



Our Mission: “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by making *Worship* a priority, extending an intentional *Invitation*, *Nurturing* Godly friendships, committing to *Grow* spiritually, and making a difference by *Serving* others.”

OCTOBER MESSAGE SERIES: ABC’S OF GIVING

In his poem “*All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*” Robert Fulghum points out that along with learning our ABC’s & 123’s we learned everything else we need to succeed in life during our time in Kindergarten. We learned to play fair, don’t hit people, say you’re sorry when you hurt someone, say please and thank-you, always tell the truth, and share everything. Kindergarten was a carefree time when we learned the basics of life. In this message series, Pastor Frank will share the ABC’s of why we as Christians give back to God and share with others as an expression of our love and thankfulness towards God. Giving back to God is really as easy as ABC & 123. Join us for this challenging stewardship series as we learn the ABC’s of Giving to God.



- October 6 **Attitude:** The Response of a Successful Steward
- October 13 **Blessings:** The Resources of a Successful Steward
- October 20 **Commitment:** The Requirement of a Successful Steward
- October 27 **Donation:** The Reward of a Successful Steward

Our **Attitude** is the response we should have as faithful stewards of God’s resources. Our **Blessings** are the resources God has given us. **Commitment** is the requirement God asks of us as faithful stewards of His resources. And our **Donation** is the reward we receive as faithful stewards.

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP | IN-PERSON OR ONLINE ON SUNDAY
MORNINGS AT 9:30 AM & 11 AM**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024 | 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

“BLESSINGS: THE RESPONSE OF A SUCCESSFUL STEWARD”

1 CHRONICLES 29:10-16

Everything that we have comes as a gift from God, it all belongs to Him. He is the source of everything we have. There is nothing in our life or in our hands that is not a direct blessing from God. That means that we are accountable to God for what we do with the blessings He has provided. Once we realize that God is the source of everything we have and that we are accountable to Him for what He has blessed us with, it will directly affect the way we give to God and others. Giving back to God is not just about financial support; it is about aligning our hearts with God’s purposes, acknowledging His ownership over all things, and responding in worship and humility to the blessings He has filled our lives with. As we reflect on 1 Chronicles 29:10-16, may we be inspired to give generously and joyfully, knowing that everything we have comes from God and that our gifts contribute to His eternal work.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 am	BFUMC Hikers - Chicopee Woods, Gainesville	
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	WC
11:00 am	Traditional Worship	Sanct
12:00 pm	Hand and Foot Card Playing	128
12:30 pm	Mini Me Handbell Choir	114
3:00 pm	Handbell Practice	114
4:00 pm	Handbell Practice	114
4:30 pm	Kidz Play (4:30 - 5:00)	Chapel
4:30 pm	The Chosen Season 2	124
5:00 pm	Band of Brothers Men's Group	123
5:00 pm	Disciple 1 Fast Track	128
5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Nights	130
5:00 pm	Kidz Club	Chapel

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

11:30 am	Wisteria - Your Pie, Bethlehem	
4:00 pm	Book Art	128
6:30 pm	MAD (Making a Difference)	124
6:30 pm	Praying for Your Adult Children	123

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:15 am	Connect & Coffee (Preschool parents)	121
1:00 pm	United Methodist Women	128
3:30 pm	Prayer Group	121
6:00 pm	Disciple 2 Fast Track	124
6:30 pm	BASA Chorus Concert	Sanct
6:30 pm	Church Council	128
7:00 pm	Young Adults-The Chosen 2	130

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:00 am	Crochet Group	128
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	119
6:30 pm	Crochet Group	128

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:30 pm	The Chosen Season 3	130
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BFUMC
HIKING GROUP
amber.wigley@bethlehemfirstumc.com
9:00 am | Saturday, October 12th

Chicopee Woods
2100 Calvary Church Rd., Gainesville

HAND AND FOOT CARD PLAYING

Join the fun this Sunday, October 13, following the 11 o'clock worship service for food, fellowship, and to play Hand and Foot. We would love to have you join us for the afternoon in Room 128. Bring a favorite dish to share. Want to know more about this fun game? Contact Ron Agnew, 706-491-9211, ragnew0550@gmail.com



Trunk-or-Treat
CANDY
donations needed!!!
*bring to Stars Cafe before 10/27

watch, discuss, learn, grow

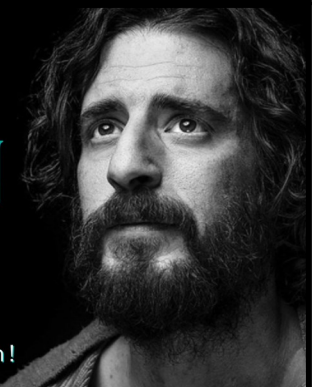
The Season 3 CHOSEN

A GROUP STUDY FOR EVERYONE

Thursdays @6:30pm

Starting October 17th

Email Pastor Megan to join!



