

# Bedford Presbyterian Church

105 West Main Street, Bedford, Virginia

From 1844 to 2021 (177 Years)



## Week of June 27<sup>th</sup>

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 for those that are uncomfortable to attend service yet.

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.



Bedford Presbyterian Church  
serving Christ since 1844

*A Biblically Guided Christian Community,*

*Loving God, Loving Others,*

*Serving the World & Growing Disciples*

## The Approach to God

One: The peace of Christ be with you

**All: And Also with you**

**Prelude**

*"Gather Us In"*

John Behnke

### **Welcome and Announcements**

- If anyone would like to help with the Prayer Table that we will have at the Farmer's Market this summer, please see Barbara Nichols or call the office to schedule a time.
- Prayer time meets in the Anna Latimer room following service.
- Any other announcements are printed at the back of this bulletin.

### **Call to Worship**

God, our Father, we joyously come together to worship, realizing we need not summon You into our midst, for You are here. We need not call You into the secret places of our hearts, for You are there. We need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see You; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear You; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know You; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive You. Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise**

*"Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord"*

Hymn 129

### **Prayer of Confession:**

The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. Moreover by them is Your servant warned and in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back Your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

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**

*"Glory Be to the Father"*

Hymn 734

## **Proclaiming the Word of God**

### **Time for all God's Children**

**Scripture**

Deuteronomy 5: 6-21, 6:1-9

**Praise Song**

*"Hear, O Israel"*

Praise Team

## Sermon

## Teach Your Children Well

What did my parents teach me?

My parents taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE:

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside - I just finished cleaning!"

My parents taught me RELIGION:

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My parents taught me about TIME TRAVEL:

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My parents taught me LOGIC:

"Because I said so, that's why."

My parents taught me FORESIGHT:

"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."

My parents taught me IRONY:

"Just keep laughing and I'll give you something to cry about."

And my parents taught me MIND READING:

"You ought to know by now that when I say something I mean something else!"

But what my parents didn't teach me was

*The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.*

*Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:5-7)*

*So that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all His decrees and His commandments ... so that your days may be long. (Deuteronomy 6:2)*

In his day, Moses repeatedly warned the Israelite parents to be consciously, constantly, teaching their children loving obedience to God at every opportunity from morning until evening. Whether they were at home or away from home, the parents were to utilize every teachable moment to impress upon their children the importance of honoring these Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment, so that such attitudes would not become a matter of formal legalism, but a personal deeply held response based upon repetition with understanding.

Moses also warned the Israelites ..

*Be careful not to forget the covenant that the Lord your God made with you, ... When you have had children and children's children, and become complacent in the land, if you act corruptly by making an idol in the form of anything, thus doing what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, and provoking him to anger... you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are crossing the Jordan to occupy; you will not live long on it, but will be utterly destroyed. (Deuteronomy 4:23-26)*

Which is what you know from Biblical history did happen to the Children of Israel and in a similar way has now happened to us as a nation. Because we have also neglected to consciously, constantly, teach our children to love God and obey the Ten Commandments, we no longer live in a God honoring land and our future is uncertain.

I'll be honest with you, today's message is a hard one for me to deliver, because it convicts me as a parent and a pastor for what I neglected to consciously teach my own children. My only excuse is that my own godly church attending parents neglected to teach to me. And most likely for similar reasons you also neglected to teach your children.

We all just took it for granted that our children would learn the Commandments and the Greatest Commandment at school, or Sunday School, or from youth group or the pastor's sermons, or perhaps by just watching our example – from which they did learn much. **But we failed to realize that as parents, God gave us the specific responsibility for teaching these Commandments. And that our own observed actions would have the greatest potential for enforcing or negating those lessons with our children.** So if they didn't learn these God-honoring values directly from us, if they didn't see them consciously lived out in front of their eyes, then such values as loving God with all our heart, living by the Ten Commandments and teaching their children's children to do the same, went largely unincorporated in their own lives.

Sadly then, except for our younger members who are still raising impressionable children, whom I pray will take this message deeply to heart, for the rest of us today's lesson is another closing of the barn door after the cows have already gotten out. So today will be a time of mutual grieving for what we could have done better – had we only known our responsibility for doing so. But I promised to bring you all the stories of the Bible and in today's story, is this powerful lesson about our own parental responsibility for consciously and faithfully teaching the love of God and obedience of His laws to our children.

Perhaps even now we may in some way influence our children or grandchildren so they may once again teach their children's children that **the most important thing in life we can do is love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength and "love our neighbor as ourselves."** But we are getting ahead of our story, so let's return to its beginning.

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Having liberated the children of Israel from slavery and having destroyed the Egyptian army with a powerful display of His sovereign power, God then personally led the Israelites, while providing for their every need, on a two-month journey to Mt Sinai where He first delivered to them the Ten Commandments. Commandments, which they promised to obey, but immediately broke multiple times and which along with their refusal to enter the Promised Land doomed the whole nation to 40 long years of wilderness wandering, until that first faithless generation had died off and the second generation – now as adults – could take up the mission that their parents had failed to accomplish.

