

New Bethesda Baptist Church
9019 New Bethesda Road
Mechanicsville, Va. 23116

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus

The Lamplighter



2023

Sunday Services:

9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Devotional Videos by Caleb on our
Facebook page

Wednesday Services:

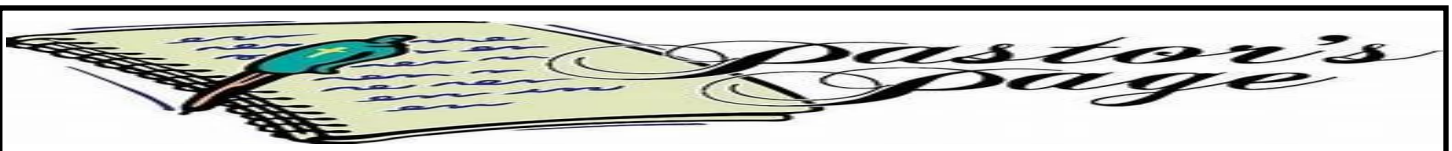
6:00 Fellowship Dinner
6:45 Prayer Meeting
6:45 Youth, Mission Friends, CA's
7:30 Choir Practice

Church Staff

Rev. Caleb Bittler	Senior Pastor
Tiffany Talley	Minister of Music
Steve LaCombe	Accompanist
Shirley Mitchell	Ministry Assistant

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Phone	804 - 779-2101



If you are like me, once you reach February you often find yourself wishing it were spring. I mentioned the other day that once Christmas and football are all over, I could just skip ahead to warmer weather. But, skipping ahead usually means that we're not paying attention to what God is doing right here in the present. All time is in God's hands, whether it is our favorite time of year or not. So again, if you're like me and you catch yourself looking ahead to a different time of year, know that God is just as much present right now. With the Lord, we are always in the right season!

And in speaking of seasons, we have some exciting things happening in our church. This month we'll have the sanctuary re-painted and re-carpeted. Do note the logistical changes we've made to accommodate the work. Beginning February 1st, we'll begin having Wednesday night dinners, prayer meeting, and Bible study in the old fellowship hall. Also, beginning February 5th, worship will be in the Ministry Center. We appreciate your flexibility and patience while we invest in what God has given us.

February 26th has been set aside as Women's Day. We're excited to have Sarah Hubble joining us this year. Sarah comes to us from CrossRoads Camp where she serves as operations and pastoral director. I'm sure you'll be blessed by the message Sarah brings.

Also, let me remind you to continue being in prayer for our church. We still have our prayer jar set up in the ministry center. Come prayer walk the church, inside or outside, and let's fill the jar as a show of how we're covering all we do in prayer.

Blessings,
Pastor Caleb

FOCUS ON WMU

The ladies of our church will lead the worship service on WMU Sunday, February 26th, and all ladies are invited to sing in the Ladies Choir that morning! We will rehearse briefly after the worship service on February 19th to practice. Please put it on your calendar and plan to give just a few extra minutes of your day to be a part of this exciting worship opportunity. ***Our guest speaker for the morning worship will be Sara Hubble, Operations and Pastoral Director at CrossRoads Camp & Conference Center.***



SAVE THE DATE

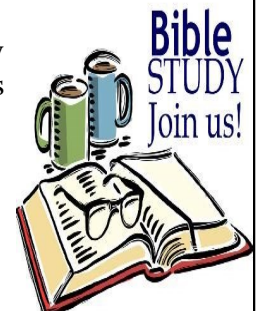
July 17th - 21st

Vacation Bible School

Please contact Vicki Brooks with any questions or if you would like to help. More information to come.

New Bethesda Family

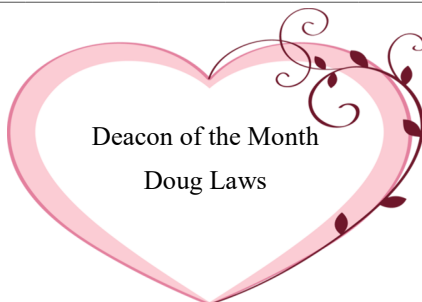
On March 9 at 11:00 a Bible Study and lunch will happen. The hope is a monthly opportunity to meet, study and socialize over lunch. Bring your favorite dish to share. Call Margarete Culley at 804-338-2758 with any questions! Hope to see you soon!



