

Bedford Presbyterian Church

105 West Main Street, Bedford, Virginia

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Week of July 9th

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

One: The peace of Christ be with you

All: And Also with you

Prelude

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

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Words of Welcome

***Call to Worship**

One: Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say Rejoice!

All: Our joy is in the Lord who loves us.

One: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near! Let your praises dance and swirl in tribute to Him!

All: The joy of the Lord is our strength and with shouts of joy we give Him praise!

***Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn 59

*** Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own lives. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our Savior, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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 to the Father"

Bill Rutledge

Children's Time

"My Lighthouse"

Youth Camp Energizer

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Introduction to Scripture

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7

John Blair

Worship Song

"I Give You My Heart"

Women's Ensemble

IN JOY

This was the theme of the 2023 Montreat Youth Conference attended by Maggie and Nick DeWitt, Ella Blair and Owen Stanley along with 900+ other high school age believers. Judy and I participated in connecting groups, small groups and all key note and worship activities with the other attendees. Having been planned a year in advance the theme "IN JOY" was right on target! High school age kids are concerned about gun violence, melting ice caps, social media, loneliness and the broken world in general.

Monday's theme was claiming JOY. The theological concept was that God is the source of our JOY as we are the source of His Joy. Luke 15:3-10 and Exodus 15:20-27, were the scriptures referenced. Joy is from GOD and not to be mistaken for happiness which is determined by our circumstances.

Tuesday's theme was how can JOY survive. The theological concept was that Joy is not in denial of the brokenness of the world, but in defiance of it. How then can JOY survive? It is a conscious decision and we must choose to live in joy! The scripture's referenced were Philippians 4:4-20, rejoice in the Lord alwaysand Luke 1:46-55, Magnificat, Mary's song.

Wednesday's theme was, how do I find JOY? The theological concept was that JOY is not a destination. It is a practice! The scriptures referenced were Luke 17:11-19, the leper who says thank you and Exodus 20:1-17 the Ten Commandments and the fifth commandment in particular to observe the Sabbath. Joy can be found through worship, bible study, prayer, making a gratitude list and sharing your faith with others. Developing regular times each day to stop and give thanks for the blessings God has given us. Joy is a gift from God

Thursday's theme was where do we find communal JOY? The theological concept is that JOY is not a solo act. The scriptures referenced were 2 Tim 4:9-18, come before winter; carefully choosing community. Genesis 33:1-20, Jacob and Esau's reunion and Psalm 133. We are not human or Christian by oneself. We need community and community needs us. Fellowship and worship together strengthen our collective relationships as well as our Godly faith relationship. Focus on good every day! Remember JOY is a gift and thank God constantly for it. The Lord is our strength. Think of JOY as a fruit of the spirit. JOY isn't static. It transforms and regenerates! Remember that JOY multiplies! Look for God in ordinary and simple things. One key to finding JOY is recognizing GOD'S hand in your life even during challenging times.

Friday's theme was why does my/our JOY matter? The concept is JOY is an act of defiance and the world needs your JOY! The scripture referenced was John 20:19-29, the locked room and Acts 8:26-40, the Ethiopian Eunuch. Our Joy matters because it is the difference between fear and brokenness. When troubles of any kind come your way, count it all, consider it all an opportunity for great joy. Gal 5:22, But the fruit of the spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, patience, kindness, goodness and faithfulness. Against such things there is no law. 1 John 4:12, No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another God lives in us and is made complete! John 20:21, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me. I am sending you!

Judy and I thank you all for the support you have shown to enable these young people to experience Montreat and to grow in our faith and understanding of the HOLY ONE.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Worship Song

"Goodness of God"

Ella & Maggie

Affirmation of Faith

Celtic Creed

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, He died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day He rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow"

Hymn 34

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

God of great wonders, we join with You in the joy of giving. You give us life and breath, You fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in Your service. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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.

*** Praise Song**

"I Will Rejoice"

