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## Two Minutes, Forty Seconds.

Did you know that each day, you are getting 2 minutes and 40 seconds more light? And with the start of Daylight Savings Time, we're all getting up an hour earlier, so we get even more daylight. I know this happens each year, but for some reason, this time, it feels magical.

But Pastor, didn't you hear.... we're in a health and economic crisis! That fact sure became real to me this week. A local business owner called me in tears. A homeless man had moved into her laundromat. The disheveled man sleeping in the corner was driving away customers. But that was not her main worry. This big hearted person wept because she had called all around our borough trying to help this stranger, with no response. Finally, reaching the Police Department, they told her to call Bethany Presbyterian Church. I encouraged her, prayed for her and asked around. Soon the visitor, helpless and hungry, was in the church van, on his way to a Pittsburgh shelter. A church staff person and a member who added courage to their compassion were at the wheel. All without violating social distance standards.

But wait, there's more. In my conversation with our good neighbor, I discovered a person carrying burdens too heavy to bear. Income threatened by the virus. Homebound elderly parents, in danger by what she might bring to them, yet with no one else to rely on. She was weeping for much more than one homeless man.

Then a strange thing happened. When I called the first time, there were tears. When I did a follow-up, after her homeless guest was safe, there were even more tears. "Wait," I said. "You were crying, and you're still crying. I haven't done any good here have I." She said, "No. Really, these are tears of joy. I am so happy he is safe and well." Making a difference in this one person, somehow made all the rest of her burdens feel lighter.

Back to the magic. I'm feeling it.

In my pastor/leader role, I have spent much time urging churches to new routines, that bring happier results. It's like the wisdom I read on a senior's sweatshirt, "I put all my eggs in one basket.... Then I lost the basket." Maybe the losing of our basket of routines is releasing some magic among us. Maybe reaching outside of our plan, trusting in God's plan is strengthening our spirits.

Feeling God's moment is like jumping up from the couch and taking a brisk run through the neighborhood, rejoicing in the beating of your heart, and the rhythm of your breath. All of our systems are buzzing with creative thinking. Who knew that in one week we could begin streaming worship? With one pull of the cord, our care network came to life, completing hundreds of check up calls. Morning prayer inspired by the Psalms, materialized from thin air. 140 people received food while safely quarantined in their cars. For every person needing help, someone offered help. It all feels magical.

I am grateful for the extra hour of wakefulness, and I'm making plans for my extra two minute and forty second gift of light each day. In this time of scrambling, creating and connecting my days seem to be slowing right down to a reasonable pace. The moments are filling with good stories and a feeling that God is at work. It must be the magic.

Even though our building is closed.... I'll see you in church! Pastor Bill





Despite what's going on in the world baby Luke celebrated his 100th day at home with family. We were blessed to receive so much support from friends and family all over the world as we posted on Facebook and the Remind App.

As we continue to practice social distancing to limit the spread of the virus, we are postponing or changing all youth event formats virtually until further notice. On March 22nd at 4pm we had a wonderful time on our very first BYG Virtual Youth Group where 17 of us were online doing life together on Google Meet. We plan on continually meeting every Sunday from 4 to 5:30pm. If you would like to join us download google hangouts and use the chrome browser. Also send Pastor Jae or one of the youth teachers your email to be invited into the virtual youth group. Our youth confirmands did a fabulous job of writing their faith statements. And we thank all the teachers, parents, and mentors who have nurtured them in their faith journey. Sunday School continues digitally with all curriculum material available weekly on the Bethany website.



Our Right Now Media Curator Team is working on recommending Christian videos on Right Now Media that will help our friends and families continue their discipleship as they are home right now. Check out the Bethany Presbyterian Library on Right Now media. And if you haven't signed up for this free resource. You can sign up by going to our website – [Bethanypresby.org](http://Bethanypresby.org). One video recommendation to watch is "The Lent Experience" by Eric Ferris. Our Youth Group has been watching this and it is helping us grow in a deeper knowledge of what it means to follow Christ in this season.

Last but not least, Worship live with us this Sunday as I will be preaching the word on March 29, 2020. May you stay safe at home and pray for your leaders, the church, the neighborhood and the world. Always remember we are the church united in the holy spirit.

