

“Finding the Way of Christ at the Crossroads.”

Bethany Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) Arapahoe, North Carolina

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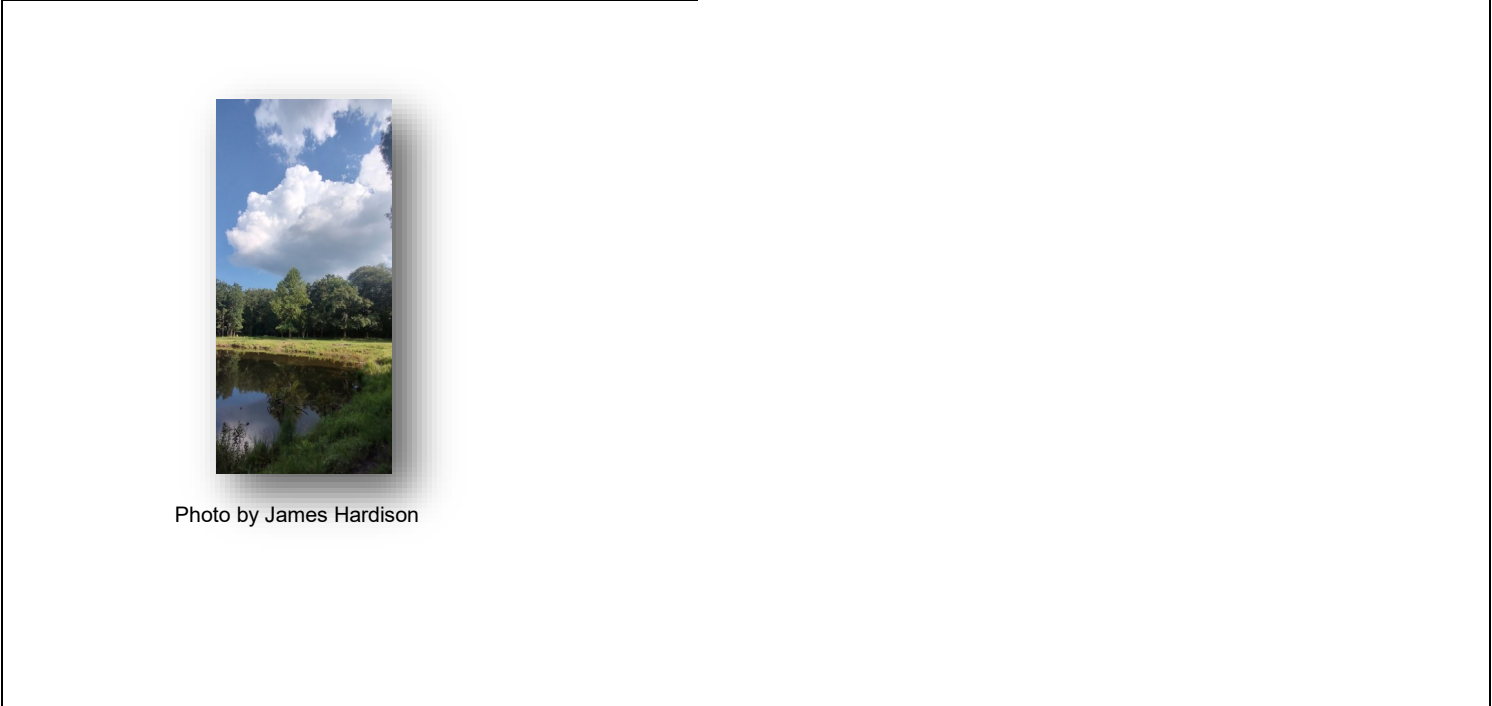


Photo by James Hardison

Serving in

August

Randy Beeman
John Beeman, Jr.

