

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

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus

# The Lamplighter

## 2024



### 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



As is often said this time of year, this year sure has gone by fast! Here we are at the beginning of May, and I'm sure something that is on many of our minds is Mother's Day. So, I just wanted to offer a quick word of appreciation for the mother's and motherly influences of our church. You are each so appreciated. Your care and work for your families is noticed and commended. And your devotion to your church family is inspirational. To have so many motherly influences across our church is a real blessing. Happy Mother's Day to you!

Something else that is often on our minds this time of year is graduation. Whether it's for high school, undergrad, grad school, or some other level of education, for so many, the hard work has finally paid off. Congratulations! And at NBBC, we want to take the time to recognize the hard work of those connected to our church. To that end, we'll recognize our graduates during our announcement time before worship on May 19. If you have a graduate connected to your family, please get us their information (full name and school graduating from). We look forward to celebrating with you!

Also, we continue on in the book of Jeremiah through the month of May. I mentioned a week or two ago in our Wednesday night Bible study that, yes, Jeremiah can be a challenge. But, we are going to end the latest go around with Jeremiah in a good place. God gives us hope through Jeremiah that his plan has always been a new covenant, one that we now understand has been brought about through Jesus. I've enjoyed our study in Jeremiah, and I hope it has been beneficial to you as well.

And now, I leave you with this: sometimes, growth and learning aren't fun. It's uncomfortable and even hurts sometimes to push ourselves beyond where we've been before. But, we can trust that God is with us through it all. I can't imagine the pain and discomfort the people of Jeremiah's day were feeling as God taught them some hard lessons about staying faithful to him. As I mentioned already, though, God had a plan! He would continue working this plan of one day sending his son, so that we could live through him and have new hearts and minds fully devoted to God's kingdom. So if you're in that tough place of growing and learning remember, God has a plan for you and it's a good plan that you can experience through Jesus!

Blessings,  
Pastor Caleb



**If you are graduating from high school or college or if you are the parent of a 2024 graduate, please call the church office to let us know your graduate's full name and the school from which she or he is graduating. We will recognize our graduates on May 19th in the morning service.**

# MAY

## Little Bible Learners

May 5	Melody Clarke
May 12	Rae Duke
May 19	Melody Clarke
May 26	Ann Loving

## Deacon of the Month

**MIKE LOHR**

## Flowers

May 5	Open
May 12	Bettiann Aylor
May 19	Kathi Waple
May 26	Kim, Chris Wilmoth



- 1 Tyler Stowers
- 1 Cooper Garnett
- 4 Judy Ellen
- 5 Austin Seamster
- 8 Caleb Bittler
- 10 Shirley Mitchell
- 10 Linda Mills
- 11 Thelma Bailey
- 11 Tom Gaskins
- 11 Aiden Galla
- 13 Matthew Brooks
- 15 Bobby Culley
- 15 Lynn Hite
- 18 Sam Frazier
- 18 Cort Kegley
- 19 Susan Lehman
- 20 Sandy Shupe
- 23 Thomas Evans, Jr.
- 28 Bill Smith

## Financial Report

Offerings through April 28, 2024



April 7	5,454.00
April 14	11,071.52
April 21	3,900.00
April 28	<u>4,092.43</u>
	24,517.95

Weekly Needs: \$ 6,572

2024 Offerings	110,210
2024 Budget Needs	<u>111,724</u>
	(1,514)

## 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

## SOFTBALL SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF

### MAY

Monday, May 6 at 6:30pm

Monday, May 13 at 8:30pm

Monday, May 20 at 8:30pm

Monday, May 27 at 6:30pm



May is the month to celebrate mothers and graduates. Thank you, mothers, for all that you do for your own children and the impact that you make on our world. As for graduates, my niece, Madison, will graduate from King William High School and from the Practical Nursing Program through Rappahannock Community College. My son, Chase, will graduate with a MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Liberty University.

Recently, I was speaking with Chase and his wife, Sydney, who is also a counselor, about issues that people are struggling with and their overwhelming answer was anxiety. People too often compare themselves to others and their achievements, and Facebook perpetuates this crisis. I believe that we all at one time or another struggle with mental health issues. We judge ourselves through our own eyes, but this is what God says about each one of us.

### **I created you.**

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14*

### **You were created to glorify Me.**

*Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made. Isaiah 43:7*

### **You were created to do My work.**

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10*

### **When you accept Me as your Lord and Savior, your mind will be made new.**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24*

### **I am always with you.**

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Isaiah 43:1-2*

When we see ourselves as God does; a beautiful creation made to glorify Him, it takes the expectation off of worldly goals and achievements and makes us realize that from the very beginning, God created us with everything we need to do His work and glorify Him.

You are invited to join the music ministry as we strive to glorify Him. Now is a perfect time to join us.

Your Sister In Christ,  
*Tiffany*





at

# New Bethesda Baptist Church

Sign your child up today!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY

Each day, our children face many big questions: Did God REALLY CREATE EVERYTHING? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible?

At this VBS, your kids will delve into these questions through a thrilling escapade from Genesis to Revelation. Amidst sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will voyage on an exciting jungle expedition, making stops at seven significant landmarks. These spots represent the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Children will uncover how these pivotal moments shape our world, bridging the Bible to their daily experiences. Get ready to dive into a world of excitement on The Great Jungle Journey!



Monday July 22nd through Friday July 26

9:00am - Noon

## Month of Prayer Emphasis

FOR

Leslie and Hazel Watson Dover Baptist Associational Missions

**Our church goal this year is \$1500.00**

The Leslie and Hazel Watson Offering is named in memory of an amazing couple who were strongly dedicated to God and His Missions. The Watsons were long-time Dover Baptist missionaries serving in Japan among other places. There are offering envelopes in the windows along with prayer guides for you to use.

### **Agape Circle**

The Agape Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm.

### **Joy & Grace Circle**

The Joy and Grace Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 7th at 10:30am.



### **Items for the month of May**

small rubber balls or  
inflatable Beach Balls

EVERY boy & girl needs  
a ball! ...



### **Bible Study & Lunch Group**

The Bible Study & Lunch  
Group will meet on  
May 9th at 11am.

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, May 19th at  
6:00pm.

