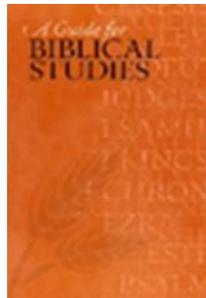


The Herald



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

The first Sunday of September, the adult Sunday school class begins a new quarter with the *Guide For Biblical Studies Fall 2022: God's Exceptional Choice*. This study traces the arc of salvation history from Abraham to Jesus and onto the early church. It is written from a Church of the Brethren perspective. Booklets are available for free. We meet in person at 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Gathering Room. We can make it a dual virtual/in person class if there is enough interest. Please let Pastor Dave know of your interest in this class so that you can get the student book.

HANDBELLS!!

We know you've been waiting patiently wondering, "When's the handbell season starting again?" Wait no longer! Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday September 7 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Room.

Want to jump in feet first? *Please do!*

Want to check it out before you commit? *Please do!*

Want to talk to someone first? *Please chat with Sarah Hartman.*

What do you need to bring? *Just yourself and a willingness to have fun with music!!*

PAST MEMBERS: PLEASE LET SARAH KNOW OF YOUR PLANS FOR RETURNING.

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The 2022 theme explored what it means to live in harmony with one other, respecting each other's gifts and perspectives, while committed to a saving Christ who calls us to another way of living.

Join us after worship on **Sunday, September 11**, in the Gathering Room as we "Wrap up" our Annual Conference with video and details from our delegate, Pastor David Whitten.



FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY MATTER UNDER HEAVEN.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NRSVUE)

The first day of September brings a lot of notable changes. First of all, according to the meteorological calendar, September 1st designates the first day of Autumn. Traditionally we transition from summer to fall on this date, as opposed to the astronomical calendar which designates the first day of fall on September 22nd with the Autumnal Equinox. We also think of the first of September as the transition from summer mode to fall mode. School is back in session, summer vacation is over, time to pack the summer clothes away and get out the flannels.

Fall is my favorite season, what with the cooler temperatures and the changing of the leaves from green to yellows and oranges and reds. The woods are alive with color. I love it. Some prefer spring due in a large part to the fact that summer follows Spring, whereas Winter follows Fall, a time of shorter days, longer nights, and colder temperatures. Some don't like seasonal changes at all and move to Florida! Changes are part and parcel of life. I consider myself in my autumnal years. And yes, I do not look forward to the years of winter which are fast upon me.

The year 2022 has seen some big changes at West Richmond. Maybe the most noticeable one is the removal of the White Building. But there have been many more changes, from the replacement of every window in our church building, to the

expansion of Hilltop Preschool with three additional classrooms, to the phase one renovation of the parsonage with the formation of the West Richmond Administrative Building, where Barbara and I now have our new offices.

And those are just the physical changes. Our style of worship keeps changing with the arrival of a new hymnal called Voices Together and its e-version which gives us the capabilities of putting words and music on the screen. We continue to change the way we do live stream with our Technology Director, Kevin, seeking to continually improve how we do our virtual worship. Our Youth Minister, Sarah, has worked hard at incorporating our children in a weekly Time with our Children, to a two times per month Children's Church. We have seen changes in new folks worshiping with us and offering their talents in various ways.

Yes, a season of changes. As the author of Ecclesiastes writes, **a time to break down and a time to build up (3.3)**. It is an exciting time to be a part of the many changes going on in our personal lives, in nature, and in the life of our congregation. We are grateful for everyone who has been involved in assisting in these changes. May God bless us all!

Pastor Dave

In Our Congregation



Chelsea Goss Skillen to direct Brethren Volunteer Service

Chelsea Goss Skillen has been hired by the Church of the Brethren as director of Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS). She is a graduate of Bridgewater (Va.) College with a bachelor of science degree in Liberal Studies, and of Regis University with a master's degree in Organizational Leadership. She will begin working from the Church of the Brethren General Offices in Elgin, Ill., on October 24.

Skillen's stated passion for working with volunteers and nonprofit organizations has been lived out through her work history. She served two years as a BVS volunteer, one as the orientation assistant in the BVS office. She also has served through New Community Project, Camp Bethel, and a refugee program in Australia. Her recent work experience includes co-founding a small business to empower and educate authors to share their stories and helping to run a production and publishing company.

She has been a keynote speaker at Church of the Brethren events such as National Junior High Conference, National Young Adult Conference, and Annual Conference in 2021. She is one of the presenters at this week's National Youth Conference.

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Church office (M-F).....9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

If no one is in the office or the line is busy, voice mail will pick up so **PLEASE** leave us a message. Items for the bulletin's weekly newssheet **MUST** be submitted by **noon each Thursday** to the church office. All articles for the **October** edition of *The Herald* are due in the office by **September 15, 2022**.

