

*BATH CHRISTIAN
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Pastor's Thoughts for June 2026 The Ministry of Ordinary Things



Around here, summer is often found in ordinary places: on front porches, around kitchen tables, beside gardens, across yards, and in those warm evening conversations that do not seem important at first but sometimes become exactly where grace shows up. I have been thinking lately about how often God uses ordinary things. Many times, when we think about God moving in our lives, our minds go to the dramatic moments: doors opening, prayers answered in unmistakable ways, problems suddenly resolved, or direction becoming so clear that we cannot miss it. There are certainly times when the Lord moves with that kind of power and clarity, but Scripture also shows us that some of His deepest work begins with things that seem plain, common, and easily overlooked. Moses carried a staff. David picked up five smooth stones and a sling. A widow offered a little oil and meal. A young boy had five loaves and two fish. Jesus put mud on a blind man's eyes, rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed donkey, washed feet with a basin and towel, and broke bread around a table. Even the greatest act of redemption the world has ever known unfolded on a wooden cross outside the city, while many passed by without understanding what God was doing.

That tells me something about the heart and ways of God. What appears unimpressive to us may be exactly what He chooses to use. The world may overlook it, the crowd may never applaud it, and nobody may stop long enough to recognize its value, but God sees possibilities where we often see limitations. He can take what looks small, common, and ordinary, place His hand upon it, and fill it with purpose far beyond what we imagined. In Exodus 4:2, when God called Moses, He asked him a simple question: "What is that in thine hand?" Moses held a rod, the common tool of a shepherd, something familiar from years of ordinary use. Yet when he surrendered that staff to God, it became connected to extraordinary obedience.

That question still matters: what is in your hand?

Your “staff” may look like a telephone, a kitchen table, the ability to listen, a gift for cooking, years of hard-earned wisdom, a testimony of God’s faithfulness, or simply the compassion to notice someone who feels forgotten. Whatever God has placed within your reach, do not dismiss it because it seems ordinary. Zechariah 4:10 asks, “For who hath despised the day of small things?” That is a question worth carrying with us, because many of us are tempted to undervalue what does not look impressive. We can overlook the quiet things, the small things, the hidden things, and the daily acts of faithfulness simply because they do not seem large enough to matter. But God has never needed something to look large in order for it to be significant.

Jesus said in Matthew 10:42, “And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” A cup of cold water is not complicated. It is not expensive. It requires no title, degree, platform, or microphone. Almost anyone could offer it, and yet Jesus said heaven notices it. That ought to encourage every one of us, because serving God is not limited to what happens in front of people. Some of the most meaningful ministry in the kingdom of God happens in places where there is no spotlight at all. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:27, “God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.” God delights in using what others might overlook. He works through ordinary people, ordinary places, ordinary gifts, ordinary conversations, and ordinary acts of obedience; and when those things are surrendered to Him, they become more than ordinary. That is something we need to remember, especially in a small town like Bath. We may not be the biggest place on the map, but small places have always mattered to God. Bethlehem was small. Nazareth was overlooked. Galilee was not where people expected the Messiah’s ministry to shine. Yet God did eternal work in places the world would have easily passed by.

Micah 5:2 says, “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me.” That phrase, “though thou be little,” says more than we may realize. Little did not mean useless, forgotten or God was absent. It simply meant God was about to show that His power does not depend on size, status, or human importance. That is good news for us. Bath does not have to be famous in order to be fruitful. Our church does not have to be large in order to be faithful. Your name does not have to be known by everybody in order for your life to make a difference. Availability matters more than visibility, and a surrendered heart can be used by God right where it is.

Summer brings a lot of ordinary moments. People sit on porches a little more. Families gather around tables. Gardens begin to produce. Children are out of school. Neighbors talk across yards. Someone may stop by. Someone may need help. Someone may need encouragement. Someone may need a reminder that they are not alone. Right there, in the middle of ordinary life, God gives us opportunities to become instruments of grace. Galatians 6:10 says, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” Paul does not tie doing good to perfect circumstances, special qualifications, or moments large enough to be noticed.

He simply points us to opportunity. When God places a chance in front of us to do good, we should not talk ourselves out of it because it seems too small to matter.

