



The Open Door

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / SEPT. 2011

Bethel Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours: 9-3:00 M-F

Sunday Schedule:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
for all ages

10:30 a.m. Fellowship/
Coffee

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Youth

Sacrament of Holy

Communion is celebrated

On the first Sunday of each
month.

*Bethel
Presbyterian
Church ~ a
community*

*of faith coming together,
for fellowship, study and
service...seeking God's
peace, justice and love ~*



Dear Friends,

If you are older than 10, then you probably remember where you were and what you were doing on Sept 11, 2001. I was at the doctor's office. My doctor came in the room and said she had just learned from her husband that a plane had hit one of the twin towers. I left the doctor's office and arrived at First Presbyterian Church to discover the staff huddled around a fuzzy TV watching and listening. While we watched, the second tower was hit. I will never forget those moments or that day. For me, and maybe for you, it was the day so much changed.

We were taken off guard. We were scared and shocked that day. But we came together – across differences to worship and pray. We sent our money to help those who lost their families. Many in the world held us in prayer – for many of them had experienced attack, death, destruction and they felt, they knew our pain. Our better selves as individuals and as a country were revealed in those first days following 9/11. We were Americans – not Christians, Jews or Muslims, not rich and poor, not liberals and conservatives. We were Americans and we stood together for a few days.

We were faced with a choice as a country, as people of faith, as individual citizens: how do we respond to this horrible attack? How do we respond to the thousands of dead that lay in the rubble of concrete, rebar, metal and glass? We were afraid – some voices called for a tempered response; some called for love and peace; some called for

retribution and justice. And then the rhetoric began – and we made our choice.

Today, 10 years later, many are still afraid – even more afraid than they were on Sept 11, 2001. The political language is full of partisanship and division; of who has the truth and who doesn't; of who wants to destroy the country and who wants to return it to its greatness. The religious voices are no better – Christians are polarized and digging in deeper and deeper. Muslims, who were relatively unknown then, are still mostly unknown and feared more than ever. The level of hate and distrust has grown exponentially. Not to mention we are bogged down in two or three wars (depending on whether or not you count Libya). The economy has tanked, which has affected disease in the US and abroad. Civil war rages in many countries the world over, financial collapse is a near reality for many countries, and the differences in Palestine and Israel are more entrenched now than ever. The world seems a more dangerous place today than it did 10 years ago.

Still, God says, "Do not fear." Do not fear. Jesus says in Matthew, "Love your enemies and pray for those persecute you." (Mt 5:44) He says in Luke, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Lk 6:27-28) Paul says in Romans, "Let love be genuine, hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor...bless those who persecute you; bless and do

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not curse them...do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so long as it depends on you, live peaceable with all...if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink...do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Rm 12:9-21)

We as children of God and followers of Jesus the Christ have a different way to be in the world. We do not have to respond out of fear; we do not have to live in fear. We can make a different choice. We are called to love one another, to pray for and bless even those who persecute us. We are called to live peaceably with all and to overcome evil with good. In the next 10 years, may we as followers of Jesus the Christ witness to the love of God for the whole world and work with God to transform this world even as the Spirit has transformed us.

Grace and peace, Wendy

Memorials

Memorials were received in the month of August in memory of Teresa Hettrick from:

- Gary and Dianne Griffith
- Dan and Cathy McDowell
- Melanie Sherrod
- Jerry and Jennie Morris
- Chris Badger
- Marianna Oonk

Seve Team

Mission Focus for September:
West Alabama Tornado Recovery

Minute for Mission: September 4
– Will Purushotham

Fall Festival September 24

The Fall Festival committee is in need of canopy tents (10'X10') and large ice chests for the festival on Sept. 24th. Please have your name tagged on the cooler, tent and tent case so that they can be returned. Equipment can be brought to the church no later than Thursday, Sept 22nd. Thanks

Silent Auction:

What: Silent Auction @ Bethel's Fall Festival

When: September 24, 2011

Time: 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Where: Bethel's Gathering Room

Donations are needed; items MUST be new or gently used (Drop off in Fellowship Hall or Office) Please tape a starting bid to your item. Contact: Nancy Braski @ 376-4795

Some items already donated to the silent auction:

Are you suffering from back pain? If so, come check out the LifeGear Inversion Table in the Silent Auction and place a bid. Like new condition.

