

THE BETHESDA BUGLE

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CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

June

22 Grocery Bingo
Fellowship Hall, 5:30 PM

July

6-9 VBS: Snowball Mountain Challenge
Fellowship Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
13 Manic Monday Meal: Pulled Pork

August

8 24th Annual Peach Festival
Fire Hall, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
30 Combine Blessing

November

8 Purse Bingo

REGULAR MEETINGS

Official Board

Third Wednesday of each month
Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM

Well, its hard to believe that we are fast approaching summer; to see winter and spring fly by is absolutely astounding. School will be out soon, and traffic will once again be heavy with local folks heading to vacations and tourists heading to the beach. In view of that increased traffic, we need to make sure that we are praying for the safety of travellers of all kinds. Jesus is familiar with long hours on the road: he spent much of his life and ministry there, and he is with us there, too, on all of our trips from here to there.

Our summer at Bethesda is going to be as busy as ever. In June, we have a new event in our grocery bingo, and then in July we have our pulled pork Manic Monday Meal, followed by Vacation Bible School. In August, we will host the 24th Annual Peach Festival and the Combine Blessing. Jesus will be with us at these events, too, along with many members of the community, we hope.

We have some challenges ahead of us, but with everyone helping, the work should go quickly. Our main job is to be the church out in this world. While we are in fellowship with folks at our events, we will have the opportunity to talk about Christ. We should take a page right out of Paul's book and be the Roman for the Romans, and Greek to the Greeks. We need to be Christian for the rest of the world, so that others may come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. There is nothing greater than allowing Christ to be at the center of our lives. We are called disciples for a reason. That reason is to glorify Jesus and disciple the entire world.

So when you see someone for the first time, or at one of our events, are you sharing the Good News? *We* are the main reason Christianity continues to be spread. In Matthew 28:19 we are called to "go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, the son, and the holy spirit." Let us go into the world proclaiming that Christ is King and showing others the love of Jesus. Let us go on the road with Jesus, proclaiming him as Lord on all of our trips from here to there.

Pastor Nate



NATE'S NOTES



Violet Cheezum accepts her graduation gift from the congregation on May 17.



You Will Hear the Trumpet Sound to Wake the Nations Underground!

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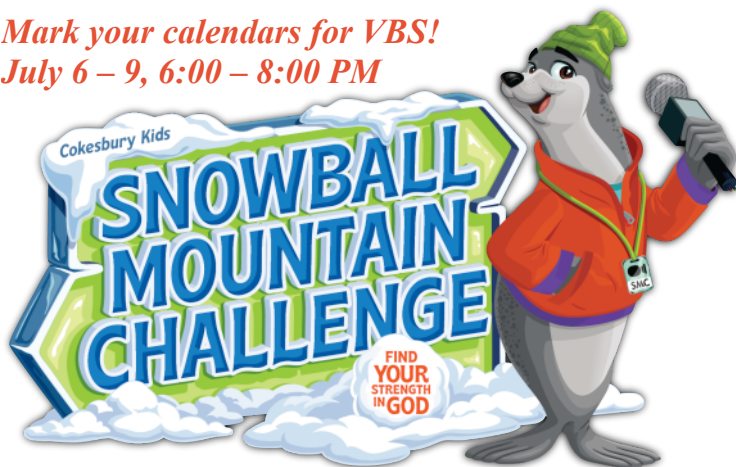
Service	Attendance		Weekly
<u>Date</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/3	15	21	\$1,776.00
5/10	14	36	\$856.00
5/17	11	27	\$1,220.00
5/24	12	28	\$746.00
5/31	12	35	\$1,857.89
Weekly required income:		Average weekly income:	
\$2,088.46		\$1,518.59	



Grocery Bingo

Join us for a fun new event on June 22: a grocery bingo! \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under. Two cards each, twenty possibilities to win! Possible prizes include large-pack paper towels, large-pack toilet paper, snack basket, full dinners, etc. Snacks during the event include free popcorn, or purchase a hotdog and drink for \$4. Doors open at 5:30 PM and games begin at 6:00 PM.