May God's peace be with you.

Pastor Jae Cho  
Associate Pastor of Youth and Discipleship

BYG is meeting for Virtual Prayers and Lunch every Wednesday at noon!

Contact Pastor Jae to join!



# Holy Week!

## **Palm Sunday—April 5: 10:45am Livestream Worship** (bethanypresby.org)

- Let the arrival of Jesus inspire you in God's ways. Prepare to engage in worship by picking up your palm in the receptacle in the church parking lot. A devotional guide and instructions for fashioning your palm into a cross will be sent in the next email blast. Children may want to save their palm for the children's sermon, where the pastor will lead them in turning their palm into a cross.

## **Maundy Thursday—April 9: 7:00pm Watch Party** (bethanypresby.org)

- At the last supper of Jesus, before his suffering, he washed the feet of his disciples. Then he asked them if they knew what he just did. Members of First Baptist Church will provide inspiring music, and Pastors Glenn Loper, Jae Cho and Bill Youmans will lead worship. You can participate by having a piece of bread (or cracker, or other breakable carbohydrate) and a cup of juice (or wine or water) available to break and distribute. A worship guide will be sent out via email blast, or US mail.

## **Good Friday—April 10: 7:00pm Livestream Worship** (bethanypresby.org)

- Reflect on the fact of Jesus' suffering on the cross as God's way of fixing our problem with evil. Through simple readings and shared thoughts, we will feel God's hope in even the darkest time.



## **Easter Sunday—April 12**

### **6:45am Easter Sunrise Worship**

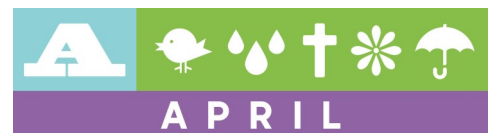
- Gather in the Melrose Cemetery (3060 Washington Pike) among the tombs, and look for the empty one. Listen from your car, or gather observing safe spacing of 6ft. Test the preacher's voice capacity and hear afresh the resurrection story.

### **10:45am Easter Worship Livestream** (bethanypresby.org)

- In the weeks of Lent, you have heard Jesus invite you to find purpose in him, to resist all that pulls you off course, to pride in his life, to believe, and to obey. Hear now his invitation to new life, proven by an empty tomb and a risen Savior.

## **Other Events for the month of April:**

- ⇒ Daily Virtual Morning Prayers by Pastor Bill from 9-9:15 AM—See article on how to participate.
- ⇒ BYG is having a Wednesday Virtual Prayer Lunch 12 to 12:30 PM—email Pastor Jae for details.
- ⇒ Sunday School Lessons On-line— Please contact Kathryn Martinec or look on the Bethany Website
- ⇒ BYG Sunday Virtual Meetings from 4:00-5:30 PM—contact Pastor Jae
- ⇒ Golden Oldies Luncheon and Trip is cancelled at this point. They are hoping to reschedule for the fall. Please look in bulletins for the information.
- ⇒ Friday Morning Women's Virtual Prayer Meeting - every Friday at 9:30. Contact Judi Wolstoncroft at 412-527-8210 to join.
- ⇒ Please look on the Bethany Website for the most up to date calendar events.



## **GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER – BETHANY IS MAKING IT AS EASY AS “84321”**

We have upgraded our online giving platform - Giving is now as easy as **84321**!

**TEXT TO GIVE** - That's right, now you can text the amount of your donation to **84321**! It really is that easy - why not give it a try right now ?

**ONLINE GIVING** – Visit <http://bethanypresby.org/give>. There, you can setup recurring or one-time donations using your bank account, debit card or credit card. You can also access the online giving platform through our Church's newly upgraded website at <https://bethanypresby.org/>.

**CASH/CHECK** - If you have always given via cash or check, now is a great time to switch to online giving. In addition to being easy and secure, recurring transfers are budget friendly and help to ensure accurate, confidential crediting of donations in our records. Of course, we continue to appreciate cash and/or check donations as well. During this period of online worship, these can be mailed to the church at 740 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017; as always, please use your church offering envelopes to ensure proper crediting of donations.

