THE BETHEL INFORMER

October 2026

Pastor Reuben Rinker

Happy Fall, Bethel Global Methodist Church Family and Friends:

What a Mighty God we Serve! Angels bow before Him and Heaven and Earth adore Him! I pray His wonder-working power is mightily active in your life.

I am very excited about what is happening at Bethel. Homecoming was a wonderful time of sharing and fellowship. Included with homecoming was replacing our Time Capsule, which will be reopened in another 50 years.

- Our senior group continues to grow, as do all of Bethel's different age-level ministries.
- A ***Connecting Through Culture Event*** was held in the Family Life Center.
- **BRDG**, a new initiative looking to more closely connect and support our Thomasville community, will be having their inaugural launch event on ***October 17th***, also in the Family Life Center. **Everyone is welcome. Please come and see what BRDG is all about, and bring some canned goods for our local food ministries along with you.**

I will be sharing more about some of these in the November newsletter. However, since General Conference, a significant event in the Global Methodist Church happened earlier this month, I felt it was appropriate to share a message from our new NC GMC conference president, Keri Howard.

The Hope of Glory

As the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church, our mission is to make the life of discipleship normative through ***worship, word, and witness****, so that we make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.*

As General Conference wrapped up earlier this month, I cannot help but think about the blessings we share in this movement called the Global Methodist Church. I will share just a few here so that we can rejoice in being a part of this Spirit led movement in our day.

Colossians 1:27-28 [27] ***To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*** [28] ***Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.***

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Making known the riches: Through the Global Methodist Church, God is making known how great "are the riches of the glory" that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is alive and taking root globally. We hold a hope of glory that Jesus Christ is alive and active in ways and places far beyond our imagination.
Local Application: We are striving in North Carolina to live as disciples who **worship** the Lord in fullness, growing in relationship with God through Jesus Christ and filled with the Spirit. Him in us is the hope of glory. Let's live in and encourage one another in worship and awe of our God who is over all the Church. We are His.

Him we proclaim: The Gospel message is true and affirmed at General Conference. We affirmed a unified Articles of Faith. This document adopted overwhelmingly will "prescribe the normative doctrinal standards of the Global Methodist Church." We agree that these are "affirmed by Scripture and shall be taught in our churches..." We know what we believe about our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also affirm what we believe, and will preach, teach, guard and defend about the word of God: "Scripture is true in all it affirms and entirely trustworthy and the only infallible rule of faith and practice."
Local Application: The NC mission directs us to be disciples who are shaped by the scriptures. Let's study the **word** of God, not just for information and inspiration but for application and transformation!

Teaching to compel maturity in Christ: How we live out what we believe in the GMC matters. We affirmed our General Rules in a contemporary expression. As Methodists in the world today, we are accountable disciples and we also believe as John Wesley taught: there is no holiness but social holiness. Among the beauty of our Social Witness we voted to approve language to "Protect the Unborn and the Mother." We believe in the sanctity of human life.

Local Application: As disciples of Jesus Christ, how we live in this world and speak our values gives a **witness** to those around us. Every disciple has a testimony that points others to a relationship with and life in Jesus Christ.

North Carolina Global Methodists, we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Let's be on mission!

Worship the Lord.
Study the word.
Be a witness of the gospel.

Make Disciples.
Spread scriptural holiness.
This is our calling. This is our mission.

In Christ,
Rev. Kari Howard
NC Conference Superintendent

May God bless you with the fire of His Spirit on the inside and the coolness of Fall on the outside.
Pastor Reuben

Memorials
Given to the General Fund

In Memory of Nancy Ferrell
By
Wavel Surratt
Nancy Ferrell's Family

In Memory of Bill Surratt
By
Wavel Surratt

In Memory of Shirley Tobin
By
Michael and Pamella Doby

In Memory of Evelyn Coggins
By
Eric and Kim Johnson

Memorials
Given to the Playground Fund

In Memory of Billy Bowling
By
Randy and Sherry McClamrock
David and Donna Smith
Theresa L Matthews CPA PC
Rodney and Donna Owens

A Donation has been given to the Music Fund

In Memory of Nancy Ferrell
By
David and Donna Smith

A Donation has been given to the Children's Ministry

In Memory of Billy Bowling
By
Wavel Surratt

Please keep these persons and their circumstances in your prayers:

Cody Cordell, Elsie Joiner,
Butch and Peggy Safrit

Nursing Homes/ Retirement Centers:

Martha Doby, Shirlee Graham,
Judy Harrington,
Rayvon and Saundra Leonard,
Dolores Richardson, Martha Surratt

Pastor Reuben would like to offer bringing personal communion to anyone who would be unable to attend communion at church. If you are interested, please let him know.