CALLED CHARGE CONFERENCE

On Sunday, October 20th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Worship Center, we will have a Called Charge Conference to vote on allowing the Board of Trustees to sign the contract for the Proposed Land Swap with InLine Communities.

Questions regarding this Proposed Land Swap, please contact Tim Strickland, Trustee Chair, 706-255-7465, tstric13@bellsouth.net or Pastor Frank, 770-362-7998, frank.bernat@bethlehemfirstumc.com

NEW EXTENDED WEEKEND HOURS!!!



**MONDAY-SATURDAY
6AM-7PM
SUNDAY 1-7PM**

**JOIN NOW!
Become a
LEGACY
MEMBER!**

Before rates increase in 2025!



UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEER

Registration Starts October 15th!

COMMISSIONERS & COACHES NEEDED

See Page 5 for Responsibilities

Sign up on linktr.ee/bfumc

ROOTED YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNINGS 9:30
+ 11AM STARTING OCT 20TH!
SUNDAY EVENINGS 5PM

6TH-12TH GRADERS

Trunk or Treat

October 27 @6pm

Sign up to decorate a trunk on
linktr.ee/bfumc!

LoveLights

November 3rd @ 6pm

PURCHASE CANDLES IN HONOR/REMEMBRANCE OF LOVED ONES FOR \$5 BY OCTOBER 20TH

See Page 4 for Details



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Upward Basketball/Cheer

Trunk-or-Treat

LoveLights 2024

2024 Holiday Bazaar

Wiseman 5K

House of Bread

ROOTED YOUTH

We are looking for people, groups, families, to partner with us to provide dinner. If you can't cook but want to help monetarily, please message Matt or take a Sunday and let him know! We eat around 5:00 p.m. before we begin our evening activities.

We are looking to feed 25-30 folks including adult leaders. If that number changes drastically, Matt will reach out. Thank you so much for your heart and time. Please leave in the comments what dish you are making/bringing. If you can provide dessert and drinks, please share that as well. Don't worry about utensils and napkins! Thank you!!!

Matt Brown, 770-771-8523
matt.brown@bethlehemfirstumc.com



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Sign Up to Provide Dinner for Our Youth

CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT

One of our reports submitted at our Annual Conference is a list of members that we are unable to locate. We are required to list these names prior to Conference in hopes of locating these individuals.

Please take the time to review the following list of names. If you have new contact information on any of them, please contact Karen in the church office, karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com, 770-867-3727 ext. 102.

Judy Smith
Membership Secretary

Unable to Locate

Deanna Banks
Matthew Barry
Melissa Barry
Al Bowen
Becky Bowen
Tiffany Carter
Amelia Daniel
Bill Daniel
Rich Feggeler
Terry Finley
Dovie Freeman
Jon Freeman

Megan Freeman
Will Hancock
Matthew Harmon
Kelli Herrington
Rusty Herrington
Keith Johnson
Carol Kleja
John Kleja

Joy Langan
Mary Ann Pate
Greg Peevy
Kathy Replogle
Randall Sanders



Next Travel Club Event

December 12th
Mountain Country Christmas in Lights
Hiawassee GA

If you are interested in participating, please contact:
Wanda Doster, 770-601-8570
wjdoster@windstream.net



Keep an eye out for our 2025 calendar



LOVELIGHTS 2024

Our annual LoveLights Service will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, November 3rd at 6:00 p.m. We would love for each of you to be a part of this service! Use the QR code to update your order from last year, make a new order, or download a letter of invitation. Candles are \$5.00 for each person's name that will be called. The funds collected are used for local mission work here in Bethlehem and Barrow County to continue our goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ. The deadline for all orders is Sunday, October 20th.



New this year is the use of the QR Code to place NEW Orders and also review/update RECURRING ORDERS, and make your \$5.00 donation for each person's name. You may also turn your LoveLights in to the church office, place them in the offering plate, or mail to BFUMC, 709 Christmas Ave., Bethlehem, GA 30620.

If you choose, families of those honored/remembered can be notified by picking up one or more of the LoveLight invitation letters to personally mail.

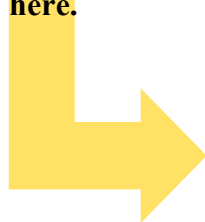
The funds collected are used for missions, here in Bethlehem, Barrow County, and beyond, to continue our goal of making disciples of Jesus Christ. I hope each of you will plan to participate.

