

BUCKINGHAM GRAM

AUGUST 2025

*We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.
(2 Thessalonians 1:3)*



Friends, the following is an excerpt* from a letter dated July 11 sent to BPC members that I may now share with all the friends of this amazing church that I've had the honor of serving for the last five years:

At its meeting on July 8, I informed the Session of my intention to resign as your pastor **effective August 31, 2025**. I was encouraged to apply for and have accepted a specialized pastoral call to serve the Brambleton Presbyterian Church, a 20-year-old worshipping community in Brambleton, Virginia. I realize that this may seem sudden, but when the Spirit calls, one must respond. Please do know that this decision has been made with much prayer and discernment, as I hope you will assume of me. Please also know that these last five years have been filled with the incredible blessings of being called your pastor and I leave with much love in my heart for you all.

My last Sunday in the pulpit will be **August 17** when we will have a **combined service at 10am**, followed by a **Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting to dissolve my call with you**. **This is a necessary step in the process and all members are encouraged to attend**. I will then hope to participate in the **Blessing of the Backpacks at the park on August 24, also at 10am**.

I leave truly believing that Buckingham is poised to move forward in any way the Spirit leads you. Our Session is strong - the strongest I have ever worked with in any church. Our faith-filled Deacons are committed to the service of our the church and community. Our staff is top notch; our worship-leading, youth and office needs are in good hands. And all of you - our active and committed members and friends - are simply remarkable.

Remember - the work of the church belongs to all of you - and you should be humbly proud of the work you do for the Kingdom of Heaven. I wish I could have told each of you in person, but I do hope to find time to talk and pray and say: "so long." I promise that until my last day, I will remain fully committed as your pastor. My door remains open, and I will be present with you in work and worship. Also, please be assured that New Castle Presbytery will assist you in this time of transition, recommending temporary pastoral leadership to come alongside you until calling your next pastor. This process may take some time, but **I encourage all to trust the process - but more so - to trust that God is in the process**.

Friends, please know that I give thanks for each of you and have faith and confidence that Buckingham Presbyterian Church will continue to grow and thrive. I wish you every blessing shared in the peace and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. In my first sermon back in 2020, I encouraged us to say: "Let's Go, Buckingham, let's go!" And we have come a long way together, in both new and tried-and-true missions and ministries which bless God, our community and our families and youth. May I encourage you now to say: *"Let's keep going, Buckingham, trusting the Holy Spirit to lead the way!"*

With Love in Christ's Name, Pastor Mark

(*You may request a copy of the full letter by calling or emailing the office.)

from the **DEACONS**

Your Deacons continue to do a great job for the church and community. Soon the nominating will begin meeting to consider Deacons for the 2026 board. Our current board is discerning their commitment for the upcoming year. We would ask the congregation to also spend time in discernment. Perhaps the spirit is leading you to serve?

COMBINED Services

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the following
COMBINED SERVICES IN AUGUST

Celebration of Baptism for Nolan Miller

Luncheon to follow

August 3rd at 10am

Pastor Mark's Last Service in the Pulpit with congregational meeting

Aug 17th at 10am

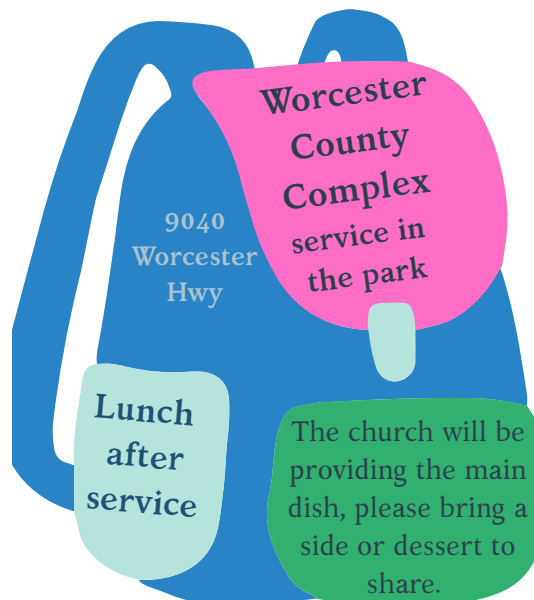
join us after the service for cake and fellowship as we thank Pastor Mark, say goodbye and send him and Aimee on to where God has called them next.



Blessing of the Back Packs Service in the Park

Aug 24th at 10am

join us in worship as we bless and pray over the backpacks and the students who will wear them as they return to school.



PEACH FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
10:00 – 3:00 pm

www.taylorhousemuseum.org

Come on out Saturday, August 2nd for the Town of Berlin's PEACH FESTIVAL. Buckingham is once again selling delicious pies to raise money for the mission of the Deacons.



**\$5/Slice and
\$20 whole pie**



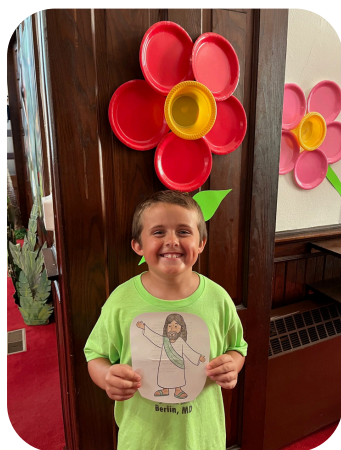
We look forward to seeing you all there!