Other items one can bid on: fall arrangement; dried floral wreath; men's large "Power T" orange wool/ tan leather sports jacket; wood sculpture; wall clocks; books; jewelry; stain glass; 2 willow twig rocking chairs . . .

Fall Festival Marketplace:

Plans for the Fall Festival are moving forward. If you have any craft items for sale in the Marketplace, they can be brought to the church between now and Wednesday, September 21. If we have them a little early, we can begin pricing. Please mark your items "Marketplace" so that we won't mix them up with yard sale or Silent Auction items. This year we are also having a Marketplace bake sale. Bakery items will be kept and sold in the Fellowship Hall, and can be brought to the church on Friday, September 23. Please make a note if you have a suggested price for your contributions, and should you need someone to pick up your items please call Nancy King at 376-9951. If you would be interested in working in the Marketplace either outside in the booth or inside with the bakery items, please contact Nancy or Joan Davis.

Thank you, thank you! Come and join the fun.



John Knox Center Annual Family Picnic

Sunday, September 18, 2011

Cost: \$10 Adults, children 12 and under free

Come with your family! Come with your church! Come with your friends!

Bring your boat! Bring your instruments!

Bring your Frisbee! Bring your reels!

Activities and food start at 2 p.m. and run until 5 p.m.

Canoeing, Kayaking, Swimming, Archery, Nature Center, Disc golf, Volleyball, and more!

Worship will be led by Rev. Ann Meyers & Rev. Brad Palmer. Worship begins at 5:15 p.m.

For more info: 865-376-2236 or johnknoxcenter.org

Family and Fellowship

Bethel Family and Friends,

Family and Fellowship is asking for your attendance at our Annual Bethel Family Picnic on Sunday, September 18. This year we will gather at the home of Marge and Dick Hettrick in Swan Pond. Bar-b-que and the fixins' will be provided. You are asked to bring a lawn chair, your drinks, and a finger dessert or chips to share. We are really excited to be guests of the Hettrick family. Games for the younger folks are already in the planning stage. So get your hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. Join us at 3:00 at the Hettrick home for this very special afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Our monthly Fellowship Supper will be Wednesday, September 21st in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and invite a friend to share in our Bethel friendship. If you are a special friend of Bethel, please come and join us. This is a great way to meet others and have a great meal.

The Family and Fellowship Team will meet at 5:30 on September 21st before the dinner. The meeting room will be announced. If you are interested in helping out on our Team please join us.

If you would like to host a Fellowship Dinner, please contact a Family and Fellowship member and you will be worked into the calendar. We would love to have folks who have not been hosts to help out. Thanks to those of you who can commit to this vital part of Bethel's family outreach.

20th Anniversary Reception for Roane County Cooperative Ministries (RCCM) at Redeemer Lutheran Church fellowship Hall **Sunday, Sept. 18 at 1:30 PM.** Please come and help us honor founder Dick Hettrick and all the RCCM volunteers – past and present.

Study Team

Now in the Church Library:

Philip Gulley and James Mulholland, *If God is Love: Rediscovering Grace in an Ungracious World*

Philip Gulley and James Mulholland, *If Grace is True: Why God Will Save Every Person*

Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson, *The Externally Focused Church*
Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges, *The Servant Leader*

Deepak Chopra, *Jesus – A Story of Enlightenment*

Improve your Health!

New
Beginner
Taoist
Tai Chi
Class
forming
Starting
September 6,
2011
Meeting



Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:30 am
Location: Bethel Presbyterian Church - Fellowship Hall
203 South Kentucky Street,
Kingston, TN
Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA
A charitable organization
www.taoist.org

The Taoist Tai Chi Society internal arts and methods incorporate stretching and turning into a sequence of movements that improve the health of body, mind, and spirit.

The movements can contribute to: Reduced tension, improved circulation and balance, and increased strength and flexibility.

The movements can be **adapted to any age, level of fitness, or state of health.**
Call (865) 394-0033 or (865) 482-7761
or visit our website at www.taoist.org
for more information.