September

James Hardison
Doug Brinson

Elders

Preparing Communion

Gloria & Keith Cowell Jennie A & Emily H


Audio Visual

Christine Beeman
Nursery

1st Sun Phyllis Efland 3rd Sun Kelli Bailey
2nd Sun Renee Midyette 4th Sun Sandra Holton

August Birthdays

4	Linda Regal-Tharp
5	Myra Blue Hardison
11	Debbie Elks
12	Clay Osgood
13	Torrie Osgood
17	Alyssa Bailey
19	John Minnich
20	Sandra Hardison
21	Jeff Cowell
	Parker Lee
24	Terry McCotter
25	Eric Morris
26	Emily Harper



Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Prayer Concerns 8/03

BETHANY
Annette & Bud Aldridge
Frank & Juanita Arrington
Paul Hardison
Sandra Hardison
Mac Harris
Jack Lee
Eric Morris
Louise Lee
Renee Midyette

FAMILY
Christie Arrington
Jim Banks
Verle Beach
Alex Dardona
Colt Cowell
Sylvia Heath
Judy Hardison Jones
Josh Kali
Mr. & Mrs. Moy
Susan Parrott
Charles Pittman, Jr.
Charles Powell
Eddie & Donna Swain
Jerry Walden
Sarah Eve Walden

FRIENDS
Ash Adams
Charles Alexander
Rosie Brinson
Kaz Brodowicz
Bill Chandler
Amy Crook

Back to School Prayer Guide

MONDAY
Pray for students. Pray that they may grow in wisdom and understanding, and that they will remain safe and feel secure. Pray that they would come to know God and grow in their knowledge of God and that they would be a light to their classmates and teachers.

TUESDAY
Pray for teachers. Pray that they would connect with their students and that they would be loving examples of Christ to their students and coworkers. Pray that they would have the resources they need for their classrooms and they would sense the power and presence of God.

WEDNESDAY
Pray for parents. Pray that they would be strong, godly examples to their kids and that they would partner with their child's teachers to create positive learning environments. Pray that they would come alongside to support their kids in whatever way they can and that they would love their kids fiercely.

THURSDAY
Pray for schools. Pray for the administration at both the school and district level. Pray that schools would fill vacancies with loving, godly instructors. Pray for local, state and national governments and agencies, that they would make policy decisions that would help and not harm.

FRIDAY
Pray for yourself. Ask God to show how you can get involved. How can you be the hands and feet of Christ in our schools? How can you support the students, teachers, parents and administrators of your local school? Be willing to be led however God wills.

September Birthdays

1	Buddy Bailey
2	Matt McCotter
6	Susan Lee
9	Rebecca Cowell
13	Lindsey Lee
14	Ben Casey
15	Kaley Tijerina
16	Randy Beeman
	Naomi C Cahoon
17	Lela Abrams
19	Avery Ham
26	Justin Moore
28	Blake Harrell
30	Steven Bailey Cassie Boyce

EDUCATION SUNDAY
August 31
See article pg.3

Ancillary Report
July Income toward
Current Expenses
\$6956.00

Fishes & Loaves
\$215.00

Sunday School
\$65.00

Week of Compassion
\$15500

Miscel. Expenses
\$174

Total Income
\$7391.00

Congratulations
Christy Beach


Church DEACONS

Deacon Schedule
Revisions

September
Jennie A & Emily H

October
Christy B & Renee M

November
Christine B & Pam H.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Weekly

Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Wednesday Jericho Ringers TBD
Chancel Choir TBD

Monthly

1st Sunday: Elders, FH, 8:00 am;
Official Board, FH, 6:00 pm.
1st Monday: CWF, FH, 6:00 pm.
5th Sunday: Covered Dish Dinner, FH, following worship service.

*Any changes to regularly scheduled activities and events will be noted in the calendar below.

