



BPC REVIEW

Bethel Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November 2017



Bible Study: Acts 5:29-39

What We Should Know First:

Peter and other apostles have been dragged into a court of Jewish law after being ordered to stop teaching in Jesus name and refusing to stop. The conflict is rising, and a fever pitch is being reached as Peter refuses to recant. Not only that, but he calls the blood of Christ down upon the Leaders of the temple: A very grave charge. Gamaliel, a respected teacher of the law rises to give an unlikely and eloquent word of reason. Not much is known about him other than that he was a teacher and a highly respected teacher of the law. It is also mentioned that he was Paul's teacher and mentor before his conversion.

Points of Interest:

Like Daniel in the Lions den, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace, and soon to be Stephen, Peter and the other disciples are being asked to put aside their faith and their commitment to it. Peters answer is quite simple: we have to obey God because our call to serve him over rules your mandate for us not to teach in the name of our Lord. Besides, you killed him. Just for good measure he blames them for Jesus death. Realize that this is a very anti-establishment message. It did not go over well. It is evident that things are quickly getting out of hand.

What is it like to have your core belief's questioned? How hard is it for us to determine what Gods will for us is? What things today would be considered compromise and how do we know when we are obeying God?

I had a high school football coach that used to warn us against getting too amped up for games. He said that the best way to play was to go all out physically but slow down the game mentally so that we could anticipate and react to what the other team's offense was throwing at us. To remind us of that he would pull us aside and say, "You guys have to slow your roll." Let the game come to you. In essence that is what Gamaliel is saying. He sends the apostles out and the first thing he says is, slow your roll.

How can it be harmful for us to react on feelings of intense anger, frustration, or passion when someone has deeply offended us? In what ways do you slow your roll?

Gamaliel's counsel is to wait. After all, this is a movement that has gained thousands of followers in a very short time. It is not something happening on the fringe but is instead happening in their midst. What if this movement is of God? He reminds them of rebellions that have failed in the past and admonishes them that if the apostles are right, nothing could stop it. It is a well-balanced response. He is not hotheaded or apathetic but instead he trusts God to take care of the situation. He is waiting on Gods will to prevail.

When is it the right time for us to wait instead of act when our core beliefs are being questioned? At what point do we stop waiting and start acting upon the words or actions of others that cause us offense? What are the obstacles we have to overcome to overcome in order to act, not out of anger, but instead out of true reflection and wisdom when we are deeply offended at the words and actions of another?

Food for thought Pastor Todd

Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour on Sunday November 5th

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Carmie Messenger ~ 11/02

Margie Fielder ~ 11/03

Colbee Mattheiss ~ 11/03

Bryce Mattheiss ~ 11/04

Dennis Kirkwood ~ 11/05

Gail Lowe ~ 11/11

Joseph Comaty ~ 11/12

Thomas Mason ~ 11/13

Dan Scott ~ 11/13

Malcolm Daughton ~ 11/14

Sean Dietz ~ 11/14

Debbie Calary ~ 11/20

Laurie Falkner ~ 11/20

David Kirchner ~ 11/24

Dylan Sambor ~ 11/27

Betty Rogers ~ 11/28

Al Troyer ~ 11/28

Tom & Marilyn O'Neill
November 2nd

Brian & Lisa Calary
November 5th

Allen & Ginny Eberwein
November 8th

Nelson & Nancy Berigtold
November 11th

John & Barbara Shaul
November 24th

Mo & Ruth Howard
November 25th

Marvel & Polly Winskowski
November 27th

~ All Saint's Day ~

Sunday, November 5, 2017

We will be honoring the following individuals who have entered into the Church Triumphant:

Edwin Calary, Jr.	December 22, 2016
George Cairnes	February 4, 2017
John McComas, Jr.	June 7, 2017
Sara Hannahs	June 25, 2017
Dot Sexton	July 5, 2017
Sarah Gross	September 19, 2017
Evelyn Cairnes	October 11, 2017

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Please be sure to join us as we acknowledge the lives of these individuals during the special day of recognition.

