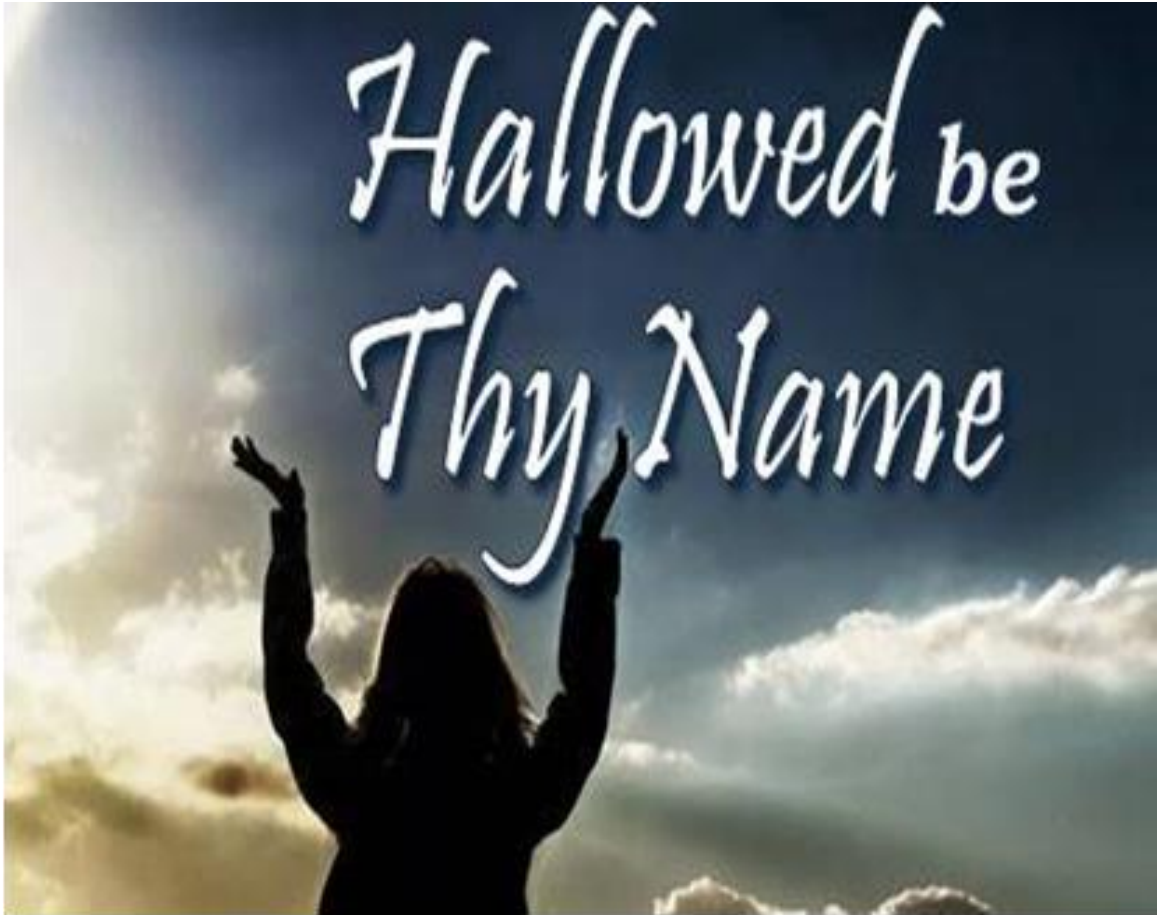


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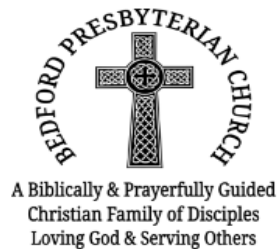
From 1844 to 2025 (181 Years)



Week of September 21, 2025

We will continue sending out this combination of the newsletter and bulletin to keep you up to date on announcements, prayers, needs and scheduled activities.

Included will be the usual newsletter information along with prayers, scripture and a sermon. We hope that you can utilize this format to keep up to date while being away from actual services, meetings, activities and watching the online sermon.



