



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.”

TRANSFORMED

Would you like to become all that God intended for you to be? To live a full and abundant life? You can! But not with your own willpower or desire. If you’re like most people – every New Year – you’ve tried to make positive changes and then give up or slide back into old destructive patterns and habits. Here’s the good news, with God’s help you can make and maintain positive changes in every area of your life. Join us for our new message series **Transformed** and learn how unlocking the promises in God’s Word and following His instructions for living will **transform your life**. God’s presence in our lives **transforms us completely**, touching every aspect of who we are and how we live. In this series we’ll explore God’s promises and plans for every area of our lives!



- January 12, 2025 Transformational Goals
- January 19, 2025 Staying Close to God Transforms Us
- January 26, 2025 Transformed from Stressed to Blessed
- February 2, 2025 Transforming Our Minds
- February 9, 2025 Transforming Our Minds - Part 2
- February 16, 2025 Transforming Our Emotions
- February 23, 2025 Transforming Our Relationships
- March 2, 2025 Transforming Our Finances

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025 | 7TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
“Transforming Our Relationships ” | Genesis 3:6-19 (NLT)

Sin broke our relationships with God and one another, introducing fear, shame, and control into our lives. In Genesis 3:6-19, Adam and Eve hid in fear of exposure, afraid of being fully known and seen; they blamed one another, fearing disapproval of each other and God; and they struggled for control, as sin made relationships and work difficult. Yet, even in their brokenness, God pursued them, offering them grace instead of shame, security instead of rejection, and the promise of redemption instead of a life ruled by fear. God desires to transform our relationships – both with Him and with others – by replacing our fear with His perfect love. Through Christ, we no longer have to hide, seek approval, or grasp for control. Instead, we can live in the freedom of being fully known, fully loved, and fully surrendered to God’s will, allowing His love to restore and strengthen all of our relationships.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22		
8:30 am	Upward Basketball Games	Gym
2:00 pm	Funeral Service for Jane Odum	Sanct
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23		
8:30 am	Key Principles of Biblical Fasting	124
9:30 am	Contemporary Worship Svc.	WC
9:30 am	Sunday School: Kids, Youth, Adults	
10:45 am	Just Say Jesus Sunday School	125
11:00 am	Traditional Worship Svc.	Sanct
11:00 am	Kids Sunday School	Chapel
11:00 am	Youth Sunday School	130
5:00 pm	Band of Brothers	123
5:00 pm	Key Principles of Biblical Fasting	101
5:00 pm	Kids Sunday Nights	Chapel
5:00 pm	The Chosen Season 3	124
5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Nights	130
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24		
4:00 pm	Book Art	128
6:30 pm	MAD Life Group	124
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25		
3:30 pm	Prayer Group	1221
7:00 pm	Young Adults	130
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26		
9:00 am	Crochet	128
6:30 pm	Choir Practice	119
6:30 pm	Crochet	128
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27		
6:30 pm	Vision Task Force	128
SATURDAY, MARCH 1		
8:30 am	Upward Basketball Games	Gym
9:30 am	House of Bread Food Pantry	126



Donations, Please

- Make check payable to BFUMC
Note: Rise Against Hunger
- On Sunday morning, donation soup pots on Altar rails in Worship Center and Sanctuary
- Give Online →



VISIT THE BLOODMOBILE



Visit the LifeSouth Bloodmobile
 Sunday, March 9th
 8:00am - 1:00pm
 at BFUMC

Sign up on linktr.ee/bfumc

Volunteers Needed

Greeters: Megan.Gomez
 @bethlehemfirstumc.com

KidMin: Amber.Wigley
 @bethlehemfirstumc.com

Be the hands & feet of Jesus!

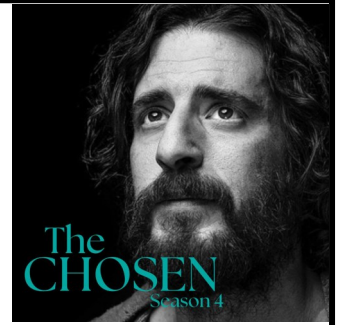
THE CHOSEN SEASON 4 BIBLE STUDY

Join us this Lenten season as we continue our journey through *The Chosen*, diving into Season 4 with engaging discussions, and biblical insights! Each week, we'll watch an episode together and explore the Scriptures that inspire the stories, deepening our understanding of Jesus' ministry and how it impacts our lives today.

