

### **New Members**

Bethany Cupp 907 Camelot Dr. Apt. 16 Salem, 24153	Barbara Cupp 3640 Ellen Dr. Salem, 24153
James & Lynette Dodd 2414 Olde Salem Dr. Salem, Va 24153	Brent Noell 5185 Poor Mtn. Rd. Salem, VA 24153
RT & Kristina Patterson 1215 Missouri Ave. Salem VA 24153	Sherman & Betty Shelor 2675 Jackson Dr. Salem, VA 24153

### **Home Going**

Virginia "Ginny" Smith was welcomed home to be with her Lord on June 5, 2018

### **Thank You**

The Food Pantry team wants to thank everyone for your donations in helping to supply food to the ones who have a need. Your donations have helped this mission of our church to reach many people. We are feeding 60 to 86 families each week. Thanks again for your love, compassion, and prayers for this important mission.

*~ The Food Pantry Team*

Thank you for the lunch that was provided after the service for our mother, Virginia "Ginny" Smith. Your kindness was very much appreciated.

*~The family of Virginia Smith*

Dear Bethel Church Family, I wanted to say thank you for the Senior graduation recognition and the gift I received. I appreciate you all so much.

*~ Love, Allison Clark*

### **RECORDS FOR MAY:**

Connect Group Attendance .. .....172/184/180/183  
Worship Attendance..... 463/381/383/251  
Tithes & Offerings to Date..... \$189,177  
Expenses to Date..... \$179,505  
Building Fund..... \$21,581  
Mortgage Balance on ROC..... \$788,976  
Kroger Last Quarter... .....\$816  
(87 Households)

**Don't forget to fill out communication cards if your personal information has changed**

### **Our Staff**

Hilton Jeffreys, Lead Pastor	<i>pastorhilton@bethelbaptistva.com</i>
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Amber Mitchell, Wee Jam Coordinator	
Jerry Brown, Custodian	
Stuart Carlton, Pastor Emeritus	



**Helping people connect to Christ,  
Church and Community**



**June 24, 2018**

## **SERVING TODAY**

### **Children's Church:**

Donna Wright/Kim Acree

### **Wee Jam:**

Lisa Barnett, Renee Simmons, Kelly Jones,  
Nicole Wheeling, Amber Hughes, Derek & Kendra Fagg

### **Deacons of the Week:**

\*Tim Sutphin 312-6255 Darryl Church 589-0413

## **VBS July 22- 25**



### **VBS Needs**

- \* Setup & teardown before & after
- \* Registration workers each evening
  - \* Pre-School Helpers

Also, we need empty soup cans, tall pringles can,  
nuts & bolts for crafts.

### **\*\*Looking Ahead\*\***

Family Church Meeting - July 15th @ 5:00  
(Mid-year reports from all committees )

Next Movie Night - July 20th

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Women's Outreach will meet after church today, to pack gift bags for our visitors and shut-ins. Contact Ada Overstreet for more information.

The Sr. Adults will have a Pot Luck Picnic at Longwood Park, Friday, July 13, 2018 in Shelter #4 at 5:30. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please let Cathy Folden know if you plan to attend and what dish you will be bringing.

VBS Workers Meeting - Today @ 5:00

*Today is Youth Sunday!*



## **Softball** s c h e d u l e

**Co-ed** - Tuesday, June 26 - 8:15 Civic Center East

Thursday, June 28 - 9:15 Civic Center East

**Men's** - Tuesday, June 26 - 7:15 Oakey's Ball Diamond

Thursday, June 28 - 7:15 Oakey's Ball Diamond

Dear Church Family,

God has given us great opportunities to serve and I want to thank all of you who have been serving. May I take a moment to brag on what God is doing in and through you? We have witnessed people of various ages choosing to follow Christ. There has been 17 baptisms since October and a total of 26 new members. Thank you Bethel family for being a part of that and making connections. You have also went out into our community and made meaningful connections through our school adoption and community appreciation projects. You continue to support the food pantry ministry which meets a lot of needs in Salem weekly. AWANA had a great year, the weekday preschool has ministered to 60 plus preschool children, our WE JAM ministry has ministered to 25-40 preschool children weekly, our children's Sunday morning connect groups and children's church ministers to 25 and at times 40 kids on any given Sunday. The After School program has ministered to kids from six different elementary schools. Right now our summer program is housing about 84 elementary school aged kids. We recently had some of our after school kids profess Christ as their Lord. Under the guidance of Debbie Holly, we were able to start a tutoring program for struggling kids. Our teen ministry is growing and God is doing great things under the present leadership. Josh and Kelly have also started a college and career connect group that meets bi-weekly. Last night one of our college students were baptized at the beach. I am proud of all our adult connect groups that do ministry together as well as dive deeper into the Word of God. Now we really need more groups as we estimate about 150 people that are not connected weekly. We are not looking for ability as much as availability of potential group leaders. You may be surprised at what God can do through you.

Let me also take a moment to share some challenges we are facing. We need additional funding for a children's director. I am really not sure where it will come from, but God knows. For quite some time now we have needed this, but we have no financial resources to support that staffing position. The leadership in all of our children's ministries are great, but we need that one person to oversee it and guide it along the way. We want to make sure that our children's ministries are thriving and moving in the right direction. So I am praying that we can invest more into our children's ministries in the near future.

Another concern is the limited funding for outreach and evangelism projects. Now that we are immersed into adopting a local school, hosting "5<sup>th</sup> Quarters" in the Fall, and doing other community events we need more financial support. As we pray for provision, let's keep serving and discovering ways in which we can reach our culture with the gospel.

In Christ, Pastor Hilton