

Bethany United Methodist Church

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

October 4, 2009

World Communion Sunday



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

Adagio for Strings

Samuel Barber
(1910-1981)

In Memory of Pat Kearney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Chorus of the Month

TFWS, No. 2086

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 11:6

The wolf shall live with the lamb.
**The leopard shall lie down with the goat,
The calf and the lion and the yearling together.
And a little child shall lead them.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“ All Creatures of God and King” vs. 1,2,5,7 UMH, No. 62

*OPENING PRAYER

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

*CHORAL RESPONSE

UMH, No. 430

O Master, let me walk with

thee

**In lowly paths of service free.
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The pain of toil, the fret of care.**

Proclamation of the Word

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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 Deuteronomy 30:11-14 Pew Bible, OT, page 183

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 10:13-16 Pew Bible, NT, page 43

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

WITNESS TO THE WORD "So Simple a Child Can Understand It" Steve Young

Response to the Word

*HYMN RESPONSE

UMH, No.191

**Jesus loves---this I know---for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace from Virginia Harmony* arr. Jack Schrader
In honor of Norma Taylor

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

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

*HYMN RESPONSE

**Jesus loves---this I know---as he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee, saying "Let them come to me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (abbreviated version)

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At the 11:00 service the congregation is invited to join the choir as we sing the following familiar hymns and choruses from The Faith We Sing:

No. 2254: "In Remembrance"

No. 2171: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

No. 2158: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

No. 2149: "Living for Jesus"

No. 2146: "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

No. 2129: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*HYMN RESPONSE

**Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

UMH, No. 557

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

POSTLUDE

Kitten on the Keys

ZeZ Confrey
(1895-1971)

“All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.”

Cecil Frances Alexander

*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.

Flowers -The altar flowers were given in honor of Pastor Steve and Susan with thanks for the great work they are doing for Bethany!

The roses on the organ today are given in celebration of our mother, Norma Taylor’s birthday, Oct. 6th, and in loving memory of our father Herbert Sage, whose birthday is Oct. 8th. Given by Dawn McDade and Ginger Sage.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
Disrict 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: Sandy Fox 8:30 & 11	
Acolytes:	8:30 Trip/Molly Vaughan 11:00 Joel/Hanna Kidd
Lay Reader:	8:30 Bob Justis 11:00 Loretta Leigh
Greeters:	11:00 Jenny Lipscomb
Altar Guild for October	Robert and Marsha Miller
Altar Guild for November	Dawn Cluts and Carol Schultz

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 &10:55	Prayer time - Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages/Adult Membership Class
	12:15	High School Confirmation Class: “Our Guidebook”
	12:30-2:00	Children’s Play Rehearsal/Bring lunch

	2:00	Blessing of the Animals
	5:00-6:00	Middle School/High School Bible study/6-7:30 Supper/MYF
	5:00	Sixth Grade Confirmation Class
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00	UMW, Joy Circle, Naomi Circle /Speaker: Brenda Callis
	6:30-8:00	WBFH in use
Wednesday	6:30	Focused Prayer: The Humane Treatment of Animals
	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Video Class: "Seeing Gray"
Friday-Sat.		Men's Emmaus Walk
	Fri. 12:00	Directory meeting
	Sat. 1-6:00	WBFH in use
	6:30	Cub Scouts
Next Sunday	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer Time-Mary Lotsey Class
	6:30	Nominations Committee Meeting
	6-7:30	Bible Buddies

Church and Society

We are still collecting non-perishable food items, household products, and personal hygiene items. Your help with any of these items is most appreciated. A box for these items is located next to the church office.

Attendance:

Worship:		204
	8:30	53
	11:00	151
Sunday School		81
Adults	60	
Children	10	
Youth	11	

Counting Teams Schedule

October 4 Peggy Burton, Clyde Burton, Mary Kaylor
 October 11 Bernard Robins, Vicki Williams, Sandra Harvey

The George Nelson Memorial Concert Series presents

Rudy Shackelford

Organ and Piano

October 25, 2009 4:00 p.m.

