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## *Wings of Faith*

Cloverdale Church of the Brethren

Patrick Starkey, Pastor

Tasha Veal, Church Secretary

**SEPTEMBER 2015**



**September 4-7 - Labor Day Family Camp Weekend @ Camp Bethel**  
**September 7 - Labor Day (the church office will remain open)**  
**September 7-11 - National Older Adult Conference, Lake Junaluska, NC**  
**September 13 - Sunday School Recognition and Seed Scattered & Sown Sunday**  
**September 13 - Deacons meeting after worship**  
**September 20 - District Peace Day service 3pm @ Ninth Street CoB**  
**September 22 - First Day of Fall!**  
**September 26 - Renacer Harvest Banquet 6pm @ Holiday Inn at Valley View Mall**  
**October 3 - Heritage Day @ Camp Bethel**  
**October 4 - World Communion Sunday Love Feast**  
**October 8-10 - Pictorial Directory Photo Days**

# Cloverdale September 2015 Calendar

Sunday School 9:15am

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1  6pm Commission 7pm Board	2  Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Kid's Choir 6:45pm	3  TOPS 5:30pm	4	5  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
6	7  <b>Labor Day (Office will be open)</b>	8  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	9  Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Kid's Choir 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm	10  TOPS 5:30pm	11	12  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
13 Sun. School Recognition <b>Deacon Mtg.</b>  Scouts 4:45- 6pm	14	15  W.F. 10am  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	16  Family Night 5:45 pm Bible Study 6:45pm Kid's Choir 6:45pm	17  TOPS 5:30pm	18	19  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
20	21	22 <b>Fall Begins</b> Gospel Choir 6:30pm  	23	24  TOPS 5:30pm	25	26  Thrift Shop 9am-1pm
27  Scouts 4:45 - 6pm	28	29  Gospel Choir 6:30pm	30  Choir 7:30pm			3  <b>Heritage Day @Camp Bethel</b>

*Our Church Mission — We seek to learn from Jesus Christ how to live,  
and to share with all people the good news of God's love,  
whole-heartedly and humbly, prayerfully and peacefully.*



# Church Servants for September



## Greeters

- 6 - Arnold & Lynne Humphreys
- 13 - Doris Kent & Carolyn Heath
- 20 - Larry & Judy Mann
- 27 - Lorene Bishop & Marjorie Snider

## Nursery

- 6 - Rita Foster
- 13 - Tracy Tardy
- 20 - Roberta Rogers & Clara Nelson
- 27 - Kim Brown

## Thrift Shop

- 5 - Marjorie Snider & Carolyn Heath
- 12 - Lorene Bishop & Caroline Hicks
- 19 - Carolyn Heath & Glenna Eubank
- 26 - Doris Kent & Roberta Rogers

## Deacons on Call

Lenny & Susan LaRose: Max & Nancy Bertholf

## Altar

Annette Taylor

## Opening of Church

Ed Stoots

## Ushers

- 5 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Reggie Wallace, Paul Reavis, Johnnie Criner
- 12 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff, Walter Nelson
- 19 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Rick Naff
- 26 - Roger Reed, Michael Beahm, Kenny Entsminger, Maynard Harris, Carolyn Heath, Walter Nelson

## September Birthdays

- 3 - Denise Aker
- 4 - Elda Alls
- 6 - Joyce Harris
- 13 - Alta Robertson
- 18 - Audry Rogers
- 20 - Carole Reavis
- 22 - Dale Dillard
- 23 - Jennifer (Entsminger) DeHaven
- 23 - Paul Dickerson
- 27 - Dave Wilson
- 28 - Becky Hudson
- 28 - Betty Walker
- 29 - Robert Murray



## Happy Anniversary!!

- 5 (1965) - Sam & Rita Foster
- 7 (1985) - Steve & Sandra Kidd
- 10 (1977) - Fred & Connie Walters
- 12 (1953) - David & Marcelene Dooley
- 23 (1994) - Donnie & Ginger Roberts
- 25 (1993) - Tony & Shelly Rogers
- 26 (1987) - Ronnie & Rebecca Wilkins-Huffman





## Special Acknowledgements

Thank you for all the cards and prayers while I was at camp. I loved going swimming and making a candle. I can't wait to go back next year.