**SECURITY & COSTS** - Online and text giving is easy and secure<sup>(1)</sup>. In many ways, it is also more efficient and cost effective than cash and/or checks. Fees for online giving transactions are as follows:

ACH (bank transfers): \$0.25 per transfer – That's the same as the costs to process a check.

Debit & Credit cards: 2.15% + \$0.30 per transaction – This is less cost effective than the ACH option, but there is an option for donors to cover these fees.

<sup>(1)</sup> Payment information is TLS encrypted and stored at **Stripe** - a Level 1 PCI compliant payment processor. Bank verification powered by **Plaid**.

## **Rummage Sale—Cancelled**

**Due to the current circumstances, the Presbyterian Women's Annual Rummage Sale is cancelled for this year.**

### **Morning Prayer and More**

Starting Monday, March 23, each weekday morning, from 9:00 to 9:15am Pastor Bill will lead a reflection on a Psalm for the day. And follow with a prayer for the day. Anyone wishing to fellowship with one another and the pastor may sign in to the meeting at anytime from 8:50am to 9. A 15 minute devotion will start at 9:00am. You may stay after morning prayer to discuss. Our hope is to create a forum for communication of our needs and experiences during this global health crisis and beyond. You can participate via a computer with a video camera. Or you can just hear the audio and see the pastor and others using a computer without a camera. Or you can phone in to number below and hear the audio and be able to speak to others. If using your phone, you will be asked to enter the PIN below. What a great way to start the day! We have had about 10 participants.

[Join Morning Prayer and More](#)

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Meeting ID

[meet.google.com/zvx-fxfi-aoz](https://meet.google.com/zvx-fxfi-aoz)

Phone Number

[+1 515-519-5891](tel:+15155195891)

PIN: 127 260 960#



## ***Bridgeville Community Food Bank:***

So what happens when you have to social distance, yet people still need to come to the food bank? You improvise and provide a drive-in food bank. For the March 21st distribution, the food bank assisted 114 families. That number included 40 children, 88 adults, and 68 elderly. With the loss of many jobs in the area the food bank is needed more than ever. Please donate what you can.



# APRIL Birthdays

04/02 Nathaniel Petrow  
 04/02 Paula Padgelek  
 04/02 Abigail Walsh  
 04/02 Kyong Barnhart  
 04/03 Quinn Miller  
 04/03 Tabatha Harding  
 04/03 Cole Valentine  
 04/03 Caley O'Connor  
 04/03 Timothy Anderson  
 04/03 Storm Figura  
 04/03 Sage Figura  
 04/03 Olivia Marrow  
 04/04 Gary Orosz  
 04/05 Avery Link  
 04/05 Evan Veneski  
 04/05 John London  
 04/05 Guy Doyle  
 04/06 Adam Zombek  
 04/06 Colsen Miller  
 04/07 Kiley Simpronio  
 04/07 Michael Leigh  
 04/07 Beverly Hook  
 04/07 Julie Foltz  
 04/07 Victoria Gregory  
 04/08 Ronald Gastgeb  
 04/08 Jocelyn Morelock  
 04/09 Ryan Jackson  
 04/09 Dolores Russell  
 04/09 Samantha Lindow  
 04/10 Gerald Kohlmyer  
 04/10 Gabrielle Sharp

04/10 Lena Werner  
 04/10 Alicia Barbaryka  
 04/11 Sandy Smith  
 04/11 Barbara Boehmer  
 04/11 Laney Davis  
 04/11 Brooke Schwotzer  
 04/12 Esther Biearman  
 04/13 Kelly Timco  
 04/13 Ruth Underwood  
 04/13 Charlotte Gilmore  
 04/13 Heather Lucas  
 04/13 Jack Vollmer  
 04/14 Judy Gastgeb  
 04/14 Bob Black  
 04/14 Ronald Knapp  
 04/16 Jayne Ciaramella  
 04/16 Joseph Ciaramella  
 04/17 Camryn Loebig  
 04/20 Ronald Miller  
 04/20 Henry Brickner  
 04/20 Nicholas DeRoss  
 04/21 Mark Romanelli  
 04/21 Sharon Matusic  
 04/21 Deacon Strouse  
 04/22 Justin Jackson  
 04/22 Mariane Newmeyer  
 04/23 HelenDi Giovanni  
 04/23 Joseph Brickner  
 04/23 Laura Miller  
 04/23 A'maur Pitzer  
 04/23 Cynthia O'Korn  
 04/23 Dennis Farrer