Cards and Letters

Dear Bethel Family:

Your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food during my hospital and rehab stay meant a lot to us. We feel very blessed to have such a wonderful and loving church family as well as a very dedicated, sweet and loving pastor. We appreciate all of you very much.
In Christian Love,
Bill and Marianne Shadden

From Mary Hook:

This summer has been a particularly challenging season in my life, and I want to thank the Bethel community for your prayers, cards, visits, and other expressions of support. I feel blessed to be among such a caring group of people. Thank you all for thoughtfulness and many acts of kindness.
Sincerely,
Mary

From Phil Walsh:

Jane and I would like to thank each of you for your emails, cards and visitations. Many of you met my brother, Bert, as he and Dorothy visited Bethel many times and had lunch with many of us over the years at our Sunday meeting place in Rockwood. He will be missed but good friends and neighbors like the people at Bethel bring comfort in difficult situations.
Phil Walsh

From Ann Riddle

(Teresa Hettrick's sister):
I would just like to say thank-you each and every one for your prayers.
Thank-you for making me feel like family and all your love.
Thank-you for loving and taking such great care of Teresa.
Thank you for not making me feel out of place or like a stranger. You have a special place in my heart. Love always,
Ann Riddle Family

Update from Grace School

(excerpt from online journal at <http://www.graceministries-limuru.org/journal.html>)

Author: Monica Wambugu, Grace School Director
Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 6.50 P.M. (Limuru time)

August marks the second vacation of the year. Pupils, teachers and other members of staff will have a five-week break before resuming back to normal learning on 6th September 2011. However pupils in the upper classes [class 4-8] had remedial lessons for two weeks in the school from 1st to 12th August. This was made possible by parents who met the cost of providing tea and bread during the 11:00 o'clock break.

It was also time to do minor repairs as the little available resources could meet. Three classes in the upper floor had their floors repaired. We pray and trust in that God will make a way to provide enough resources to enable us do comprehensive repairs in the near future.

Despite the day to day struggles to make ends meet we now have one reason to smile thanks to all those friends who have Grace School in their hearts. It's because of their generous contribution that we were able to put up a project to **harvest rain water**. This will ensure that the school has enough reserve water for about a month whenever the taps remain dry. It will also help to cut down on water bills during rainy seasons. Chances of buying contaminated water which is usually carried using donkey carts are minimum. May the good Lord continue blessing all those who never get tired to always being there for us in time of need. The project to harvest rain water is at the final stage and

thanks to those who took part to make it happen.

We cannot forget to ask you to continue praying for us as we work hard to meet our expectations and those of the needy children. It's our prayer that God who has continued to be with us will help us accomplish pending issues such as **acquiring textbooks, pupil's uniforms** as well as **reviewing teacher's support** which has remained constant for a long time now. We also have plans to introduce **computer classes** in order to be at par with other schools around and throughout the country.

The famine situation in our country makes things worse as this has blown everything out of proportion. Food prices are at the roof top and we don't even know how worse things will turn to be. It's our sincere hope that God through His mighty powers will continue providing us with our daily bread and bless the little we have to make it sufficient. **He did it when He fed 5000 people with 5 loaves and two fish. He can and will do it even today because we believe.**

Thank you for your prayers and support which keeps us growing stronger and stronger with each new day.

Written by Monica and Stephen

Flower Ministry

Thanks to Wanda Carter for the pink surprise lilies and to Nancy Maynard for the hydrangeas.

Special thanks go to Joan Davis and Nancy Braski for most of the remaining flowers as well as their talented arrangements in the sanctuary.



Flower
MINISTRY

Faith Team

Do you love to sing? If so, please consider adding your voice to the Bethel Choir this Fall. We'd love to see some new faces when rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 in the sanctuary. If you can read music, that's great, but its certainly not a requirement. We sing a variety of sacred choral styles, from Classical favorites to Spirituals, Gospel, and Contemporary Christian settings. We rehearse for about an hour each Wednesday evening from September through May, and meet for a short run-through prior to our 11:00 worship service on Sunday mornings. Participating in the choir is fun, uplifting, and energizing! Please consider adding your voice to this important Bethel Music Ministry--we need you!

