

Upcoming Events

Apr 1 Monday 12:00 Noon Bingo, Fellowship Hall
Apr 2 Tuesday 6:00 PM AA Meeting (Every Tuesday)
Apr 3 Wednesday 6:00 PM CMF
7:00 PM Choir Practice
Apr 4 Thursday 8:00 AM Scotty's Men's Breakfast (Every Thursday)
Apr 7 Sunday 7:00 PM Board Meeting
Apr 9 Tuesday 2:00 Movie, Fellowship Hall
Apr 24 Wednesday 6:30 Family Night Team 4
7:30 CWF

April Birthdays

3 Aeryalle Coward

4 Matthew Godley

7 Beau Norman

8 Carol Richardson

13 Barry Norman, Jr.

26 Courtney Cartwright

21 Joyce Aydlett

Jessica McRoy Ambrose



27 Aiden Stell Davis

Marshall Myers

28 Starley Stell

The Good News
2024 April Newsletter



Pastor Harry's Thoughts for April

Greetings,

Bath Christian family!

We are stepping into spring and it's time to have a little fun! Time to get the boats ready, the motor homes cleaned, luggage packed, and enjoy some of God's blessings! Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven". Our heavenly father gave us one of the most beautiful gifts of life by giving us the different seasons of the year to enjoy. And so, they become seasons in our walk on this journey of life.

According to the Meteorological calendar Spring is the first season of the year. It's a time of rebirth; a new beginning; a fresh start. Nature is once again reborn; given new life! Breath is breathed into what was once dead. God's beauty is revealed as the trees blossom, flowers open, and the colors of nature illuminate the senses like the smell of a newborn child.

But death is inevitable for everything that lives. Solomon made this clear when he said, "for the living know that they will die". All things that have once known the fullness of life, will one day be snuffed out because winter always comes. Winter brings with it a time of death.

Flowers fade every year; leaves turn and wither, grass disappears, and life is snatched away.

The bible tells us in Romans 5:12, Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned. But have you ever noticed no matter how harsh the winter, when you think your garden has produced its last vegetable, the flowers will never reopen, the trees will never yield new fruit, out of death, suddenly comes new life?

Ephesians 2:5 says: "we were once dead in our sins." Sin is death to us.

We all have gone through those winter months of our life when things seemed to die. Hopes and dreams are crushed, goals seem out of reach, and desires are turned into unfulfilled disappointments. But we are reminded that through our faith in Jesus Christ we can once again experience Spring and find new life! Paul goes on to say, in that same passage, "God made us alive together with Christ!" Faithfully, like clockwork, what was once dead finds new life. Jesus said in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live." In God's infinite wisdom, from the very beginning of creation he ordained life to find a way.

That life is found, and found only through faith in Jesus Christ! This news is not only good news, it is truly the news of life! So as we step into Spring, let us not forget what this season really means. It is a time to be reborn. It is an opportunity for us to recall that new life comes no matter how much death we have experienced. Our mistakes, our failures, crushed hopes and dreams, goals that were never reached; all can find new life again, as Christ himself reminds us so beautifully in Mark 9:23, "All things are possible to him that believes!

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all!

Blessings,

Pastor Harry



~ April Devotion~ *From: The Guideposts*

April showers bring May flowers. I don't know about you, but after a long snowy winter, the thought of flowers makes me so happy. When those first oh-so-wonderful warm days of spring arrive in the mountains of North Carolina where I live, I want to immediately plant flowers on my deck and in my yard. But I've

learned that I must wait until after Mother's Day to avoid the risk of late-spring frosts. It kills me when I see all the colorful blooms at our local hardware stores and nurseries, and I have to be patient. But now it's almost time to plant. Those vivid bursts of color will bring me joy all summer, especially when hummingbirds and butterflies zoom in for a taste of nectar. God's fingerprints are on all His amazing creation if we'll just look for them. Flowers are no exception...

Color

Flowers range from vivid reds to soft whites and everything in-between. What could be more beautiful than a sea of bluebonnets, a carpet of multi-hued tulips or miles of sunflowers with all their faces turned upward? They're all a reminder that He's a God of great detail—so why should we ever worry that He doesn't care about the details of our lives when He cared enough to create so many different kinds of flowers?

