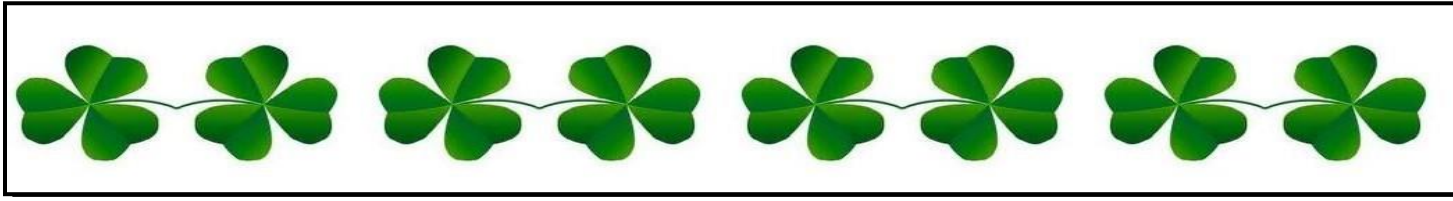


New Bethesda Baptist Church
 9019 New Bethesda Road
 Mechanicsville, Va. 23116 Being the
 Hands and Feet of Jesus

The Lamplighter



<p><u>Sunday Services:</u> <i>9:30 am Sunday School</i> <i>10:45 am Worship Service</i> <u>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</u> <i>Devotional Videos by Caleb on our</i> <i>Facebook page</i> <u>Wednesday Services:</u> <i>6:00 Fellowship Dinner</i> <i>6:45 Prayer Meeting</i> <i>6:45 Youth, Mission Ft</i> <i>7:30 Choir Practice</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Church Staff</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Rev. Caleb Bittler</td> <td>Senior Pastor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tiffany Talley</td> <td>Minister of Music</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Steve LaCombe</td> <td>Accompanist</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shirley Mitchell</td> <td>Ministry Assistant</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Church Office Hours</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Monday - Friday</td> <td>8:00 am - 12:00 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Phone</td> <td>804 - 779-2101</td> </tr> </table>	Rev. Caleb Bittler	Senior Pastor	Tiffany Talley	Minister of Music	Steve LaCombe	Accompanist	Shirley Mitchell	Ministry Assistant	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Phone	804 - 779-2101
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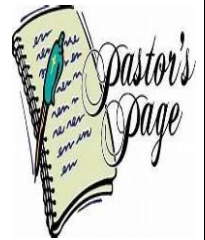
Welcome to March! This is often a time during the year when there are many things going on in the life of our church. As always, there are many different ways we can fellowship, worship, serve, and grow together!

Another season of church league softball will be starting up soon. The season will start Monday, March 18. Once we have game times, we will make those available. Last season we consistently had a great cheering section for our team, so let's keep it up! All games will be at Pole Green Park.

This month we will complete our teaching series on the mission of our church. We've talked about how it's reasonable to assume that God does have a mission for us which he wants us to pursue. And, generally speaking, almost everything we do as part of our mission falls into three categories: worship, growth, and service. Let's continue to join in prayer together and discern how we can live out and articulate God's mission.

Due to the unforeseen circumstance of the conference selling out, we were unable to register for the Ignite Men's Conference in Lynchburg. However, we still have an opportunity to attend a men's conference right here in Mechanicsville. March 23, Noble Warriors will be hosting a men's conference at Mechanicsville Christian Center. The cost for the conference is \$60, which includes a box lunch. Men, you can contact me if you would like more details and would like to attend.

And now we come to one of the most anticipated seasons of the church year – Easter. I often feel that the first weeks and months of the year are spent just trying to make it to Easter. But it's then that I'm reminded that we carry the hope of Easter with us every day. As others have said, we are an Easter people. We live the resurrection of Jesus each and every day. May this season be a reminder of the very real hope we have in Jesus!



Blessings, Caleb

YOU can help us reach the fans at the Richmond Raceway!

March: Sat. 30 & EASTER SUNDAY 31

We need help to:

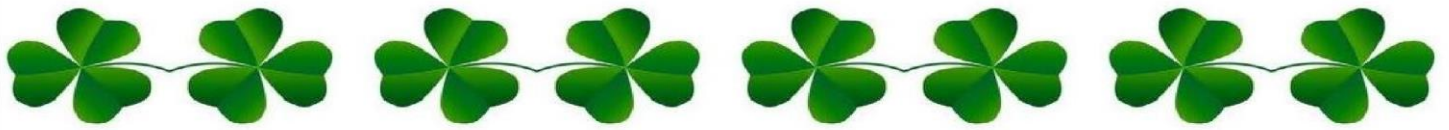
Distribute homemade cookies & EASTER EGGS! 2-3 cookies per bag with a label including if they are nutfree and "compliments of [your church]." Non-taped, plastic eggs need wrapped candy. Please ensure cookies are labeled as nut-free if applicable

Candy in eggs should be factory-sealed (e.g. No: loose jellybeans, Yes: fun size M&Ms packet). Please do not tape eggs shut.

