



THE BETHEL INFORMER

June and July 2024

Pastor Reuben Rinker

Hello again to all you faithful readers. It will soon be time to say goodbye to Spring and Hello to Summer. Spring's flowers are quickly fading as Summer's heat becomes more and more intense. At times it seems there is little difference between these final days of Spring and the early days of Summer. Perhaps, this is because as a Canadian boy, my mind tells me that 90+ degrees in May is just not how it should be. Perhaps, it is because I am getting older and my mind and body are more keenly aware of and annoyed by the amount of sweat already being produced from just a few short hours of outside work. Whatever the case, I say, "*This ought not to be!*"

There is something else that I have been feeling recently about which I would also say, "*This ought not to be!*" It is not a rise in temperature, but a rise in the lack of exemplary behavior displayed by God's people. You might blame this on my Canadian roots, as Canadians are often thought of as polite and respectful individuals. It could be blamed on me getting older and becoming outdated, even possibly old fogeyish. One might accuse me of failing to enter the modern era and lacking progression. However, God does not change. His Word does not change. It is just as alive and relevant today as the day it was first penned. If it says, "*This ought not to be!*" then, well, it ought not to be.

Scripture clearly calls believers to be an example to others, including other believers. A believer, a Christian, a 'little Christ' should be the best version of a human. We have the power of God's Spirit available for us to be as close to the original Creation as is 'humanly' possible. **2 Corinthians 5:17** tells us, "*anyone in Christ is a new creation, the old is passed and the new is come.*" **2 Corinthians 4:16** informs believers that their inner spirit can be "*renewed day by day*". And in Matthew 5 Jesus is very clear that we are to be the salt and light in a dark and self-absorbed world. However, when I look around, I do not see much difference between a 'good' person and a believer. In fact, oftentimes moral and ethical non-believers are a greater example of morality and ethics than believers. Why? And isn't it time we do something about it?

How we talk about others. How we treat others. How we carry ourselves. Even can I say what we wear and what we intake as entertainment. Is there much difference? What should the difference be? Should a 'soccer mom' who is a believer treat the coaches and referees differently than a 'soccer mom' who doesn't know Jesus? Should a restaurant goer whose waitress gets their order wrong sound different than one who is an unbeliever? Should a believer getting dressed up for a special event look different than one who is an unbeliever? In what ways are we to reflect propriety, compassion, self-control, patience, grace, and peace?

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To be clear, I am not so much talking about egregious sins, but rather unkind, inconsiderate, rude, deceitful, and sometimes inappropriate speech and behavior. A Christian is not only someone who has been forgiven for their sins, but an individual who repents and turns away from certain behaviors. We are to reflect and represent Jesus. **The majority of the ways we live out an exemplary life do not happen automatically but with a great deal of *thought and intentionality*.** *Multiple times in Scripture we are told to CHOOSE to WALK in the Spirit. In 1 Timothy 4:12 Paul uses words of intent when challenging his young protegee Timothy. "Let no one look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." If you read on through the next four verses Paul continues to use major purposeful action phrases such as: devote yourself to, do not neglect, practice these things, immerse yourself in, keep a close watch on, and persist in. Paul was calling Timothy to break the mold and not use his youth as an excuse to be careless, callous, conceited, crass, or coarse.*

When is the last time we went through our day with a focus on being a godly example? When the question we asked was not, "is this morally or ethically wrong?" but rather "is this an example of Christlikeness to others"? You may notice that one of the major differences in the question is not a focus on myself but on others and Christ. It is not about what I can get away with but rather what will build, bless, and bring beauty to others.

In the next newsletter, I plan to dig deeper into what I believe is the main cause the behavioral bar has fallen so low across society and why the Church has often failed to hold up their part. In the future, I also want to take a closer look at the six areas in which Paul called Timothy to set an example. In the meantime, will you join me in taking time to consider what sort of examples we are setting? To take the challenge as believers to raise the bar high and show others the type of people God created and calls us to be. Join with me in prayer and meditation (deep Spirit guided thoughtfulness) over **Ephesians 2:1-10**, asking God what that looks like in every area of our lives.

Ephesians 2:1-10 *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you used to walk when you conformed to the ways of this world and of the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit who is now at work in the sons of disobedience. All of us also lived among them at one time, fulfilling the cravings of our flesh and indulging its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature children of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our trespasses. It is by grace you have been saved! And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might display the surpassing riches of His grace, demonstrated by His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not from yourselves; it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance as our way of life.*

P.S. In case you were wondering, the word fogeyish is an actual word!