When: Thursday nights at 6:30pm beginning March 6

Where: Youth Room

Whether you've been with us from the beginning or are just joining in, all are welcome! Come ready to be inspired, challenged, and drawn closer to Christ through this powerful series. For more details, contact Pastor Frank at frank.bernat@bethlehemfirstumc.com. We look forward to growing in our faith together.



BFUMC TRAVEL CLUB | Contact: WandaDoster@windstream.net | 770-601-8570

February 21 | Washington, GA
Robert Toombs Home
and Kettle Creek Battlefield

Tickets: \$7.00
Lunch: Pay for your Own
Gas/Van: \$8.00

\$15
plus your lunch

March 13 | LaGrange, GA
Biblical History Center

Tickets \$34.00
Lunch: Pay for your Own
Gas/Van: \$10.00

\$44
plus your lunch



MISSION TRIP - Augusta, GA
June 22 - 28, 2025

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKING PARTY
Saturday, March 8, 2025

VISIT THE BLOODMOBILE - Give Blood
Sunday, March 9, 2025

HOUSE OF BREAD FOOD PANTRY
1st Saturday Every Month

AUGUSTA MISSION TRIP | JUNE 22—28, 2025

Hurricane relief efforts are still continuing throughout North Georgia and North Carolina from the storms this past fall. We are planning on sending a team this June to help with ongoing recovery efforts. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ by helping families rebuild and restore their homes and lives after the devastating storms. We will be working alongside local churches and North Georgia UMCOR volunteers to make a lasting impact in the community. Whether you have experience in construction, a heart for serving others, or simply a desire to be the hands and feet of Christ, there's a place for you on our team! If you are interested in joining us, we will have an informational meeting on **Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30pm in room 128**. We will share details about the trip, costs, and how you can get involved. Together we can bring hope and healing to those still in need. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Pastor Frank, frank.bernat@bethlehemfirstumc.com.



2025 Finances at a Glance

	Needed Operating	Received Operating	Operating Difference	Received Designated
January	\$77,000	\$68,000	-\$9,000	\$6,000

2025 MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	NOTES
23	24	25	26	27	28	HOB 1 9:30 - 11:30a	
2	3	4	Ash Wednesday 5 6:30 pm Svc.	6	7	Rise Against Hunger 8 10:30a-2:15p	 linktr.ee/bfumc
Blood Drive 9 8a - 1p	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	17	Augusta Mission Trip Interest Mtg. 18 6:30p	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	Spring Craft Fair 29 9a - 3p	
30	31						

Daylight Saving Time Begins ↓

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sunday, February 16, 2025

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

Karen Whitehead 770-867-3727,

karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com.

Note: Names in Bold added or updated this week

Aton, Carol – *illness that has affected use of her feet (Jenny Smith)*

Agnew, Ron & Belinda – *travel mercies*

Bagwell, Ken – *treatment for pancreatic cancer; pray for pain management, successful treatment, healing*

Barker, Tim – *pancreatic cancer (John Murphy)*

Blanchetti Family – *prayers for upcoming move to PA*

Carvillo, Tracy & family – *grieving over death of her husband & son in the last year*

Cox, Family of Erin Smith – *passed away on January 30, 2025 (Karen & David Smith's daughter)*

Grant, Stu – *Pray for new antibiotic to be successful in stopping infection*

Hall, Jackie Bonnemer – *cancer; first radiation treatment on 2/3 (Lynn Smith)*

Jackson, Bernice – *home hospice (Bonnie Deal's mother)*

Kelley, Tammy & Steve – *Steve is in ICU on a ventilator (Judy Williams)*

Knowles, Michael – *difficulty with chemo treatments (Howard Knowles' brother)*

Lockerbie, Diane – *resolution of long-term GI issues; medical appointment on 2/27 (Beth Dickinson's mother)*

Monk, John – *Tests show cancer has spread, awaiting treatment plan*

Moon, Gloria – *pneumonia*

Moore, Ivy – *ALS and just diagnosed with breast cancer (Sonya Gilbert)*

Moon, TeeRee – *procedure on Thurs., 2/13 (Linda Smith's mother)*

Palmisano, Jennifer – *grieving loss of husband (Frank) and settling financial matters*

Partee, Brenda – *prayers for family member facing mental/emotional/legal issues*