-Mari Jimenez

Expressing our deepest gratitude to Pastor Patrick, church family and friends for beautiful cards, emails, phone calls, and Pastor Patrick's UVA visit. Your expressions of love and concern are unforgettable. Your support made the medical issues less overwhelming. Much love,

-Dale & Sharon Dillard

**Congratulations to Isaac and Ashley (Kyle) Nelson** who were married on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at Bethel Presbyterian Church, near Greenville, VA! May our joy for the happy couple be joined by our continuing prayers and support as they grow together in God's love.

Dearest church family, thanks so much for all the lovely cards and gifts. I really appreciate your generosity. I've always been thankful for your continued prayers and encouragement. Thanks for all you have done for me from school care packages to supporting my trips to Haiti. I hope to be home to visit again soon. Much love, **Clara Nelson**

Thanks to everyone who contributed time, talents, services, and money to make Thailand Trek VBS a big success. - **Christian Ed. Commission**

Dearest Pastor Patrick, Patricia, the deacons and church family; we want to thank you for making mom's celebration of life so personable and special! The shared experiences from the Bertholf family and Dave Dooley were a walk down memory lane. She loved her church family, friends, and community. We are so blessed that she has touched their lives with her love and compassion. All our love, **Denise, Dustin & Jackie**

Thank you for supporting Bridgewater College. Your investment in Bridgewater helps provide the financial resources necessary to operate programs important in developing the moral and ethical decision-making abilities vital in today's society. Churches such as yours help prepare students to go out in the world prepared to embody principles such as intellectual curiosity, integrity, service, and community. Again we thank you for your congregations continued generosity and support of Bridgewater College.

We received two thank you letters from Church World Service- one for the contribution to Blankets for Love and one for the contribution to Tools of Hope. The letters are posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes.

## Cloverdale CoB, Virlina District, & Camp Bethel News & Events

**Family Night:** The first three Wednesday nights of each month (Labor Day- Memorial Day) we gather for a meal together and then participate in various programs- Bible Study, Children's Choir, Chancel Choir. Each person who participates is built up through these programs, in addition to the fellowship which happens around the table during those Wednesday night meals. We are especially grateful to Jim Reed for his dedicated volunteerism in setting up for each Family Night and to the many, many persons who helped cook and clean-up this past year. And we look forward to Family Night beginning again on Wednesday, September 2, 2015. We hope you will join us. - Music, Worship, Fellowship Commission.

**SAY CHEESE!**



**Get ready for our new pictorial directory!** Our church is partnering with Lifetouch studios to produce a new directory with full color portraits included. Photography will be scheduled on **Thursday and Friday, October 8 & 9 from 2pm to 9pm**, and **Saturday, October 10 from 10am to 5pm**. One free 8x10 portrait will be given to each individual or family photographed. Members photographed will also receive a free copy of the directory. Sign-ups will be held just inside the fellowship hall, above the Narthex, every Sunday during September, before and after worship. You

are also encouraged to sign up online, by clicking the button on our Church website at [www.cloverdalecob.org](http://www.cloverdalecob.org).

We will also need hosts and hostesses to process appointment sign-ins. If you can help us out on Thursday 10/8 and/or Friday 10/9 for about 3 hours between 12:00pm & 9:00pm, and/or Saturday 10/10 between 8:30am & 5:00pm, please contact Lenny LaRose, Patricia Jennison, or Vickie Murray.

**Deacons Meeting** Our deacons will meet after worship on Sunday, September 13, with an agenda to include the calling of deacons and preparation for the October 4 World Communion Sunday Love Feast.

**Seed Scattered & Sown**- Our worship on Sunday, September 13 will celebrate God's grace in the ministries of Virlina District and Camp Bethel and introduce the Seed Scattered & Sown 4-year campaign to enhance and extend these shared ministries.

**The Christian Education Commission** is sponsoring a Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Breakfast on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 10:15am. It will be a continental breakfast with coffee juice, sweet rolls, fruit, hard boiled eggs and other food items yet to be determined. Everyone is invited! There will be a fishing game for the children after they eat.

**PLEASE DONATE TO REPLENISH DEPLETED "CAMPERSHIP" FUND:** In summer 2014, 143 campers received "Campership" funding totaling \$39,876, exceeding our available fund by \$18,000. Can you help? Please consider donating \$280, which was the 2014 cost for a child to attend one basic week of resident camp at Camp Bethel. Mail checks with memo "Camperships" or donate at [www.CampBethelVirginia.org](http://www.CampBethelVirginia.org).