That is where the ordinary opportunities of life become sacred moments. A simple note can remind a discouraged person that someone thought of them. A phone call can carry comfort into a lonely room. A prayer spoken in the moment can strengthen someone who might have otherwise gone home still carrying the weight alone. Practical help can become mercy with hands and feet. Encouragement can breathe life into a tired soul. Showing up can say more than words ever could. Kindness can soften a hard day. Forgiveness can break the hold of bitterness. Listening can become a ministry when someone needs to be heard more than corrected. Even a cup of cold water, given in the name of Christ, can become an act heaven remembers.

None of those things may seem large at the time, but heaven has never measured faithfulness by the size of the act. God sees the love behind it, and sometimes the very thing that looks small to us becomes the very thing He uses to strengthen somebody else. In John 6, when Jesus fed the multitude, the disciples were looking at the size of the problem. Thousands of people were hungry, and they did not have enough. Andrew found a boy with five barley loaves and two small fish, but even Andrew seemed unsure about it. He said in John 6:9, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?"

That question still sounds familiar. What difference can one prayer make when the pain is so great? What can one kind word do in a world that feels so harsh? How much can one visit mean to someone who is lonely? What can one small church in one small town really accomplish? How much does one act of obedience matter when the need around us seems so much larger than what we have to offer? But that boy's lunch, placed in the hands of Jesus, became more than enough. That is the part we need to remember. It is not the size of what we have that matters most; it is whose hands we place it in. A little in my hands may stay little, but a little in the hands of Jesus can feed a multitude.

This month, instead of waiting for some large opportunity to serve God, we can begin by asking Him to open our eyes to what is already in front of us. Who needs encouragement? Who needs patience? Who needs a visit, a phone call, a prayer, or a reminder that they have not been forgotten? What has God already placed in our hands that He wants to use? The truth is, many of the most meaningful things we do for the Lord will never be written down in history books, announced from a platform, or applauded by a crowd. But Hebrews 6:10 says, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love." God sees the things others miss. He sees the prayers nobody hears, the visits nobody talks about, the sacrifices nobody applauds, and the love shown in quiet ways. He sees the cup of cold water.

One day, we may be surprised to discover that some of the most important things we ever did for the Lord were not the things we thought were impressive, but the ordinary acts of faithfulness we simply offered because we loved Him. So as we move through June, let us not overlook the ministry of ordinary things.

Let us be faithful in small conversations, present in ordinary moments, kind when kindness is needed, and willing to serve without needing attention.

Let us use what is in our hand, remembering that Bath may be small, our church may be small, and our individual acts of service may seem small, but nothing surrendered to God is ever wasted. Because when ordinary things are placed in the hands of an extraordinary God, they become instruments of grace.

Thoughts to Ponder

What ordinary thing has God already placed in my hand?

Who around me may need a simple act of kindness this month?

Am I overlooking small opportunities because I am waiting for something bigger?

Prayer

Lord, open our eyes to the opportunities You place in front of us every day. Help us not to overlook ordinary moments or undervalue small acts of faithfulness. Use our words, our prayers, our homes, our tables, our time, and our kindness for Your glory. Teach us to be faithful with what is in our hands, and remind us that nothing surrendered to You is ever wasted.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Harry & Jennifer

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A FATHER'S DAY DEVOTION

Dad Jokes, Lawn Chairs, and God's Love

Father's Day is a special time to celebrate the men who taught us important life lessons like:

- Always jiggle the handle.
- Never leave lights on in an empty room.
- "Were you born in a barn?"
- And the universal dad response: "Ask your mother."

Fathers have a unique way of showing love. Sometimes it comes through wise advice... and sometimes it comes through standing at the thermostat making sure nobody touches it.

But behind the dad jokes, the lawn mowing patterns, the grilling expertise, and the "I'm just resting my eyes" recliner naps, there is usually a heart that deeply loves and cares for family.

Good fathers remind us of something even greater — the faithful love of our Heavenly Father. God watches over us, provides for us, guides us, and never stops caring for His children.

Psalm 68:5 says God is "a father to the fatherless." What a comforting reminder that no matter our story, we are loved by Him.

This Father's Day, we thank God for fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, mentors, and all the men who encourage us, pray for us, fix things for us, and occasionally embarrass us in public.

May your day be filled with family, laughter, good food, and at least one terrible dad joke.