Brent Chambers

THE SENDING FORTH

***Benediction**

Postlude

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

Mark Hayes

Joys- July 9th

Joy- Compter's, Praise that Zoey is doing so well

Concerns- July 9th

Avery: Tinkie, hospice care

Barnes: Eunice- health issues, maybe heart

Kim Hedrick- (friend) cancer

Ruth (sister) broke back, surgery

Benton: Tracey Thomas- (daughter's friend) having problems with transplant

High school friend- prayers

Sister-in-law, breast cancer

Tom Wilson- (friend) melanoma

Prayers for family on passing of uncle

Blair: Larry (John's brother) heart attack, 2 stents, home

Marshall Dunlap- (friend) cancer

Ecumenical youth group

Boone: son injured back in accident

Callahan: Mary Jane (friend) cancer

Steve Chaffin- (friend) blood clots

Clarke: Weebie- hospice care

Compter: two brothers- unbelievers

Prayers for friends to come to the Lord

Bob- (friend) Parkinson's

Michael Compter- (brother) heart failure

Steve & Mary- (friends) Steve disabilities

Zoey Foster- (child) injury to abdomen, doing well

Vicky- (friend) recurring lymphoma

May- (friend) breast cancer

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

Janice Campbell-(friend) under hospice care

Ryan- (grandson) searching for faith

Lory Graham (friend) health issues, Carolyn, wife caretaker

Creasy: Walker Wright (Elizabeth's brother) stroke

DeHart: Dawn's mother radiation treatments

DeWitt: Gerald's father in rehab, then assisted living

Easter: Ruby Key (friend) cancer

Foster: Ron- (brother-in-law) to get out of hospital and into home

Howard & Lynn (brother) difficulty with legs, wife dementia

Tom- breathing problems

Prayers for everyone on dialysis

Goode: prayers for Eunice, sciatic pain

Grigg: Beth Falwell- starting cancer treatments

Grubb: John- heart issues

Harris: Judy- niece needs help after death in family

Heinrich: Steven - (grandson) autoimmune disorder

Barbara Lore- (Helen's sister) heart problems

Kuhn- Kibbey: Dot- idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, wet macular degeneration

Dick- macular degeneration, taking shots

Dick's sister (Kibbey) - dementia, Washington state

Mauser: Joyce Reese- (friend) health problems
Steven-(son's boss) going blind
Barbara-(Al's sister-in-law) intense headaches
Gayle-doing better

McManis: Ken- seeing neurosurgeon

Meyers: Bill (Brother) – daughter medical problems

Morris: all law enforcement, firefighters and all other first responders
Families of those who serve
Kyle Coble- (cousin) leukemia
Rev. Pam Ledbetter, auto-immune, diabetes
For our church as we go through transition
James Morgan (cousins husband) spot on lung
John Hargett (friend) woke up paralyzed

Narwid: Ed- not doing well

Nichols: for family who doesn't know the Lord

Saunders: (Ronnie) Colin Bridges- (grandson)
Scott- (son-in-law) terminal brain cancer

Scheurer: Jim Hedrick- (friend) cancer
Bob Lindell-(friend) prostate cancer
Sonny (son) doing well

Schubert: Gerda- multiple strokes

Smith: Dorothy Smith- (John's mother) pray she comes to the Lord
Marcus (Sonya's brother) biopsy results, low risk of cancer

Stetson: Clay Ramsey- thyroid cancer
Nick, Tiffany & Savannah- 2 surgeries, in Pediatric wing

Stevens: Jackie Landis- heart problems
Sharon Johnson (daughters co-worker) loss of husband

Van Dyke: Donna Mannel (friend) MS
Rick Anderson (niece's husband) home recovering

Winberry: Chris- severe heart issues, improving
Tom & Dee-(brother) COPD, maybe hospice, prayers for family

Prayers for our nation and our President
Prayers for those dealing with loneliness
Prayers for healing the divisive spirit among our leaders/nation
Russian invasion ends and not resort to nuclear weapons.
Nations to stand up for freedom.
Prayers for new residents to come to worship with us
Prayers for our constant responders
Prayers for Ukraine
Pray for World Peace
Tornado destruction across country

July 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 <i>10 am Worship Rev. Philip Parker Communion Prayer Time Property Committee</i>	3	4 <i>Happy Fourth of July! Office closed</i>	5 <i>Transition Committee, 4 pm</i>	6	7	8 <i>Ecumenical Youth 4pm</i>
9 <i>10 am Worship Youth Service Session 5¢ a Meal Prayer Time</i>	10	11 <i>Youth Council, 5:30 pm</i>	12	13 <i>Deacon's 3:30 pm</i>	14	15
16 <i>10 am Service with Rev. Shawn Morrison Prayer time</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>10 am Service with Rev. Philip Parker Prayer Time Ice Cream Social</i>	24	25	26	27 <i>Cancer Support</i>	28	29 <i>Bedford Hiking Club 9am</i>
30 <i>10 am Worship with Rev. Philip Parker Prayer Time</i>	31					

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Activities for week of July 9th

Sunday: 10 am Worship
Youth Service
5¢ a Meal Offering
Session
Prayer time following service

Tuesday: Youth Council, 5:30 pm

Thursday: Deacons, 3:30 pm

Sunday: July 16th

10 am Worship with Rev. Shawn Morrison
Prayer time following service

July Birthdays

Margaret Morris - 9

Charlotte McManis- 11

Janet Yodis – 13

Larry Compter- 18

Weebie Clarke - 22

Nancy Van Dyke - 22

Jay Gould – 31