The Mission of Bethel Global Methodist Church is to:

Bring people together for the worship of God by
Encouraging a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through
Teaching the Gospel message of salvation. We must
Hear the cry of others-both spiritual and physical
Establish supportive ministries for all ages by
Loving and affirming all people as they grow spiritually in their faith.

On-Going Schedule

Weekly

Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School in the FLC with Donna Smith
10:00 a.m. On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Bible Study

(Our focus is going to be on reading through the Bible and sharing devotional insight. The intent is to give accountability and excitement to personal time in God's Word.)

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Youth Meeting with Pastor Erick

Methodist Men

Sunday, October 4th
7:30 a.m.
at the Family Life Center.

All men are invited to attend!

Monthly

1st Sunday
Methodist Men
7:30 a.m. @ Family Life Center

2nd Tuesday
Sisters of Hope
1:00 p.m. @ Family Life Center

Young Adults Gathering

To be announced in the bulletins.

Our Youth Need Your Help!

Dear Bethel Church Family,

We are in need of individuals, families or groups to provide meals for our youth. Sheila Myers has been asked to coordinate that. If you would be willing to provide and serve meals, please let Sheila know. Her phone number is ***336-237-7111.***

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Bethel Youth Group.

Youth Ministry

Youth Meetings
6:00 p.m.

October 1st
October 8th
October 15th
October 22nd
October 29th

Sisters of Hope

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Next Meeting
Date: Tuesday, October 13th at 1:00 p.m.

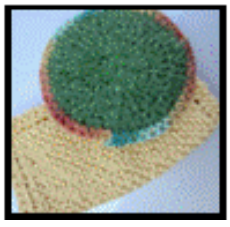
Devotions: Brenda Draughn
Refreshments: Anne Harvey

Sweet Fellowship and Devotions: Our devotion focused on Scripture from Matthew 28:20 and the comforting reminder that **God's "always" means ALWAYS!** What a wonderful assurance we have in knowing that God is always with us, always listening, and always faithful.

Community Care: During our meeting, we also discussed our next outreach to our homebound and nursing home friends. We look forward to visiting them and sharing God's love, encouragement, and friendship.

The ladies group also talked about bringing back some of our fun trips together. Cathy, our president, encouraged everyone to reach out to other ladies of the church and invite them to join us for our meetings. We would love to see new faces and enjoy sweet fellowship together!

Exciting News: The shower for **Roger and Rosa Villacorta** was held September 13, and it was a lovely celebration of family and the upcoming birth of their baby boy. We added a couple of fun games to the celebration this time, and everyone had such a wonderful time! We are grateful for these opportunities to celebrate, fellowship, and share God's love with one another.



The Sisters of Hope are selling dish cloths and scrubs made by Anne Harvey for $10.00. They are functional and make great gifts.

Children's Church, Nursery and Greeters

October 4th
Children's Church .....Lori Donovan and Angelyn Rinker
Nursery .....Xanthia Gray and Irene King
Greeters.....Daniel and Kayla Smith

October 11th
Children's Church .....Kayla Smith and Emeri Ferguson
Nursery .....Elizabeth Owens and Heather Hamrick
Greeters.....John and Abbie Snow

October 18th
Children's Church .....Melissa Ferguson and Mykool Vargas
Nursery .....Cindy Simpson and Jensyn Rinker
Greeters.....Amber Boyd and Family

October 25th
Children's Church .....Paige Simpson and Travis Bowman
Nursery .....Sue Tobin and Irene King
Greeters.....Lizet Dixon and Tammie Skeen

Fall Fun and Learning
Children will participate in **fall activities and a camping curriculum throughout October**. Our October stations will include **Music and More, Bible Exploration, Projects with a Purpose, Wilderness Games, pumpkin decorating, and more!** We are excited for a fun-filled month of learning, creating, and growing together.

Halloween Costumes
Children may wear their **Halloween costumes to the October 25 worship service, nursery, and children's church**. Please remember that **no scary costumes, please**. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed up and enjoying a fun morning together!