Have a fun and blessed summer, Pastor Reuben

Memorials and Honorariums Given to Bethel Global Methodist Church

Donations have been given to the General Fund

In Honor of Lilly's 2nd birthday on May 5, 2024

By
Granddaddy and Grammy

In Honor of Sisters of Hope
In Honor of Children's Ministry Team

By
Cindy Simpson

In Memory of Lee Ferrell
In Memory of Jerry Hedrick
In Memory of Leon McCrosky
In Memory of Robert Bowling

By
Ricky and Cindy Simpson



Please keep these persons and their circumstances in your prayers:

Cody Cordell, Judy Harrington, Elsie Joiner,
Lois Leonard, Butch and Peggy Safrit,

Nursing Homes/Retirement Centers:

Evelyn Coggins, Martha Doby, Judy Harrington,
Dolores Richardson, Martha Surratt and Shirley Tobin





On-Going Schedule



Monthly

1st Sunday
Methodist Men
7:30 a.m. @ Family Life Center

2nd Tuesday
Sisters of Hope
1:00 p.m. @ Family Life Center



Weekly

Sunday

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the FLC with Donna Smith
- 10:00 a.m. On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service in the Sanctuary



Wednesday



- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

- 6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting with Pastor Erick

Methodist Men
Sunday, June 2nd
7:30 a.m.
at the Family Life Center.

All men are invited to attend!

No Methodist Men in July



Young Adults Gathering
5:00 p.m.
June.....2nd

Ages 3-7 year old
5:00—7:00 p.m.
June.....2nd
Supper Provided!

Youth Ministry



Youth Meetings 6:00 p.m.

- June..... 6th
- June..... 13th
- June..... 20th
- June.....27th
- July 4th (*No Meeting— Holiday*)
- July11th (*No Meeting—Youth Camp*)
- July18th
- July 25th (*VBS*)

Sisters of Hope

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Tuesday, June 11th
1:00 p.m.

Brenda Draughn will have devotions and Joy Tucker will provide refreshments. We will complete our planning for Sisters of Hope Sunday.

Tuesday, July 9th
1:00 p.m.

We will be going out to eat at Max's Restaurant in Thomasville.

All women are invited to come and be a part of this wonderful missions group.



Sisters of Hope Sunday

June 16th — Father's Day!

The speaker will be **Linda Hunt**, who loves God and people. Her message title is "**Trying to live right-side up in an up-side down world**". Ms. Hunt was a minister's wife for 26 years. Her husband, Pastor Brooks Hunt passed away 7 years ago. Ms. Hunt has a passion for serving. She and her husband had a cupcake ministry delivering to shut-ins. She has continued her cupcake ministry through churches that feed the needy. She has also collected items for the homeless. During her 17 years of employment at Thomasville Medical Center, she raised funds for car seats for the newborns and she also started the Christmas Tree Program and Connection Link. She is a farmer in Wallburg and attends Shady Grove Global Methodist Church.

Sisters of Hope sponsored a K-9 event with Adam Rollins and his fellow K-9 officers on May 21st. It was educational and fun. We are so grateful to these officers and their K-9's that serve so faithfully to protect us and our community. Thank you K-9 officers and K-9's, you are brave, you are smart and you are loved! (Adam Rollins and Macho, Matt Watkins and Al, Jonathan Mchone and Brick, Mike Vogler and Flash).

A special thank you to Officer Cerretani for being the decoy that the dogs apprehended and Sgt. Sutton who came to lend support as an ex K-9 office himself.

We want to send a message of appreciation to everyone who attended and those who brought refreshments and to Cari Graham for designing our flyer. **THANK YOU!!**

We had 97 in attendance and that does not include News 2, around 7 officers and 4 dogs.

Bethel Global Methodist Church Pine Needle Sale!!

Proceeds from this project will go to the Playground Fund and K-9 Officers.

Tell your friends and neighbors!