Thus now, forty years later, as recorded here in the book of Deuteronomy – which literally means "The 2<sup>nd</sup> Giving of the Law," – before entering the Promised Land, Moses gives them another complete reading of the Ten Commandments and follows it up with a summary that has since become the most loved, and twice-daily recited verse in Jewish Culture:

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Deut 6:4-9).*

They recite this verse so often, because today's Jews intend to never again forget; which is a powerful lesson we should learn from them. So let's take a few moments to once again remember our responsibility to both live by and consciously teach to our children the Ten Commandments along with their summary – *loving God and loving others* .

Let's start with the last seven commandments for honoring the Sabbath, honoring our parents, not murdering, not committing adultery, not stealing, not bearing false witness and not coveting. According to Jewish Rabbis, these seven Commands had already been given by God, to Noah and his descendants following the flood.

Thus these seven commands have formed the core of human morality from the most ancient of times. In his writings, the Apostle Paul even claimed that these basic moral codes had been hard wired – implanted by God – into every human regardless of their race or era of existence (Romans 2:24-25). And as such they form the foundation of all the laws ever composed by civilized societies. Of all the great civilizations that have existed both before and after the kingdom of Israel, only the Ten Commandments as first given by God through Moses in 1,445b.c. – some 3,500 years ago – still serve to influence modern law making today. **This is the reason why copies of the Ten Commandments first hung on our courthouse and schoolhouse walls; to both teach and remind us of the divine foundation beneath our civil laws.** Which is also why our modern anti-Christian culture now so strongly resists their public display; because one cannot read the Ten Commandments without perceiving the authority of God, their author, over our lives.

Now the first three commandments – worshipping God alone, making no idols and not misusing God's name, were the ones added at Mt Sinai after God had proved to the Israelites His worthiness of such worship.

Have you noticed that while the commandments themselves are largely based on our actions – do this, don't do that – but their summation in the Greatest Command brings them together into a single positive emotional response; Love God and love others. And if you can do this, as Jesus taught, all the other laws will be satisfied.

Of course down through the centuries, both the Jews and almost every culture since, have also at times been confused into thinking that righteousness could be earned by just keeping the laws, rather than by living out our internally motivated love of God and others. This is where the Apostles teach us that we have misunderstood the purpose of the Commands. Which were both to control our actions, but to also teach us of our sinful incapability of earning God's righteousness; Paul called the Law our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ so that we might be saved by faith – which is something the law could never accomplish (Romans 7:7 ff).

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So what is our take home for today?

That we as parents bear the greatest responsibility for both teaching and living out the Commandments in front of our children, until they have internalized the behavioral code and developed the heartfelt attitude towards which their obedience should lead: Loving the Lord our God with everything we have and our neighbors as well.

Since I opened with some silly aphorisms, let me close with a serious poem.

### **When you thought I wasn't looking**

Author: Mary Rita Schilke Sill

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,  
and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw you feed a stray cat,  
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw you make my favorite cake for me,  
and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I heard you say a prayer,  
and I believed that there was a God to talk to.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I felt you kiss me goodnight,  
and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw tears come from your eyes,  
and I learned that sometimes things hurt,  
but it's alright to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I saw that you cared,  
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking,  
I looked....  
and I wanted to say thanks for all the things  
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

Let us be certain that they also both hear and see the Ten Commandments and the Greatest Command lived out in our lives.

Let's pray about this.

## Response to the Word of God

**Solo**

*"I Am Not Alone"*

Ella Blair

### **Affirmation of Faith**

2 Timothy 3: 14-16

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

### **Doxology**

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

Hymn 34

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O God, from whom all good things come. With thankful hearts we return to You a portion of what You have given us, dedicating both gifts and givers to Your service. Receive them for the sake of Jesus, who offered Himself for us and in whom we live and would bear faithful fruit. Amen.

#### **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.

### **Closing Song**

*"May Your Presence Go With Us"*

Congregation

### **The Sending Forth**

#### **Benediction**

To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy -- To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

### **Postlude**

*"Hymn of Praise"*

James Denton

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God** and in appreciation  
of the many blessings we have been graced with,  
Charles and Betty Goodman.

## Joys- June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Joy-** Christy Boone's son was in accident but not seriously injured