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THE APPROACH TO GOD

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ Be With You

All: And Also With You

Prelude

"Redeemed"

arr: Larry Shackley

Words of Welcome

Minute for Missions

Toys for Honduras

Linda Benton

Call to Worship

One: As we gather today, we call You Heavenly Father

All: Our Father, who art in Heaven.

One: As we gather today we bow in worship to honor Your name.

All: Hallowed be Thy name.

One: As we gather today, we seek Your will and not our own.

All: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done.

One: As we gather today may the Lord be enthroned on the praises of His people.

All: Father in heaven, we worship and praise You with all our hearts. Your kingdom come, Your will be done in our lives today.

Hymn

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Hymn 138

Prayer of Confession: (in unison)

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with heavy hearts, knowing that we have failed You and have grossly misrepresented You to the world. We have too often acted in ways that make You look bad when we should have made You look great. We have failed to offer the world a true picture of Your character—Your love, Your forgiveness, and Your extravagant grace. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us, so that our lives will truly reflect Your glory. In the merciful name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon (responsive)**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Through Jesus Christ we have been born again to new life.

***Gloria Patri**

"Glory to the Father"

Bill Rutledge

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture

Ezekiel 36: 22-28

A Time for All God's Children

Anthem

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Medema

Sermon

From Hollow to Hallow

The Lord's Prayer: A Disciple's Compass

FROM HOLLOW TO HALLOW

By: Pastor Ben Banner

Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) / Ezekiel 36:22-28 / Psalm 34:1-3

Series Big Idea:

The Lord's Prayer is a daily compass, pointing not to a place we are going, but to a person we are becoming.

Sermon Big Idea:

We move from hollowing (the name of God) to hallowing (the name of God) by following (the Son of God).

1. ADMISSION / CONTRITION

"Hallowed be Thy name" begins with the admission that we often hollow rather than hallow the name of God.

Read

Ezekiel 36:22-28 / Romans 2:23-24

Reflect

- What does it mean to "profane" God's name?
- What are some ways you have "profaned" or "hollowed" God's name?

Respond

- Repent of any ways you may have tarnished God's reputation, this past week.

Pray

- *"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Forgive me for all the ways I have not hallowed Thy name or even desired that your name be hallowed. Amen."*
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2. PETITION

"Hallowed be Thy name" moves from contrition to petition — a petition that God's name would be hallowed, as it should be.

Read

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

"[\"Hallowed be Thy Name\"] is a request that his name be set apart as the utmost reality and value of human existence, that it be given the unique respect and dignity it deserves. When this is truly our heart's desire, everything else in the prayer follows naturally." (Dallas Willard)

Reflect

- How different would our world be if all God's children gave Him the respect and honor He is due? Take a moment to image that world.
- How different would your life be if you gave God all the respect and honor He deserves? How would your life look if that was your heart's deepest desire?

Respond

- Make the prayer below your first prayer each morning this week.

Pray

- *"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Make it my heart's deepest desire that all of your children would know how immeasurably great you are. Amen."*
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3. SUBMISSION

"Hallowed be Thy name" moves from admission to petition to submission — as we are commissioned to make hallowing God's name our top priority, each and every day.

Read

Ezekiel 36:22-28 / Romans 1:5 / Psalm 34:1-3

"Hallowed be thy name is a request that the whole of our lives will be worship, that every activity will be an act of praise, that God himself will be the focus of our thoughts and actions." (J. I. Packer)

"What is meant is, that the glory of God may be given to him, that he may be glorified in all places, and in all men, and that nothing may be done by us to obscure his glory." (John Calvin)

Reflect

- How does God suggest He will "sanctify" His name, in our Ezekiel passage?
- What does Paul suggest will impact God's reputation, in Romans 1:5?
- What are some ways your obedience (or lack of obedience) might impact God's reputation?
- What would it mean to prioritize God's glory, this week?
- What would prioritizing hallowing God's name look like in your: Calendar / Budget / Attitude / Thought Life / Words / Actions / Relationships

Respond

- Choose one way to intentionally pursue hallowing the name of God by following the Son of God, this week. Then tell someone. Then ask them to pray for you. Then tell them how it went.