**CAMP BETHEL WISH LIST, September:** "Camp" chairs (like "soccer Mom" chairs) for the Adventure Villages; Digital cameras; Working mini-van or pick-up truck. Thank you!

#### **BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL, SAT, OCT 4**

PLEASE INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW to come to Camp Bethel on Saturday, October 4 7:30am-2:30pm, for camp's grandest day: HERITAGE DAY! 40 congregations and groups from our Virlina District Church of the Brethren will present their best offerings. This family-friendly festival is an important one-day fundraiser for Camp Bethel: 100% of sales directly fund the mission and ministries of the camp.

#### **PEACE SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 20**

Virlina District will hold the annual Peace Sunday Service at the Ninth Street Church of the Brethren (1103 Ninth Street, SE, Roanoke, Virginia) on Sunday, September 20, 3:00 p.m. There will be worship and fellowship. This event is planned by the Virlina District Peace Affairs Committee. Details will be forthcoming.

**RENACER HARVEST BANQUET** - The annual fall banquet to support our partner congregation Renacer ("new birth" in Spanish) will take place Saturday evening, September 26 at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn Roanoke/Valley View (3315 Ordway Drive), with a full buffet meal and program led by the Renacer Praise Team and Pastor Daniel D'Oleo. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 years old and younger. RSVP by September 10 to (540) 892-8791. Reservation forms are available in our church office.

#### **GROWING LEADERS IN NEW (AND OLDER) CONGREGATIONS - OCTOBER 9 - 10 (4:15. CEU's available)**

The New Church Development Committee will be hosting a retreat on October 9 and 10 at Camp Bethel. Jonathan Shively, Executive Director of Congregational Life Ministries for the Church of the Brethren will be the main speaker for this event. The theme is "Growing Leaders in New (and Older) Congregations." Fee of \$60 includes dinner, breakfast, and lunch. For more info contact the District Resource Center at <[nuchurch@aol.com](mailto:nuchurch@aol.com)>.

#### **2015 VIRLINA DISTRICT CONFERENCE - NOVEMBER 13-14**

"You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine!" is the theme of the 2015 Virlina District Conference. The scripture reference is from Matthew 5:14-16. The conference dates are November 13 and 14, and conference will be held at the Grandin Court Baptist (2660 Brambleton, Avenue, SW, Roanoke, Virginia). The conference officers are Dava C. Hensley - moderator, J. W. Rhoades - moderator-elect and Charlene Lester - clerk.

**NATIONAL OLDER ADULT CONFERENCE (NOAC) - SEPTEMBER 7-11** Then Jesus Told Them A Story is the 2015 NOAC theme. The Scripture text is Matthew 13:34-35. This event is for adults 50 and older and will be held at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. Brochures are posted on our church bulletin board. If you are planning to go to NOAC, would like to reserve a spot on the bus, please contact the Shenandoah District Office at (540) 234-8555 or <[districtoffice@shencob.org](mailto:districtoffice@shencob.org)> as soon as possible.

## Pastor Patrick's Page~~

*Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home. Psalm 119:54*

Those songs come into your head at different times, don't they? During the working day, or on a morning walk, or after an evening meal, or in some other setting, every once in a while, there comes some tune to hum or lyric to sing. It may match the moment in a surprising way. Or, it may be a song that always shows up when you need its reminder most.

For me, while walking through the woods, it might be the serenity of "Annie's Song" by John Denver: *You fill up my senses- come fill me again.* During a last-minute obsession over the particulars of an important presentation, it might be the pep-talk pop-beats of Kenny Loggins' "This is it": *This is it- make no mistake where you are- this is it- your back's to the corner- this is it- don't be a fool anymore- this is it- the waiting is over.* More than one time recently, responding to an insistent child, it has been a playful refrain from the Rolling Stones: *You can't always get what you want.* But more often, seeing the searching eyes of the same child, it has been the humble hope of Louis Armstrong: *I've heard babies cry- I've watched them grow- they'll learn much more than I'll ever know- and I think to myself, what a wonderful world!*

Songs of faith have a way of coming through when my heart is heavy. *And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight... even so, it is well with my soul!* Or: *See from his head, his hands, his feet- sorrow and love flow mingled down- did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

Maybe these are heavy times when we can sense that things are out-of-whack around us, and perhaps within us, even if we can't quite figure out what it is. There is unease between peoples. Tensions flare. Violence erupts. Fingers get pointed. One human dismisses another as less-than-human. Hostility in the headlines surfaces hostility in our own hearts.