Long Pine Straw \$5.00

**508 Fisher Ferry Street
Thomasville, NC**

**Call Cindy Simpson at 336-225-1961
to order pine needles and schedule pick up.**



**Our Helpers
in June and July**



Children's Church and Nursery

June 2nd

Children's ChurchCindy Simpson and Talon Rinker
Nursery.....Emily Woods and Robert Young

June 9th

Children's ChurchKayla Smith and Kallie Rinker
Nursery.....Melissa Ferguson and Cindy Simpson

June 16th

Children's ChurchSue Tobin and Angelyn Rinker
Nursery.....Irene King and Lori Donovan

June 23rd

Children's ChurchPaige Simpson and Travis Bowman
NurseryElizabeth Owens and Angelyn Rinker

June 30th

Children's ChurchMelissa Ferguson and Luke Bowman
NurseryNo Nursery

July 7th

Children's ChurchElizabeth Owens and Angelyn Rinker
NurseryKayla Smith and Cindy Simpson

July 14th

Children's ChurchLori Donovan and Luke Bowman
NurserySue Tobin and Irene King

July 21st

Children's ChurchEmily Woods and Robert Young
NurseryPaige Simpson and Travis Bowman

July 28th

Children's ChurchMelissa Ferguson and Talon Rinker
NurseryKayla Smith and Kallie Rinker

Children's Church/Nursery

Our children made Mother's day gifts for their mothers. It was apparent that their mothers are #1 to them. They were focused and handled their projects with care. It was hardly noticeable that we had a large group of 12 on Mother's Day!

Over the next couple months, June and July we will be learning about Jesus' Baptism and then study the temptation of Jesus, which happened directly after His baptism. Our main Bible passages can be found in **Matthew 3:13-17** and **Matthew 4:1-11**. Our study and activities will include video, music, drama, worksheets, and snacks!

Thank you to our parents that bring their children to church to fellowship and learn about God!

Sunday Fundraiser Luncheons!

Thanks to all the helpers and for everyone who came to eat!
(**No** meals in June, July and August)

See you in September!



Country Breakfast and Bake Sale

Saturday, June 8th and July 13th
7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Bethel GMC Family Life



Country Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs,
Grits, Stewed Apples,
Gravy, Biscuits,
Coffee, Juice, Tea, Soft Drinks

Cost: \$10.00 (Adults)
\$6.00 (7-10 yrs.)
\$3.00 (6 and under)

Jit and Imogene's Egg Roll Fundraiser Project

Vegetable Egg Rolls
Meat and Vegetable Egg Rolls
\$12.00 a dozen

*Please contact Imogene
to place your order.
(Home) 336-475-2846 or
(Cell) 336-847-5228*



**We have chicken pies and
poppy seed chicken to sell.**



The price of the pies are
\$12.00 for the chicken pies
and **\$13.00** for the poppy
seed chicken.

*Please call Imogene Garrett.
(Home) 336-475-2846 or
(Cell) 336-847-5228*

The Sisters of Hope are selling flavoring.

Please contact **Imogene Garrett** at **336-847-5228** or **336-475-2846**
and leave a message on her answering machine
or see her at church if you would like to purchase a bottle.



Flavors

**Lemon and Vanilla
(Regular) — \$3.75**



"Graduate Sunday"
June 2nd
10:00 a.m.

Our High School Graduates are:

Luke Bowman
Serina Sigmon
Mykool Vargas

Congratulations!



Father's Day Bulletin

We will be taking names for the Father's Day bulletin.
You may have a name placed in honor or in memory (\$ 1.00) which will go to the **Children's Ministry.**

Contact the church office or give the information to Cindy by Sunday, June 9th.



Happy Father's Day!

June 16, 2024

Email Address:
bethelthomasville@gmail.com



Find us on Facebook at:
Bethel GMC Thomasville

The webpage has a link
to our
YouTube channel.

Check it out! *Bethel's Webpage*
<http://www.bethelthomasville.com>

First Day of Summer!
Thursday, June 20th



If you need to contact our church secretary, her hours are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

4:00 — 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 336-689-1701



If you need to contact Pastor Reuben Rinker,
his number is: Mobile: 336-689-3181
Email: pastorreuben7@gmail.com



Pastor Reuben would like to offer bringing personal communion to anyone who would be unable to attend communion at church. In you are interested, please let him know.



5th Sunday Singing
Sunday, June 30th
6:00 p.m.

Central Wesleyan Church
300 Hinkle Street
Thomasville, NC 27360

Please come and worship God with our area churches.

Refreshments following the singing!



Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, July 21st – Thursday, July 25th

“Stellar”
Shine Jesus’ Light

Kickoff — Make your own ice cream sundae party!

Sunday, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

(Registration begins at 5:15 p.m.)

Monday – Wednesday – 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday – 6:00 p.m.

(Family Night)

We need volunteers!!!

Planning meetings will be announced in the bulletin.
Stay tuned for more details!

Option to work on your area on Wednesday evenings is available. Let Cindy know if you plan to utilize this and she will be sure the church is open for you.