--submitted by Mary Hook & Laura Walker

Ministry Support Team

General Fund – Jan 1, 2011 –

July 31, 2011:	
Offering received:	\$133,449
Less Expenses	-136,290
= Net Decrease	\$ -2,841

Mortgage paid- Jan 1, 2011 –

July 31, 2011:	
Offering received	\$44,828
Monthly Mtg Pymts	-58,446
= Shortfall	-\$13,618

Mortgage balances 7/31/2011

PILP	\$900,851
PET	\$ 92,926
Private	\$ 73,064

Mortgage reserve (changed by Session)

Reserve desired (6 mo)	\$50,097
Reserve 7/31/11	11,467
= Shortfall	- \$38,630



Football season is here; cooler weather is on the way! Get ready for everything that is coming to Ignite/Fusion Kingston and Transitions Fellowship.!

Transitions Fellowship

September 11- Ultimate Frisbee at Fort Southwest Point 4 PM
September 13- Fellowship 7 PM at Bethel

September 16-17-Transitions Fall Retreat



Get away from the hustle and bustle that takes over our lives. We will head to John Knox camp for a night and day away for relaxation. We will leave at 6 PM Friday night and return at 2:30 PM Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$45, which covers the cost of the retreat such as food and lodging. Contact Will if you need monetary assistance.
September 18- Ultimate Frisbee at Fort Southwest Point 4 PM
September 25- Lunch after church!! We will leave the church at 12:15
September 27- Fellowship 7 PM at Bethel

What is Ignite/Fusion Kingston? We have partnered with Cokesbury UMC in Knoxville to create the Ignite/Fusion Student ministry network. Our student ministry will be known as Ignite/Fusion Kingston.
Ignite=High School Ministry
Fusion=Middle School Ministry
We will continue **Serve** our community and world through missions
We will **Embrace** each other in Christian love.
We are **Anchored** in Jesus Christ

Every Wednesday at 7 PM: Word Search at the Brown's house.



Every Sunday at 6 PM join us for Ignition in the KUMC youth room.



September 1- Will will be at the Cherokee Game. See you there!
September 4- No Ignition, spend the day with your family!
September 7- Word Search at the Browns 7 PM
September 11- Rafting on the Ocoee River: Registration is open. Contact Will for details. You must have an up to date health form/release and a Cherokee Rafting release form filled out. We will leave the KUMC parking lot at 11:30 AM and return at 7 PM. Bring a sack lunch and drink with a top and money for dinner on the way home. The cost is \$32.

September 11- NO IGNITION
September 15- Will will be at the Cherokee Game See you there!
September 18- BINGO at Wellington Place; we will leave the KUMC parking lot at 6:15 and play BINGO with the residents and return at 7:45 PM.
September 21- Word Search at the Browns 7 PM

September 23- Will will be at the Roane County High School game! See you there!
The first person to find him wins tickets to the Icearium!!!
September 24- Fall Festival! We need your help with this great event! We will be selling breakfast items, lunch and dinner. The money raised from the yard sale portion of the festival will go to pay for mission projects for the youth ministry.
September 25- Ignition 6 PM at the KUMC youth room.
September 28- Word Search at the Browns 7 PM
September 30-October 1- Middle School Retreat at John Knox. The cost is \$75. Scholarships are available. Contact Will for more information.

Bethel Prayer Concerns

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes:
 Jamestowne / 851 Lawnville Road, Kingston 37763
 Nelle Griffith Room 206
 Dick Hettrick Room 102
 Louise Pickel Room 209
 Mac Robbins Room 305
 Sophie Simon Room 302
 Wellington Place / 1098 Bradford Way, Kingston 37763
 Jan Parker Room 107
 Renaissance Terrace / 257 Patton Lane, Harriman 37748
 Marge Maki Room 108A
 Sharon Skinner Room 206
 The Bridge at Rockwood / 5580 Roane State Hwy Rockwood 37854
 Roberta Cash Room 201B
 Margaret True Room 349
 NHC Healthcare Oak Ridge / 300 Laboratory Rd Oak Ridge 37830
 Wanda Carter Room 212A
 Patricia Neal (Fort Sanders) / 1901 Clinch Ave. Knoxville 37916
 Lil Walton Room 474
 Brakebill Nursing Home . 5837 Lyons View Pike Knoxville 37919
 Anne Smith Room 219-B



September Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Parker
- 2 Evelyn Waldrup
- 3 Tammy Holloway
Lily Lowery
- 4 Lisa Pickel
Shara Cross
- 6 Betty Foy
Kathy Francis
- 7 Laura Thomas
- 10 Bobbie Martin
- 12 Marilyn Gaffin
Jacob Murr
Amber Jacks
- 14 Laura Dailey
- 15 Sue Jones
- 18 Jerry Morris
Betty Ulrich
Corey Preston
- 20 Pat Harvey
- 25 Frank Kornegay
- 27 Frank Harris
Dianne Russell
Bill Shenk
- 29 Jeanette McElhinney
Chris Guy
- 30 Marianne Shadden

In Need of Prayer:

Gil & Julie Barber, Linda Preston, Marci Smith, Pat Hale, Helene Ricker, Justin Trivette, Denys Stutesman (Carol Brown's sister), Dianne Swinler (Brenda Strickling's sister), Deborah Baird & Justice Baird (sister & brother of Barbara Baird).

Hike to Mt. LeConte

Join us on Saturday, September 17 for a hike to Mt. LeConte in the Smokies. LeConte is the third highest peak in the Smokies at 6,593 ft. We're taking the Alum Cave trail, which starts at about 3,800 ft, so we're in for quite a climb. Hiking Trails of the Smokies states this trail "has the most spectacular scenery of any trail in the park," and although September is not the optimum time for overlook views, the route will present an abundance of variety of scenery.

For those hoping to do the entire trip to the top (and back), the distance will be about 11 miles total roundtrip. Some in the group will likely only wish to do a portion of the up-and-back hike. Liz Singley has volunteered to be the leader of this slightly-less-ambitious group, with tentative

plans to turn around at Alum Cave Bluffs (the 2.3 mile point). So, plan to hike even if you are not up to whole length.

We'll meet to carpool at Bethel at 8 a.m. that Saturday morning. Bring plenty to drink, a sack lunch, some additional food beyond your lunch, and some wet-weather gear. We likely will not return to Kingston until at least supper time and perhaps beyond.

This is a longer drive and hike than we have been doing in the recent past. As such, it may be more important to coordinate carpooling. So, if you are planning to go, let Mark (376-2118) or Joe (376-9033) know in advance if you can.

See you on that Saturday.

Wish List for Travelers Bags

Our community has individuals passing through who have fallen on hard times. They usually are looking for food that help them get to their destination. We can fulfill this need by creating a travelers bag. The Ignite/Fusion Kingston Student ministry (Bethel/KUMC youth) is seeking donations for the traveler's bags. The bags have been distributed to the following agencies; Roane County Sheriff's Department, Kingston Police Department, and our churches. Please consider donating the following items for the traveler's bags.

The contents are listed below:

Adult bags: Cans of Tuna or Beanie Weenies with a pop top, Crackers, Granola bars, Fruit Cups, Cereal bars, Bottled Water, Plastic spoons

Kids Bags: Fruit Roll ups, Bottled Water, Crayons, Coloring books with tear able pages

September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EACH WEEK: Seniorcize: M/W/F 9:00 a.m. Taoist Tai Chi: Tues., 6-7:30 Sat. 9 a.m. (all exercise classes in the Fellowship Hall) Spanish: Tues. Beginners 5:30, Advanced 6:30 p.m. Art Club: Mondays at 10 AM or 6 PM in the 2nd Floor Art Room Handbell Choir Practice: Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m. Children's Choir: 8:30 a.m. @ KUMC Annex (Ignite/Fusion Calendar on page 5)				1	2	3
4	5	6 Beginners Tai Chi Class Begins 6 PM	7	8	9	10 Photography Class 10 AM
11 Faith Team 12:30 PM Transitions Fellowship 4 PM	12	13 Transitions Fellowship 7 PM	14	15	16 Transitions Fall Retreat @ John Knox Center	17 Hike to Mt. LeConte 8 AM
18 RCCM Reception 1:30 PM John Knox Family Picnic 2 PM Bethel Family Picnic @ Hettrics 3 PM Transitions 4 PM	19	20	21 Family & Fellowship Team 5:30 PM Ministry Support Team 5:30 PM Fellowship Supper 6:30 PM	22 Service Team Meeting	23	24 Fall Festival 9 AM
25 Transitions Fellowship Lunch 12:15	26	27 Transitions Fellowship 7 PM	28	29	30 PET Middle School Retreat @ John Knox Center	