Pray

- *"Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name in my life and through my life, today and this week. Amen."*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Worship Song

"How Great is Our God"

Tomlin

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

One: The Heidelberg Catechism written in 1563 in Heidelberg Germany, gives us instruction on each petition found in the Lord's Prayer. Question 122 of the catechism asks the question "What does the first petition mean." Let's give the answer together;

All: "Hallowed be Your name" means: Help us to truly know You, to honor, glorify, and praise You for all Your works and for all that shines forth from them: Your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy and truth. And it means, help us to direct all our living— what we think, say, and do—so that Your name will never be blasphemed because of us, but always honored and praised.

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Hymn 34

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father, with hearts full of gratitude, we come before You today. thanking You for Your unending grace, Your boundless love, and Your steadfast mercy that sustains us daily. We praise You for every blessing, both seen and unseen and for Your constant, never-failing presence in our lives. You are great, great beyond measure, and greatly to be praised. Your greatness is beyond human comprehension. All that we are and all that we have is an offering of thanks to You, our faithful and glorious God. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Hymn

"How Great is the Greatness of God"

Getty Music

THE SENDING FORTH

Benediction

Postlude

"Hymn of Praise"

Denton

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude of my Christian parents,
Dot and Dick DeShazo, by Dianne Fain.

On September 28th Bedford Presbyterian Church will host a "Meet and Greet" after the service to introduce a Samaritan's Purse volunteer who is a Pastor from Burkina Fasso, a small country in West Africa to hear about his love of spreading Christ's Gospel in a country that is 63.8 % Islamic and 26.35 Christian% (20.1% Catholic and 6.2% Protestant). Lunch will be provided, but please sign up if you can stay after the service to hear Pastor Timothee and his hostess while in Lynchburg, Betsy Stout, owner of WOW Supplies and founder of Building Communities Near and Far.org. Betsy is also the Samaritan's Purse coordinator for Thomas Road Baptist Church and will be donating items for our shoeboxes. Donations for our shoeboxes, either in monetary gifts or in items purchased such as personal items for girls and boys ages 2-4 or 10-14 will help us reach our goal of 200 packed boxes this year. Sign-up sheets for lunch will be in the church sanctuary and on the table outside the church office.

September 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Men's Breakfast 9 am</i>
7 <i>10 am Worship Communion</i>	8 <i>Scout kick-off 5:30 pm</i>	9	10 <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	11	12	13
14 <i>10 am Worship 5¢ a Meal BCM collection</i>	15	16	17 <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	18	19	20 <i>Centerfest Yard Sale</i>
21 <i>10 am Worship Session</i>	22	23	24 <i>Something More 3 pm</i>	25	26	27 <i>Women's Bible Study, 10 am</i>
28 <i>10 am Worship</i>	29	30				