BH=Bethany Hall; **FH**=Fellowship Hall;
PL=Parking Lot; **S**=Sanctuary

In the Life of the Church

August

3	Elders meeting	8:00
	Board meeting	6:00
4	CWF meeting in FH	6:00
5	Worship Committee in library	6:30
	No Bell or Choir practice during the month of August	
12	First meeting of CWF crafters	10:00
17	Fishes & Loaves offering	
21	Game Night in FH	7:00
24	Ice Cream Social	7:00
26	Arapahoe Charter School's Annual Meeting at ACS	6:30
31	5th Sunday Pot Luck Covered Dish meal following worship	

September

2	Worship Committee	6:30
3	Choir practice	TBD
7	Elders' meeting	8:00
	Board meeting	6:00
8	CWF meeting in FH	6:00
10	Choir practice	TBD
	Bell practice	TBD


The Bethany Beacon

“But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself? This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”
Luke 12: 13-21

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 **A Little Moore** **Rev. Amanda Hatfield-Moore**

Dear Church Family,

It's time to go back to school! There is a pile of Target bags in my living room floor, Justin is in meetings all week, and Lydia is counting down the days. In less than two weeks we will begin a new school year, full of both opportunities and challenges.

I realize not all of us live according to the rhythms of the school calendar—some of us finished school! But that's not how it is in my house—Lydia is going into fourth grade, and Justin is somewhere around thirty-second grade, as he begins his sixteenth year of teaching and his first year at Arapahoe Charter School. So at my house EVERYBODY needs new school supplies and new clothes and fresh haircuts, there are meetings to remember and classrooms to decorate and new friends to make.

Summer vacation is always fun while it lasts, but I don't hate the return to routine and structure. Now is our time to grow: these days, weeks, and months have the power to make us stronger and wiser, more confident and more grounded in the community.

It may not be part of the liturgical calendar, but congregations everywhere use the fall, back-to-school season as a time to focus, re-committing ourselves to the work that deepens our discipleship and carries God's good news into the world. As our long summer draws to a close, what would you like to buckle down and learn? What work do you think God is calling Bethany Christian Church to do?

Of course, this year I feel like I've also gone back to school! I've been doing some kind of ministry for twenty years, and I've been ordained for fifteen years. But I'm brand-new to doing ministry at Bethany Christian Church, and there are so many things I want to learn. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to deepen my understanding of what it means to serve God in pastoral ministry; thank you for all the things you are going to teach me as the years go by.

Sharpen your pencils, Church, and get a good night's sleep—there are exciting things ahead!

Peace,
Amanda

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Bethany accepts monetary donations in the form of the Fishes & Loaves offering on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The donations are sent to PCFLO at the end of each month.

Dear Friends and best of all believers in our Savior, Jesus

You were so very kind to organize such a wonderful, extravagant table of delicious food for the family to enjoy as we prepared ourselves for Jeanne's funeral service. Although we had sadness within us seeing these preparations and the abundance provided put joy in the heart that such care and thoughtfulness had been given by you. Thank you so much! I look back and feel the same gratefulness for what you are to the family.