Mark your calendars for VBS!
July 6 – 9, 6:00 – 8:00 PM



Treats the church recently delivered to show appreciation to teachers at Preston Elementary School.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA PICTURES



**Join Pastor Nate for Bible Study
on the book of Romans – every
Tuesday at 6:30 PM. Hope you
can attend!**

NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE 2026

With the nomination period now closed, the Global Methodist Church releases the official list of episcopal nominees for the 2026 General Conference. As of May 15, 2026, 24 individuals have accepted nomination, including five current active bishops and 19 additional nominees brought forward by Annual Conference delegations.

This official list reflects the global nature of the Church, representing nominations submitted through the established process by delegates across the connection. Its release is intended to support a season of prayerful discernment for Area Committees on Episcopacy (ACE) and delegates, as we call on the entire Church to seek God's wisdom throughout this process.

The next step will take place during the ACE plenary session on May 30, 2026, when the proposed episcopal areas will be presented for consideration. As a plenary session of designated representatives, this is not a public meeting, but a focused working session for those formally assigned to this responsibility.

As previously announced, eight full-time bishops will be elected and consecrated at General Conference 2026, taking place August 30 through September 5, 2026, in Johannesburg, South Africa. Those elected will serve six-year terms beginning November 5, 2026.

Global Methodist bishops are traveling, apostolic leaders set apart for a ministry of visionary servant leadership, general oversight, and supervision in support of the church's mission. They lead the temporal and spiritual life of the church, defend the faith, and deploy the clergy. According to the Book of Doctrines and Discipline, "Nominees for the episcopacy should have a strong record of effectiveness in leading the church in evangelism, discipleship, and mission."

We offer this information with gratitude for those who have said yes to being considered and with prayerful anticipation for how the Lord will guide the Church through this discernment

process.

OFFICIAL LIST OF NOMINEES

- Bishop Leah Gregory
- Bishop Eduard Khegay
- Bishop Carolyn Moore
- Bishop John Pena Auta
- Bishop Mark Webb
- Andy Postell
- Brian Ebel
- Baziel Y. Yoila
- Danjuma Juji
- Forbes Matonga
- Gabriella Kopas
- Heather L. Sims
- Isaac Salgado
- Jerry Kulah
- Jonathan Lee
- Jordan McFall
- Lathem Postell
- Leo Tae Youl Park
- Luther Oconer
- Lyndol Loyd
- Paul Lawler
- Peter J. Bellini (Pete)
- Scott Pattison
- Tom Mabry

To learn more about each nominee, including the Annual Conferences by which they were nominated and to read their bios, visit the Episcopal Nominee page on the General Conference website at beautyofholiness2026.org. This page will continue to be updated as additional materials are submitted and finalized.

A Covenant of Unity Among Nominees

In a spirit of humility, prayer, and shared commitment to the unity of the Church, the nominees have also collectively developed a covenant that is being shared with the General Church as part of this discernment process.

Grounded in John 17:20–24, the covenant reflects a shared desire that the episcopal process would be marked by holiness, unity, integrity, and love for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. The covenant serves as a reminder that this discernment process is not about personal advancement, but about faithfully seeking the Lord's will for the future leadership of the Global

Methodist Church.

Updates and Honoring Bishops

Following the release of the preliminary nominee list, several updates are worth noting. Bishop Kimba K. Evariste announced his decision not to seek re-election. Mbingeleli Diko of South Africa, who was included in the preliminary announcement, has since declined the nomination. Additionally, Peter J. Bellini (Pete) was added as a nominee from the West Plains Conference.

Bishop Kimba K. Evariste will be honored for his faithful service alongside Bishops Scott Jones, Jeff Greenway, and Kenneth Levingston, who are also not seeking re-election. The Church looks forward to recognizing the impact and legacy of these leaders at General Conference 2026.

A Season of Prayerful Discernment

As the Global Methodist Church enters this important season of discernment, we invite our global connection to join in prayer for all nominees and for the work ahead. We trust that the Lord will faithfully guide this process as we seek leaders who will help carry forward the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

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All
the
Believers
were one
in **Heart**
and **Mind.**

Acts 4:32



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SERVICE & CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM
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Traditional Worship
11:00 AM
Sanctuary

Classes

Bethesda Bible
Adventures
On Hiatus for Summer

Romans Bible Study
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