Sizes and Shapes

There are small flowers like a pansy and bigger blooms like hydrangeas. There are more rounded shapes like daisies and spiky flowers like a gladioli. Each of them is beautiful in its own way. God feels the same about each of us. We might look in the mirror and think we're ugly, but why should we be so hard on ourselves when the God of the universes looks at us and sees beauty?

Aroma

Oh my, what could be more awesome than the aroma of a rose or a hyacinth? Or the pleasure of sweet honeysuckle or a bush filled with fragrant lilacs? What about the distinctive scent of a carnation or a lily? Each of them brings us pleasure and they're a great reminder that we bring pleasure to God as well. We're His blooms and He wants us to blossom so we can share the fragrance of Jesus with a world that so needs that. It's time for May flowers, folks!

Enjoy those amazing blossoms and don't forget to look for God's fingerprints as you admire His handiwork.

~CMF~

The CMF of Bath Christian Church met Wednesday March 6, 2024 with Claude Dupree presiding. Twelve members were present and they were R. Winstead, R. Smith, J. Picariello, G. Morris, C. Dupree, J. Barnhill, B. Hill, G. Heath, H. Flowers, P. McRoy, L. Wingate and M. Alligood.

Cooks for the evening were G. Morris and J. Barnhill. A great meal of collards and backbone, potatoes, dumplings, cobbler, and pie were served. Tremendous job done by the cooks.

Business Meeting

--Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

--Financial report given and approved.

--Discussion of Celebration of Women.

--Discussion of Teacher Appreciation luncheon.

--Voted to help a family with financial needs.

--Encouraged Prayer Vigil sign up.

--Cooks for April are Dupree, Alligood and R. Smith

The devotion was given by G. Morris. Based on 1Peter 4:10, faithful people serve others. Decide who or what you are going to live for. Faithful people do not live for themselves. God wants to use you for his glory. Use your talents to inspire others, to bless others.

Prayer concerns noted. C. Dupree offered prayer for those mentioned and closed the meeting.

April Hbliday Calendar

Apr 1 April Fool's Day

Apr 3 Don't Go to Work Unless it's Fun Day

Apr 5 National Deep Dish Pizza Day

Apr 6 National Student-Athlete Day

Apr 12 National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day

Apr 14 Nation Moment of Laughter Day

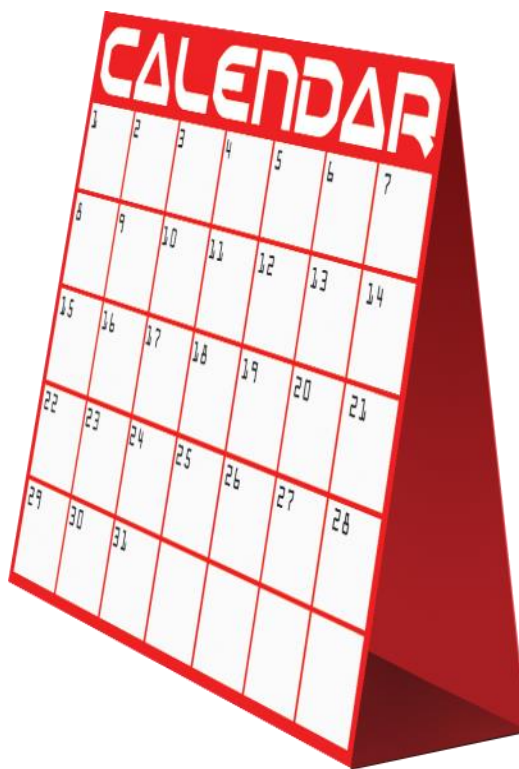
Apr 15 Tax Day

Apr 22 Earth Day & National Jelly Bean Day

Apr 24 National Pig in a Blanket Day

Apr 25 Take Our Daughters & Sons to Work Day

Apr 30 Hbnesty Day



~Board Meeting~

The Bath Christian Church Board held its regular monthly meeting on February 4, 2024, with Leon Wingate presiding. Starley Stell opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes from the January 7 meeting were reviewed by members and approved (motion, Don Shreve; second, C. M. Cartwright).

The treasurer's report was presented by Jerry Walton. He gave an explanation concerning the elevated expenses for the month because of items that are paid quarterly or annually, some of which were paid during the month of January. The report was approved (motion, Pearson Chrismon; second, Claude Dupree.)