DEACON'S UPDATE

We uphold the following members, relatives and friends in our prayers and pray God's healing upon them:

Ongoing Prayers:

Gretchen Shanklin, Billy Gross, Bruce Young, Ted Schmidt, Leonora Rose, Jason Rowley, Nancy Sacks, Bill Pullen, Tom Swift, Betty Saneman, Frank Hughes and Vi Smith.

For Relatives & Friends of Bethel Members:

Bruce Snyder, friend of The Louderbacks and Morrows.
Rev. Bruce & Barbara Barstow, the former pastor at Bethel and his wife.
Maurice "Mo" Howard.
Joseph Biondo, uncle of Gary Lowe.
Ed Sturtevant, friend of Bethel Church.
Dan Kelleher, brother-in-law of Jack and Betty Rogers.
Gary Elser, friend of Bruce and Carolyn Mattheiss
Bill Hamer, friend of Bruce and Carolyn Mattheiss.
Jay and Martha Elliott's grandson, James Kennedy, friends of Dan & Mary Beth Scott.
Marsha Jones, friend of Laurie Falkner.
Lynn Kiniry, friend of Gail & Dave Thomas.
Lola Beigel, aunt of Carolyn Mattheiss.
Justin Comer, grandson of Allen & Janet Henderson and son of Keith & Kristin Comer.
Dan Garey, brother of Sandy Louderback.
Charles & Mary Rosseau, friends of David and Gail Thomas.
Allen Ward, friend of Gail Thomas.

Into the Church Triumphant:

Evelyn Cairnes
October 11, 2017

Gail Lowe will be updating the Prayer Concerns. If you would like to add someone or you feel someone can be removed from the list, please call Gail at 443-567-0150 or email her at ggalowe@aol.com



Dear Bethel Church,

We gratefully accept your generous support to continue providing precious water for both body and soul.

God Bless !
It Is Well International, Inc.

Dear Friends of Anna's House,

Your donation of \$500 will positively impact the life of a family experiencing the crisis of homelessness. Your support of Anna's House provides safe housing and supportive care to assist our families as they work toward self-sufficiency. We so appreciate your kindness and care.

May your church community be abundantly blessed for their continuous generosity.

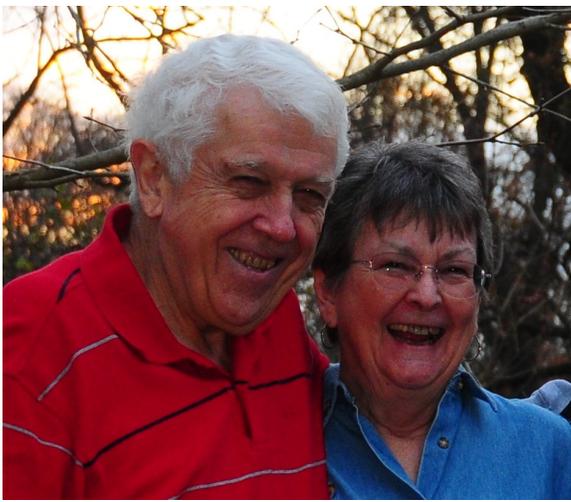
Warmest Blessings,
Cynthia Wood
Director, Anna's House

Dear Congregation and Friends,

Thank you for your \$1,200 donation this year. Our hope is to be able to provide 1,200 families, 300 of whom live in Harford County, with Giving Boxes during the Thanksgiving holiday that will provide them with food for several meals.

We would like to invite anyone who would be able to volunteer packing boxes for these families on November 18th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Christ Our King Presbyterian Church located at 10 Lexington Road in Bel Air, Maryland.

In Christ's Service,
Marlene Butler and Sharon Smith
Co-Chairs, Giving Boxes Committee
Christ Our King Presbyterian Church



Celebrating David & Sue Hinkley

Dave and Sue Hinkley are both caring, faithful, and energetic members of Bethel Church! Dave was born in Vermont and grew up in Queens, New York City. He attended Columbia University and was in the Navy ROTC. He took Naval flight training, was a Naval Aviator and flew in a Carrier Squadron. Sue grew up in St. Paul's, North Carolina and graduated from East Carolina University. Their paths met at a Virginia Beach gas station. Sue was teaching and Dave was assigned at Norfolk Naval Station. Within 18 months of meeting each other, they were married in February 1963. The ceremony was a military service held at Sue's church in St. Paul's. They lived in Rhode Island and Maine where Sue taught high school and Dave served with the Navy. After leaving the Navy, they moved to Maryland where Dave took a job with Honeywell. Ten years in Lutherville and two children later, they found their home in Jarrettsville. Through the years, the family traveled across most of the United States in their plane. Later, they became avid sailors on the Chesapeake Bay.

