

NEWSLETTER

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

By Shanda Loder

We had a good turn out for our Good Friday Service, with many smiling faces and some new ones. The service began with some beautiful worship along with greeting one another. Pastor Andrew delivered a poignant message about all the ways our Lord's trial was actually illegal! Any time Christ could have demanded a mistrial and not went to the cross at all. He went on to tell us the immense stress Jesus was under knowing what was going to happen to Him. The beatings left Him unrecognizable, yet did for us! This really proved Jesus laid down His life and loved us that much! No man could take it, but Christ did!

Pastor Andrew led the Sinner's Prayer for those who wished to commit or recommit their lives to the Lord. It was a beautiful Good Friday Service.

On Friday nights at Bethel, we have been viewing "The Chosen". Dave DeVries and Dave McMaster showed us scenes depicting Jesus with His disciples and in particular The Last Supper. It was a moving and excellent opportunity to see the Biblical Characters brought to life!

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RESURRECTION SUNDAY AT BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

By Shanda Loder

Our Resurrection Service was very well attended! The Service began with a Scripture reading found in 1 Corinthians 15. This passage spoke of the Resurrection of Christ. Many songs of worship were sung as we reflected on this day. Scarlet Swan did a wonderful job of reading the Scripture found in Revelation 1:9-10 and 17-18. She added humour by needing to borrow reading glasses from Doug as she forgot hers! Thank you Doug. Pastor Andrew delivered the Message “Did Our Hearts Not Burn Within Us?” This was taken from Luke 24. He began addressing Church hurt and how bad things still happen to good people.

It is our Faith and Promises that make us believe that God is good and as Romans 8:28 states is true! All things work together for good to those who love God. It is a reminder that people can be unreliable BUT God never is. We should be conscientious of the fact that it is Him who fills us with love and not those around us.

Pastor Andrew shared Luke 24 and the significance of the stone being rolled away from the tomb as a display for our benefit! He was not there! He later went into some strange theories of the death of Jesus. They were debunked using scripture and gave us confidence to know we can trust the Scriptures. Jesus for sure died on the cross and rose from the dead! He conquered the grave! He did not just survive it! He went on to explain how believing usually isn't a mind issue but a heart issue. The Pharisees had all the evidence of Jesus' life and miracles performed, yet still chose not to believe He was the Messiah. When He returned after His resurrection, Jesus walked unrecognized among a crowd. It was when He broke the bread, they knew who He was. Pastor Andrew explained how Christ is still like that today. He presents His goodness but always lets us decide. The crowd invited Jesus to stay when He was going to

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

VBS happens yearly during the summertime. It is a fun, engaging program hosted by Bethel Bible Church. Children come to learn about God through Bible Stories, songs, skits, crafts, games and activities. The children are welcomed in a lively and welcoming environment.

VBS could not run without the many volunteers and sponsors to help pull it all together! Please continue to pray as we bring “Illumination Station” to Bethel July 20th to July 24th! What a great opportunity to support this event in any way you can!





PALM SUNDAY AND HEALING SERVICE

By James Tuazon

On March 29, 2026, Bethel held a meaningful and spirit-filled Palm Sunday and Healing Service. The gathering began with heartfelt praise and worship to God! The congregation lifted songs of praise and worship setting a reflective and worshipful atmosphere for the day. The Scripture reading of Hebrews 2:14-18 was read by John Blanchard.

Pastor Andrew's message was entitled "Humble Triumph", based on Luke 19:28-40. He highlighted the humility of Jesus as He entered Jerusalem. He was not a conquering king in worldly terms, but rather a King who brings true and lasting victory!

Following the message, Pastor Andrew invited the elders to come forward to lead in a time of Prayer for healing. The congregation were encouraged to seek healing in every area of life-physical, spiritual, emotional etc.. Many came forward in Faith to receive Prayer while the Worship Team was singing, "I am the God That Healeth Thee." During this time, Pastor Andrew anointed individuals with oil symbolizing faith and trust in God's healing power.

The service ended with a benediction and prayer over our potluck dinner. The congregation then gathered for a joyful and abundant meal.

During the meal, several ministry leaders shared praise reports, updates and upcoming activities.

- Melodie presented a video highlighting BG Club and March Morning Madness and Discovery Day.
- Shanda and Keith Loder shared updates on Bible Study and were able to share in an opportunity to witness to a gentleman at work.
- Caleb and Ryan spoke about Kid's Sunday School and Chaos Youth Group.
- John provided updates on the Tuesday Small Group.
- Sally shared about the Greeters Ministry and Ladies Book Study.
- Pat and Scarlet represented the Deaconess Ministry and highlighted some special thoughts and memories of Betty who recently passed away.
- Dave D. spoke about "The Chosen" series.
- James gave updates regarding the Church Newsletter.