**Joy-** Eunice thanks God for the youth and leaders for the amazing youth led service

**Joy-** Ronnie Saunders now cancer free

## Concerns- June 27<sup>th</sup>

**Avery:** Tinkie, in special care at Elks Home

**Barnes:** Kim Hedrick- (friend) colon cancer

Timothy Looney- (nephew) infection in spine

**Benton:** Linda Crawford- (friend) completed chemo

Roger- (friend) in rehab

Roger Harris- (friend) recovering

Sue Warner- husband Tony, passed away suddenly

Kim- sister's neighbor- thyroid cancer

**Blair:** Tonya Blair's friend (Shelly Longnecker) recurring cancer

**Boone:** Judy Jockets- (sister's friend) lung cancer

Jim Cutler- (LHS teacher) stage 4 lung cancer

Dennis Sulka- terminal pancreatic cancer

Roy Graber- (Sammy's cousin) intestinal surgery

Garland Craun- non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

**Casdorph:** (friend) Franklin, wife Linda, cancer, 6 months to live

**Chryssikos:** John (Kathy's son) liver cancer

**Compter:** two brothers- unbelievers

Prayers for friends to come to the Lord

Bob- (friend) Parkinson's

Michael Compter- (brother) heart failure

Tony & Amy Cardarelli- having complicated back surgery

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

Janice Campbell-(friend) under hospice care

Ryan- (grandson) searching for faith

Nancy Holmes- (friend) stage 4 ovarian cancer, chemo, surgery

**DeHart:** Dick Hatch- fell and broke hip

Tom Gilliam- recovering from surgery, doing well

**Fleming:** family dealing with addiction and self-esteem

Their children- having difficulties

Christina- (daughter) battling substance abuse

**Foster:** Joyce Abbott- (former member) cancer

**Goodman:** Charles- health issues, heart monitor, dialysis

Randall Sales-(SRHS coach) cancer

Katherine Saunders- (Hugh's daughter) breast cancer

**Harris:** Judy- not doing well, doing PT

**Heinrich:** Steven - (grandson) autoimmune disorder

Barbara Lore- (Helen's sister) heart problems

**Kuhn- Kibbey:** Nancy Milton- (friend) cancer, Alzheimer's

Jeff Milton- back surgery, aneurysm

Dot- idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, wet macular degeneration

Grandson- alcoholism

Dan Withers- (friend) inoperative cancer

**Mauser:** Joyce Reese- (friend) health problems  
Steven-(son's boss) going blind  
Barbara-(Al's sister-in-law) intense headaches  
Ernie Davison- (friend) prostate cancer  
**Meyers:** Donna Johnson- (sister-in-law) lost kidney, stomach aneurysm  
**Morris:** all law enforcement, firefighters and all other first responders  
Forensic scientists who deal with crime  
Doris Jean Coble- (cousin) in nursing home  
Ron- in hospital with blood clots  
**Salley:** Judy Kuhlman (Betty's sister) recovering at home  
Scott Logan- (friend) covid  
**Saunders:** (Ronnie) Colin Bridges- (grandson)  
Scott- (son-in-law) doing well  
**Scheurer:** Jim Hedrick- (friend) cancer  
Bob Lindell-(friend) prostate cancer  
Sonny (son) colon cancer, taking radiation and chemo  
**Smith:** Dorothy Smith- (John's mother) prays she comes to the Lord  
Bill & Marie Walker- (Sonya's parents) continue to do well  
**Stetson:** Clay Ramsey- thyroid cancer  
Katy Dubinski-(daughter) friend Michelle, depression  
Lori's family on passing of sister  
**Stevens:** Jackie Landis- heart problems  
Duncan Elliston- (fireman)  
Bill Gray- loss of leg, cancer  
Jessica Canfield- (friend) struggling after surgery  
**Toney:** Karen Hyde-(friend) bladder cancer  
Cal Rice- (former pastor) bone cancer, refused treatment  
**Van Dyke:** Donna Mannel (friend) MS  
Eleanor- (Nancy's mom) in nursing home, pray for salvation  
Wally Stanley's family-(Nancy's cousin) on his passing

**Prayers for our nation and our President**

**Prayers for those dealing with loneliness**

**Prayers for healing the divisive spirit among our leaders/nation**

**Prayers for an end of the coronavirus and for those infected**

**Prayers to speak and listen to those who are different**

## **CARE TO SHARE A PRAYER with a neighbor?**

On various Fridays and Saturdays this summer, from 8 am until noon, Bedford Presbyterian will have a "Prayer Table" set up at the Farmer's Market offering conversation and prayers to all who walk up. We will also be handing out complimentary waters and BPC information brochures. This ministry is being led by Elder Barbara Nichols. **We also need two others to join her each week just to share conversation and pray with anyone who stops by our table.**



Contact Barbara Nichols for more information: 714-822-0216.

Please consider joining in this new ministry to our neighbors and then call Lana at the office to sign up for some dates:

**Fridays:** July 23 & August 27

**Saturdays:** July 10 & August 14

**On September 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, the Churchmen concert.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you for continuing to send in your contributions and pledges.  
You can mail your pledge or contribution or you can drop by the office,  
Mon-Thurs between 8 am -4pm.**

### **Activities for week of June 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: 10 am Worship  
Session  
Prayer Time following service  
Monday: Quilters, 6 pm  
Sunday: July 4<sup>th</sup>  
10 am Worship  
Communion  
Happy Fourth of July!  
Prayer Time following service

### **July Birthdays**

Lois Diddams- 2  
Peter Yule - 3  
Helen Heinrich- 4  
Ryan Johnson – 6  
Margaret Morris - 9  
Charlotte McManis- 11  
Janet Yodis-13  
Larry Compter -18  
Chris Dills- 20  
Nancy VanDyke - 22  
Jay Gould- 31