*Join us for a
Service of Godspeed for
Chelsea and Brian on
Sunday, October 16
during our worship service.*

Look Who's Celebrating and Serving in...



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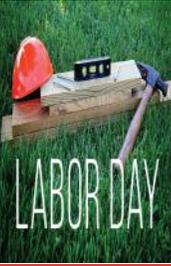
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| 1 Joanna Adams | 16 .. Joel Guyer
Chloe O'Sullivan | 24.. Erin (Fyne) McLaughlin
Shiloh McLaughlin |
| 2..... Abigail Altic | 17 .. <i>Ronnie & Jennifer (Altic) Harris</i> | 25 .. Becky Klein
<i>Brandon & Dani Saunders</i>
<i>Brandon & Miranda Keithly (1st)</i> |
| 3..... Andrew Ludwick
<i>Aaron & Deanna Harding</i> | 18 .. Fred Bryant
Gary Fields
Judy Lindgren
Rachel McCann
<i>Joel & Allison Brunk</i> | 26 .. Jonathan Flory
<i>Leslie Altic & Tommy Ferguson</i> |
| 5..... Donita Solanky
Anna Welch | 19 .. Kurt Reber | 27 .. Pamela McCloud
<i>Bob & Margaret Phillips</i> |
| 8..... <i>Dave & Peggy Reynolds</i> | 21 .. <i>Travis & Anna (Beers) Williams</i> | 29.. Jack Clark
Bethel Etiendem
Cate Yoder
<i>Dustin & Carrie Dedrick</i> |
| 9..... Ellen Flory
Collins Harris | 22 .. Cathy (Martin) Vanderhoff | 30.. <i>Jonathan & Jennifer McCloud</i> |
| 13... Paul Brockman
Barbara (Walbridge) McCann | 23 .. Charles Layman
<i>Chris & Colleen Wampler</i> | |
| 14... Leslie Altic | | |
| 15... Aubree Evenson
Joe Mattys | | |

Sept.	Greeter	Worship Leader	Tellers
4	Carol Goss	Ann Andrus	Ann Andrus & Nancy Martin
11	Barbara Beers	June Diehl	Jeff Goss & Alyce Newman
18	Dolly Guyer	Freda Wilkins	Joel & Dolly Guyer
25	Ann Andrus	Susan Robertson	Bob & Pat Gangwer

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary?
Please, contact the church office to correct our oversite.



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p>Some of our children are in new schools this fall. Ask Brianna, Ava and Zherina about their new adventures.</p>				1	2 9:00 am Open House at Hilltop Preschool	3 10:00 am JanPro
4 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site	5  LABOR DAY	6 First Day of School for Hilltop Preschool 10:30 am Ladies Circle 5:15 pm Shelter on Hull Street	7 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	8	9 	10 10:00 am JanPro 11:00 am Memorial Service for Richard Barry
11  9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site with  12:15 pm Annual Conference Wrap- Up! (Gathering Room)	12 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café	13 10:30 am Ladies Circle 7:00 pm Leadership Team Meeting (Virtual)	14 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	15 	16	17 10:00 am JanPro 6:30 pm Family Fun Night! 
18 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— Online/On Site	19 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café	20 10:30 am Ladies Circle 12:30 pm FeedMore Community Kitchen	21 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	22 	23 	24  9:00 am Handbell Skills Workshop with the James River Ringers 10:00 am JanPro
25 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship— On Site with  12:15 pm CCM— Congregational Conversation Meeting 	26 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 	27 10:30 am Ladies Circle 3:00 pm Hilltop Preschool's Board Meeting LAMBs Basket Delivery 	28 9:30 am C.A.A.A. Friendship Café 6:00 pm Handbells	29 6:30 pm Ladies Nite Out at Jiang's Chinese Restaurant (1213 Car Mia Way, Richmond 23235) 	30	

New Friends!

REV. FREDA M. WILKINS, MSW, M. Div.

Freda Wilkins is an ordained minister in the Baptist Tradition. Freda was licensed to preach in 2008 and ordained in 2018. Freda grew up in Enfield NC, where her parents led the youth ministry for their local church. Her mother was also the pianist for their local church. The first known picture of Freda as a baby was of her father holding her in the church choir stand. Needless to say, church is in Freda's blood, even as Jesus is in her heart.

In church life, Freda has developed and led Prayer Ministries, served on the Evangelism Team, the Praise and Worship Team and sang in the choir. In terms of formal or vocational ministry, Freda has served as Director of

Missions and Evangelism with Springfield Baptist Church, Glen Allen VA and as Director of Spiritual Development with Anointed New Life Baptist Church, also of Glen Allen VA. Freda also worked as Director of Christian Social Ministries with the Women's Missionary Union of Virginia, Richmond VA. The focus of WMU is empowering women to identify and follow their ministry giftedness and call and to provide missions education across the commonwealth.