Committee Reports

Incorporation — Gerald Morris

Gerald reported that we are now officially Bath Christian Church, Inc. We should be hearing from the IRS information in a week or so.

Search — Howard Robertson

Howard has spoken with Harry Smith about an extended contract and is waiting for Harry's response.

Membership — Starley Stell

The committee has finalized its lists, and Connie Lyon is making the book.

New Committees for the Year — Leon Wingate

Leon distributed lists of the committees that are appointed by the chairman. There was a request to add a name to the Youth Committee.

Youth Director

The youth went to Greenville following church and visited Sawyer's Fun Park.

Youth Sunday is scheduled for February 25.

Minister's Report

The minister has been trying to reach out to families with whom he is not personally familiar; trying to make a connection. Church members are making him aware of people who need contacts or visits.

Minister

A board member reported that the minister is interested in starting an AA counseling program in our church. A brief discussion followed. Jane Altigood moved that we support this opportunity; Gerald Morris seconded, and the board approved moving forward with this counseling opportunity.

Leon closed the meeting with prayer.

Bath Christian Church CWF met on March 27, 2024 with the following ladies

present: Darlene Ormond, Claudia Alligood, Gale Walton, Alice Wingate, Jane Alligood, Rachel Jordan, Debbie Smith, Diane Adams, Diane Warren, Charlotte Jarman Cutler, Brenda Godley, Sandra Dupree, Becky Tuten, Barbara Morris, June Wallace, Mary Lynn Edwards, Helen Brooks, Patty Selby, Yvonne Waters, Corene Allen, Cynthia Stell, and Nancy Hill.

Claudia welcomed everyone and reminded us that although we have Santa Claus at Christmas and Easter bunny at Easter, this week is a mournful and yet joyous time. We should remember to keep Easter sacred.

Several miscellaneous items were discussed informally before the start of the meeting. 1) Nancy shared that the bereavement committees have not been updated recently. Names were added and deleted as necessary. Phone numbers will be updated and new lists will be given to everyone at the next meeting.

Claudia thanked everyone who has helped with the meals during the recent deaths in our church family. 2) Alice reported that the family night groups have been reviewed, some adjustments made, and the teams appear to be evenly distributed at this time.

Alice gave the devotion, reading some thoughts regarding the sacrificial love of Jesus, even when knowing He would be betrayed. Loving someone can be hard at times, but to love even those who betray us is all about following Jesus.

Prayer concerns were shared and names and concerns were addressed. Brenda prayed for those mentioned and for our offering.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

Gale gave the treasurer's report which was approved. She shared a couple of thank you notes from families for the meals that were prepared and served during the loss of their loved ones.

Business:

Claudia followed up on items discussed at our last meeting with some updates.

1) She has contacted George about replacement of the dead shrubs.

George will do a walk-through after Easter and determine where and what needs to be replaced.

2) Cookbooks: Claudia will prepare a brief note of information about purchasing the books and people can contact Gale by email.

3) Claudia reminded everyone of the ongoing mission of the Bath Methodist Church for items for the troops. Special needs are lip balm and lotion as many are in very arid and warm locations.

4) Children's church: Lesley is going to continue with weekly lessons for the youth. Volunteers are still needed and a list is in Connie's office if you would like to help. Ami Staples is also looking for materials for the nursery age children. Rachel shared that there are several books in the nursery for them also.

5) Purpose of God outreach has recently celebrated its 25 th year of service.

Claudia shared that our church was invited to attend their celebration but there was a conflict at that time.

Becky has updated the window cleaning schedule and gave us copies of the new list. Claudia mentioned that we also had a pew cleaning schedule at one time and if that should be updated. Alice will follow up with Wade and shared that he is very willing to do whatever is asked of him.

Becky shared an update on the Celebration of Women Banquet. The date is May 15 and the men will prepare the meal for us.

Our next meeting will be April 24 and Barbara will give the devotion.

Meeting concluded with Claudia asking everyone to think of a word or phrase that comes to mind when we think about Easter during our childhood.

