for May:	Nan Leigh and Nancy Cooper	

Greeters:

11:00 Sue Morecock and Dawn Cluts

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jackie Hampton on the birth of twin granddaughters born on May 12 to son Wade and Jennifer. Baby one weighed 5lb 11oz. and baby two weighed 5lb 7oz. Both were 18 ½ inches long.

Church and Society

As an ongoing project of the Church and Society Committee we will be collecting items needed by the Salvation Army. We are now accepting donations of non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items, and over the counter items (Tylenol, vitamins, etc.) There is a container located by the church office for you items, and thank you for helping!

RADA Knives

The JOY Circle is again taking orders for Rada knife items. June is traditionally the month for graduations and weddings, so think gifts. To see a catalog or to place an order, call Janet Chapin 642-6822. Order deadline is June 5th.

Bethany Methodist Men and Youth Yard Sale

On Saturday, June 13th, the United Methodist Men and the youth are sponsoring a yard sale. Hours will be 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. we will have coffee, doughnuts, chips and soft drinks for sale in addition to the usual items. Every member is encouraged to donate clean, sellable items. The church will be open and workers will be on duty to accept your donated items between 5PM and 7PM Monday thru Thursday (8th-11th). Help will be available to transport large and/or heavy items to the church during these hours. To request help or for other questions, please call Alan Harvey 684-2790, Milton Hudgins 642-5622, Tom Barnard 693-7465 or Mike Andersen 642-2582.

Note on the Offertory

Gordon Binkerd, one of the finest 20th century American composers of concert music, excelled in writing for the piano and voice. Among his many published works are more than 160 songs and choral pieces, inspired by his love of English and American poetry. His prolific output for piano includes four sonatas and several collections of short pieces such as the "*Piano Miscellany*" from which, we have chosen *Lake Lonely* and *Country Dance* to celebrate the composer's 93rd birthday.

During the summer months, relieved of his teaching duties at the University of Illinois, Gordon Binkerd often traveled to Yaddo, the artistic retreat in Saratoga Springs, New York, and there, on the bank of Lake Lonely, he conceived this mesmerizing music. The witty *Country Dance* is an affectionate parody of amateur musicians, playing their out-of-tune fiddles in slightly off-kilter rhythm. Enjoy! - Rudy Shackelford

While the Pastor Is Away

Pastor Steve and Susan are away on vacation this week. In their absence, if pastoral services are needed, please contact our Lay Leader, Archie Leigh (642-2734) or retired pastor, Rev. Bob Justis (757-880-0015).

A Silent Auction in the WBFH!

Come visit us **today** in the WBFH for our silent auction. This event is being sponsored by the Bethany Bible Buddies. Proceeds will be donated to the United Methodist Children's Mission Fund for Christian Mission. The Bible Buddies have selected to help the needy people of Laos.

This small Asian country needs rice and vegetable seeds so they can sell their harvest to purchase school and medical supplies and much more. **Please consider contributing an item for auction!** Contact Kris Kent at 642-6438/kentcrew@cox.net As always your generosity is so very appreciated!

Mission Day of Caring

The Bethany Missions Committee has found 8 volunteers for this Wednesday to help repair and replace front and back steps to a mobile home owned by an elderly lady in the upper end of the county. The project is sponsored by the Gloucester Housing Partnership, and tools and materials will be provided. We expect the job to take about 4 – 6 hours. We'll meet at the church at 9 am and take the church van to the site. Lunch will be provided. This will be a fun and worthwhile project and an opportunity for us to help and minister to a deserving member of our community.

Note of Appreciation

George and I want to thank our Bethany family for the loving support, the cheering get-well cards, the wonderful dinner brought to us by the Friendship Class, and the ongoing prayers during George's recovery from back surgery. We have an awesome God and an equally awesome church family.

Conference Offering Supports Missions

Next Sunday Bethany will receive a special offering for three special mission causes promoted by our bishop. Please take the time to read the explanatory bulletin insert that is enclosed. Giving to this conference offering is considered over and above one's normal giving to support the church budget.

Pastor to Lead Membership Class

Pastor Steve will be offering a three-session Membership Class for adults on the first three Sundays of June. The classes will meet in one of the partitioned classrooms in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:45 until 10:45 a.m.).

The class offerings will be as follows:

June 7: "What It Means to be a Christian"

June 14: "What It Means to be a United Methodist"

June 21: "What It Means to be a Bethany Member"

All interested persons are invited to attend, No pre-registration is necessary.

Stewardship for May 10, 2009

Attendance:

Worship:		230
8:30	65	
11:00	165	
Sunday School		70
Adults	42	
Children	12	
Youth	16	

Counting Teams Schedule

May 17 Mike Andersen, Doris Luther, Merle Luther

May 24 Jackie Hampton, Charlotte Cecil, Jane Neithamer

The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series In Memory of Ernie Critzer

Presents

Dockside Harmony

**TODAY AT
4:00 P.M.**



In 2003, Bill Ballinger (Baritone) and Larry Jefferson (Lead) formed a quartet called *Just In Time*. They competed in the Southern Division Contest in 2004 placing 11th in the scoring. Later that year Scotty Scott (Tenor) joined the group, which began singing in chapter shows, but could not compete at the Southern Division



that year due to scheduling difficulties. In the fall of 2005, Frank Traylor (Bass) joined the quartet, which then decided to rename the quartet.

After spending a weekend on the lake out on a boat, they collectively decided on the name *Dockside Harmony*. They have been singing in chapter shows, for church groups, teacher associations, radio shows, TV shows, Gospel Chicken House, etc. They competed in the Southern Division Quartet contest in Reston VA this past spring and finished in the top 10 out of a field of 23. They have 30 or more songs in our repertoire and perform

for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, grand openings, receptions, National Anthem at ball games such as Richmond Braves baseball games, University of Richmond Basketball games, VCU basketball games, Renegades Hockey games, etc. They have sung numerous times on live radio and television to promote events for their chorus, The Virginians.

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Admission to the concert is free, but donations are welcomed and will benefit the George Nelson Memorial Concert Series