Opportunities for February

Little Bible Learners

Feb. 5 Melody Clarke
Feb. 12 Rae Duke
Feb. 19 Ann Loving
Feb. 26 Melody Clarke



Flowers

Feb. 5 Carol & ed Longest
Feb. 12 Joan Brooks
Feb. 19 Bettianne Aylor
Feb. 26 Frances Cabaniss



5 Scott Montgomery
6 Sandy Pohnert
8 Anna Kegley
10 Lynne Uzel
12 Stacey Garnett
12 Vickie Gartner
15 Frances Cabaniss
17 Marlene Aigner
18 Scott DeNoon
20 Debbie Usry
22 Preston Ladd
23 Chip Loving
25 Aimee West
26 Tracy Evans
28 Anna Wootton
28 Melody Clarke
29 (Leap Year) Ann Chatos



Financial Report

Offerings through January 29, 2023



Jan. 1	10,257.00
Jan. 8	7,623.50
Jan. 15	2,066.00
Jan. 22	5,972.00
Jan. 29	<u>22,346.47</u>
	48,264.97

Weekly Needs: \$ 6,281.00

2023 Offerings	48,265
2023 Budget Needs	<u>31,405</u>
	16,860

Homebound/Nursing Home

Evelyn Adams—7313 Win Court
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

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

Leroy Crowder - 7395 Adams Farm Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Sandy Pohnert - 10766 Ashcake Station Place
Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116

Shirley Schools - 8267 Little Florida Road
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Jeanie Sweeney—7320 Dress Blue Drive
Mechanicsville, VA 23116

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



In the event of inclement weather, our Wednesday night schedule will follow the Hanover County School System. If schools are cancelled or close early on Wednesday, our Wednesday night activities will be cancelled. The pastor and deacons will make a decision regarding Sunday services (by 8 am.). Notices will be broadcast on CBS channel 6 news (TV). You may contact your Deacon.



February 2023



A recent poll conducted by the Pew Research Center reports that 63% of Americans describe themselves as Christians, which is down from 75% just a decade ago. Lifeway Research indicates that the number of Americans who say that they attend church at least monthly has dropped 7%, since the start of the pandemic, but many believe the number is much higher. The behavior of our society speaks for itself. People need the Lord!

I don't want to stay in the negative for too long, because I have been so encouraged by our time of worship over the past couple of months. Thank you for your support with the music ministry in singing our beautiful hymns of faith and our not-so-familiar songs of praise. I have felt the Holy Spirit moving. We have already begun practicing for the Easter Cantata and would love to have you join us. I am grateful for the Bittler family. Each one of them is a joy to be around, and I am so thankful to have a pastor that preaches from God's word each Sunday. Oh! And I'm not sure if there's anything that Kelly can not do. She is a gift, as are so many others in our church.

I hope you will choose to encourage others to join us for our time of worship. If you are still attending church "online," I pray that you will return. Just ask any student about their online school learning experience. 9 out of 10 will quickly tell you that they love being back in person. Pray for our church, our community, and ways that we can be a blessing.

Your Sister in Christ,
Tiffany

Women's Sunday is February 26. If you would like to sing with the Women's Choir, we will meet in the choir loft after the service on Sunday, February 19 for a short practice and again on Sunday, February 26 at 10:25, prior to the worship service.

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WORSHIP BY YOUTHQUEST
GENERAL SESSIONS
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FEB 3-4 • 2023
COOL SPRING BAPTIST CHURCH
MECHANICSVILLE, VA 23116
REGISTRATION OPENS NOV @ TRIB3.ORG



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February 11th, 5:00 pm to 8:00pm

**New Bethesda Educational Building
(Old Fellowship Hall)**

Benefit: Annie Armstrong

Plan to join us and bring your favorite pot of chili to share with everyone. We will have jars available to vote for your favorite. All proceeds will go to our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