The Hinkleys found Bethel on a visit when Don Grauer was pastor. He was instrumental in bringing them to Bethel, their church home for the past 39 years. Dave and Sue are active and vital members of Bethel serving on several committees. Sue has served five terms on the Session and two terms on Deacons. She chaired the first church directory and was active in the hand bells and choir over the years. Sue also Co-Chaired the "Task Force" with Andi Holmes, who planned fun events to bring the church together in fellowship. She currently is a Bereavement Committee member and serves on the Board of Deacons. Dave has served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that brought Tom Sweet to Bethel. He is currently an active Chancel Choir member and Trustee. As a Trustee, he was very involved in the kitchen renovation, new roof and windows on the lake house, and many other duties.

Their great interest is music, the Boy Choir, Peabody Conservatory, Summer Concerts in the park and local groups are favorites. Playing bridge with friends, reading and playing backgammon in years-long two-person tournament are other pastimes.

Their adult children are Delia, who lives in Chicago, their son David and his wife Dawn who live in Abingdon.

We thank Dave and Sue for their dedicated love and care to Bethel! May God continue to bless both of you!

Church Groups

CHURCH FLOWERS

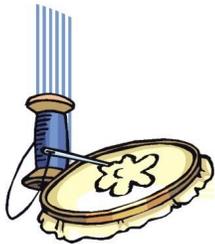
Interested in donating flowers to decorate the sanctuary on Sunday mornings? Please feel free to call Betty Rogers at 410-692-6579.

Let her know if the donation is in memory of a loved one or in celebration of birthdays or anniversaries.



BETHEL CROSS STITCHERS

The Bethel Cross Stitchers will be meeting on **November 1st and 15th at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.



If you would like to enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women while learning a craft, we welcome you join in on the fun.

MARY'S CIRCLE

Women of Bethel, come and expand your knowledge of the Bible. This Woman's Bible Study Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

If you would like to feel the love of other Christian women, you are cordially invited to attend their next meeting on **November 14th** in the Foyer of the CE Building.



THE BREAKFAST BUNCH

The Breakfast Bunch will be starting a new series on Isaiah. They will meet on **November 2th and 16th at 7:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. A continental breakfast will be available. The lesson will end at 8:00 a.m. If you would like more information, please call Bob Horn at 443-807-0563, or send an email to hornsrb@aol.com



BETHEL'S REFUGE



A small group of women whose goal is to support, encourage and comfort those who are hurting. This support group meets every **Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** in the basement of the Church Office. Light refreshments are served. Join us in this safe environment where you can rediscover your own voice. To learn more, please contact Rita Taylor at 443-243-7225 or email her at ritataylorrealtor@gmail.com

HOME VISITS

If you need a little extra support and guidance, are having an upcoming surgery, or you need some one-on-one time with Pastor Todd, please feel free to call Melissa Dick in the Church Office at 410-692-5282 or you can email her at melissadick@bethel-md.org to schedule a Home Visit.

Your spiritual well being is as important as your physical well being.



Deacons Fall Luncheon

What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon with the Bethel Church Family. The Board of Deacons graciously provided an absolutely delicious luncheon for everyone on **Sunday, October 8th**. We would like to say Thank You to all the Deacons for all the hard work, time and love that went into preparing this event.

Perry Point Medical Center

On behalf of the Mission Committee, thank you so much for your donations to the Perry Point Medical Center. Nancy Cowman, Carol Hays, Janet Henderson, and Nancy Mory visited with the Long Term Patients and handed out many items such as: colored t-shirts, underwear, toiletries, socks, hats, coloring books, crossword puzzles, Sudoku books, pens, coloring pencils, pencils, etc. The men that could communicate with us were very gracious and enjoyed our visit. They rarely receive visitors and the only people the patients get to see are the nurses. We also sent them a donation of \$500 for recreational needs.