We need to hear God's guidance:

*In this world you will have trouble- but, take heart; I have overcome the world! John 16:33*

*In everything do to others as you would have them do to you... Matthew 7:12*

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us- [i]f we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9*

*Let all things be done for building up. 1 Corinthians 14:26*

Psalm 119 is the Bible's most lengthy chapter. It is an extensive expression of trust that God communicates with us. It is a celebration of scripture. The Psalmist recognizes that things have gone wrong in the world and rejoices that, in the midst of this, God gives guidance. About a third of the way through, we're given the words noted above, assuring that God's instruction becomes songs that show up wherever we find ourselves in life.

What if we were so devoted to prayer and so immersed in the stories of scripture and the teachings of Jesus that these became the songs that come to us when we are most challenged or conflicted or agitated? What if such sacred words stirred so deeply and dependably within us that they showed up just when we needed their reminders most?

We are about to enter a next season for Christian Education in the life of the church. Elementary-age children will be promoted to a new Sunday school class. Adult classes will gather around fresh curriculum and ancient truths. After summer break, Wednesday night Bible studies resume to explore the foundations of our faith, and Children and Adult Choirs return to sacred songs to sing aloud and to welcome into the soul.

As you continue or renew your own Bible reading and devotional practices at home, consider connecting or re-connecting with one or more of these ways in which we gather at Cloverdale. May we find God's word becoming a song that leaps into our minds and onto our lips, to lead us into life, no matter where we are.

In Christ our hope,  
Patrick Starkey

**New Prayer List Policy:** We have begun a new prayer list policy. Due to limited bulletin space, we clear the prayer list at the end of each month. If you wish to have your prayer request continue, please contact the church office to have it placed on the list for the next month. Thank you!

**Remember These As You Pray:** Ruth Joshua and all the abducted Nigerian girls and families.



Elda Alls	Ruth Bishop	Bowman Family
Virginia Bushnell	Thelma Byrd	Kathleen Cook
Deel Family	Margaret Fleshman	Norman Flora
Pam Ford & Zach	Geraldene Garvey	Dottie Hale
James Hill	Arnold Humphreys	Becky Hudson
Robert & Janet Murray	Glenn & Mary Naff	Debbie Phelan
Paul Reavis	Alta Robertson	Audry Rogers
Dot Stanley	Betty Walker	

Freddie Ballard - operation for mass on the brain  
 Shannon Deel (Deel's daughter-in-law) tumors in sinuses, facing 3<sup>rd</sup> surgery  
 Maison Gibson (Glenna & Norma's 8 yr old great nephew) kidney problems  
 Dorothy Humphreys (Arnold's mother) fell, surgery  
 Wyatt McGuire (Sue Crumpacker's grandson)  
 Robin Stiltner(food pantry recipient) shoulder surgery  
 Betty Stone(Doris Kent's friend) breast cancer  
 Anne West(friend of Patricia Jennison) diagnosed with cancer  
 Anita Wildhaber (Kathy Bowman's mother) stroke  
 Joseph Wildhaber(Kathy Bowman's father) spinal issues  
 Terry Williams (Pat Hill family)- at home, doing well, has home nurse

*We celebrate the life shared and extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of...* **Ken Murphy(Kris Bertholf's father)**  
**Alison Parker**  
**Adam Ward**

## District Prayer Calendar September 2015

### ***September 6, 2015***

Pray for the ***Virlina District Board*** as it meets on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Hermon Church in Henry County, Virginia. Let every decision which affects the mission and ministry of the church, from the smallest to the greatest, be the subject and result of sincere prayer.

### ***September 13, 2015***

Pray for ***Seed: Scattered and Sown - Reaching Beyond This Generation***, the mission resourcing effort to enhance and undergird vital ministry areas within the Virlina District, including Camp Bethel. Let us lay aside every burden and run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

### ***September 20, 2015***

Pray for the ***Fraternity Church of the Brethren*** near Winston-Salem, North Carolina as they celebrate their 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Let us remain aware of the goodly spiritual heritage which we have from the great cloud of witnesses which have preceded us.

### ***September 27, 2015***

Pray for ***Heritage Day at Camp Bethel*** on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Let us look forward with excitement and enthusiasm to the greater works of God that lie unrevealed in the future.