Thank you to Stevenson United Methodist Church for hosting a fabulous week of VBS. With volunteers and families from Stevenson, St. Paul's Epsictopal, and Buckingham, it was a week filled with laughter, fun, and learning about God's love. We spent time Magnifying God through song, crafts, science, stories, recreation, and food. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to everyone who prayed for us to have a great week. Each night we said in unison, *"Oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together."* - Psalm 34:3

Believe in Tomorrow. Each month in the summer, four youth and one adult are serving at Believe in Tomorrow's House by the Sea's Monday night barbeque. The youth are placing temporary tattoos, assisting in shell painting, playing cornhole and mini golf, and ensuring that all the families are having fun. Each group who has gone has been thankful for the opportunity, glad to make new friends, and eager to return. Believe in Tomorrow provides a week of vacation housing for families who have a child with a life-limiting condition.



THANK YOU to everyone who donated items and helped with getting our G3 Youth back to the Ronald McDonald House where they made and served both dinner and breakfast for the residents. Stay tuned to announcements and September's Gram for pictures and an update!



Each Sunday morning, we have nursery available for our youngest during the 9am service. If you'd like to spend a bit of time with some awesome kids, pick a Sunday that works for you and sign up using the QR Code. The service is streamed into the nursery, so you can worship that way or join us at 11am.



**G3
AUGUST**

G3's Final Summer Meeting is Friday, August 8th from 9:30-11am. We'll be talking about Scripture and making pancakes together. Join us for one last summer morning! See you on the 8th for God, Games, and Grub!

Older Youth

On break for the Sundays in August due to 3 combined services

Blessing of the Backpacks

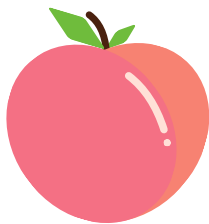
August 24th Combined Service at the park.

FLAT JESUS WHERE HAS HE BEEN?

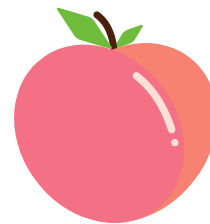
As a fun reminder that our faith does not take a vacation (even when we do), God's children of all ages, have been invited to take Flat Jesus on their summer travels (or summer staycation). See where Flat Jesus went in July! You can send your August pictures to info@buckinghampcusa.org or share with Pastor Susannah to feature your Flat Jesus adventures. If you still need a Flat Jesus there are some available in the chapel.



Flat Jesus made his way to baseball games, softball fields and hockey practice. He traveled on vacation with some of our church family. He saw the beach, the zoo, a battlefield and a dinosaur museum. He enjoyed a week at Vacation Bible School and had a great time at the Delaware State Fair. He even traveled to Wisconsin, to the air show and to Bush's Baked Beans, I wonder if he found out the secret ingredient?? Thank You church friends and family for the reminder that Jesus goes with us wherever we go. We look forward to seeing where He is in August.



August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Please note the church
office hours for summer:
Tues, Wed, Thurs
11am-4pm

Fellowship Time
Sundays between services
Sewing Seeds of Love
Sun. at 10:30am & Wed. at 5:30

Older Youth
On break in August
Holy Communion
1st Sunday of every month

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Peach Festival

3 COMBINED SERVICE 10am with Baptism	4 Share & Care 6:30pm	5	6 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	7 Choir 5:30pm	8 G3 9:30-11am	9
10 Contemporary Service & Kid's Church 9am Traditional Service 11am	11 Share & Care 6:30pm	12 Men's Breakfast 8:30am Rayne's Reef Session 5pm	13 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	14 Choir 5:30pm	15	16
17 COMBINED SERVICE 10am Followed by Congregational Meeting and Fellowship	18 Share & Care 6:30pm	19	20 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	21 Choir 5:30pm	22	23
24 COMBINED SERVICE Blessing of the Backpacks Service 10am	25 Share & Care 6:30pm	26	27 Sewing Seeds 5:30pm	28 Choir 5:30pm	29	30

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Contemporary Service
& Kid's Church 9am
Deacons Mtg 10am
Traditional
Service 11am



Men, we'd
love for you
to join us for
our next
Men's
Breakfast at
Rayne's Reef!



Aug 23 ...Fred & Carol Neal

If your special day is not
listed, please call the church
office
410-641-0234 and leave a
message with your name and
correct information
OR email
info@buckinghampcusa.org
THANK YOU!



Aug 3 ... Vernon Davis
Aug 5 ... Grayson David
Aug 10 ... David Kohler
Aug 13 ... Dorothy Warren
Aug 18 ... Pat Arthur
Aug 27 ... Karla Davis
Aug 27 ... Dana Tull

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VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of disciples,
Who honor all people,
Care for those in need,
Share the hope we receive from Jesus Christ



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Tues, Wed, Thurs 11am-4pm

WEEKLY SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Sunday	Contemporary Service*	9:00am
	Friendship Hour	10:15am
	Sewing Seeds of Love	10:30am
	Traditional Service	11:00am

*Kid's Church available during 9am service

Monday	Share & Care	6:30pm
Tuesday	G3 Youth	5:30pm
Thursday	Choir	5:30pm
	Bible Study	6:00pm

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