

*~The Good News~*

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# Pastor's Corner



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***"The Trumpet Sounds: Prepare for God's Blessing"***



We've just come through the Feast of Trumpets—a moment in the biblical calendar that reminds us God is calling His people to wake up, reflect, and prepare. Leviticus 23:24 tells us, "Speak to the Israelites, saying: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a day of solemn rest, a memorial proclaimed with the blast of trumpets." The trumpet was not a suggestion—it was a call to attention, a wake-up signal for the heart and soul.

To fully appreciate this, it helps to understand that the Feast of Trumpets is part of a larger rhythm God established for His people: the seven feasts of the year. From spring to fall, God set apart specific seasons for His people to remember, reflect, and experience Him in a deeper way.

- *In the spring*, we have feasts like Passover, which celebrates God's redemption and deliverance of Israel from Egypt, and Unleavened Bread, a call to purity and holiness.

Then comes First Fruits, a recognition that all we have comes from God, and Pentecost, which celebrates the giving of the Law and, in New Testament fulfillment, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

- *The fall feasts*, beginning with the Feast of Trumpets, carry a call to spiritual awakening, reflection, and preparation. They culminate in the Day of Atonement, a time of repentance and reconciliation, and Feast of Tabernacles, a celebration of God's provision and dwelling with His people.

Understanding this rhythm helps us see that God is intentional. These aren't random dates on a calendar—they are divine signals, reminders that He is active, that His plan is unfolding, and that His people are to participate with eyes wide open and hearts ready.

In a world that often seems chaotic, dark, and uncertain, the sound of God's trumpet reminds us that He is still in control. It calls us to focus not on what we fear or what seems impossible, but on what God promises. The Feast of Trumpets is about new beginnings, reflection, and Expectation—a holy preparation for the blessings God is about to release.

In these days, more than ever, the Church must stand as a people who embrace truth and justice. We cannot compromise our convictions or allow fear to guide our responses. God is calling us to expect great things, to trust that His plan is unfolding even when we cannot see it, and to take our place as witnesses to His power and glory.

The trumpet reminds us to pause and examine our hearts. Are we ready for God's blessing? Are we prepared to align our lives with His truth and righteousness? Just as the ancient Israelites blew the trumpet to mark a new season, we are called to prepare ourselves spiritually, emotionally, and relationally for what God is about to do.

As we reflect on this Feast and the events of our world, let it stir in us a renewed sense of purpose. God's blessing is coming, but it is not passive—it requires a people willing to stand firm, to seek justice, to love truth, and to anticipate His greatness. The call of the trumpet is a call to action: wake up, get ready, and be expectant.

In the midst of uncertainty, remember: God's timing is perfect, His justice is sure, and His blessings are on the way. This October, let us not merely go through the motions of tradition or faith, but let us answer the trumpet with hearts wide open, prepared for the fullness of all God wants to do in our lives and in our world.

Today, and throughout the rest of this month, be encouraged and blessed knowing that blessings are on the way if we will but take hold of this opportunity as followers of one body and embrace the mind of Christ!

Grace and Peace to you all!

*Pastor Harry & Jennifer*

## *Homecoming Devotion*



**“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” – Psalm 122:1**

**Homecoming is a special time in the life of the church. It’s more than a date on the calendar—it’s a day to remember God’s faithfulness through the years, to rejoice in His presence today, and to look forward with hope to all He has in store. When we gather for homecoming, we see familiar faces, we share old stories, and we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Their prayers, sacrifices, and faith have laid the foundation we now stand on. But homecoming is not just about looking back—it’s also about looking forward. Just as families grow with each new generation, so the church grows as we welcome new believers, teach our children, and open our arms to those who need Christ’s love. Let us be reminded today that the church is not simply a building, nor just a gathering of people. It is the body of Christ, alive and active, called to shine His light in this community and beyond.**

### **Reflection Question:**

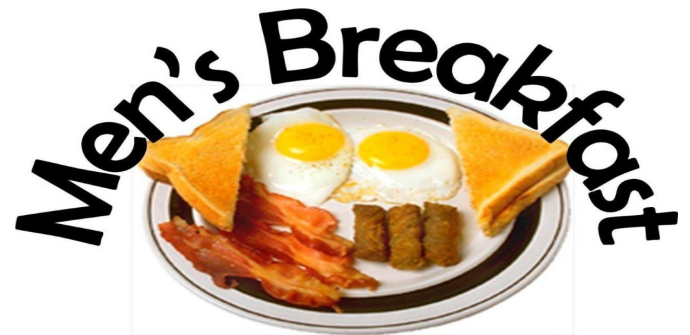
- How has God shown His faithfulness to you and your church family over the years?**
- How can you carry that same faith into the future?**

**Closing Prayer: Lord, thank You for this church, for every soul who has been part of its story, and for the love that has been shared here. May we be faithful to carry on the mission of Christ with joy, unity, and hope until the day we all gather for the great homecoming in Your heavenly kingdom.**

