

Bethany Board Minutes		October 5, 2025	Unofficial until approved at November 7, 2025 meeting				
In Attendance: Jennie Adams - Chairperson, Christine Beeman, Randy Beeman, Doug Brinson, Janci Cahoon, Gloria Cowell, Keith Cowell, Cherry D'Angelo, Melissa Watson, Chris Watson and Rev. Amanda Moore. The meeting was called to order by Jennie Adams at 6:04pm. The Christ candle was lit, and the opening prayer was offered. The minutes for the last board meeting, held September 6, 2025, were read by Cherry D'Angelo. There were two corrections. On August 31st there were 77 people in attendance, not 177. And Reverand Amanda's bible study featured the book, "Parables: Putting Jesus' Stories in Their Place". Not Jesus' Stones. Doug Brinson made the motion and Christine Beeman seconded to accept the minutes after the corrections were made. Treasurer's Report - Randy Beeman Randy read the treasurer's report. There were no corrections or additions. The report was accepted as read. Janci Cahoon gave the Financial Secretary's Ancillary Report for the month of September. Elders Report - Doug Brinson The Elders met this morning. All prayer list names were discussed. Two names were removed due to improved health. Again, security for the church was discussed. Attendance is increasing and the church is growing. Diaconate - Melissa Watson The Diaconate met with good attendance on Sunday, October 5th. The following topics were discussed. Baskets for cup disposal: white baskets have been removed from the pews except from the front pews where there is not a cup holder easily accessible. New way of serving communion: On a trial basis two diaconate members have prepared and served communion at the back of the sanctuary since our June 2025 meeting. Melissa Watson, diaconate chair, asked every member present how it has been working. Generally speaking, the group likes the current way of providing communion to the congregation. The group would like to continue with two deacons providing the communion but with one serving deacon having the flexibility to act as greeter if diaconate member chooses to do so. New Business: Nominating Committee, Shirley Ensley and Margaret Harrell have agreed to be the nominating committee for the next two year's officers. They will make their recommendations at the November 2nd meeting. Upcoming dates of importance: October 19th, homecoming, parament is red. November 2nd @ 5pm, next diaconate meeting – new officers announced. November 29th, hanging of the greens. November 30th, paraments are violet, First Sunday in Advent. December 24th, paraments are white, Christmas Eve. Group Reports CWF - Margaret Harrell (NP) The next meeting for the CWF will be on Monday, October 6th at 6:00 pm. Upcoming events will include: CWF craft booth to be set up at the October 18th Heritage Day at the History Museum from 10am to 3pm and the Fall Festival at the Charter School on Saturday, October 25th from 10am to 2pm. CWF is sponsoring "Date Night" on Saturday, October 11, from 5-9:00 with planned activities for the children while the parents 'get away' for a few hours. CWF is having a Fall fundraising meal for the church on Saturday, November 8th. We are planning for additional nursery supervision on Homecoming. CMF – Merritt Watson (NP) Merritt is planning a barbeque/men's gathering to discuss the future of the CMF. Standing Committee Reports Worship Committee - Gloria Cowell		In attendance: Chairperson Gloria Cowell, Jennie Adams, Doug Brinson, Janci Cahoon, Shirley Ensley, Terry McCotter and Rev. Amanda Moore. The Worship Committee met September 30, 2025 at 6:30 in the Bethany Library with 7 members present. Old business discussed updates on Bible Study of the Parables, Homecoming Service, All Saints Sunday, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day Service, Hanging of the Greens and Advent. In addition, our committee continues to be in prayer for our church, specifically the needs of the Bethany family and the growth of Bethany. A good discussion was held on the importance of our conscious commitment to communicate with Rev. Amanda any concerns of our Bethany Family that we may be aware of. Rev. Amanda depends on all of us as she is getting to know members and their families. If someone is sick, or experiencing a hardship, please give her a call, or text, and she will follow up. Together we can do much more. The next Worship meeting is 10/28/2025 at 5:30. Budget/Stewardship Committee – Buck Jones The Budget/Stewardship Committee is tasked with having a 2026 budget ready for Board approval at the December 7th meeting. Christian Education Committee Report Chairperson Jennie and Rev. Amanda met last week to create plans for implementing a functioning committee and potential personnel to help with responsibilities. Property Committee - John Beeman (NP) John sent his report stating that the boards under the pavilion will be removed on the 19th, before Homecoming Sunday. He and Randy will be responsible for setting up the tables under the pavilion. He hopes to meet with two roofers this week for the repairs to the pavilion and will get estimates. He wanted to thank Keith for getting his folks to power wash the walks and buildings. Mr. Mark will continue to clean the cement on the pavilion. He hopes to get the lights fixed this weekend. Communications – Melissa Watson There were four Facebook posts plus update to page, two blog posts plus updates to the website, OneCall, and an update to the directory. I created a spreadsheet for tracking communication tasks, filmed four worship services and experimented with different mics to improve the quality of sound in the videos. There is continual encouragement of the congregation to acquire and use the UCD app which is a very useful tool that includes a church directory, an e-bible, church email shortcut, Facebook access and a link to the website. Communication also produced the church's monthly newsletter, The Beacon. Missions/Outreach - Susan Bisette (NP) Susan reported that she sent 10 cards from Bethany's Card Ministry in September. The Fishes and Loaves collection in the narthex consisted mostly of this month's requested turkey gravy in addition to other food stuffs. She thanked all who brought in their donations and delivered 31.7 pounds of to the Fishes and Loaves center. October's food is turkey stuffing.	