We adjourned with the CWF benediction and moved to the kitchen to fill the eggs for the egg hunt Saturday.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hill

**First Wednesdays 6:00 PM
Christian Men's Fellowship**

Next meeting is Apr 3



**Scotty's Men's Breakfast
Faith, Food, & Fellowship**

**Every Thursday 8:00 am
All in the community are invited
to attend.**

**Every First Monday
of the Month at
12:00 Noon in
Fellowship Hall**

**Apr 1
Next Bingo!**

B I N G O				
5	29	42	52	68
14	17	38	60	75
7	22	FREE SPACE	49	62
13	●	33	46	63
3	27	32	●	73



**Movie Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
2:00 Fellowship Hall
Bring an item for donation to Eagles
Wings. Next Movie April 16**

**WE NEED TEACHERS
FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH!**

**The lesson is already printed for you! It's Easy!
All you have to do is sign-up, show-up &
Enjoy our wonderful children!**



**Please Join Us For
Family Night
April 24 6:30 PM**



**Team 5 will be preparing
delicious food!**



April 24 7:30 PM CWF

March 2024

Childrens Moment

Apr 7 Brenda Godley
Apr 14 Frankie Jordan
April 21 Nancy Hill
April 28 Claudia Alligood

Flowers

Apr 7 R. Williams
Apr 14 Corene Allen
Apr 21 Becky McRoy
Apr 28 Gerald & Barbara Morris

Nursery

Apr 7 Connie & Roger Winstead
Apr 14 Cynthia & Starley Stell
Apr 21 Corene Allen & Raegen
Apr 28 Connie Lyon & Ruby Cutler

Children's Church

Apr 7 Corene Allen
Apr 14 OPEN
Apr 21 OPEN
Apr 28 Patty Selby

Serving Schedule for April

April 7 Elders: Barnhill & Dupree
Deacons: J. Jordan, J. Alligood,
A. Jordan, N. Jordan

April 14 Elders: Morris & Robertson
Deacons: Norman & Gurganus
C. Woolard, B. Hill

April 21 Elders: Wingate & Stell
Deacons: C. Alligood, A Woolard
A. Jordan, N. Jordan

April 28 Elders: Barnhill & Dupree
Deacon: Shreve, Gurganus
A Woolard, C. Woolard

Please Pray for Our Church

Church Family Prayer Concerns:

Diane Adams, Dick Adams, Sylvia Barnhill, Bill Bertram,
John & Sara Burgess, Robert Cutler, John Everett, Terry Everett, John Holt, Liz Fell, Polly
Gurganus, Carol Richardson, Curtis White & **all care givers, & unspoken requests.**

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns:

Mar 31 Julie Crawford (ss), Elaine Briley (ss), Hunter Moore (ss),
Gene Alligood (ss), Austin Cherry (ss)

Mar 24 Austin Cherry (ss)

Ruby Daw (ss),

Logan Durham (ss),

JoJo Singleton (ss),

Mar 17 Sharyn Schmitt (bs)

Bobbie Sanderson (ss)

Mar 10 Bryan Hicks (ss),

Mar 3 Dianne Lee (cw), Cam

Brooks(hs), Kathy Siemon(nh),

Pam Logan (ss) Betty Lou

Gurganus(ss) Wayne Newton(ss), Grant Jarman (cc)

Feb.25: Bob Brescia (Main

Street Bob)cl,

Brent Hamilton (bh)

Ann Lancaster (ss), Ronita "Tweet" Cutler (ss)

Feb. 18: Carolyn Stokely(hc)

Feb. 11: Bethany Cobb(ss), Johnny Brooks(ss), Joe Mohorn (ss)

Jan.28: Hilda McLawhorn(ss), Insley Sandifort(ss)

& Unspoken Requests

Address for Liz Fell
10 Miramar Court
Toms River, NJ 08757

The Families of:

Otto Florschutz,

Billie Mackey, Heather Stewart, Darrell Smallwood,

Cheryl Tucker, Georgia Woolard

Military Prayer List: Jim Bass, Chase Brooks, Will Cutler, Zack Davis, & Hunter Williams.

In Nursing Homes:

Jimmy Coltrain, Bobbie Jean Hobgood (Sister of Linda Heath) , Diane Lee, Susan Overton.

Contact Church Secretary concerning any Newsletter requests via email:

bccsecretary317@gmail.com. Deadline is March 25