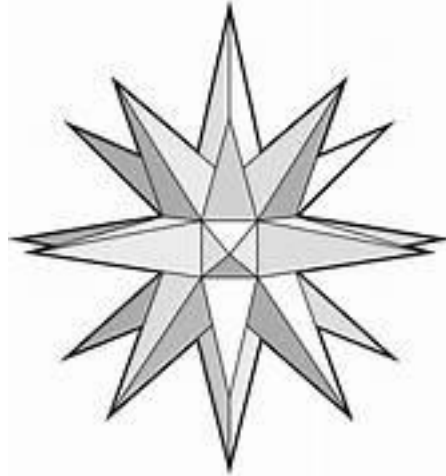


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A Stewardship thought:

*There is no better reward in life than to lay in bed at night, think back over the day, and know that you walked where Jesus called you to walk. You spoke words that you know Jesus called you to say. You cared for people the way that Jesus called you to care. You used your money in a way that Jesus called you to spend it.*

From *God's Call: Yesterday and Today*  
Compiled by The Rt. Rev. J. Christian Geisler

### ***A Meditation on a Hymn***

Jesus, Source of my salvation,  
Conqueror both of death and  
hell,  
Thou Who didst, as my  
Oblation,  
Feel what I deserved to feel,  
Through Thy sufferings, death,  
and merit,  
I eternal life inherit;  
Thousand, thousand thanks to  
Thee,  
Dearest Lord, forever be.

Lord, Thy deep humiliation  
Has atoned for all my pride;  
I need fear no condemnation,  
Since for sinners Thou hast died.  
Thou becam'st a curse, dear  
Savior,  
To restore me to God's favor;  
Thousand, thousand thanks to  
Thee,  
Dearest Lord, forever be.

Lord, I'll praise Thee now and  
ever,  
Who for me wast crucified;  
For Thy agony, dear Savior,  
For Thy wounds and pierced  
side,  
For Thy love, so tried, unending,  
For Thy death, all deaths  
transcending.  
For Thy death and love divine,  
Lord, I'll be forever Thine.



# Touching Base!

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## BETHANIA GOD'S ACRE



We will clear the older graves **Tuesday April 2nd**  
beginning at **10:00 AM**. All help would be  
appreciated for this event!

# Women's Fellowship



## CHICKEN PIE DATES

### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30- Make Dough
- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30- Make Pies
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>, All week prep for chicken pie supper
- 27<sup>th</sup>, Chicken Pie Supper- 4:30-7:00

The Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Chicken Pie Supper (Eat In/Take Out) on April 27th from 4:30 to 7 PM. The supper will include chicken pie, gravy, slaw, green beans, apples, roll, and dessert. Frozen chicken pies will be for sale at \$15.00 each with a limit of 4 per purchase. The Women's Fellowship would like to ask that our church members please allow our visitors to have the first choice to purchase pies. That being said, please wait and be patient in purchasing chicken pies. We hope we will have more than enough to go around after our next pie making.

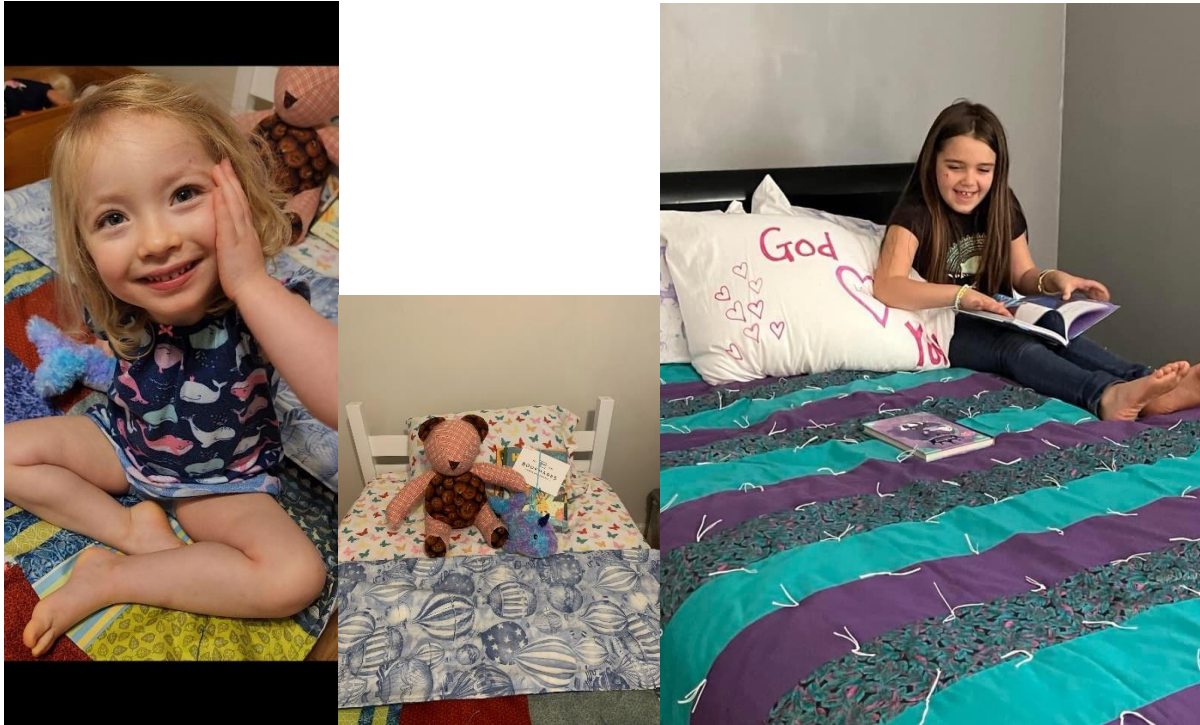
Upcoming events for the Women's Fellowship will be in June when we will host the Annual Tool Trade Show. Information on that event will be in future newsletters.