Freda also lives her call to serve by working as a Social Worker with Massey Cancer Center, here in Richmond. She has been employed as a Social Worker in healthcare for more than 40 years.



Freda's brother and sister both live in Greenville NC. Freda visits them regularly. She also keeps in touch with her 5 nieces and nephews and 2 great nephews, who all give her great joy.

Everyone who knows Freda, knows that she loves the Lord, she loves the Lord's people, and she loves to laugh.

Weekly Statistics

Attendance	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 25
Worship (total)	40	40	66	37
In-person & visitors	37	27	54	33
Live stream	3	13	12	4
On-line views by that Friday	10	21	19	10
Offering per week	\$3,540.00	\$1,510.00	\$4,286.62	\$1,440.00



Attendance	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Worship (total)	53	48	30	48	49
In-person & visitors	45	37	24	45	36
Live stream	8	11	6	3	13
On-line views by that Friday	13	35	6	7	18
Offering per week	\$4,535.50	\$1,320.00	\$1,590.00	\$2,425.00	\$3,490.55



The Outdoor Ministries Committee of the Virilina District Board - Church of the Brethren announces that Barry LeNoir, Director of Camp Bethel in Fincastle, VA, will depart his role on June 30, 2023. He began his service on August 19, 2002.

Barry writes, *“After 38 years of camp staff experience including 20 years at Camp Bethel, I am ready to hand over responsibilities to the next Camp Director. I have loved all of it, our Camp Bethel. I especially treasure the relationships with coworkers, summer staff, campers and families, congregations, committees, volunteers, guest groups, business partners, and peers in camping in Virginia and across the country.”*

During Barry’s tenure at Camp Bethel, he oversaw 112% growth in camp attendance, and he expanded and diversified the Summer Camp programs beyond Resident and Day Camps to Adventures, Trips, and Skills Camps. He advocated a “Small Group Camping” relationship-based philosophy of camp ministry. For 20 summers at Camp Bethel, he trained and mentored over 500 Summer Staff to be Experiential Christian Educators with equal focus on group dynamics, child development, and activity leadership.

Barry encouraged ecumenism and collaborative partnerships, notably with the River Adventure Program, Carilion Camp Too Sweet, and the Presbytery of the Peaks. He was an organizer and workshop leader at the annual Virginia Ecumenical Camp and Retreat Leaders’ Gathering. He served on the Church of the Brethren’s Outdoor Ministries Association (OMA) Steering Committee from 2004-2010, and he received the OMA Camp Staff Award in 2011. He served on the American Camp Association (ACA) Virginias Local Council of Leaders from 2005-2017, and he is an ACA Accreditation Visitor. He was a presenter at the United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministry (UMCRM) National Gathering in 2013.

Barry previously worked as a teacher and 3-sport coach in Roanoke County Schools (1992-2002) and on Summer Camp Staff at Camp Alta Mons (VA), YMCA Camp St. Croix (WI), and Camp Occohannock on the Bay (VA). Barry and Angie, and adult sons Zander and Cyrus will relocate to their family farm in Floyd, VA.

Barry writes, *“Camp Bethel is ‘sacred ground’ because of the relationships with PEOPLE, not just the site and facilities. We’ve experienced tremendous growth and success these past 20 years, and we’ve expanded the reach of our ministry by following a ‘Program First’ philosophy. I will remain available to help the next Director, and I hope to volunteer as much as possible in the life of the camp, including the 100th anniversary events in 2027. I am excited for God’s continued work through you at Camp Bethel, and I am very grateful for being allowed to serve with you and our excellent staff.”*

The Virilina District Board and the Outdoor Ministries Committee will establish a search committee and an application process in the coming weeks. Information will be posted at www.CampBethelVirginia.org/jobs and www.Virilina.org.

Stephanie Naff, Chairperson of the Outdoor Ministries Committee.

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WHAT'S Happening?

A report from your Leadership Team
(Jori, Janet, Dolly, Ann, and Jeff)

Reinstating A Modified



Fellowship Time

Please join us for an informal fellowship gathering after worship, either inside or outside. No food or drinks will be provided at this time.

Looking for Volunteers



Are you willing to be "on call" for our younger aged kids (infant/toddler/preschool) during worship? We would like to make a schedule with 2 adults to be available on the first, third and fifth Sundays. It would be from after Children's time until the end of worship. Some weeks, care may not be needed, so this would be an "on call" schedule. Please contact Jori Carter or Janet Brunk if you are willing to be available for our children in this capacity.