Bee God's Shining Light Women's Celebration Dinner

*What a wonder-
ful, elegant
evening!*

*Thank you CWF
for this time of
laughter,
friendship and fellowship.*



*And Thank you
cooks and waiters
from the CMF for
the delicious
food so graciously
served.*



*(For Miss Peggy)
"This Little Light of Mine"
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine,
let it shine.*



VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

One Call Now System provides our church family phone calls with important updates & information.

To ensure you receive these calls, please have Bath Christian Church in your contacts with the following 2 numbers

252 923-4140

&

877 698-3261

It is important you have both numbers in your contacts!

Questions? Contact Nancy Hill

Bible Word Scramble

Unscramble these Bible words:

1. RYPRAE = _____
2. SIAEJ = _____
3. SSMORNE = _____
4. EFIATH = _____
5. HURCHC = _____

Christian Women's Fellowship

Meets June 24, 7:00PM

Christian Men's Fellowship

Meets June 5 Wednesday 6:00PM



Family Night

June 24

6:00 PM

Team 1



BINGO

No Bingo June, July and August

See You in September!

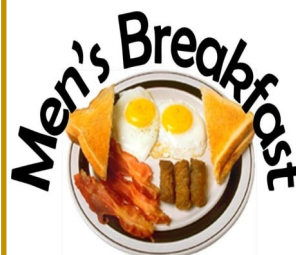
Movie June 16 2:00



Reminder! items for

Eagles Wings &

Purpose of God



Every Wednesday

8:00 AM

April 5, 2026

Bath Christian Church Board Meeting

Starley Stell called the meeting to order, and Louis Gurganus gave the opening prayer. The minutes were reviewed and approved (motion, Leon Wingate; second, Mark Aydlett). The Financial Report was given by Jerry Walton. He reported that a CD would mature in the coming week. The report also reflected the monthly attendance, and the attendance on Easter Sunday was 114. The report was approved (motion, Claudia Alligood; second, Howard Robertson).

Old Business

501(c)(3) – There was no news on the status of the 501(c)(3).

TV's – TV's will be installed as soon as possible.

WDN – The church is not being reported under the appropriate category in the church listings. Claudia will speak with the editor again.

Electronics – Gerald Heath is working on selling the equipment found in the communion room closet.

Futsal Table – Landon is planning to move the futsal table to the barn at the Godley Farm.

New Business

Sunrise Service – The Sunrise Service was very nice, well attended, and a nice message.

Water Cooler – The water cooler in the Fellowship Hall is not serving any purpose and needs to be removed. Leon and Starley will remove it and cover the area.

Youth – A request has been made of the board to help with the youth. Leon and Alice will talk to Brenda about having a meal quarterly at which couples from the church can meet with the youth and everyone can become acquainted.

Minister Report

Harry has spoken to the youth about a bible study or a Sunday School class, but logistics are difficult.

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Harry calls on people who complete the visitors' cards. He has had positive comments from people he has contacted.

Nelda – Alex Jordan will clean the straw and debris from Nelda's roof, and then the yard can be cleaned up.

Commode – The commode in the ladies' restroom in the Fellowship Hall is not flushing properly. Someone will check it out.

ADE – Starley will check with Rachel Jordan to see if the machine is operating properly.

Rachel will be asked to demonstrate the correct use of the machine at a Family

Leon Wingate gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia Alligood

Christian Women's Fellowship

Due to the Women's Celebration Dinner being held May 20.

Wednesday Evening, there was no CWF Meeting in May.



CMF 5/6/2026

The CMF of Bath Christian Church met Wednesday May 6, 2026 with 14 present.

Those in attendance were R. Smith, L. Schmitt, H. Flowers, John P., L. Wingate, S.Stell, B. Hill, P. McRoy, C. Dupree, J. Sadler, G. Morris, T. Stewart, G. Heath and D.Adams. The meeting was called to order by Starley Stell. Prayer for the meal was given and a delicious meal was served by Stell, Wingate and Hill.

Leon Wingate gave the devotion from a book titled "Ultimate Devotions For Men". He stressed that there is no participation trophy for Christians. You either are, or you aren't.

Business Meeting

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Financial report given and approved.

Report of cleanup of Church members yard.

Celebration of Womens Banquet assignments given.

Financial donation to Israel Relief given.

No meetings months of July and August.

Cooks for June are John P., R. Smith and C. Dupree

Cooks for September are G. Heath, W. Winstead and G. Morris.