**Amen.**



**Scotty's Men's Breakfast**  
**Faith, Food, & Fellowship**  
Every Thursday 8:00 am





**MOVIE MATINEE**  
**2:00 PM**  
**September 16**  
**Remember**  
**Eagle's Wing Item**



**6:30 PM September 24**

**Team 4**

**October 6 Monday**

**12:00 Noon**

**EVERY**  
**TUESDAY**  
**6:00PM**  
**AA MEETINGS**



*Christian Men's Fellowship*  
*No October Meeting*



# Christmas Cantata

*Bath Christian Church choir invites family and friends to join us in preparation for our annual Bath Community Christmas Cantata. This is a tradition in our community, beginning in 1976. At that time the Bath Methodist, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Bath Christian churches combined their small choirs into one large choir to present Christmas music to the Bath community.*

*The cantata will be presented this year on Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 pm and again on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 am during morning worship. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, October 5, in the choir room from 5:00-6:15 pm. When daylight savings time ends in November we will move to an earlier time for everyone to return home before dark. We will be singing “Jesus, There’s Something About That Name” by Russell Mauldin and Tony Wood. We do work hard but we have a great time and truly enjoy our fellowship with one another.*

*Several of our singers have commitments at other churches so please do not feel that you must be able to attend both programs and all rehearsals to participate. Please pass this along to anyone who may be interested in singing with us. Any questions please call the church 252-923-4140 or Nancy Hill 252-402-7388.*



## **Bath Christian Church Bazaar & Yard Sale**

**6:30 AM Breakfast Biscuits**

**7:00-11:00 AM Yard Sale**

**7:00 Am Bazaar Items;**

**Canned Goods, Baked Goods,**

**Soup & Sandwich, Crafts, Christmas Items,**

**Knives, Raffle Drawing**

**Everyone is welcome – bring a friend!**

**10 Raffle Items needed, Contact Alice Wingate**

**252 945-5965**

## CWF Meeting September 24, 2025

Bath Christian Church CWF met September 24, 2025 with the following ladies present: Claudia Alligood, Darlene Ormond, Alice Wingate, Barbara Morris, Mary Lynn Edwards, Jane Allgood, Debbie Smith, Becky Tuten, Cynthia Stell, and Nancy Hill.

Claudia welcomed everyone and passed out the bazaar planning sheets for everyone to review. Debbie shared a devotion about worry. The question asked was “is worry a sin?” She shared that if you don’t trust in the Lord, it is a sin. God gives us repeated reminders of His presence and peace. She read scriptures from Matthew 6, Phillipians 4, 1 Peter 5 and Psalm 55. We are to release our worries to God. He sustains those who trust Him.

Prayer concerns were listed. Nancy prayed for them and for the offering.

Minutes of the August meeting were read and approved.

There was no treasurer’s report.

Business:

1. **Shut in Christmas baskets:** Debbie passed around the list of recipients and asked for anyone to add additional names if needed.
2. **Pantego Rest Home:** A small group from our church went to Pantego Rest Home on September 9. Becky shared that there are 25 residents there. The visits are enjoyed by those who are there and those who go.
3. **Bazaar:** Bazaar day is November 15. Becky contacted Elna at the town office and we are approved for use of the old gym for the yard sale. Crafts workshops are underway in the classroom beside the church office. They will be in the craft house beginning Monday, October 6 at 9:00. There are still vacancies on bazaar day where people are needed to help. See Claudia to receive an “assignment.” This is our annual fundraising event and a wonderful day of fellowship. All in the church are encouraged to participate.
4. **Beaufort County Marketplace:** Claudia shared that she had inquired about the cost to rent a space and possibly take some of the unsold bazaar items to sell there. The group felt this was a good idea.
5. **Revival and homecoming:** The church has been pressure washed, and Claudia reminded everyone that it is time to clean the fellowship hall windows before revival and homecoming. See Becky if you do not remember which window you are to clean. The pews and sanctuary chairs also need cleaning. Nancy Hill has a list. George had contacted Claudia about any pruning needs before revival. Everything looks fine for now.
6. **Samaritan’s Purse:** We will support the shoebox mission this year. Alice is moving forward with this project. Empty shoeboxes and pamphlets with packing and labeling info are being ordered. Our church’s goal is 100 boxes.

Claudia’s question of the night was “what are we looking forward to the most during the fall season?” We adjourned with the CWF benediction. Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hill

## August 3, 2025 Bath Christian Church Board Meetings

Leon Wingate called the August 3, 2025, board meeting to order. Barry Norman gave the opening prayer.

The minutes were reviewed and approved (motion, Billy Hill; second, Becky Tuten).

The treasurer's report was given by Jerry Walton. He explained the amount of net income recorded for this month was due to checks that did not clear the bank prior to reporting time. He also reported that there would be large regular invoices coming in the next month. Leon mentioned that the yearly figures are more significant than monthly reports to see a true picture of church's financial position.

### Old Business

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Don Cox will present the musical service on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in August. The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in December is an Advent Sunday, so we will have a regular service.

501(c)(3) - A letter has been received from Greg Murphy's office. IRS is switching over to a new system. The paperwork for the 501(c)(3) non-profit status was filed on December 6, and the IRS has not processed it yet.

