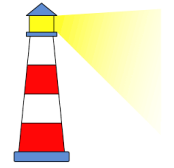


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*Living as Christ Lived. Loving as Christ Loved. Serving as Christ Served.*

## From the Pastor's Pen...

### Thoughts to Keep Us Grounded from Rev. Murphy

Life gets hectic. This is true for us all. I have found that as the wheels of the world start spinning faster around me, it is helpful to stay grounded by getting back to the basics. What are the basics? Here are three of my favorite thoughts on the matter. Enjoy them.

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He (Jesus) said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’<sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

–Matthew 22:36-39

Simplify, simplify, simplify.  
–H. D. Thoreau

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Mr. Allen Burress (2019)  
Mr. Paul Johnson (2020)

**Treasurers** Mr. John Waldrop  
Mrs. Betty Ewing

### The Session

**Class of 2018** Dr. James E. Ewing  
Mr. Gary Levi  
Mr. David Payne  
**Class of 2019** Mrs. Nancy Dix  
Mrs. Laura Farrar  
Mr. E.G. Brown  
**Class of 2020** Mrs. Linda Caldwell  
Dr. Eugene Shively  
Mr. Mike Thomas

### The Staff

**Pastor** Rev. James C. Murphy  
**Organist** Mrs. Suellen Shaw  
**Pianist** Mrs. Ann DeSpain  
**Choir Director** Mr. Joe DeSpain  
**Church Secretary** Mrs. Mary Korn  
**Bookkeeper** Mrs. Karen Reynolds  
**Youth/Child Dir.** Mrs. Michelle Murphy

**Church Office Hours**  
**9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday,  
and Thursday**  
**Rev. Murphy may be seen at other  
times by appointment. Please feel free  
to call when in need of pastoral  
services. Cell (270)-403-7709.**



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And "ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I  
LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN"

Most of what I really need  
To know about how to live  
And what to do and how to be  
I learned in kindergarten.  
Wisdom was not at the top  
Of the graduate school mountain,  
But there in the sand pile at Sunday school.

These are the things I learned:

Share everything.  
Play fair.  
Don't hit people.  
Put things back where you found them.  
Clean up your own mess.  
Don't take things that aren't yours.  
Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.  
Wash your hands before you eat.  
Flush.  
Warm cookies and cold milk are good for  
you.  
Live a balanced life -  
Learn some and think some  
And draw and paint and sing and dance  
And play and work every day some.  
Take a nap every afternoon.  
When you go out into the world,  
Watch out for traffic,

**Grace & Peace, Jim**

## Circle #34/Men of The Church/Opportunity Circle

No Meetings August.

### BF Ladies Luncheon

This is the *third Wednesday* and we hope all  
the Bethel First Ladies can join us at  
**Creekside** for our **Ladies Lunch!** We will  
meet (August 15th) at **11:45**. Call Carole if  
you need a ride. We will be celebrating the  
birthdays of local friends including: Faye,  
Mary Ann, Samantha, Linda, Julie, Mary  
Lynn, Rachel, Barb, Janette, and Judy.  
BRING FRIENDS  
AND YOU ALL COME!!!!

### Thank You

Bethel 1st Church Family:

Thank you so much for your  
encouragement and prayers during this  
exciting time. Thank you for the  
Starbucks gift card. I am very excited  
to put it to good use. Thank you for  
your support.

All My Love,  
Sarah Sanders

## Kingdom Kids And B.Y.G.

Hello! I hope you all have had a great  
summer. I imagine you are like me,  
and cannot believe it is almost time  
for another school year to begin. I  
pray that you have the best school  
year yet. We will be meeting on  
Wednesday, August 15th from 5:30-  
7:00 pm. I would like to have a picnic  
at the lake, but we will have to make  
sure that the weather cooperates. If  
the weather is not good, we will meet  
at the church for an indoor picnic and  
games.

I hope to see all of you at church so  
we can continue our Children's  
church lessons on God's love for all  
of us. Remember, friends are always  
welcome. Enjoy your last few days of  
summer, and may God bless each of  
you. God Bless, Michelle

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian and Shannon Caldwell of Lone  
Tree, Colorado, announce the birth of  
their daughter, Charlotte James  
Caldwell, on July 3 (which also  
happens to be her parents'  
anniversary!). She is also welcomed  
by big brother Brayden.

## Lay Readers and Ushers

### **Lay Readers-**

August 5: TBA  
August 12: Rod Turpin  
August 19: Lennie Hall  
August 26: E.G. Brown

### **Ushers-**

August 5: Maurice Coppock  
Allen Burress  
Jimmie Furkin  
August 12: Terry Feather  
Allen Burress  
Jimmie Furkin  
August 19: Jim Ewing  
Wayne Wells  
Betty Ewing  
August 26: Maurice Coppock  
Wayne Wells

### Justice Matters: Presentation and

### Discussion

*with Dr. Eric Mount*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on  
Sunday, September 16, for dinner and  
a interactive conversation around of  
matters related to faith & justice with  
Dr. Eric Mount, Professor Emeritus,  
Centre College.