The gathering concluded with words of gratitude from Sally, who thanked the Worship Team, Pastor Andrew, Peggy and all the volunteers for their dedication and service to our Church.

The Palm Sunday and Healing Service was a powerful reminder of Christ's humility, triumph and ongoing work of healing in the lives of His people.





REMEMBERING A BEAUTIFUL SOUL: BETTY BEUTTENMILLER

By Lori Miller

Betty Beuttenmiller was a long-standing member of the Seaforth community. Betty, along with Bob, her husband of 62 years ran the business Bob and Betty's Variety on Main Street for 28 years. Betty also was a teacher for the Avon-Maitland District School Board for 22 years. Upon retirement Betty continued to support children's education by offering tutoring services out of her home for the next 15 years. Betty also supported Bob, who was a Lions member with many of his volunteer activities. You would find Betty quietly helping behind the scenes not taking any recognition. Betty was deeply involved with Bethel Bible Church serving as a deaconess, Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School leader. Betty was recognized by the community for her charity and volunteer work by awarding her The Citizen of the Year Award. Betty also enjoyed golfing with Bob, doing puzzles like Suduko and crocheting lap covers.

Betty was a proud mother of 3 children, Lisa, Brad and Jason. She was also a grandmother of 7. If you ever visited Betty, you would see her deep love for her family. Her walls at Blue Water Rest Home were filled with family photos of Bob, her children and her grandchildren as well as pictures of her VBS classes. Betty was also a woman of deep faith. She believed in the power of prayer and prayed continually for the people that she loved. Even as her health declined, she would continue to lift her family and friends to the Lord in prayer.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18

Betty was very grateful as well. When she was in the nursing home, she would tell those that visited her how great the accommodations were and the food. She was especially thankful for the staff that took care of her. She was constantly looking for a way to brighten the lives of others and would look for ways to bless the staff especially when they seemed to be having a difficult day.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Betty Beuttenmiller-1941-2026
Fondly remembered by her Bethel Bible
Church family.**

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers are a precious gift

Sent to us from above.

They nurture us, take care of us.

And give us all their love.

They feed us and teach us
everyday of our lives.

They sing us to sleep.

And tuck us in at night.

They support us in all we do.

And pray for us each day.

They always put us first.

And help us find our way.

No matter how much I mess up,

She will always be there.

Because she loves unconditionally.

And, for me, will always care.

By: Patricia Adderley

Meet the Editors

Since February 2026, Bethel Bible Church has been releasing monthly newsletters. This is to keep our Church family informed, encouraged and connected with all that God is doing in our community. Behind every meaningful article and inspiring story is not only the creativity of our writers but also the work of our incredible editors. Their dedication, attention to detail and heart for excellence help bring each piece together. Get to know the two dedicated individuals who serve behind the scenes—our editors—whose passion and commitment make this newsletter a true Blessing to our Church family.



"I live in Egmonville with my husband Doug. Our lives have been blessed with two sons and four daughters. We also have ten amazing grandchildren and four adorable cats to brighten our days! Doug thinks he is retired but busies himself doing "Meals on Wheels" while I take in children to provide childcare. James was very complementary in my description of an editor! I have always loved writing, English and Theatre but do not really enjoy reading that much. Strange! Doug and I have been attending Bethel Bible Chapel for over sixteen years now and have enjoyed various programs, activities and groups that are offered.

When James approached me about helping with the editing of our Newsletter, I didn't know how or what I could offer but here we are! My job is made so much easier because the writers are already so gifted in their stories and articles they willingly put out each month. To sum up Sally, I would have to say, "Anything I can do for His service is such a Blessing" to me and hopefully our readers too! Thank you for entrusting me with your articles to enhance and believe me, you all rock them well!"

SALLY BUCHANAN

"I was pleased when James asked me to be a co-editor of the church newsletter. As an English teacher for 30-plus years, "editing" text was second nature to me! I understand, too, how important communication is in any organization, so, I'm a firm believer in the significance of this publication. I trust it will meet a need."



GARNET COLBORNE



PRAYER REQUEST

Pastor: Any prayer requests this morning?

Kid: I have one!

Pastor: Go ahead.

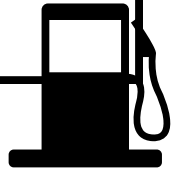
Kid: Please pray that my dad stops snoring at night...

Pastor: That sounds serious.

Kid: It is. Because my mom wakes up grumpy—and then nobody is safe.

GAS PRICE SPIKES

The Gas prices are probably the reason why the armies in the Book of Revelation are riding horses.



A CHRISTIAN BEAR

A man stumbles through the forest and comes face-to-face with a massive grizzly bear. The bear roars and prepares to attack.

Man (falling to his knees): Lord, have mercy! Please... make this bear a Christian!

The bear freezes mid-attack... slowly lowers its head... and clasps its paws together.

Bear (calmly): Dear Lord, I thank You for this food I am about to receive.
Amen.

