

**New Bethesda Baptist Church**  
9019 New Bethesda Road  
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus

# **The Lamplighter**



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**Sunday Services:**

**9:00 am - "The Gathering"**

**Monday - Friday**

**"Daily devotions" by Todd & Caleb on our website.**

**Wednesday Services:**

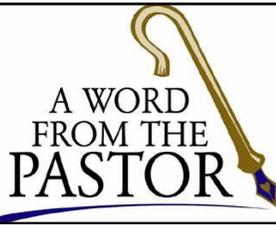
**Prayer list updates sent out by Brenda Evans on the prayer chain list.**

***Church Staff***

Todd Combee	Pastor
Caleb Bittler	Minister to Students
Eve Minter	Accompanist
Shirley Mitchell	Ministry Assistant

***Church Office Hours***

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Phone	804-779-2101
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The dog-days of summer are upon us; at least the hot humid air is an indication that we are in the month of July! We are continuing our summer outdoor worship experience called “The Gathering” each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. It has been wonderful to see so many of you come out and join us in your cars or out on the parking lot in your beach chairs. As the weather continues to be warm, we want you to dress as comfortably as you can and even bring an umbrella to help shade you from the sun.

The Lord has blessed us with beautiful weather each Sunday in June, and we pray that will continue through July and August. As a reminder, if it rains we will record the service in the sanctuary and place it on the New Bethesda Facebook page. We appreciate the flexibility and support so many of you are displaying as we make the best of a challenging situation that we have all faced over the past several months! It is important to keep a positive attitude and a smile on your face! I want to thank our Deacons, and others, who have helped set up and break down our equipment each Sunday!

As we discuss our options for opening up the church building for worship, Sunday school classes and other meetings, we are trying to be cautious and be in compliance with CDC recommendations for everyone who may attend. Plans are being implemented to have signage, hand sanitizer and face covering requirements in place before our July 19<sup>th</sup> Quarterly Business Meeting. To help us in those preparations, we are asking everyone who plans to attend the business meeting to contact the church office (by phone or email) so we may have an accurate count and set up safe seating at required distances. Thank you for your help and understanding!

What will the Fall look like at New Bethesda? We are not sure at this point, but we remain optimistic that our church will remain strong and we will continue to be the church that God has called us to be! With that in mind, let’s work together to develop new creative mission opportunities to reach our community for Christ! I believe many are searching for answers in political, economic and social unrest in today’s society, and we know the answer! Share your thoughts and ideas; let’s start something new at New Bethesda!

See you Sunday at “The Gathering”,

*Todd*



Our students will be meeting in person again beginning this Wednesday! Bring a chair and a Bible and we’ll meet in the parking lot in front of the church. Parents are welcome to join us as well.

I read an interesting article this past week that mentioned one reason many people have not returned as churches have reopened is that the habit of church going is gone. Many have fallen out of the habit of coming to church regularly and into a habit of staying away. Over the next few weeks, I hope to help students rebuild habits of being connected to our church. Beginning with our new Wednesday evening parking lot gatherings, our students will reinforce positive habits and even build new habits of being connected to our church in a season such as this. Being a student in today’s world is not easy under the best circumstances. So, especially now I want to encourage them that a healthy church life can help them navigate their world.

Blessings, Caleb

# Ministry Schedules for July

## Birthdays of the Month

- 2 Thomas Cash
- 3 Allison Wiggins
- 3 Leroy Williams
- 7 Carol Longest
- 7 Jan Osborne
- 9 Lucy Jarvis
- 9 Don Gartner
- 10 Paulette Bradshaw
- 12 Pansy Bullington
- 12 Bryan Cecil
- 13 Sarah Parker
- 14 Kelli Wiggins
- 15 Benjamin Tranka
- 15 Samatha Cash
- 18 Conner Galla
- 18 Chris Wilmoth
- 20 Mary Ruth Hurley
- 20 Carol Spangler
- 22 Herman Pickels
- 23 Bonnie Bryant
- 23 Sheila Parsley
- 23 Emmaline Davis
- 29 Natalie Mesco
- 29 Jean Oliver
- 30 Sarah Garnett
- 31 Margaret Eaves