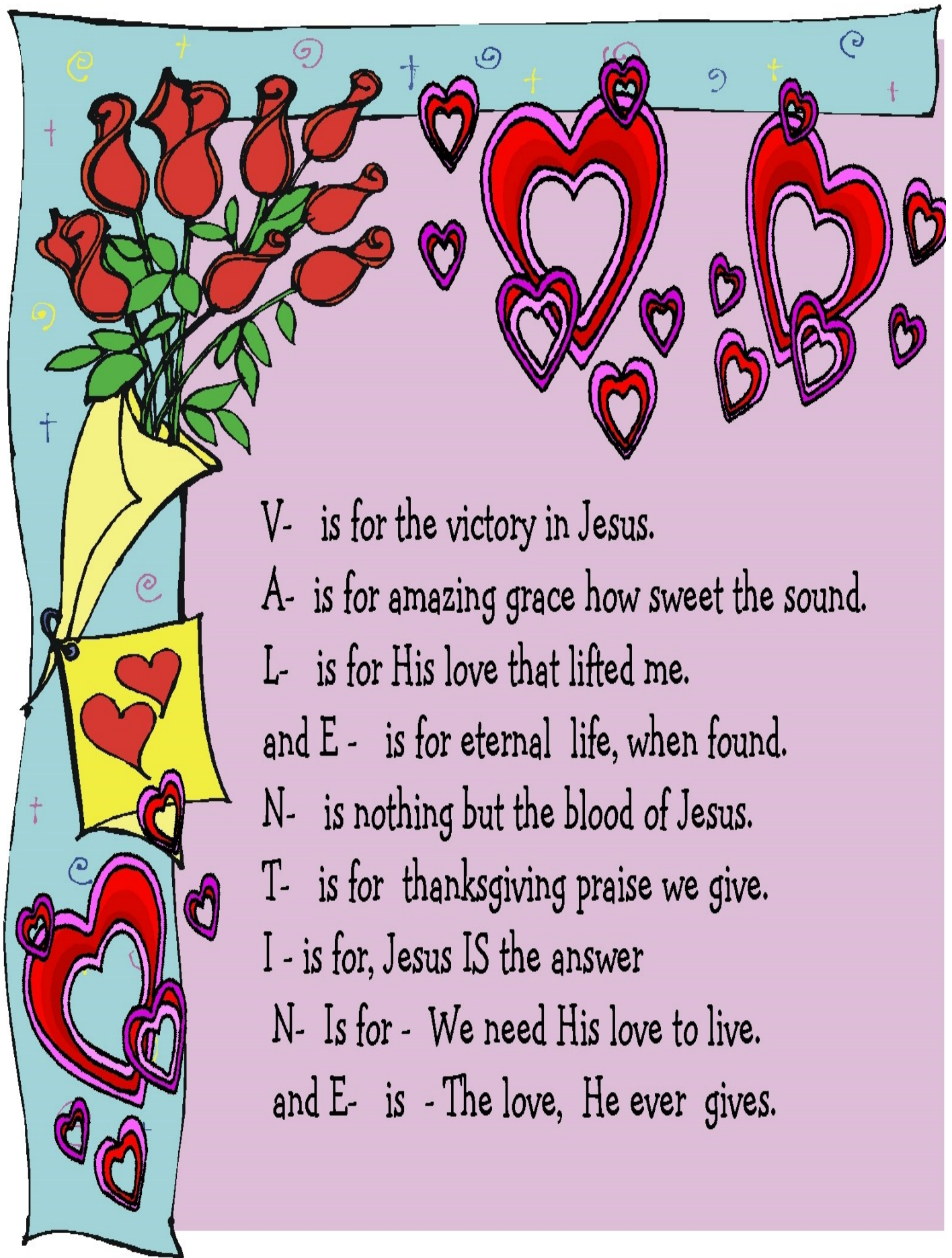
Also, bring a game you would like to play with others as we enjoy a night of fellowship.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 5-12, 2023**

100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts support thousands of missionaries serving in church planting and compassion ministry.

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada and the territories of Puerto Rico, U. S. Virgin Islands, Guan and America Samoa.

- Population: 371 million
- Languages: 350
- Estimated lost: 281 million



V- is for the victory in Jesus.

A- is for amazing grace how sweet the sound.

L- is for His love that lifted me.

and E - is for eternal life, when found.

N- is nothing but the blood of Jesus.

T- is for thanksgiving praise we give.

I - is for, Jesus IS the answer

N- Is for - We need His love to live.

and E- is - The love, He ever gives.