Bach and the Romantics,

Part I: Felix Mendelssohn

As Bethany's annual organ/piano concerts move into their second decade, we are launching a new series of programs exploring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and its influence on later composers.

By happy coincidence in 2009-2011 we shall celebrate the 200th birthdays of three 19th-century "Romantic" musicians profoundly inspired by Bach: Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, and Franz Liszt. Indeed, it was Mendelssohn's 1829 revival of the *St. Matthew Passion* that rescued Bach from a century of neglect and secured his place in the pantheon of great composers.

Eleven years later, on a visit to St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig, where Bach himself was organist, Mendelssohn performed the *Passacaglia in C Minor* that will close our program. This consummate set of variations served as the model for Mendelssohn's *Organ Sonata No.6*, based on Martin Luther's version of "The Lord's Prayer," and the *Serious Variations* on an original theme for piano. Both masterpieces attest to Mendelssohn's reputation as a peerless keyboard virtuoso. Moreover, the passion and variety of this music will astonish anyone who thinks of Mendelssohn only as the composer of the *Wedding March* or *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*.

Do join us on Reformation Sunday, October 25th, for an afternoon of serious fun!

United Methodist Men Event

The 2009 United Methodist Men Spiritual Retreat will be held at VAUMC (Blackstone), November 6-8.

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Collier, an energetic young preacher, will be the principal speaker. He was the first Pastor of a new United Methodist Congregation that started eleven years ago with 24 members and now has more that 2000 attendees each Sunday.

New Bible Study for Youth

Bethany Youth are beginning a new Bible study entitled *A Purpose Driven Life*. This amazing bible study is for youth who will commit themselves for six weeks of study, which includes daily readings and note taking. This class will help you tremendously in your daily Christian walk. If you have questions call Sondra at 642-0467.

Blessing of the Animals Today

One of the most well-received worship services of the year at Bethany is the one where we invite pet owners to bring their pets to church for special prayers of blessing. This year the Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m., the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. The 30-minute service will be held on the north lawn, between the church building and Bethany Church Road.

Next Sunday, October 11th, in honor of **Jill Daniel, Tina Silberhorn, and their teammates, "The Sole Sisters United"** we ask that Bethany unite once again!! We encourage everyone to wear their sneakers and dress in pink as we join the girls in spirit while they take part in the last day of the Susan G Komen three-day walk in Washington, D.C. It will be an opportunity for all of us to support, pray for and remember those that have been lost to or have been affected by breast cancer.

Our Sympathy

The congregation of Bethany UMC offers its deepest sympathy to Bev Kearney, Laura and Scott Glaze, and Patrick and Shelton Glaze on the death of their husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather Pat Kearney. Pat was a member of Bethany UMC since 1976.

Pastor Away

Pastor Steve and Susan will be attending the Duke Convocation, a continuing education event for pastors, in Durham, NC, tomorrow through Wednesday. In their absence, if pastoral services are needed, please contact Lay Leader Archie Leigh (642-2734) or Rev. Bob Justis (757-880-0015)

Bethany's Annual Family Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Team Scarecrow Making
Pumpkin Decorating
Story Teller
Games
Crazy Hat contest

Sponge Toss
Face Painting
Craft
Relay Races
Christian Karaoke



Everyone of any age is invited to attend an evening of fun! A hotdog dinner with all the trimmings will be served at 5:30 p.m. Three of Bethany's committees come together for this yearly super-duper, fun and Fabulous event that is just right for the entire Bethany Family! The Children's, Youth and Family Ministries all welcome you to come and share in an evening of good 'ol fashioned fun! Young and old alike should dress casually and come to the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall on October 17th. You can come for any part of the three hours or stay the entire time! Carol and her Crew will be making dinner so come hungry! We can't tell you just how much you'll love having this event be a part of your Fall Holiday line-up, you just need to come and find out for yourself! Please contact Kris Kent, Sondra Colbert or Carol Schultz if you would like more information or wish to be a Happy Helper. We all look forward to seeing you there!