6:00 p.m. Pot-luck Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Presentation and  
Discussion



**8/7—Dr. Martha Sommers—  
Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Martha serves as a medical education consultant at the Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai. She trains doctors, nurses, interns, and residents who will serve in Christ's name in one of the most underserved populations in the world: Congo, which is ranked at the very bottom of the Human Development Index. Martha has been under appointment by the PC (USA) since 1997.

**8/14—Rev. Stephen and Brenda Stelle—Ethiopia**

Brenda teaches English at the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School (BESS) in Ethiopia. Experienced in teaching high school and college English, her goal is to give students a greater understanding of and fluency in the English language.. Steve is teaching pastors at Gidada Bible School/Bethel Theological College, thus helping the fast growing Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus fill its need for well trained clergy. He brings 30 years of ministry experience to the task. "It has always been our one desire to answer God's call, and now he's calling us to serve him in Ethiopia," say Stephen and Brenda.

**8/21—Dr. Larry and Inge Sthreshley—Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Larry works with partner churches and organizations to help them build capacity for health ministry in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. His work with Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) has helped partners run large, internationally funded health programs that have positive impacts on health. Larry says his goal is to help the church 'effectively demonstrate the love of Christ through health ministry," Inge works with both IMA and the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa with community garden programs to alleviate urban hunger and malnutrition and as an advisor to the Methodist Presbyterian Hostel.

**8/28—Dr. Douglas Tilton—Southern Africa**

As regional liaison for Southern Africa, Doug facilitates the PC (USA)'s partner relationships, supports other mission personnel, and works with presbytery and congregational partnerships. He has responsibilities for facilitating PC (USA) World Mission advocacy efforts in Africa. He works in Lesotho, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. "I am excited and grateful when we are able to help each other discern and apply our respective gifts to strengthen our mutual capacity to do justice.

**Worship Music Planning Meeting**

When: Tuesday, August 14th  
Where: Church Library  
Time: Noon

We would love to have your input. If you would like to request a hymn to be included in our upcoming worship services, you are invited to the meeting to do so at this meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please share your request with Rev. Murphy or Joe DeSpain prior to the meeting date.

Thanks, JM

**Thank You**

Thank you for the pretty flowers following my surgery. They brightened my day. It means so much to have my church family thinking of me. Sincerely, Kathy Wells

**Thank You**

Dear Bethel First Family,  
I can see clearly! My cataract surgery was successful.  
Thank you for your prayers and the beautiful flowers. Your support is priceless. Sincerely Ann DeSpain

**Faith and Flicks August 7, 2018**

There will be **NO** Faith and Flicks for the Month of August. We will resume in September.



**Announcements**

**Please join us AFTER church SUNDAY AUGUST 26TH to celebrate Rachel Dunham's 100th Birthday. A light meal will be served.**



# AUGUST 2018

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  No Choir Practice	2	3	4
5  10:00 am Church School for all ages 11:00 am Morning Worship Service	6  7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7	8  7:00 pm Choir Practice	9	10	11
12  10:00 am Church School for all ages 11:00 am Morning Worship Service	13  7:00 pm Boy Scouts	14  12:00 p.m. Worship Music Planning Meeting	15 11:45 a.m. Ladies Luncheon Creekside 5:30 Session (Rescheduled) 7:00 pm Choir Practice	16	17	18
19  10:00 am Church School for all ages 11:00 am Morning Worship Service	20  7:00 pm Boy Scouts	21	22  7:00 pm Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 10:00 am Church School for all ages 11:00 am Morning Worship Service 12:15 pm Rachael Dunham birthday party.	27  7:00 pm Boy Scouts	28	29  7:00 pm Choir Practice	30	31	

1<sup>st</sup>: James Baskin  
David Payne  
4<sup>th</sup>: Emily Johnson Baskin  
Lily Ann Osborne  
5<sup>th</sup>: Faye Tucker  
7<sup>th</sup>: Mary Ann Sapp  
11<sup>th</sup>: Sara Wyatt  
12<sup>th</sup>: Gabriel Chambers  
Samantha Mills  
13<sup>th</sup>: Maurice Dix  
Christi Thomas McGuire  
14<sup>th</sup>: Caroline Johnson  
15<sup>th</sup>: Megan Cox  
John Waldrop  
18<sup>th</sup>: Albert Harris, Jr.  
Carson Meyers  
Linda Caldwell  
17<sup>th</sup>: Sue Whitley Hilton  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Julie Caldwell  
23<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Lynn Benz  
26<sup>th</sup>: Rachel Dunham  
Barb Willis  
27<sup>th</sup>: Janette Furkin  
28<sup>th</sup>: Allen Burrese  
Judy Robinson  
29<sup>th</sup>: Bert Harris

### Budget Information

Average Weekly Giving  
\$3,232.54  
Average Weekly Needs  
\$3,151.28

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