Plourde, Paul – *blood cancer; pray for side effects to be manageable*

Pugh, Matt – *49 yr. old with cancer (Lamar & Ruth Pugh's nephew)*

Radford, April – *breast cancer surgery and reconstruction on 2/25 (daughter of Greg & Mary Hawkins)*

Sauls, Tommy – *cancer (Pete & Letty Black)*

Saunders, Herb – *prayers for upcoming move to Greenville*

Stringer, Carolyn – *pray that the kidney dialysis might give her strength (Grace Hughes)*

Tucker, Melissa – *recovery from bypass surgery (Bruce Smith's sister)*

Warren, Brandon – *(Nick Jacobs)*

Wilson, Jaxon – *Pre-K boy with lymphoma undergoing chemo treatments (Brenda Pryor)*

Ongoing Requests

Alcorn, Shirley – *cancer*

Allen, Tyler

Bell, Charles – *eye & hearing issues; lymphoma*

Bernat, Betty – *dementia*

Boyd, Evelyn – *recent passing of husband (JP)*

Brown, Mildred – *dislocated shoulder to heal, not be painful (Lynn Smith's mother)*

Dean, Jamie – *breast cancer*

Dickinson, Beth – *Praise! Good progress in recovery & PT*

Dillard, Tonya – *Praise! Able to drive again; ongoing treatments & infusions*

Fleeman, Johnny & Brenda – *Praise! Brenda able to walk using a walker*

Freeman, Jeffery – *colon cancer (Pastor Frank's cousin)*

Helmers, Lois – *back issues*

Jonse, Mary & Tom – *(Monica Mirkes' parents)*

Massey Family – *health issues*

Mixon, Tommy – *chemo treatments, beginning palliative care (Tracey Reed's stepfather)*

Odum, Jimmy – *chemo treatments for returned cancer*

Partee, John & Mary Nell – *congestive heart failure*

Special Requests

BFUMC Ladies Retreat

Sincere Sympathy

- Andrea & Lou Jerman - passing of Lou's father, Lou Sr., who passed away in Chicago on 2/12/2025
- Sincere Sympathies to Susan Wages, Pat Lanthier and Jimmy Odum on the death of their mother, Jane Odum, who passed away on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Our HomeBound

Abbett, Terry & Suda 770-307-0883
709 Westbury Dr.,Bethlehem, GA 30620

Alcorn, Shirley Spouse: Tom..... 678-227-2914
147 Thorn Brook Rd., ...Bethlehem, GA 30620

Bell, Charles Spouse: Lynne 770-262-9000
429 Aberdeen Way, Winder, GA 30680

Boyd, Evelyn 770-867-9551
16 Joseph St.,Bethlehem, GA 30620

Chaffin, Patty 912-754-2402
133 Brookstone Way, Rincon, GA 31326

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

Fleeman, Brenda & Johnny..... 678-863-1765
Winder Healthcare
263 E. May Street, Winder, GA 30680

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

McCauslan, Harriet..... 678-520-5692
2750 Atlanta Hwy., Apt. 114
Athens, GA 30606

Morris, Bobbie 678-447-9670
774 Exchange Mill Place, ... Dacula, GA 30019

Partee, Mary Nell, Spouse: John..... 770-867-9784
217 Carl Bethlehem Rd., Bethlehem, GA 30620

Smith, Connie..... 770-867-4171
622 Old Smith Cemetery Rd.
Winder, GA 30680

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107 Sunningdale Dr., Winder, GA 30680

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1050 Octavia Ct.
Winder, GA 30680

BFUMC CARE MINISTRY

Did you know BFUMC has a Care Ministry? It falls under the Nurture Wing. We target those in our congregation who are sick, homebound, and facing challenges. Our goal is to reach out in various ways to those who might need a kind word or a sign of support.

One way to show kindness is through mail. A note, a kind word of encouragement, thinking of you, or a note of sympathy or support, can mean so much to someone going through an illness or a difficult time in their life. If you want to send a note, here are a few suggestions:

- **Beth Dickinson** - *encouragement for her recovery*
2560 Clubhouse Lane, Statham, GA 30666
- **Stu Grant** - *pray for healing of infection*
1004 Nantucket Way, Bethlehem, GA 30620
- **Paul Plourde** - *blood cancer; pray for healing*
453 Evergreen Way, Winder, GA 30680



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday ~ 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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