



The Second Page

A detailed look at the mission
of Bethpage Presbyterian Church

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Mission/Nurture Ministry Area

*So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.
The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose,
and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.
For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's fields, God's building+.* 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

God's work involves many different individuals with a variety of gifts and abilities. There are no superstars in this task, only team members performing their own special roles. We can become useful members of God's team by setting aside our desires to receive glory for what we can do. As Christians, we are to serve, not to be served. Our Mission/Nurture Ministry Area believes that it is our task to not only take care and nurture our existing congregation, but also to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our local communities as well as the world. This is a daunting task that will require each and every Bethpage member to search deep in their soul to determine what role they can play in making this successful. God's family works best when its members work together.

What we are doing to serve others:

Mission Team

Our annual budget at Bethpage sets aside nearly 10% to be committed to providing assistance and opportunity for those in need. This is administered through direct giving, special gifts and members that give of their time and talents, often many miles from home and in a humbled atmosphere. It is our desire to help as many people as we can through these programs.

Some of these include:

- 5 cents a meal program with all funds remaining in the Charlotte Presbytery Area
- Souper Bowl offering that goes to CCM food pantries
- Bethpage members volunteer at the CCM food pantries and serve on their Board
- One Great Hour of Sharing offering goes to Disaster Relief; Bethpage members serve on the Disaster Response Team
- Vacation Bible School will be a joint venture with four other churches and the Spanish Mission The Mission Project will be a Stop Hunger Now+drive
- Annual food drive in July with all donations going to Church World Relief
- Mission Trip to Long Beach, Mississippi planned for August 8-15, 2009
- Participation in the new local ministry, Family Promise taking place at Second Presbyterian, set to begin early summer
- CROP walk in October with all donations going to Church World Relief
- School Sponsorship program
- Habitat Cabarrus is planning a Building on Faith home set to begin in the fall. Bethpage members serve as volunteers, employee of Habitat and Habitat Board

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Care Team

- Several teams regularly visit our sick, hospitalized, homebound and nursing home residents
- Lunches are delivered by dedicated drivers on a weekly basis to homebound members
- Regular correspondence with our college students as well as those who serve in the military
- Our Caring Tree is used to communicate information about members who are sick, in the hospital, or who have lost a family member
- We attempt to contact inactive members on an ongoing basis in hopes that we can make them active again

Evangelism Team

The efforts of the Evangelism Ministry Team revolve around finding both un-churched people and inactive Christians within the community, inviting them to our church, making them feel welcome and teaching them about Jesus Christ. The ultimate goal focuses on making committed disciples of all people, teaching them in the ways of our Lord Jesus.

We continue to look for programs that are outwardly focused, reflect missionary thinking and will help meet real needs for people in the area. Christ meets people where they are, and it is our goal to help them get where he wants them to be.

Some of the things we do:

- Implement prospective new member visitation
- Establish immediate contact with weekly visitors
- Locate prospective families in the community
- Develop Evangelism emphasis and education for the congregation at large
- Develop and implement New Member Classes

Current and future projects include:

- Work with Kannapolis City Schools %Adopt-A-Grade+program
- Developing an ongoing %Bring a Friend+program
- Revised %Perk Me Up+format
- Home visitations for visitors
- Information center in Narthex
- Assisting staff with new education topics for upcoming fall 2009 Wednesday evening fellowship

Kitchen Team

- Dedicated volunteers serve Wednesday night meal and clean up afterwards
- Responsible for planning or assisting in all church functions where a meal or refreshments are served
- Keeps kitchen clean and stocked with all supplies needed for weekly activities

If you feel called to assist in any of the Mission/Nurture Ministry Areas activities, please contact one of our members.