Love, Stephanie Beeman Magaha
A sister in Christ


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Bethany Board Minutes		August 3, 2025	Unofficial until approved at September 7, 2025 meeting												
<p>In Attendance: Jennie Adams - Chairperson, Christine Beeman, Randy Beeman, Christie Beach, Doug Brinson, Gloria Cowell, Keith Cowell, Cherry D'Angelo, Melissa Watson and Rev. Amanda Hatfield Moore.</p> <p>The meeting was called to order by Jennie Adams at 6:01pm. The Christ candle was lit, and the opening prayer was offered. The minutes for the last board meeting, held July 2nd, 2025, were read by Cherry D'Angelo. There were no corrections.</p> <p>Treasurers Report - Randy Beeman Randy read the treasurer's report. There were no corrections or additions. The report was accepted as read. In Janci's absence Gloria Cowell gave the Financial Secretary's Ancillary Report found on pg 4.</p> <p>Elders Report - Doug Brinson The usual duties were discussed and, as usual, the prayer list was the main concern. There is a change in the listing of names on the prayer list; current church members are first, followed by family, then friends. The positive growth of the church is seen in an attendance increase. There is a spirit of positivity and happiness. We will continue to be "Cheerleaders" for Rev. Amanda.</p> <p>Diaconate - Melissa Watson We continued to discuss the new way of serving communion. Two Deacons will continue to greet members and pass out communion. The next meeting will be Sept 7th at 5pm where the changes in Deacon service will be reviewed.</p> <p>Group Reports CWF - Margaret Harrell (NP) The next meeting for the CWF will be on Monday, August 4th at 6:00 pm.</p> <p>Standing Committee Reports There were no reports from CMF, Budget/Stewardship, Personnel, Audio/Visual or Housekeeping.</p> <p>Worship Committee - Gloria Cowell The worship committee will have our monthly scheduled meeting this Tuesday, Aug 5, 2025 in the Bethany Library. Rev. Amanda continues to accept volunteers to serve as worship leaders. She is excited and thankful for the members who have already shared with her their interests. The next Worship Committee will meet on Sept 2nd.</p> <p>Christian Education Committee Report - Christine Beeman Vacation Bible School finished last week. See the article on pg. 3.</p> <p>Property Committee - John Beeman (NP) Jennie texted John and she received a response. Plans are back underway to find a builder to finish the roof on the Pavilion. We have building material left over from the original building so the cost should not be too high.</p> <p>Communications - Melissa This month we published and mailed the Beacon, posted four times on the blog, and took numerous photographs of events and people for the website. The website was updated for the month with July's calendar and Beacon on there, and the Elders and Deacons service schedule was also updated. We assisted with several updates to the directory. There have also been multiple 'One Calls' and we uploaded four worship services to You-Tube.</p> <p>Missions/Outreach - Susan Bisette (NP) Susan thanked the congregation for all who donated to Fishes and Loaves in July. She reported that 25 cards were sent from the Bethany Christian Card</p>		<p>Ministry in July. A good amount of juice and food were delivered to Fishes and Loaves for the month. The food collection requests for August are canned tuna and/or chicken.</p> <p>Activities Committee - Janci Cahoon (NP) The Activities Committee has been busy in July. We had Game Night on July 17th. There were 9 in attendance and the game of Quiddler was played. On July 27 we had a great Music and Melons Social. The music was provided by the Craven Consort. A large attendance enjoyed the gathering in the fellowship hall. Upcoming events for August will be Game night on August 21st, an ice cream social on August 24th and Covered Dish on August 31st.</p> <p>Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A plan has been prepared to transition leadership of the Chancel choir from Rev. Roger Bennett to Justin Moore. The Personnel Committee recommended approval of the plan. The goal is to ensure continuity, honor past leadership, and establish a clear vision for the future. Justin will become director of Music Ministry and Rev. Bennett will continue as Director of the Bell Choir. The timeline for this transition begins now and will continue through September. The approved plan was referred to the Finance Committee to create a salary scale which will come back to the Board at the September meeting.The Board was presented a contract with City Wide Facility Solutions and BCC to deep clean the kitchen, the appliances and the floors. The appliances to be cleaned and degreased are as follows: Gas stove, gas ovens inside and out, dishwasher inside and out, tops and fronts of all cabinets, wipe down and clean the hood/vent exterior, microwave, degrease backsplash/walls near cooking area, sweep and degrease visible flooring, clean sinks, clean interior cabinets, clean ice maker, and clean the fellowship hall floor: sweep, vacuum, degrease and deep clean. The cost of this cleaning has been increased to \$1,300 from its original quote. A motion was made by Doug Brinson to raise the approved amount for the project to \$1,300. The motion was seconded by Christy Beach and passed unanimously. <p>New Business We have a reminder to please add special prayers for teachers and students who will be returning to school during the month.