**Deacon of the Month**  
**Berkeley Bullington**

### Financial Report

Offering thru June 28, 2020



June 7	20,075.50
June 14	6,256.00
June 21	9,753.00
June 28	<u>3,125.00</u>
	39,209.50

Weekly Needs: \$7,364.00

2020 Offerings	179,531
2020 Budget Needs	<u>191,464</u>
	(11,933)

### 2020 Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering for Dover Baptist Association Missions

**Church Goal \$500**

**To date we have received \$220.**

### Homebound/Nursing Home

**Jeanette Sings** -7478 Lexington Drive  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Shirley Schools** - 8267 Little Florida Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Margaret Eaves** - The Harmony Collection at  
Hanover, 8227 Meadowbridge Road  
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116

### Student Addresses

The Dover Student Ministries Council would like to send a care package and information about Baptist Collegiate Ministry to every Dover high school graduate.

If someone in your family graduated and will continue their education, please let the church office know their name, home address, e-mail address and the name of the college he/she will attend by July 15.

### “Legal Hotspots: How the Virginia Values Act Affects Churches”

Dover Baptist Association is hosting this webinar on  
Tuesday , July 21st at 2:30 pm.

Please contact Sam Duenckel if you are interested, by email:  
sam.duenckel@doverbaptistp.org or call 550-1980.

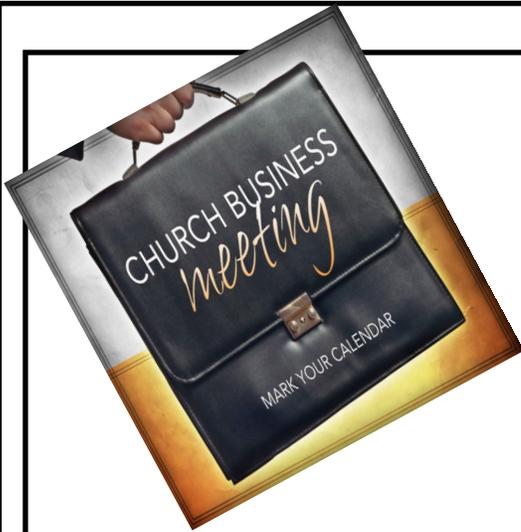


**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Items for the month of July will be “small girl toys”.



**The Agape Circle is collecting used tee shirts to be cut up and made into jump ropes for the Operation Christmas Child boxes. So instead of throwing your old shirts away please drop them off at the church office.**



### Sunday Night , July 19th at 6:00 pm in the Ministry Center

Please call the church office or email if you plan to attend the business meeting so we may have an accurate count and set up safe seating at required distances. Families may sit together.

Please wear your face mask. There will be some available at the church if you should need one.

Hand sanitizer will be available for your use.

A thorough cleaning and disinfecting of contacted surfaces will be conducted prior to and following meeting.

### **10-Day Trip to the Holy Lands**

**February 28-March 9, 2021**

We are still hopeful that we can travel together to Israel in 2021. When this Covid-19 virus is over (hopefully soon), wouldn't a trip of a lifetime to the Holy Lands be a great way to celebrate! This tour has been in the works for some time and I hope we will be able to travel to Israel next year. Color brochures are available at the church or by email, detailing our daily itinerary.

What you need to know now is: **Inclusive price of 10 day trip is \$3,495.00.** MEALS: Breakfast and dinner daily are included. Special included lunch of St. Peter's fish by the Sea of Galilee. All other lunches are NOT included. The only other money (or credit card) needed are souvenirs and anything at the airports.

**We need to know if you are interesting by August 28<sup>th</sup>! Make a \$500 deposit by then and you will receive an additional \$100 discount. You will be allowed to CANCEL by October 31, 2020 and get a full refund**

## **Fun facts about the Nation's Holiday!**

1. Thomas Jefferson wrote a draft of the Declaration of Independence on the original laptop—a foldable writing desk that could fit on a person's lap.
2. Thomas Jefferson was the first President to celebrate the Fourth of July in the White House.
3. Independence Day, celebrated on July 4<sup>th</sup>, only became a federal holiday in 1941.
4. The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6, 1776.
5. The tradition of fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> actually began in 1777, on the one-year anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
6. Americans consume over 150 million hot dogs in celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.