Ad Hoc Committee Reports: Board Officer Nomination Committee. Chairperson Jennie Adams received "yesses" from Torrie Osgood and Shirely Ensley when they were asked to serve as the nomination committee for 2026-2027 BCC board officers (Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Assistant Financial Secretary.) They will bring their report to the November 9th meeting and BCC Board members shall vote on the slate at that time. The upcoming Board Chair shall solicit chairpersons' commitments for Standing Committees during November and present his/her selections at the December meeting. An annual congregational meeting in December will be held to approve the slate of 2026-2027 officers and the 2028 budget. New officers will begin their duties in January 2026. Activities – Janci Cahoon Eight people met last month and played Chicken Foot. The next scheduled gathering is October 16th at 6pm. Audio-Visual – Christine Beeman Tim, from Integrated Visual Solutions, came on September 24th and fixed what was going on with the Kramer Control/Brain. There was also something wrong with the HDBT extender getting the PC/ Camera to recognize the projectors. Unfinished Business The Paul family had fifty family members present at their family reunion. Gloria and Keith Cowell facilitated having Mark and Brandon clean the outdoor hard surfaces at church for two days of full work. We thank them all. The guys were meticulous, thorough and cheerful. New Business Just a reminder that October 19th will be Homecoming Sunday. Tasks that are involved with the event: general clean up in and around the church, setting up for the meal, getting the information out to members and guests, cleaning up, beverages (water, lemonade and tea) provided. No soft drinks this year. Good News for the Church				
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Vision and Mission Statement <i>Our highest aspiration is to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves.</i> <i>Our mission is to enable people to know Christ and to strengthen their personal relationships with Him.</i>							

Bethany News and Views	
 Hello Fall! Your Presence Makes Every Day Brighter	
The music this Sunday was very lovely. Minister’s Report Thanks to everyone for the good wishes for my and Justin’s birthdays and wedding anniversary. We appreciate all the words of love and encouragement On September 7th I began preaching according to the Narrative Lectionary, moving chronologically through the Biblical story. This has been well-received by the congregation. I attended a webinar on Hurricane preparedness given by Week of Compassion and specifically geared toward coastal congregations. We received practical guidance on how to care for church members, church property, and the wider community in the event of a hurricane. I have detailed notes from that webinar if anyone would like to see them. Fall Bible Study began on Thursday, Sept 28th and will continue through Thursday October 23rd. Our book is Parables: Putting Jesus’ Stories in Their Place by Josh Scott. We have had good participation and good discussion. Thanks to everyone who is helping with the refreshments, and thanks to Janci Cahoon for agreeing to shorten Game Night in September and October. On September 27th I attended the Pamlico District Union Meeting at FCC Morehead City. There was no special program due to a medical emergency. Bishop Melvin presented on the ‘Vibrant Vision’ plans for the future of the Region. She announced that the 2027 Regional Assembly will be at Camp Caroline and local congregations will be needed to host additional events. The next District Union Meeting will be February 7th at Reelsboro CC. I am continuing to make progress with my project of contacting every family in the church directory. I’m going to stop reporting on the numbers from now on, because as the numbers grow smaller it will be harder to protect confidentiality. Looking Ahead: Clergy and Lay Leader Retreat October 17-18 at Camp Caroline. Rex Home will deliver a keynote address on ‘leading in divisive times’. The cost for those who don’t need lodging is \$20. Homecoming is October 19th. Craft fair at Charter School is October 25th. Fall Holidays and Advent Season are fast approaching. Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Amanda Moore Motion to adjourn was made by Janci with a second by Gloria. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10. Respectfully submitted: Cherry D’Angelo: Recording secretary Jennie Adams—Board Chairperson	