Jessica Smith / Coordinator, 678-779-7636
jrsmith8584@gmail.com

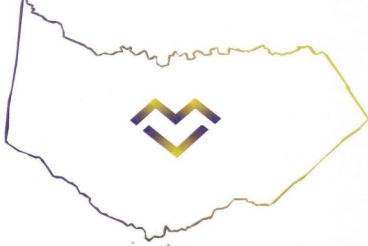
LoveLights 2024		SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3		6:00 pm	
ORDER FORM					
Please use a Separate Order Form for each LoveLight					
Please Print Clearly					
GIVEN BY:					
NAME:					
PHONE #:					
PLEASE CHECK EITHER HONOR OR MEMORY					
IN HONOR OF: <input type="checkbox"/>		IN MEMORY OF: <input type="checkbox"/>			
FIRST NAME:					
LAST NAME:					
<p>If you would like to mail a letter of invitation to attend the service and let someone know that a LoveLight has been given, please pick up as many form letters as needed. If you need further assistance, please contact Karen Whitehead in the church office, 770-867-3727 ext. 102, karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com.</p>					
<p>Return this completed form with \$5.00 (for Missions) by Sunday, October 20, 2024.</p> <p>If you have any questions, you may contact the church office, 770-867-3727, info@bethlehemfirstumc.com</p>					

HEAL BARROW

Were you or someone you love affected by the Apalachee High School shooting? Scan the code to complete a counseling referral **here.**



HEAL BARROW



DONATE HERE



Bethlehem First United Methodist Church has been a Ministry Partner with Barrow Ministry Village for over 10 years (70 Church Str., Winder.) www.BarrowMinistryVillage.org.

In the wake of the tragedy at Apalachee High School, The Ministry Village created the Heal Barrow Fund to provide quality mental health care to those affected by the incident, ensuring that no one goes unaided by our team of clinicians and partnering counseling agencies.

Should you consider supporting Heal Barrow, know that 100% of the proceeds donated to this fund will be set aside specifically to help those affected by the Apalachee High School shooting.



Basketball & Cheer Commissioner: As the Coach Commissioner, you lead and support the coaches. Your responsibilities include helping recruit, equipping, retaining, and communicating with the coaches on a regular basis. Also, attending all Saturday games.

Basketball Coach: Leading your team practices, communicating with parents, leading your team games, encouraging/motivating your team players.

Cheer Coach: Commit to preparing and organizing practices. At-home about 45 minutes each week to plan practice sessions, and then teach cheers to your cheerleaders, prepare them for game day cheers and halftime show.

FITNESS CENTER NEWS

JOIN NOW AND BECOME A LEGACY MEMBER - Rate increase in 2025

- No Contract Monthly Membership
- Church Member Discounts
- Student & Senior Rates
- Unlimited Fitness Classes with Membership (\$3/Class Drop-in Rate for non-members)
- Online Class Calendar

For Pricing...



Contact:

Anissa.Sullivan@bethlehemfirstumc.com

6:00AM - 7:00 PM Monday thru Saturday | 1:00PM - 7:00 PM Sunday

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sunday, October 6, 2024

To receive prayer updates and notices
for e-prayers, contact

Karen Whitehead 770-867-3727,

karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

Note: Names in **Bold** added this week

Baggett, June – *praise, knee surgery not needed!*
 Baker, Jim – *diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (John Murphy)*
Boehm Family – *Jack's brother Jim is missing in Lake Erie (Gail Wesley)*
 Borman, Jan – *broken back*
Brick, Family of Brian – *29 yr. old son died of heart attack on 10/5 (Scott & Janice Palmer)*
 Brown, Ken – *(Pete Black)*
 Connerly, Coach – *Praise! Back home; prayers for continued recovery*
 David N. – *(Nick Jacobs)*
 Dickinson, Beth – *Surgery scheduled for 10/23 in Boston*
Doster, Kallie – *(Beth Buchanan)*
 Eanes, Jeanne – *recovery & rehab from knee replacement surgery*
 Fisher, Jerry – *in rehab with liver cancer (Jennifer Palmisano's uncle)*
 Fumea, Ray – *cancer (Judy Smith)*
 Gomez, Elias – *insurance coverage for new medical equipment needed*
 Grant, Stu – *healing of his stomach from surgery*
 Grande, Faye – *moved from Gateway Gardens to Pruett Nursing Home in Washington, GA (Charles Tyler's mother)*
 Heffner, Darlene – *major health issues (Diana Gregerson)*
Hitchcock, Shannon – *(Nick Jacobs)*
 Jacobs, Bella – *(Nick Jacobs)*
 Jennifer – *pancreatic & kidney cancer (Nora Neff's cousin)*
 Jones, Lainie – *prepare to remove spot on shoulder that is benign (Tess Schultz)*
 Jordan, Ginny – *recovering from cervical spine surgery*
 Martin, Holly – *depression & anxiety*
 McCready, Bob – *at home recovering from neck surgery on 9/25*
Mirkes, Monica – *Pray for mother's health and pain relief and father's health and strength*
 Ortega, Daniel – *recovering from surgery (Tracey Reed)*
 Otts, Kris – *spinal issue*
Prueitt, Keri – *gallbladder surgery 10/14 (Karen Whitehead)*
 Reed, Tracey – *hip surgery on 11/8 that has 6-month recovery period*