- Set-up under the tents and in Lot F.
- Transport the tables and chairs, igloos, etc. to be used during the race times
- Distribute the "cup of cold water," lemonade, and cookies.
- Maintain tables where we give out free Bibles, tracts, New Testaments, etc.
- Hand out flyers before races to advertise worship services and big celebration Sunday afternoon.
- Guide the fans around the track.
- Run games/matchbox car races, paint faces, & serve snow-cones and popcorn at our Kids Corner locations.

To volunteer or ask questions, please call Charles Ward at 804-317-0094 to get info for your short online, self-paced training.

Cookies/Easter eggs do not require training and can be dropped off no later than March 24th at the church. Thanks!



Little Bible Learners

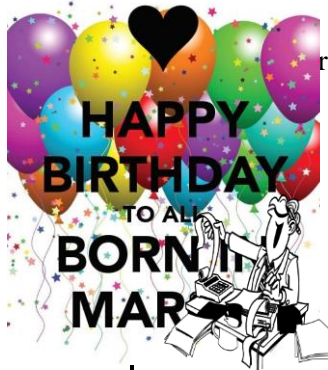
March 3	Melody Clarke
March 10	Rae Duke
March 17	Melody Clarke
March 24	Ann Loving
March 31	Melody Clarke



Flowers

March 3	Open
March 10	Carol Longest
March 17	Herman Pickels
March 24	Open
March 31	Carol Longest

13	Clarence Brooks
15	Ellen Terry
17	Abigail Dawes
20	Kevin Brooks
23	Sandra Frazier
24	Clayton Marshall
25	Audrey Ladd
25	Fred Tipton
31	Wayne Marshall



Financial Report

Offerings through February 25, 2024

Feb. 4	9,769.00
Feb. 11	3,657.25
Feb. 18	6,406.00
Feb. 25	<u>3,233.00</u>

23,065.25

Weekly Needs: \$ 6,572

2024 Offerings	56,605
2024 Budget Needs	<u>52,576</u>
	4,029

Agape Circle

The Agape Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 12th at 7:00pm.

Grace & Joy

The Grace & Joy Circle will meet Tuesday, March 12th at 10:30am.

Homebound/Nursing Home

Evelyn Adams—7313 Win Court
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Jackie Barnette - Heritage Green, Room 132
7080 Brook Farm Road, Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Wanda Bogle - 9070 New Bethesda Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Shirley Schools - 8267 Little Florida Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Jeanie Sweeney—9495 Atlee Road, Rm.124
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

Carolyn Williams - The Hermitage, E102
1600 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227



Items for the month of

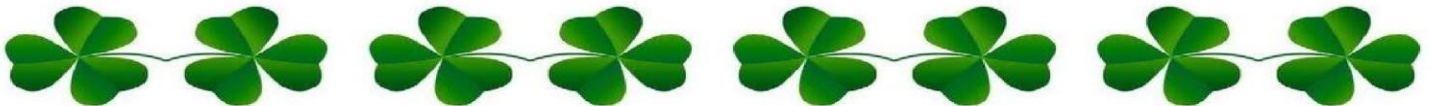
March:

Wash cloths and soap



Deacons Meeting
Sunday, March 10th at
4:00pm.

Bible Study & Lunch
Group
The Bible Study & Lunch
Group will meet on
March 14th at 11am.



**2024 Week of Prayer for North American Missions
and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 3 - March 10th**

“MAKE JESUS KNOWN”

Every year, SBC churches observe the Week of Prayer for North American missions by praying for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Because these missionaries make Jesus known in places all over the U.S. and Canada where there's little or no gospel witness, they experience opposition and they battle loneliness and discouragement. That's why they need your prayers.

281 million is a big number. How big? When someone says the word “missionary”, it's perfectly natural for most people to think of someone in a faraway place. That makes sense. There's a vast mission field “out there.” But for some people, putting a name and face on just one or two of the estimated 281 million lost people living “right here” in the U.S. and Canada changes everything.

PRAY

- *God to call out more laborers who will make Jesus known everywhere in North America.*
- *Churches to develop a passion for missions in the hearts of their people to pray, give and go.*
- *Every believer in North America to see their neighborhood as a mission field.*

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is much more than an offering envelope and an annual missions-giving emphasis. When people give to the offering, 100 percent of their gift will be transformed into missionary salaries and ministry supplies. Those missionaries and supplies will help others hear the message of Christ and respond in faith to His offer of salvation.