04/25 Lois Underwood  
 04/26 Rebecca Sabin  
 04/26 Taylor Exacustides  
 04/27 Sierra Sienerth  
 04/27 Corey De Rose  
 04/27 Mary Fortney  
 04/27 Eliza Dempe  
 04/28 Richard Visser  
 04/29 Richard Lucas  
 04/29 Matthew Price  
 04/29 Michelle Figura  
 04/29 Erika Crabb  
 04/30 Christine Costello  
 04/30 Walter Schultz  
 04/30 Carson Colvin  
 04/30 Michael Foltz



**Remember when** the church celebrated our 200th anniversary in 2014. The men of Bethany decided to have a beard growing "movement" They were unveiling the winner the night of the 200th anniversary when the Women of Bethany all stood up and pulled out hand made beards and took to the stage not to be out done by the men!

Everyone enjoyed the spoof of the moment for the glory of God.



## Evangelism Team:

Members of the evangelism team are Emily Bruni, Judy Davidson, Darren Diemer, Martha Gabelhart, Nathan and Caity Gibson, Pam Hoffman, Terry Kohlmyer, Paul Rinald, Peggy Walsh, and Sharon Salvini.

The three programs we currently are helping are Alcoholics Anonymous, The Bridgeville Community Food Bank, and the Southwood Boys Home. We are following Bill Hybels "just walk across the room" approach to evangelism. We will build relationships, provide resources and bear witness that Jesus is our savior.

We hope to include the Deacons, MOPS, MOMS Next, and the Boy Scouts with some of these evangelism community outreach events.

Save the date October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m. Trunk or Treat. There will be costumes, candy, games and decorated trunks. Come for the fun!





*Please pray for these members or family of members who have recently passed.*

- Beverly Cheffins, sister of Barb Crawford, on March 17.
- Sonny Fiorentini, husband of Diane Fiornetini on March 25.
- The memorial service for Ruth Gabelhart has been postponed at this time.

## Membership Team:

We have grown our membership team to include Karen Harkins, John Turnbull and Gerrie Tschudi, Scot Trimmer, Edgar Schaffer, Carrie Emerson as well as Bill Paviol as the chair.

We have begun an initiative to introduce a Selfie Campaign to grow our photo directory, which we are now producing in house, using our church data base. We kicked off this initiative by featuring the campaign in the last newsletter and in each of the last few weeks bulletins. We are asking members to take a photo of their families and send that photo into [office@bethanypresby.org](mailto:office@bethanypresby.org) and include the names of the people in the photo. If you are the member but you want your significant other and children in the photo (whether they are members or not) we encourage them to include their loved ones. We cannot include the names of pets in our database but by all means, include your pet into the photo if you want too. We are hoping to increase the amount of photo's in our database and we will then update each member once we have a significant changes by sending a PDF file to our members and you will then be able to pull up the members and see the photo's and both phone and email addresses. You will then be able to make a call or send an email right from your smart phone. For those who do not use smart phone's, then we will be looking into the cost to print a hard copy for those of you who are interested.

We are beginning an existing member call campaign beginning this month. We are reaching out to members who we may not have seen in a few weeks or months and we will be contacting them to get an update on their lives and what needs they may have. We are very excited to be able to re-connect.

New members class. While we did need to reschedule the new members class, I would like to introduce our interested families who have requested to join Bethany Presbyterian Church. We have two new families, Amy and Garrett Moon and their two children, Clayton and Everett as well as Jason Welling and Eunah Park, who have been attending church now for several months (10:45am) and Arlene Caye who is the mother of members Michelle and Art Rutkowski, and will be transferring her membership from Bellvue united Presbyterian church. God is Good!



## Property Team

Members: Tom Aspinall, Tim Nagy, Bob Pulice, Amy Ramage, Edgar Shaffer and Bill Stephan.

Projects:

- ⇒ Working on making improvements to the church's safety and security as outlined in the Church Security Assessment from Homeland Security.
- ⇒ Studying the Property Appraisal Assessment for the PennDOT Washington Ave. and Bridge Project.
- ⇒ Maintaining the church cemetery.
- ⇒ Annual property clean up on May 9th.
- ⇒ Working with Gunnar De Ross on his Eagle Scout Project.