Reitz, Robert – *recovering from fall (Nancy Turpin's father)*

Riecke, Bekkah – *lung infection (Nora Neff's daughter)*

Ross, Billy – *recovering from cancer surgery (Pete Black)*

Slawinski, Jennifer – *recovering from back surgery (Andrea Tyler)*

Stringer, Carolyn – *(Grace Hughes)*

White, Earlene – *Praise! surgery on 9/24 went well; pray for recovery and mobility*

Whitehead, Beth – *recovery from hip surgery & hospital stay at friend's home. (Call Karen, 404-245-0445 for info)*

Ongoing Requests

Alcorn, Shirley – *cancer*

Allen, Tyler

Bell, Charles – *eye issues*

Bernat, Betty – *memory issues*

Boyd, Evelyn & JP – *JP recovering at home from aFib & fluid on lungs*

Brown, Mildred – *(Lynn Smith's mother)*

Dean, Jamie – *breast cancer*

Dillard, Tonya – *ongoing treatments & infusions*

Fleeman, Brenda – *back at Winder Health Care*

Furlow, William – *deployed in Middle East (son of Kim Furlow)*

Helmert, Lois – *back issues*

Kelly, Betty

Loomis, Diane – *at home physical therapy*

Massey Family – *health issues*

Mixon, Tommy – *Vets home in Milledgeville; numerous health concerns and depressed (Tracey Reed's stepfather)*

Odum, Jane – *congestive heart failure*

Odum, Jimmy – *cancer has return, beginning chemo treatments*

Partee, John – *congestive heart failure*

Partee, Mary Nell

Special Requests

- Students, Teachers, & Parents

- Those affected by Hurricane Helene

- **Those in the path of Hurricane Milton**

Prayers after the Shooting at Apalachee High School, Georgia by Maren

God, Teacher of us all, who puts children in the midst of love, attention, caring, not weapons, we pray for the sorrows of Apalachee High School.

For those for grieve four killed – family, friends, some who passed them walking in the halls without ever knowing their names, and for the loss of everyone because of their potential cut short - may there be tenderness and small kind comfortings.

For the nine are injured, especially the one air lifted, and those who will care for them, may there be medical skill, and a healing of mind, spirit, family in ongoing days.

For those shaking with terror, who will carry a shadow of fear all their lives, may there be strategies for finding peace and holding it.

For teachers and administrators, may there be guidance in shaping words that are never enough, but still a gift. For those who carry responsibility for investigation, or school re-opening decisions, or short and long-term counseling, and self-care, may there be confidence in the day by day forward, and energy left for the unexpected desperate needs.

God, Healer of all, all ... be in their midst today and all the unrolling tomorrows. amen.

Our HomeBound

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Bethlehem, GA 30620

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133 Brookstone Way
Rincon, GA 31326

Ellis, Marilyn..... jse3801@gmail.com
Great Oaks Senior Living
920 GA-138 NW
Monroe, GA 30655

Fleeman, Brenda & Johnny678-863-1765
Winder Healthcare
263 E. May Street

Gamboe, Jean678-481-2355
1050 Sutherland Dr.
Winder, GA 30680

Haralson, Evelyn 770-466-0550
Riverside Healthcare
5100 W. Street
Covington, GA 30014

Kelley, Betty 770-867-2251
422 Aberdeen Way
Winder, GA 30680

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Athens, GA 30606

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774 Exchange Mill Place
Dacula, GA 30019

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Winder, GA 30680

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217 Carl Bethlehem Rd.
Bethlehem, GA 30620

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WWW.BETHLEHEMFIRSTUMC.ORG

YOU CAN FIND
BFUMC HAPPENINGS & EVENTS
ON WWW.LINKTR.EE/BFUMC

OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of October we are accepting donations for the House of Bread Food Pantry as well as the Little Free Food Pantry. Donations may be brought during this month to the Blue Missions Wall in the Stars Café.

OCTOBER ITEMS:

MAC & CHEESE



BRING ITEMS TO THE BLUE MISSIONS WALL

APPLESAUCE