Sometimes, the winter season can be difficult to endure; illnesses, cold, gray, dark days both physically and emotionally, and this winter, we, as a church family, have experienced the loss of loved ones. It's in the dark times that we can find comfort by drawing closer to our Savior.



“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” John 10:10b-11

This is a promise that we can lean on to provide a spring for our souls and a hope for tomorrow. Believers have an abundant and meaningful life because we choose to trust and grow in Christ. And we can be assured that believers will one day find themselves in the arms of their Savior, because the good Shepherd laid down His life for the sheep.

Signs of spring are beginning to be revealed! Daffodils are in full bloom. Yesterday, I spotted a cardinal outside of my window. This morning, I heard a woodpecker tapping on the siding of my home. New life will soon be on display. May each of us display new life in Christ as we grow together.

On Palm Sunday, March 24, the Choir will present the Easter Cantata during the morning worship service. We hope you will be there to experience the Easter Story through music and narration.

Your Sister In Christ,
Tiffany

EASTER AT NEW BETHESDA 2024

March 24 10:45 am Easter Cantata

March 28 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

March 30 2:00pm Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday

March 31 8:45 am Flowering of the Cross with devotion

9:00 am Coffee and donuts

9:30 am Sunday School

10:45 am Worship Service



Easter Flowering of the Cross

Please bring your cut flowers on Easter Sunday in order to decorate the cross of our church as a way to honor our Risen Savior. We will meet at the short devotion at 8:45 am.

in front
cross and have a

There will be no evening activities on March 27th (Maundy Service on 28th) and no activities on April 3rd due to school being closed that week.

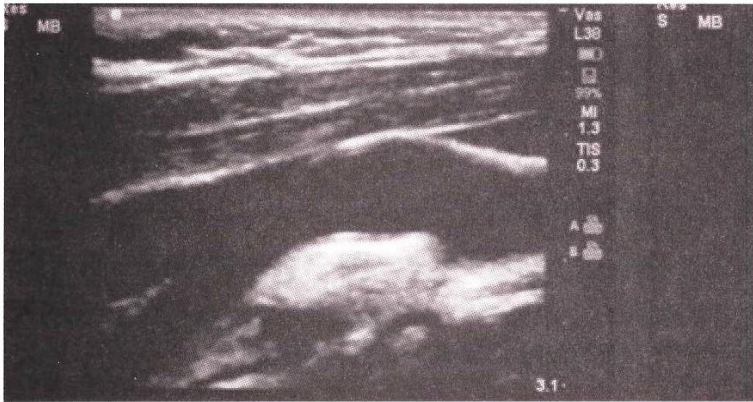
A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. At the top left, it says "Crafts, snacks, drinks, cupcakes". At the top right, it says "March 30th 2-4 PM". Below that, it says "Easter Egg Hunt for little ones, older children and families." A large red banner across the middle reads "JOIN US FOR AN". Below the banner, a yellow Easter Bunny is holding a basket of eggs. To the right, the words "EASTER EGG HUNT" are written in large, bold, pink letters. The background features stylized trees, flowers, and grass.

Take a step toward staying **Healthy & Active**

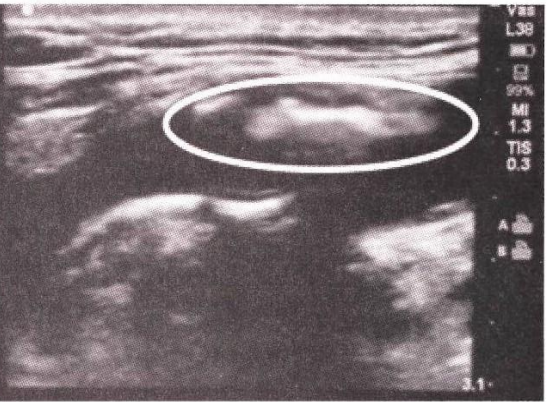
Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health.

Be Smart: Do More For Your Cardiovascular Health

No Plaque Buildup



Plaque Buildup



Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup.

That's why **9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors** support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors.¹

Adults age 50+ and those 40 and older with one or more risk factors for cardiovascular disease should be screened.

¹Key Risk Factors include: *High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

We are coming to your neighborhood.

Where: Mechanicsville - New Bethesda Baptist Church

When: Saturday, March 2, 2024

To register for your appointment and to receive the special discount,
please call **1-800-640-6307** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL/HC**