## Partners from Malawi and South Sudan are Visiting Pittsburgh and Bethany

*"...a threefold cord is not quickly broken."*

### **Ecclesiastes 4:12**

The International Partnership of Pittsburgh Presbytery is hosting a visit from our partners in Malawi and South Sudan during the first two weeks of October 2020. The timing of this partnership visit has been selected to coincide with World Communion Sunday. The theme for this journey is "Beyond Thoughts and Prayers: Worship that Equips us to Love our Neighbors." The Bethany Mission Team has agreed to provide financial support so that our congregation can expect to receive one visiting missionary from our partner church, Chiradzulu CCAP. We need Bethany families to host our visitor from Malawi Africa and engage them in the life of our congregation during their time with us, so that we at Bethany can all share in the blessings and fruit of partnership. There will also be opportunities to gather for leadership and fellowship opportunities with the larger partnership of Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Stay tuned for more information about our visiting missionaries and partnership hosted events. We hope that you can meet our visitors and take part in some of the planned events. For more information about the International Partnership, visit their website at [pqhpi.org](http://pqhpi.org). If you and your family are even slightly interested or curious about the joys of hospitality and hosting, please contact Carl Suppo and/or other families that have hosted previously for more information. Carl can be reached by email at [cj.suppo@gmail.com](mailto:cj.suppo@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 412-496-9507. Thank you!



## **Musical Notes by John Henninger**

### **Some Reflections**

I write this article from my home; the church has been closed for a little over a week and the staff has been doing business from our homes. We have live streamed our first Sunday service on March 22 and are planning ahead to live stream as long as necessary.

The choir has not been rehearsing during the church building closure. We have not been able to be physically together, but I pray that we are spiritually bound in our faith and in the Risen Christ and that the Spirit moves in and through us.

Please know that you are all in my daily prayers.

Some comforting words from Scripture:

### **Psalm 91**

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."





# Mission Team Updates

Your 2020 Team: Nina Morse-Chair, Connie Segelon-Secretary, Deb Pyle, Bill Pitzer, Carl Suppo, Barb Crawford, Dick Pyle, Laura Dugan, Deanna Lambert, Laurie Sysak, Jim Davidson

The last few weeks have been a challenge for many, though many things are uncertain with our missions, our lives and in our community we look to His word for strength...

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you where ever you go. Joshua 1:9



## MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY OCTOBER 8-15th 2020

LED BY DEB PYLE

Of course, this depends on the situation in Haiti as to whether or not it's safe at that time. We are planning an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining us on the trip, but at this time we are unable to set a date due to social distancing. If you're interested, contact Deb at 412-80-2028 or dfp0630@gmail.



We will be looking to build a team that has a heart for service and handy with home renovations for this one day work mission. More information to follow.



### August 2nd-8th

Mission Trip to Sommersville, WV  
Full week and half week trips are available. This mission has consisted of home repair and reconstruction, playground restoration, park cleanup, and fellowship.

For more info contact Doug or Eric:

Doug Bovard dbovard@verizon.net

Eric Gregory eagregory1@yahoo.com



### Bethany has 48 children already sponsored as and 10 children still waiting to be sponsored.

It costs \$240 annually to sponsor a child, which breaks down to \$5.00 a week. This money helps to fund uniforms, books, breakfast and lunch each day and pays the teacher's salaries. When you sponsor a child, you will receive a packet with your child's photo and a small write-up on your child and their family. If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact Deb Pyle at 412-80-2028 or dfp0630@gmail.com

## LIVING WATERS MISSION

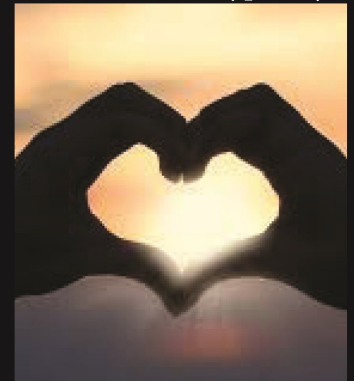
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The Bethany Living Waters team intalled the solar water filtration unit in 2019 and is still in active communication with the Salt and Light Church of Haiti. God is still in control and will guide us towards the future trip. - Connie S.