Members of Bethany, Our Kennel’s Beach Sunday School is immensely grateful for the support from your church in providing us with teachers who help us fulfill our mission each summer. Please accept the enclosed donation as a contribution from us to assist you in your ministry and as a token of our appreciation. Sincere thanks for the good you do in spreading God’s love and grace in our part of the county. Blessings from KB Sunday School 	
	
Summer was my favorite season when I was a young person. No more! Mostly it’s because I am no longer young and cannot tolerate the thick, cloying heat of our North Carolina summers. (How did we stand the humidity and heat back then with no AC?) Now I look forward to the changes that fall brings; rich colors, mild and cooler temperatures, clear-eyed skies with full clouds, butterflies all over the lantana bush, lush soybean fields, scuppernong grapes, open doors with screens in the nighttime. <i>“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.”</i> Ecclesiastes 3:1 At Bethany we celebrate the Fall as we anticipate our Homecoming on the third Sunday of October. We remind our relatives who live in other parts of the state that it’s getting near. <i>“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another”</i> ... Hebrews 10:24-25 Thanks to the Bethany Blossoms, a group funded by the Christian Women’s Fellowship, our sanctuary, outside areas and the Fellowship Hall are transformed by the rich, warm colors of Fall flowers, gourds, pumpkins and bales of hay. Terry McCotter, Juanita Arrington and Renee Midyette provide the creative inspirations, and John McCotter is the loyal water bearer. The next time you’re at Bethany please notice that results of other hands at work. Luke Bailey revived and replenished the long leaf pine straw around the building. Mark Howell and Brandon Lee spent 3 or 4 days power washing the exterior, the pavilion and under the portico. (Thank you to Keith and Gloria Cowell for making that happen.) John Beeman trimmed the shrubs and trees in front of the church office and replaced that aggravating flickering lights in the office workroom. Thank them for all their energies and efforts. And please enjoy our Bethany family in October. <i>“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”</i> Isaiah 40:8 Jennie Adams	
Good Morning, Susan Mac Harris sent this letter to our friend, Susan Bisette. He had a stroke a few years ago and is living in the VA care facility in Kinston. Mac is a Bethany Elder, a UNC-CH alum, an Air Force vet, a former Bethany Board Chair, and father to Will and Nora Beth. I think you’ll agree that his thoughts, reflections and admonitions of faith will inspire you. When I was in the hospital after the stroke, I thought my life was over, not physically, but practically, and that everything had, or was going to, change. I could not sleep for fear of missing something and because I was afraid, I might not wake up. The worst thing was, I realized that the damage to my arm and my leg was not going away. I worried that there was other damage that I might experience later. I knew that my speech was affected, and that was the first thing I worked on. Because the stroke was on the left side of my brain, it had affected the right side of my body – my right leg and my right arm and hand. If I sign a check now, the bank rejects it as a bogus, because it’s not my signature any longer! I can’t raise my right arm over my head, nor salute. I can’t easily bend my right knee. But I have made progress! I can walk now, with the aid of a hemiwalker, I can speak fairly legibly, although I’ll never be able to deliver a speech of which William Shakespeare would approve. But I have found that my memory and intellect were not affected by the stroke. I cannot write physically but I can write mentally and type well enough with my left hand. All that has given me hope, and I am determined to improve beyond what I have done so far. I have prayed to God to help me overcome the effects of the stroke, and he has given me the tools of determination and good and caring therapists. I may not get back one-hundred percent to where I was, and I may never be able to do the same things I did physically, but with God’s help, and with the tools he has given me, I know I can develop alternatives that will more than compensate for the damage of the stroke. And although they do not have to care about me, I have friends who do continue to care about me and who visit me when they can. I care for them and pray for them, for if at the end of life, one has friends, then life has been worth living. Mac Harris	
It’s that time of year. Yep, crafting time!	
Several ladies have met the last two years to make crafts to sell at Arapahoe Charter School's fall festival. Last year was a blast, and the ladies earned for the church over \$500.00. This year they hope to do even more and will sell crafts at both ACS on October 25 and the History Museum during Heritage Day on October 18. The money will go to the Christian Women's Fellowship which will distribute it as needed. Last year, the ladies sent over \$5,000.00 to Western North Carolina after the devastation of Hurricane Helene. There were many involved with this project. Our minister, Rev. Amanda Moore, crocheted the most beautiful little Christmas trees for us. Suellen Manning, Janci Cahoon, Jennie Adams, Cherry D’Angelo and of course the ladies in charge, Janice Woodard and Juanita Arrington., plus, Margaret Harrell volunteered to provide several meals for this busy group of ladies. Please be sure to support the CWF by going to Heritage Day on the 18th and ACS' fall festival on October 25 and by buying some crafts! Thank you everyone! Melissa Watson	