Christmas Cantata
Our children will also be participating in the **Christmas Cantata with the Bethel Choir**! We need to begin checking costume sizes soon. If you have any costumes at home that belong to the church, please return them to the **Drama Room**. More information and details about practices will be coming soon.

Thank you to everyone who donated cereal during and after Vacation Bible School!

Your incredible generosity helped us reach our goal for the Cooperative Community Ministry. Because of your kindness, **100 boxes of cereal** have been delivered to help feed families right here in our community.

Country Breakfast

Saturday, October 10th
7:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Bethel GMC Family Life

Country Ham, Sausage, Bacon, Eggs,
Grits, Stewed Apples,
Gravy, Biscuits,
Coffee, Juice, Tea, Soft Drinks

Cost: $12.00 (Adults)
$6.00 (7-10 yrs.)
$3.00 (6 and under)

Fundraiser Luncheon

11:30 —1:00 p.m.

Immediately following the worship service.

Sunday, October 25th

Chicken Tenders and Baked Potatoes
Dessert and Drink

Cost:

Adults — $12.00
Price Increase

Children —
6 & under $3.00
7-10 years $6.00

Seniors — 50+
Invites You To Our
Monthly Fellowship Dinner

Thursday, October 8th
Skipper's Seafood

Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. to ride the church van or you may meet at the restaurant.

Bethel Global Methodist Church

We have chicken pies and poppy seed chicken to sell.

Price of the pies are:
$ 12.00 for the chicken pies and
$ 13.00 for the poppy seed chicken.

Please call Imogene Garrett.
(Home) 336-475-2846 or (Cell) 336-847-5228

The Sisters of Hope are selling flavoring.

Please contact **Dianne Fore at 336-888-8557** and leave a message on her answering machine or see her at church if you would like to purchase a bottle.

Flavors

Lemon, Almond, and Vanilla — $4.00

Happy Anniversary!

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Steve and Debbie Kennedy
3 Alvin and Rita Sigmon
9 Robert and Peggy Safrit
13 Tim and Christie Priska
15 Nick and Elizabeth Owens
21 Darren and Anne Smith

If your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or not listed please call the office and let Wanda know. 336-476-4222 Thank you!

Find us on Facebook at:
Bethel GMC Thomasville

The webpage has a link to our YouTube channel.

Email Address:
bethelthomasville@gmail.com

If you need to contact our church secretary, her hours are as follows:

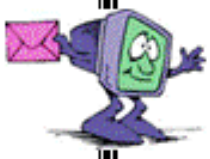
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday
4:00 — 7:00 p.m.
Phone: 336-689-1701

Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Cathy Hunt
4 Skylar Wood
4 Cynthia Campbell
4 Shane Johnson
5 Anthony Hunt
6 Seth Caylor
7 Debbie Ferguson
8 Elizabeth Owens
13 Julie Ann Marie Beck
13 Stacey Hartman
14 Abigail Maria Oakley
15 Priscilla Wood
20 Chloe Hamrick
22 Karen Chilton
23 Jensyn Rinker
24 Jeffrey Brown
24 Kara Ferguson
25 Heather Hamrick
27 Dolores Richardson
28 Wavel Surratt
30 David Smith
31 Ricky Simpson
31 Nicholas Tobin

Check it out! *Bethel's Webpage*
http://www.bethelthomasville.com



If you need to contact
Pastor Reuben Rinker,
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***Email:* pastorreuben7@gmail.com**

Calendar of Up-Coming Events and Live Streaming

1	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
4	7:30 a.m.	Methodist Men
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	4:00 p.m.	Young Adult Gathering
7	10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
8	4:30 p.m.	Senior Outing—Skipper's Restaurant
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
10	7:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Country Breakfast
11	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
13	1:00 p.m.	Sisters of Hope
14	10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
15	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
17	4:00 p.m.	BRDG Initiative
18	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
20	6:30 p.m.	Council on Ministries
21	10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
22	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
25	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School in the Family Life Center with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	On-Line Sunday School Lesson with Donna Smith
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Fundraiser Luncheon
28	10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
29	6:00 p.m.	Youth Meeting
30	5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat

Bethel Global Methodist Church
508 Fisher Ferry Street
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Friday, October 30th
at 5:00 p.m.