Cosmo



Ringo



Luna



Sol



Halley



Astro



Calendar of Up-Coming Events and Live Streaming

2	7:30 a.m.	Methodist Men
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service— <i>Graduation Sunday</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Young Adult Gathering/ Children's Sunday School
5	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
6	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
8	7—10:00 a.m.	Country Breakfast and Bake Sale
9	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11	1:00 p.m.	Sisters of Hope
	6:30 p.m.	Lay Team Meeting
12	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
13	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
14		Flag Day
16		<i>Happy Father's Day!</i>
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
19	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
20		<i>First Day of Summer!</i>
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
20-22		NC GMC Annual Conference
23	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
26	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
27	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
30	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	6:00 p.m.	5th Sunday Singing at Central Wesleyan



Happy Anniversary!

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jimmy and Vicki Benton
5	Mark and Lisa Myers
9	David and Donna Smith
15	Roger and Patti Woods
18	Josh and Lori Donovan
19	Keith and Cynthia Tobin
20	Al and Linda Finch
25	Charles and Priscilla Wood
28	Steve and Debbie Ferguson



Happy Birthday!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3	Roger Woods
6	Peyton Curry
6	Colby Tobin
9	Gavin Martin
9	Landon Smith
13	Reuben Rinker
14	Tony Bodenheimer
16	Rita Motsinger
19	Brady King
19	Kathy Bodenheimer
20	Susan Johnson
26	Al Finch
27	Marianna Boaz
28	Colby King



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Paul and Ruth Powers
- 31 Tony and Kathy Bodenheimer
- 31 Daniel and Kayla Smith

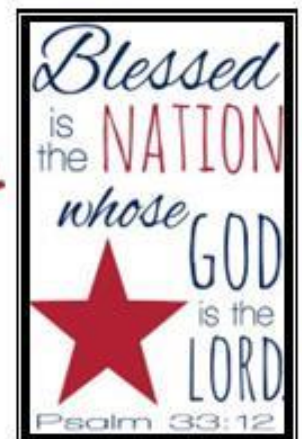


Calendar of Up-Coming Events and Live Streaming

3	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
4		Happy 4th of July
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
7	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service <i>4th of July Celebration</i>
8-12		Carolina Christian Youth Camp
9	1:00 p.m.	Sisters of Hope
10	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
11		No Youth Meeting
13	7:00—10:00 a.m.	Country Breakfast
14	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
17	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
18	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
21	5:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Registration
	5:30—8:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
22	5:30—8:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
23	5:30—8:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
24	5:30—8:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
25	6:00 p.m.	VBS Family Night and Dinner
28	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	VBS Sunday

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jit Salisbury
- 1 Douglas Crone, II
- 4 Tyler Tobin
- 8 Hannah Fritts Collett
- 8 Ray Von Leonard
- 10 Lindsay Caylor
- 11 Jeanne Jarrett
- 11 Linda Finch
- 11 Sheila Myers
- 11 Emma Welborn
- 13 Emeri Reese Ferguson
- 14 Benjie Brown
- 15 Paul Powers
- 17 Vicki Benton
- 17 Sheryl Briggs
- 19 Rita Sigmon
- 20 Rick Pinion
- 21 Patty Mitchell
- 21 Beth LaLonde-Mayhew
- 21 Rick Chilton
- 21 Michael Niver
- 23 Ruth Powers
- 24 Irene King
- 24 Darlene Salisbury
- 26 Daniel Smith
- 27 Dolores Elkins
- 27 Adam Tobin
- 27 Terry Whitman
- 28 Jed Harris
- 28 Cynthia Tobin



***If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed please call the office and let Wanda know.
336-476-4222 Thanks!***

Nursing Home List

This is an updated list of addresses and birthdays for our nursing home friends. I am sure that they would enjoy getting a card from anyone in their church family.

Nursing Home

Piedmont Crossing
100 Hedrick Drive
Thomasville, NC 27360

Room 208

Evelyn Coggins
Birthday — May 17th

Room 101

Martha Doby
Birthday — August 9th

Apt. 202 in the Gallery

Dolores Richardson
Birthday — October 27th

Room 402

Shirley Tobin
Birthday — December 21st

Westchester Harbour
630 Whittier Avenue
High Point, NC 27262

Martha Surratt

Birthday — March 13th

Brookdale Senior Living
1560 Skeet Club Road
High Point, NC 27265

Room 23

Judy Harrington
Birthday — August 23rd



***We love our family and friends
at the nursing homes !***

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