Joys- September 21st

Joy- Michelle Good thankful for good turnout of Operation Christmas Child

Joy- Becky Noell thanks Pastor Ben for wonderful message

Concerns- September 21st

Barnes: Shannon Sledd (niece) 3rd surgery

Jerry Dillon (nephew) health issues

Jay's grandniece, husband pancreatic cancer surgery

Jay & Eunice- covid

Benton: travel mercies for daughter

Blair: Dr. Cohen stroke

Brunot: Jim's brother Bill, in remission

Jim's mother improving

Prayers- Cindy's brother- passed away

Prayers- Uncle Dave passed away

Callahan: Mary Jane (friend) doing better

Steve Chaffin (friend) blood clots

Prayers for country

Compter: Jeannie, Seth (both friend) health issues

Bob (friend) doing better

Laurie- mother has cancer

Michael (brother) home

Jean (friend) family having strife, husband Eric- stroke

Cram: Winslow's-(friends of Sally) family & medical problems

Garrett Winslow – struggling, autism, abandoned

Ryan- (grandson) searching for faith

Lory Graham- (friend) health issues, wife caretaker

Brenda Wilkerson- UVA seizures

Wayne Cocke- neighbor – in hospital

DeHart: Lucile Kesterson (Dawn's mother) aging memory issues

Julian Kesterson (Dawn's stepdad) nursing home, multiple falls

DeWitt: Nick and Maggie as they start college

Easter: Jim (brother) now cancer free

Fleming: Dominick (Ann Marie's brother) heart surgery successful,

Michael Kay (friend) last stages of lung cancer

Prayers for 85 yr old sister caring for 59 yr old son with Downs syndrome

Harold Jackson- health issues

Friends cousin- serious car accident, injured eye

Colleen (niece) struggling with business

Foster: Lynn (sister-in-law) dementia

Debbie (friend) same brain surgery Ellen had

Goode: Prayers for goals with Christmas boxes

Sandra Grover- breast cancer

Heber Himmelwright was just diagnosed with Guillain–Barré

Lindsey Blanton is battling leukemia again.

Goodman: Grandson traveling to Brazil for mission work

Grigg: Chris Mays- diabetic complications

Grubb: son-in-law health issues

Harris: Jim, back pain

Judy- sister-in-law has cancer

Heinrich: Steven - (grandson) autoimmune disorder

Barbara Lore- (Helen's sister) heart problems

Hopkins: son-in-law health issues
Mauser: Joyce Reese- (friend) health problems
 Steven-(son's boss) going blind
 Barbara (Al's sister) intense headaches
McManis: for grandson leaving USMC
Morris: all law enforcement, firefighters and first responders
 Forensic scientists who deal with crime
 Rev. Pam Ledbetter
Nichols; Gracie Murphree blood pressure, multiple strokes
Rutledge: friend in Hawaii health issues
 Prayers for Singing school
Saunders: Ron, doing better
 Son-in-law, cancer not spreading
Scheurer: Jim Hedrick- (friend) cancer
 Bob Lindell-(friend) prostate cancer
 Sonny (son) doing well
Smith: Dorothy Smith- (John's mother) that she comes to the Lord
 Marcus Walker (Sonya's brother) prostate cancer
Stetson: Nick, Tiffany & Savannah- home doing well
 Morgan (nephew) life decisions
Stevens: Jackie Landis- heart problems
 Matt- lung cancer, still suffering
 Chief Hops not doing well
Wilkes: prayers for extended family

Prayers for our nation and our President
Prayers for healing the divisive spirit among our leaders/nation
Russian invasion ends and not resort to nuclear weapons.
Prayers for new residents to come to worship with us
Prayers for Ukraine
Pray for World Peace
Prayers for Israel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Activities for week of September 21st

Sunday: 10 am Worship, Rev. Ben Banner
Session

Wednesday: Something More 3 pm

Sunday: September 28th

10 am Worship, Rev. Ben Banner
Meet & Greet / Samaritan's Purse

September Birthdays

Ron Morris - 24
Jay Barnes- 29

October Birthdays

Kathy Grigg - 5
Scarlett Stevens - 6
Lori Stetson - 9
Philip Parker - 11
Libby Monk - 21
Susan Routt- 26
Jim Barefoot - 28
Ann Marie Fleming - 28
Linda Benton -30

October Anniversaries

Richard & Belvia Tate - 3
Jay & Venus Gould - 5
James & Ann Marie Fleming - 28
Paul & Nancy Van Dyke - 30

Bedford Ride is in need of volunteer drivers, if interested, please call 540-587-3315.

BCM needs 2 volunteers to work on Fridays in the household and clothing section.
If you can help, please let BCM know.

A special collection is requested for Christmas toys for the children that our budgeted missions supports in Nicaragua for the Heart of Christ Justice Project. Our goal for this initiative is \$400 and due by October 1st, 2025 in order for the items to be ordered and shipped in time for the Christmas holidays. Please make checks to Bedford Presbyterian Church and note in the memo of the check Toys for Honduras. Thank you for your support of this mission opportunity!

BPC Financial Snapshot – August 2025

General Operations Income			General Operations Expense		
Forecast	Actual	YTD	Budget	Actual	YTD
Ahead/(Behind)			(Over)/Under		
\$16,540	\$12,364	(\$18,788)	\$21,012	\$12,685	\$41,662