Sound Board – McFadden will be here tomorrow to check the sound board. He will also check other areas of concern.

Flock Committee – Becky Tuten, Starley Stell and Louis Gurganus met to consider Flock issues. The committee reminded board members to contact flock members regularly to keep them informed about upcoming events and to let them know they are being thought of.

Membership – The Membership Committee is working on a list of members and categorizing them as to membership, active, inactive, etc.

Worship – Nancy Hill, Howard Robertson and Claude Dupree met on July 31. They recommended Bill Creech or Billy Ray Askew as possible speakers for Revival. Revival will be held September 28 – October 1, and Homecoming will be celebrated on October 5. Nancy has arranged music for the Revival. Claude reported that the Homecoming Committee is in place.

Youth Committee – Frankie Jordan sent a letter to the Board requesting approval to spend some of the funds in the Youth Account. Since they have not had success in finding a Youth Director, the group wishes to share some of its funds with others. The first request included donations to Craig Richardson, Ruth's House, Eagles' Wings, and Open Door. The expenditures were approved (motion, Jane Alligood; second, Howard Robertson).

The second request was for expenses to cover lunch with the pastor. The expenditure was approved (motion, Jane Alligood; second, Billy Hill).

Howard asked about the impetus for the lunch meeting with the minister. It is an opportunity for the young people to interact with the minister and let him know who is participating in activities so he can get to know the young people and can make contact with their parents.

The next request was money to help with school supplies for needy children. Lesley Woolard will help in determining recipients. This expense was approved (motion, Jane Alligood; second, Becky Tuten).

The final request was money to have a back-to-school bowling activity. The request was approved (motion, Jane Alligood; second, Howard Robertson).

#### New Business

Revival and Homecoming – Nancy Hill has taken care of the music.

The Board selected Bill Creech as the Revival speaker.

The minister will be contacted as to the order of the service as recommended by the worship committee.

Travel imbursement for musicians was discussed and was decided to be the same amount as last year.

Nominating Committee - Leon named the Nominating Committee to seek deacons and elders for the coming year. The committee is Starley Stell, chair; Howard Robertson and Alice Wingate.

Outreach – A young man in our community is suffering with cancer, unable to work and is the breadwinner for his family. It was decided to make a donation for him and his family (motion, Starley Stell; second, Becky Tuten).

Harry was not available for the meeting. He will be having a procedure on the 18<sup>th</sup> and will be having lunch with the youth.

Starley Stell gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Claludia Alligood

## ***Please Pray for Our Church***

### ***Church Family Prayer Concerns:***

Dana Brooks, Helen Brooks, Jessie Brooks, Sarah Burgess, Mary Lynn Edwards, Polly Gurganus, Rachel Jordan, Marcia Norman, Carol Richardson, Betty Schmitt, Patty Selby, Sarah Stone, Wanda White, Jean Winstead, & **unspoken requests.**

***Friends & Prayer Concerns:*** Marie Adams, Sharon Askew, Robin Ayers, Jane Baker, Louise Bierne, Halston Boyd (Sandra Dupree's Brother), Susan Boyd, Elizabeth Brooks, Stacy Brooks, Angela Brown, Larry Brown, Baby Annalynn Bullock, Stephen Butler, Jimmy Capps, Joe Capps, Austin Cherry, Tina Clark, Sallie Cora, Harry Corprew, Julie Crawford, Giles Cutler (Harold Cutler Brother), Janice Donahue, Karen Eddings (Brandi Fields), Tim Gooch, Maverick Granger, Barry Johnson, Betty & Anna Laroux, Johnnie Martin, Linda Minnick, Drema Moore, John Moore, Hunter Moore, Tucker Mooring, Holden Newman, David Phillips, Frank Powell, Philip Price, Amanda Puett, Johnny Ramey, Criag & Jennifer Richardson, Tony Rodman, Phyliss Rose, Daniel Rouse, Jon Sadler, Wayne Schmitt, Bob Seilski, Kathy Siemon, Bill Slade, Cathy Slade, Dottie Lou Smith, Matthew Stewart, Dan & Coleen Stiggy, Javon Styons, Robbie Swain, John Taylor, Bill Thomas, John Thomas, Octavus Wallace, Jenny Hollowell Watkins, Doris Wilson, Shelly Wilson, Janet Windley, Phyllis Woolard, Twilla Woolard, Carl Wiggins, Jim Wood, Cody Woodall, Dave & Karen Woodall, Jim Youngblood,

US Military & Government & Unspoken Requests

***The Families of: Alma Barnes, David Clark, Sr.,  
Jimmy Cordon, Sheryl Cox, Lakeisha Tillery, Elsie Woolard***

### **Military Prayer List:**

Chase Brooks, Will Cutler, Hunter Williams

### **In Nursing Homes:**

Glenda Boyd (Ridgewood) Sister-in-law of Sandra Dupree, John Everett, Carolyn Fisher (Mother of Lesley Woolard), Bobbie Jean Hobgood (Sister of Linda Heath)