## Youth

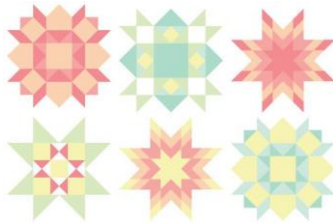
The Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday was a smash HIT! The congregation and visitors were treated to a baked potato and salad luncheon followed by an egg hunt where hundreds of eggs were hidden and found! A special thanks to the Youth Group and their leaders in setting up such an enjoyable, fun event!



# QUILTMAKERS



A few recipients of the gifts of love from our quilters.



# Music

Congregation and friends, are you interested in joining a musical group within the church? We'd love to have you! Just email Joshua at the address below!

Musicians, please be sure to check the online music department calendars. They are updated as things come up. All the information you will need about rehearsals, call times, and service times will be listed.

Any questions? Email Joshua directly at [jdwhittmusic@gmail.com](mailto:jdwhittmusic@gmail.com).

*Sisters and brothers of the congregation, do you have a hymn request?  
Send it into the church office and we'll see if we can fit it in!*





## Visitation Committee



Thank you all so much for the cards for our special sisters and brothers! We are certain they will enjoy them greatly! Included with your cards, we will be making bags with special items to brighten their Easter Holiday!

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, our Women's Fellowship will be donating chicken pie suppers, and we will be delivering them to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. They enjoy this tradition so much!

Again, thank you for sharing your love.

*Love*  
*one another*  
*as I have loved you.*

# *Special*

## *Time With Br. Duke Marley*



*(Sister Sarah and Brother Duke Marley)*

Br. Duke Marley was born in Cumberland, Maryland on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1931. He was an only child. Early on in life, he was given the nickname “Duke” after the Duke Hotel in Durham, NC where his parents spent their honeymoon.

Duke's father was Baptist, and his mother was Methodist, so he was raised in the Church from birth. Sometimes he would attend a Presbyterian Church, but when he was told that animals did not go to Heaven, he left and didn't go back.

Duke attended Bob Jones University where he joined the Army Reserves. Later, he saw service in the Korean War (in England near the North Sea where it was very cold), in Vietnam (as a supply officer), and in the US, serving 50 years total. He retired as a colonel.

After the Korean War, Duke attended Elon College where he met Sarah on a blind date. They married (and have been for over 70 years) and began Army life together. They moved 15 times during those years. Sarah did not work outside of the home but cared for their three children. They now enjoy six grandchildren. Always busy, after retirement Duke rebuilt four different Hudson Cars. He also continued his volunteer work, backstage work, which he started while at Elon.

After Duke and Sarah moved to Kapp Road, they decided to attend Bethania Moravian Church. Duke quickly became involved in the car shows, the Men's Fellowship, visiting the sick, and in the quilting ministry. Because Duke was always willing to ask for donations, the quilters obtained a car upholstery machine, a serger, and many bolts of fabric. Duke made many, many bags for the homeless, and donated to many causes monetarily.

Duke misses the people of Bethania Moravian and reminds us that our prayer life is most important. When his health declines, he moved to assisted living in Lexington where they fondly refer to him as "The Colonel".