</p> <p>Good News to Share A recent visitor to our Sunday service emailed to say, "how friendly Bethany is." For years they attended a</p>	<p>Methodist Church when they were in the county. They have been to other churches but have never received the welcome that they get at Bethany. It matters. They look forward to seeing us soon."</p> <p>Ministers Board Report: August 3, 2025 Thanks to everyone who helped with the bereavement meals for the families of Clara Jean Ensley and Barbara Benton. We had a lot of loss in our church family this month, but we find comfort in coming together.</p> <p>I attended the Pamlico District Meeting on July 12th at Highland Park CC. Bethany CC was well represented with six members present. Torrie Osgood gave a detailed report on Camp Caroline. Everything is going well although we always need to pay attention to property needs and the Regional Office has now officially moved to the Camp. Gail Slade and our own Christy Beach were elected and installed as co-presidents of the Pamlico District Union. Dr. Laura Wood was elected treasurer. The two co-presidents plan to share secretarial duties. The District voted to make a \$500 donation to Camp Caroline in memory of former president, Brent Stow. Intention is to meet again in September or October.</p> <p>Vacation Bible School was held July 20-24 at Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church. We had about 30 children participating. The program was very well done and everyone had a good time. I taught the Bible Story class on Monday night, and Bethany CC provided snacks on Monday night. Thanks to Christine Beeman for helping out all week.</p> <p>Thanks to Margaret Harrell for taking me out visiting. I am continuing to work on getting to know all the people in our church family. There are 53 households in the church directory. By my reckoning, I have made a good level of contact with 25 households and</p>												
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<p>Bethany office phone number 252-249-0266</p> <p>Office hours for Rev. Amanda Mon.-Thurs 9:00-3:00 w/ flexible times Call first to be sure of daily times.</p>		<p>Vision and Mission Statement</p> <p><i>Our highest aspiration is to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves.</i></p> <p><i>Our mission is to enable people to know Christ and to strengthen their personal relationships with Him.</i></p>													
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<div></div>		<div>Bethany Choir Relaunch: A Season of Building!</div>		<div>Christian Womens Fellowship Shares Their Plans for the Fall</div>	
<p>a small level of contact with 14 households. There are still 13 households I have not had any personal contact with yet. I appreciate everyone who has offered to help me make these connections.</p> <p>Looking to the Future. I am continuing to help Roger Bennett and Justin Moore with the transition in music leadership and the return of the chancel choir. Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy school year.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Amanda Moore</p> <p>Motion to adjourn was made by Christine with a second by Gloria. The meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted: Cherry D'Angelo, Recording Secretary for the Board Jennie Adams, Chairperson for the Board</p>		<p>We had a "wonderful" time at our test rehearsal and Sunday performance earlier this month—it was a joyful beginning to our season! A heartfelt <i>thank you</i> to everyone who came to sing and helped make that first anthem a success. We're also grateful to the congregation for your warm support, encouragement, and enthusiasm as we begin this new chapter.</p> <p>This fall, we're approaching the season as a <i>building year</i>—welcoming back returning voices, adding new ones, and growing together as a choir and congregation. We're also rebuilding our music library and learning which songs resonate most with our community. Rather than jumping into singing every Sunday right away, we'll ease into a regular schedule as we grow in confidence and unity. If you've ever considered joining the choir, now is a wonderful time to start. Our regular rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM. All are welcome!</p> <p>Justin</p> <p>Editor's note: Just in case any of you were wondering about your not finding the July 27th worship service on our Your Tube channel, Rev. Amanda may have solved the mystery. Melissa did post the video. We were all hoping to listen to Rev. Amanda's message again, but we were hoping to recapture the exceptional saxophone special that Justin Moore provided. I posted a stand-alone video of just Justin. (which I still have on my cell's videos) But Rev. Amanda told us at the August Board meeting that when Justin played that melody previously in Ohio ("What A Wonderful World", it must have been scrutinized by the YouTube IA police for whatever infringements they deemed appropriate, and the post never went through. We'll figure this out somehow. It did happen and it was "wonderful".