Trustees Clean-Out Event

The Board of Trustees will be having a Clean-Out Day on

Saturday ~ November 11th

If you are able to volunteer to help our Trustee Members clean up around the church and assist with taking trash to the dumpster or raking leaves or helping with minor repairs, please contact

Gary Lowe, President of the Board of Trustees, at
gary_lowe@pmagroup.com



Operation Christmas Child



Box Stuffing Extravaganza



On **November 5th** after Worship Service, we will be providing a light lunch for the volunteers who can assist in stuffing 50 Boxes !!

We will be collecting donations until that time. Please put your donations in the bin in the Foyer of the C.E. Building

Contact Chrissie Galliher for details
443-807-2367 or cgalliher24@gmail.com

We hope that you will be able to help us 😊

Harvest Home Sunday



In this season of harvest and plenty, please share with those who are less fortunate by bringing in non-perishable food items to the Sanctuary on ...



Sunday ~ November 12th

to be delivered to the Mason Dixon Community Services food pantry for distribution to needy families in our area.

May you be blessed by loving and helping others ♥

Thank you for your generosity and support !



Thanksgiving Dinner & Movie

Sunday School and Youth Group Families
please join us for dinner and a movie on ...

Monday ~ November 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Please be sure to RSVP to [Chrissie Galliher](#)
443-807-2367
cgalliher24@gmail.com



We hope to see you there !



Advent Luncheon

The Christian Education Committee would like
to invite you to attend our Advent Luncheon on ...

Sunday ~ December 3rd

Immediately following Worship Service, join us
for an afternoon of Caroling, Fellowship,
and an Advent Devotion.

Please be sure to reserve your place at the luncheon
by calling Melissa Dick in the Church Office at
410-692-5282 or email her at melissadick@bethel-md.org

Information forms can be found in your Sunday Bulletins



Trim the Tree Festivities

We welcome you to help our
Sunday School Students and Youth Groups
Trim the Christmas Trees on ...



Sunday ~ December 10th

Please be sure to contact [Chrissie Galliher](mailto:cgallier24@gmail.com)
443-807-2367 or cgallier24@gmail.com
if you have any questions



Christmas Puppet Service with Yadah Ministries

Please join us for an exciting adventure with the
Yadah Ministries celebrating Christmas on ...

Sunday ~ December 17th at 10:30 a.m.

We will have a Free Will Offering to help support the
Yadah Ministries to continue their work inspiring and
informing our community about the word of God.



Invite your friends & family to join us ...
all are welcome !!

For more information, please contact
Melissa Dick in the Church Office
410-692-5282



Community Events

St. Paul UMC & Norrisville VFC



Holiday Craft Bazaar on ...

Saturday ~ November 18th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Harford Vineyard & Winery

Christmas Arts & Crafts Show located at
1311 W. Jarrettsville Road

Saturday ~ December 2nd
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Jarrettsville VFC



Craft Show on ...

Saturday ~ December 9th
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Norrisville UMC

Christmas Breakfast on ...

Saturday ~ December 9th
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.



2017 NOVEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
			All Saint's Day 9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch		
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
Daylight Savings Time All Saint's Day 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 1:30 Scout Troop #809	7:00 Deacons	5:00 DCYC/DCC Rehearsals 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Trustees Meeting	AARP Bus Trip - Cars in Lot 7:00 Care and Reach Out Team	7:00 Deer Creek Board Meeting		Scout Troop #265 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Veterans Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Harvest Home 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour 6:00 Blue Ribbon 4-H Club	1:00 AARP Board Meeting 4:00 Mission Meeting 7:00 Worship & Music Meeting	1:30 Mary's Circle 5:00 DCYC/DCC Rehearsals 6:30 Bridge Group 7:00 Finance Committee Mtg.	9:00 am Bethel Cross Stitchers	7:00 am The Breakfast Bunch 7:00 pm DCC Development 7:30 pm Session Meeting		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour	6:30 Scout Troop #265	5:00 DCYC/DCC Rehearsals 6:30 Bridge Group 6:30 CE Meeting	HAPPY Thanksgiving	Office Closed		
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Hospitality Hour	1:00 AARP 7:00 Administration & Personnel	5:00 DCC Rehearsals 6:30 Bridge Group	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE TODAY			