contact us at:

mission@bethanypresby.org



## 2020 MONTHLY ALLOCATIONS

Neighborhood Academy  
Sojourner House  
Camp Crestfield  
Chiradzulu CCAP  
Blantyre Health and Development BSHDC  
Human Coalition  
Campus Life (South Fayette)  
Washington City Mission  
Avis Arbor (Women and Children's Shelter)  
City Mission Veterans' Facility  
Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO)  
Family Promise (Crafton)  
Bridgeville Food Bank  
Bethany Adult and Youth Mission Trips  
Fisher House (VA Hospital)  
Living In Liberty  
Angel's Place  
Jesus Film Project (Patti Walsh)  
Humane Animal Rescue (for Elderly)  
Pets for the Elderly (Pittsburgh area)  
Urban Impact (Performing Arts)  
Guardian Angels Service Dogs  
Dan and Madel Beck- Technical School  
Medical Benevolence Foundation  
Lacroix Mission Support  
James and Zoe Williams Missionaries  
West Virginia Mission - WVMW Support  
Living Waters of the World Mission Support

## SCRIP GIFT CARDS

If you would like to purchase giftcards please contact our mission team at:

giftcards@bethanypresby.org

## **Regeneration: the New Birth**

Scripture Reference: John 3: 1 – 8

The phrase “born again” can call to mind a variety of ideas, memories, and questions. Although some Christians passionately refer to being born again as a specific turning point in their lives, others might perceive it as being a more subtle step in a gradual process of coming to faith. This month’s article will show that the new birth is both necessary and instantaneous.

I recently spoke with Bethany PC members Fred Gerstacker and Beckie Price who were raised in strong Christian homes where the love of Jesus and His church were present in them as early as they can remember. I, too, grew up in a strong Christian home and I had similar experiences. Whether there is a specific turning point (like Darren Deemer’s moment in church from last month’s article), or a subtle change, what matters is that we were ‘born again’.

Let’s take a moment and remember why we must be born again. Please read Ephesians 2:1-10. To understand the need to be ‘born again’ we should understand our condition before the new birth. Before the new birth, we were in a fallen condition which means that we were dead spiritually and dying physically. It is a fallen condition we find ourselves in since Adam. See Genesis 6:5. We have died spiritually and need to be ‘born again’! We need a savior!

Now let’s take a look at John 3:1-8. One of the first words that matters is *unless* in verse 3. *Unless* signals a universally necessary condition for seeing and entering the kingdom of God. Therefore, being ‘born again’ is an essential part of Christianity; without it entrance into God’s kingdom is impossible. Further, in verse 7 Jesus uses another important word – *must*. He says, ‘You *must* be born again’. Clearly, it is a necessary condition that must happen for our salvation and entrance into God’s kingdom.

Like our physical birth, our spiritual birth happens at a precise time. It is instantaneous. No one can be gradually reborn any more than a woman can be gradually pregnant. There is a decisive moment in which we pass from death to life and from judgment to salvation.

The new birth, is the work of the Holy Spirit upon those who are spiritually dead. In regeneration, God immediately implants eternal and supernatural life within the soul of a man or woman. It is spiritual resurrection as believers are raised from a condition of being dead in trespasses and sins, and are raised to a condition of being made alive in Jesus Christ. In effect, regeneration transforms the person on the inside. The heart has become inclined to God. Please read Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26; Deuteronomy 10:17 and 30:6. I think Nicodemus should have known these verses. See also Romans 2:29 and 2 Corinthians 3:3.

In regeneration, God plants a desire for Himself in the human heart that otherwise would not be there. We cannot do that ourselves. We do not decide or choose to be regenerated. It is by His sovereign grace that He provides us with this necessary and instantaneous rebirth.

Now chew on that for a while! There is a lot to this and we will look at more next month. I hope in this article we have established that the ‘new birth’ is both necessary and instantaneous. We will develop these and more sub-topics in next month’s newsletter. I will leave you with a definition of the new birth from the systematic theologian and scholar Louis Berkhof.