# In the Spotlight



On Palm Sunday, 2024, the Board of Elders presented Brother John Hunter with a quilt made especially for him in remembrance and thanksgiving of his decades of service as the Director of Bands at Bethania Moravian Church. Br. John has been an integral part of the Music Ministries at Bethania, and we are grateful for all of the dedication, countless hours, and hard work he has put into ensuring a quality of music within our congregation.

Thank you, John, for your dedicated service.



# Book sale, and for a good cause!!!

## 2024 Used Book Sale

May 2 to May 4, 2024

Education Building, Winston-Salem Fairgrounds

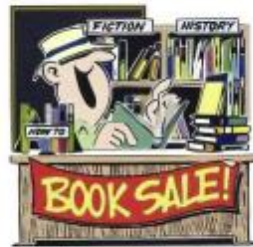
Gate 5, Deacon Blvd

*Free Parking and Admission*

Thursday, May 2 - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday, May 3 - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 - 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (1/2 Price Sale)



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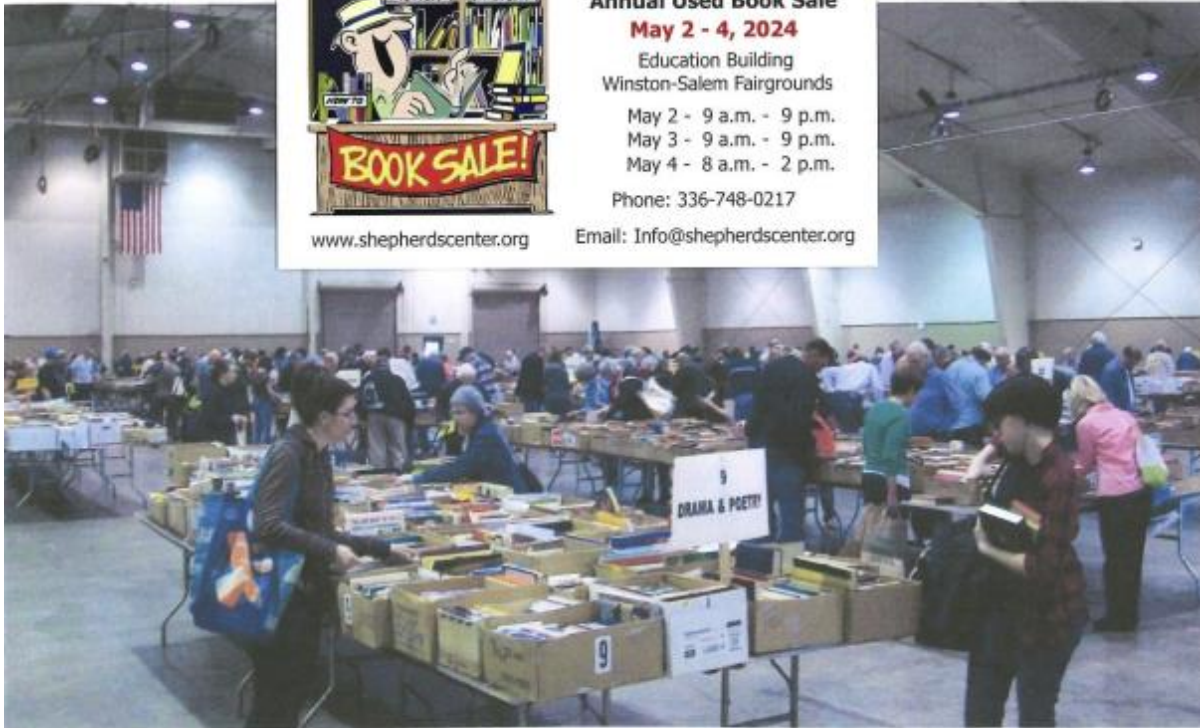
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# APRIL BIRTHDAYS



**2<sup>nd</sup> Lloyd Flynn**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dallas Martin**

**4<sup>th</sup> Beth Spieler**

**4<sup>th</sup> Rebecca Ogburn**

**7<sup>th</sup> Burke Bovender**

**13<sup>th</sup> Duke Marley**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Kapp**

**17<sup>th</sup> Tonya Bovender**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sue Underwood**

**19<sup>th</sup> Richard Kelley**

**20<sup>th</sup> Ann Hamby**

**29<sup>th</sup> Jerry Fulcher**

*With Your presence, Lord, our Head and Savior, bless them all, we humbly pray; our dear heavenly Father's love and favor be their comfort every day. May God's Spirit now in each proceeding favor them with His most gracious leading; thus, shall they be truly blessed both in labor and in rest. Amen.*