Prayer concerns discussed and the meeting was closed with prayer by H. Flowers.

Sunday School Message for June



As Christians, our lives are like running a race. Waiting for us at the finish line is a crown or "wreath" that will last forever, 1 Corinthians 9:25, "Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable." As we run this race, we need to be prepared; we need to be in the best

Christian shape of our lives. To accomplish this, we need to participate in training that comes with studying the Bible, serving others, and worshipping God.

Everyone is invited to join us for Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall where we get together to worship God by studying His infallible Word, in training for the ultimate race. Each week, we examine Scripture to illuminate the majestic truth presented in the Word of God.

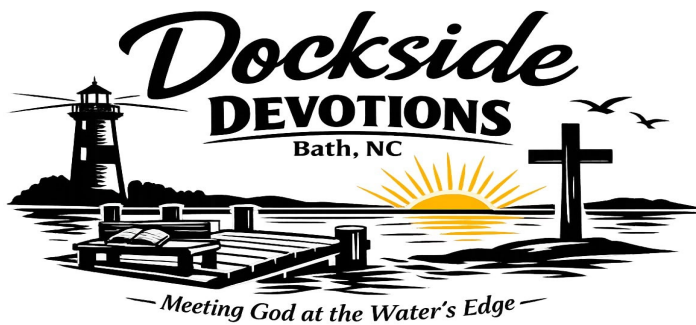
Topics of Study for June:

June 7: Deborah, the Dutiful Judge, Judges 4:4-10, 14, 21-22.

June 14: Hannah, the Faithful Supplicant, 1 Samuel 1:9-20, 25b

June 21: Jonathan and David, Resolute Friends. 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 1 Samuel 20:16-17, 32-34, 42; 2 Samuel 1:26-27; 2 Samuel 21:7.

June 28: Amos, the Courageous Prophet, Amos 1:1; Amos 2:11-12; Amos 3:7-8; 7:10-15.



Tuesday's 7:00PM Bonner Point

June 2- Pastor Dean Fulford, Bayview Church

June 9- Rev. Donna Wortman, River City

June 16- Rev. Tina Ramkissin, Word of Life

June 23

June 30

July 7 Karen Pruette, Bath UMC

July 14 Rev. Jesse Davis, First Baptist Church Washington

July 21

July 28 Elder Bo Mobley, Winds of Change Church, Bath

Aug 4 Pastor Harris Alligood, Bath

Aug 11 Robert Skon, Belhaven Trinity Methodist

Aug 18

Aug 25 Pastor Caroline Gardner, Harvest Church, Washington

Church Family Prayer Concerns

Michael Alligood, Jamie Barnhill (*Shoulder Surgery July 6*) Dana Brooks, Pearson Chrismon, Harold Cutler, Eunice Robbins, Betty Schmitt, Roger Winstead & **unspoken requests.**

Friends and Family Prayer Concerns

Dempsey Ange

Dean Baker

George B. Bowen

Halston Boyd (Sandra

Dupree's Brother)

Lisa Clarke (Trevor

Crawford's Daughter)

Brandi Cooke-Robbins

Michael Cutler

Betty Gurganus

Maverick Granger

Gary Jackson

Kevin Jordan

Frank Kelly

Linda Minnick

Ann Payne

Philip Price

Baby Roderick Selby

Kathy Siemon

Kristen Skalak

Mike Slade

Jennifer Smith's Family

Kaitlyn Smith

Paige Stafford

US Military &

Government

& Unspoken Requests

The Families of: Victoria Bueker, Helen Knaus, Glenda Lodge, Lavern Waters, Rose Wiggins, Billy York

Military:

Chase Brooks, Will Cutler, Hunter Williams, Ryan Cornelius

In Nursing Homes:

John Everett, Bobbie Jean Hobgood, Gin Carson

Ridgewood Nursing Home

1624 Highland Dr.

Washington, NC 27889

-Glenda Boyd Room 312 Sandra Dupree Sister-in-law

-Nelda Ormond Room 202

Brookdale Nursing

Carolyn Fisher Mother of Lesley Woolard

Rm 303 2715 Dickinson Ave.

Greenville, NC 27834

Sunrise of Cary

Carol Richardson

1206 W. Chatham Street, Room 105,

Cary, NC 27513