*The new birth is an instantaneous change of man’s nature, affecting at once the whole man. It is not a gradual process like sanctification. There is no intermediate stage between life and death. One either lives or is dead.*

Yours in Christ,  
Doug Bovard

Doug Bovard will be holding his Sunday School Class Virtually. If anyone is interested in joining please email him at [dbovard@verizon.net](mailto:dbovard@verizon.net) or call/text at 412-979-9324.

**The Bethany Discipleship Team** oversees the many different educational and spiritual growth opportunities at Bethany. Some of our primary jobs are to oversee Bethany Youth Groups, Vacation Bible School, Kids Night Out, and Sunday School offerings from PreK to Adults, including Worship & Wonder and Second Hour. Members of the team work on tasks such as choosing curriculum, planning calendars, and recruiting volunteers. (**Volunteers are ALWAYS needed!**) As we work through the immediate tasks of making sure that there are volunteers, curriculum resources and necessary supplies for our classes and events, we are also looking toward making sure that we have a comprehensive educational experience for children and teens as they move through our Sunday School and Youth Group programs. We want to make sure that we are equipping our children and youth with the knowledge and tools they need to love like Jesus, trust in Jesus, grow in Jesus, and bring others to Jesus.

Team members include Rev. Jae Cho, Elders Niki Ciaramella (chair), Doug Bovard, and Ryan Wolstoncroft, along with lay members Kathryn Martinec (Sunday School Director,) Barb Boehmer, Debby Hayes, Lynne Suchoza and Mike Suchoza.



Contact one of us if you are interested in volunteering in any of our programs! We will add you to our lists for when things return to normal!

## Right Now Media Reviews by Bethany Video Curators

### Children:

Looking for a way to have consistency at home during this trying time? Check out the **Night Owls & Early Birds** series from Owlegories. These short topical Bible Studies are fashioned after our favorite morning news shows, evening news outlets, and late night entertainment shows. Watch the beginning of the video in the morning to set up your day. Then watch the news and late night as you're ending the day. The Early Bird Show explores the history and science of each topic; the Nightly Round Up dives deeper into different passages of scripture; and the Night Owl Show recaps it all with a fun game at the end. They are engaging enough for both kids and adults to experience together.

**Sea Kids:** Tired of your kids' same old cartoons and shows? Want them to learn biblical values through their screen time the way they do their ABC's and math skills? Check out the "Bubble Guppies of Right Now Media." Sea Kids will help transform every child as they learn how to tangibly live out the biblical principles being taught while building a strong foundation in Jesus.

### Youth:

**Reckless Love:** Follow the adventures of Bob Goff, Greg Boyd, Mo Isom, and Karen McKinney as they seek one thing - Reckless Love. This fun and inspiring 4-episode video series asks the big questions while encouraging you to recklessly live out your faith. Each video explores a different extreme sport and ties it into living out your faith.

### Women:

**Nice** by Sharon Hodde Miller. Did you know that God never called us to be "nice". Kind, yes. So what's the difference? Check out this 5-part series by Sharon Hodde Miller as she explains how being "nice" can take the teeth out of our witness and power out of our faith.

**IF: Gathering conference** - Did you miss the If: Gathering this year? Not sure what it is? If: Gathering exists to equip women with gospel centered resources and opportunities to make disciples who will then go and make disciples. And Right Now Media is now streaming the 2020 conference! This year they talked all about the person of Jesus! He is our hope and we need hope! Watch the whole conference over the course of a Saturday or watch a speaker/devotion at a time when you are feeling uncertain and need a reminder of who Jesus is!

### Men:

**"Be a Godly man."** It's about how our culture has changed the definition of masculinity. Men are confused by what it looks like to be a Godly man today. This series goes through a process of redefining what Biblical manhood looks like. It is a refreshing look at what God has called men to be. If that sounds good to you then take a look.

### Theology:

**The Doctrines of Grace** in John by Dr. Steven J. Lawson provides us with Presbyterian Theology 101. Lawson is one of my favorites, and he is a Baptist! Do we understand that outside of Jesus Christ men are spiritually dead in sin and trespasses? That their wills are in bondage to sin? Is salvation reserved only for those whom the Father has given to the Son? Do we understand definite atonement, irresistible grace and preserving grace? Hmm.... Now take a deep breath and get to work on your theology!



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