

THE BETHESDA BUGLE

The Monthly Newsletter of Bethesda Methodist Church

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CHURCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

September

- 6 Bethesda Bible Adventures Resumes
Sunday School, 9:00 AM
- 11 9/11 Service of Remembrance
Sanctuary, 7:00 PM
- 21 Grocery Bingo
Fellowship Hall, 6:00 PM

October

- 19 Manic Monday Meal – Soup
Fellowship Hall, 5:00–7:00 PM

November

- 8 Purse Bingo
Fire Hall, 1:00 PM

REGULAR MEETINGS

Official Board

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

Wow, what happened to the summer? We blinked and the kids are already heading back to school, getting ready to learn once again. Plus, all of the fall activities, like corn mazes and pumpkin patches, will be popping up soon. One thing that I always enjoyed doing in the fall was hunting with my dad and my brother. I hunted everything from deer to squirrels. But like everything I had to learn how to do it: how to stalk an animal and harvest it for meat on the table. I had to be open to listening to my dad and my brother. I had to take safety courses and learn how to shoot a gun, track an animal, and butcher it properly.

Like hunting and every other thing in life, faith doesn't automatically happen. We have to learn how to be a Christian. It is not something that comes naturally; we have to act against human nature, which makes us want to sin and stay in our sinful nature. As we learn how to be a Christian, we slowly turn from the sinful nature to being a changed person. My faith didn't just happen. I had to learn from God and other spiritual leaders – but mainly from God. Sometimes the lessons were really good and I gained a ton from the lesson. Other times the lessons would be painful ones. I still learned something from God. But sometimes we don't think we need to learn anything, because we believe that we know everything. When this happens, we need to remember to humble ourselves before God, so that we can be the best version of ourselves for this world and for Jesus.

Education is a key aspect of living a changed life, because we must submit ourselves to the Lord's ways and live how Jesus taught us. That way we learn how to be disciples so that others can see the light of Christ shining through us all. The changes that we make in our lives directly affect who we are out in the world. Learning is a key aspect of everyone's life and we learn from Jesus and the Father constantly. Since we are *all* learning and working out our faith we must have grace and mercy with other believers so that they do not feel alone on their faith walk. Be a good servant and a good student and learn from the Lord in all things. Be open to learning, and your life too can change for the better. Remember to learn all you can from Jesus while you can, so the world can be changed for the better through you.



NATE'S NOTES



Pastor Nate delivers school supplies to Preston Elementary.

Pastor Nate

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

OFFERING • AUGUST 2026

Service	Attendance		Weekly
Date	9:00	11:00	Total
8/2	8	30	\$935.57
8/9	11	45	\$1,970.00
8/16	10	30	\$1,497.00
8/23	10	37	\$900.00
8/30	9	37	2,404.00
Weekly required income:		Average weekly income:	
\$2,088.46		\$1,534.43	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bethesda Methodist Church
155 Main St., Preston, Maryland 410-673-7538
Sunday Services at 9:00 and 11:00

Sept 11--9/11 Remembrance Service--7:00 pm. Join us for a brief service of prayer, scripture, and remembrance in honor of the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Sept 21--Grocery Bingo--Doors open at 5:30.

Games begin at 6. \$10 for 2 actual cards. Extras available 3 for \$5.

Oct 19--Manic Monday Meal--Soup--5:00-7:00 pm--Cost is \$10 Eat-in or \$12 Carry-out. Meal is your choice of Soup, bread, drink and dessert.

Nov. 8--2nd Annual Purse Bingo--Doors open at 12:30, games begin at 1:00. Held at the Preston Fire Hall. Cost is \$35 at the door, or pre-register for \$30. Special games, 50/50, and Tricky Tray also available.

To register for any of these events, or for more information, call the church at the number above or contact Kari Farnell at kari21632@yahoo.com or text 410-200-5815.

Follow us on Facebook for more information/updates.
<https://www.facebook.com/PrestonBethesda>
or our website at bethesdapreston.faith

BINGO EVENT REQUESTS

We have two bingo events coming up and we are asking for your help. A link to a sign-up sheet with a list of items needed for our Grocery Bingo prizes follows. Please donate an item if you are able to help out: <https://grow.withlome.com/a/a32a9b9b-d525-47b0-9fa1-65d5180ef844>.

We are also asking for donations for our upcoming purse bingo night. Larger items are needed for raffles, and themed baskets are needed for the "tricky tray" tables. These themed baskets can be as large or small as you would like. Examples would include: a snack basket, a tea basket, a coffee basket, a specific meal basket, etc.

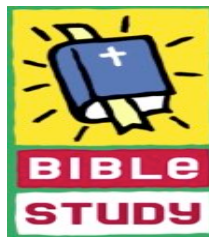
If you have questions or need other ideas, please let me know.

Kari Farnell

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a combined Sunday Service at 10:00 AM on November 8.

PRAY & GO 2026

We will be holding Pray & Go the second and fourth Saturday mornings of most months, beginning September 12. From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM we will pray at people's houses and leave a door hanger that tells them we were there. If you would like to take part, contact Kari Farnell.



Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning September 15, Pastor Nate will lead a study of the book of First Corinthians. All are invited to participate.



The final 9:00 AM service at Choptank Marina for the season will be September 27. Services will resume in the Fellowship Hall beginning October 4.

Thank God for Teachers!

It is sometimes said that public school teachers do not teach values. Yet every day, countless teachers quietly model compassion, patience, integrity, and kindness through the way they care for their students.

Many teachers go far beyond lesson plans and classrooms. They spend their own money on school supplies, workbooks, clothing, snacks, and special needs for children who may otherwise go without. They encourage struggling students, celebrate small victories, and offer steady support to children facing difficult circumstances at home.

Teachers also work with students from many different backgrounds and abilities. Some patiently help children learn English, while others devote extra time and care to students with learning, emotional, or social challenges. In a world where many children face poverty, abuse, loneliness, neglect, or uncertainty, a caring teacher can become a source of hope, stability, and encouragement.

Many educators also serve faithfully in churches and communities, living out their faith through daily acts of love and service. Their influence often reaches far beyond what grades or test scores can measure.

As a church family, let us remember to pray for teachers, encourage them in their calling, and thank God for the important difference they make in the lives of children every day.

Scenes from the Blessing of the Combines and Farm Equipment



Scenes from the 2024 Peach Festival





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SERVICE & CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

Contemporary Worship
9:00 AM
Choptank Marina

Traditional Worship
11:00 AM
Sanctuary

Classes

Bethesda Bible
Adventures
9:00 AM

1 Corinthians Study
Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

*He healeth the broken in
heart, and bindeth up
their wounds.*

Psalm 147:3