</p>		<p>CWF President, Margaret Harrell, led a small -in-number (7) but big-in-ideas group of CWF members Monday night, August 4th. Margaret was scheduled to provide the snacks, and she outdid herself with her famous chicken salad croissants, watermelon and blueberry/pineapple butter crumble.</p> <p>The group's upcoming activities were the impressive part of the meeting.</p> <p>We share them with you as follows:</p> <p>* Coordinate with the Worship Committee's plans to dedicate a Sunday Worship service honoring congregational members who serve as part of Educational Communities (teachers, administrative, support, etc.) and recognize students who have a connection to Bethany. The new school year is beginning and the CWF believes that supporting all who engage in the education of our youth will be presented a small gift and are in need our prayers. The service will take place on the last Sunday in August. All are invited to join as the 5th Sunday pot luck meal will be devoted this recognition.</p> <p>* Begin creating crafting projects to be offered for sale at the Arapahoe Charter School Fall Festival in mid-October. Building on last year's successful attempt, led by Juaita Arrington and Janice Woodward, we'll be painting, sewing, knitting, gluing and fashioning fall, winter and Christmas works of art. The first organized session will be on Tuesday, August 12th at 10:00 am in the church office building.</p> <p>* Reviving a tradition from pre-Covid years, the CWF would like to prepare a Fall meal for Bethany members to enjoy (turkey, dressing, green beans, yams, the works). We will set a date for either the end of October or early November. It's a lot of preparation and kitchen work, but all the CWF members want to rekindle that special sense of harvest fellowship that Bethany enjoyed for decades. We hope that our members support us in this effort. More specific information to come.</p> <p>* Understanding that young families, specifically couples with young children, often need an opportunity to have a relaxing night out, the CWF is offering to provide a safe, supervised environment for your children to have a fun time at the church while you, "mamas and papas", experience a date night. If you are parents in the 40's-and-under age group (or grandparents raising grand young'uns), you'll be contacted to see if this interests you and what general times between September and November might be good for you collectively.</p>	
<div>Vacation Bible School Update:</div> <p>Thank you to the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church for hosting our Community Vacation Bible School this year. The theme was True North... Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. Everything was decorated 'wonder'fully. The event was held July 20th through 24th beginning at 5:30 pm each evening with dinner. Our sessions began at 6 pm in the sanctuary where Mrs. Paula Murray greeted us and challenged the children and adults to learn some new songs with movements. Each song helped us relate to being able to trust Jesus and was introduced by some of the wild critters living in Alaska. Ponder the River Otter told us that when we wonder, we can trust Jesus. Clawdia the Alaskan King Crab helped us understand that when we feel alone, we can trust Jesus. Kody the Kodiak Brown Bear let us know that when we are powerless, we can trust Jesus. Earnest the Eagle shared that when we need hope, we can trust Jesus. Finally, Bruce the Moose reassured us that when we need help, we can trust Jesus.</p> <p>After our opening session the children made a trek through each of the stations - Bible Story, Games, Imagination Station (science-related) and Sticky Scripture. Each of the stations helped the children recall the theme about trusting Jesus. Rev. Amanda was a Bible Story teacher on Monday evening and helped the children learn about trusting Jesus when we feel lost or alone. Thank you, Rev. Amanda! We also provided the Tundra Treats that evening which were mini mountains (Bugles) and S'mores (Teddy Grahams with mini chocolate chips and mini marshmallows).</p> <p>We closed each evening back in the sanctuary with more music and movement. It was a wonderful way to end our evening in fellowship with each other. Thank you, again AFWB Church!</p> <p>Next year (2026) we will travel to Amity Christian Church where they will host our Community VBS.</p> <p>Christine Beeman</p>		<div></div>		<div></div>	
<div>Directions</div> <p>Line the bottom of a 13 X 9 X 2 inch dish with 1 bag of cookies and layer bananas on top.</p> <p>In a bowl, combine the milk and pudding mix and blend well using a handheld electric mixer.</p> <p>Using another bowl cream the cream cheese mixture.</p>		<div>Shirley Ensley's Special Banana Pudding</div> <p>Ingredients 2 bags Pepperidge Farm Chessmen cookies 6-8 bananas, sliced 2 cups milk 1 (5 oz.) box instant French vanilla pudding 1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened 1 (14 oz.) can sweetened condensed milk 1 (12 oz.) container frozen whipped topping thawed, or equal amount sweetened whipped cream</p> <p>Add the cream cheese mixture to the pudding mixture and stir until well blended. Pour the mixture over the cookies and bananas and cover with the remaining cookies. Refrigerate until ready to serve.</p> <p>Makes 12 servings. Recipe from Television Food Network - 2013</p>		<div></div>	
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