

PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS

[If you have a prayer concern or joy to share during the week, please email Rev. Ellen at ellen@bethpagechurch.org.]

February 14

Joys: Shirley Smith (Kim Gibson), Trey & Brittany Aycoth (Cheryl Kusper)
Concerns: Bick Bickerstaff (Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner), Calvin Rodgers (Rob & Sandra Cox)

ST. ANDREWS LIVING CENTER: Eloise White

SERMON NOTES

THIS WEEK AT BPC

Sunday, February 21
 LENT II
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

Monday, February 22
 4:30 – 8:00 PM – BLOOD DRIVE in BPC Fellowship Hall
 7:00 PM – Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 23
 9:00 AM – Sunshine Group
 7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, February 24
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Saturday, February 27
 7:00 AM – Senior High Youth Group Snow Tubing

Sunday, February 28
 LENT III
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, March 1
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101 in BPC Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM – Women’s Bible Study Group 1
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group 2
 6:30 PM – Women’s Bible Study Group 3

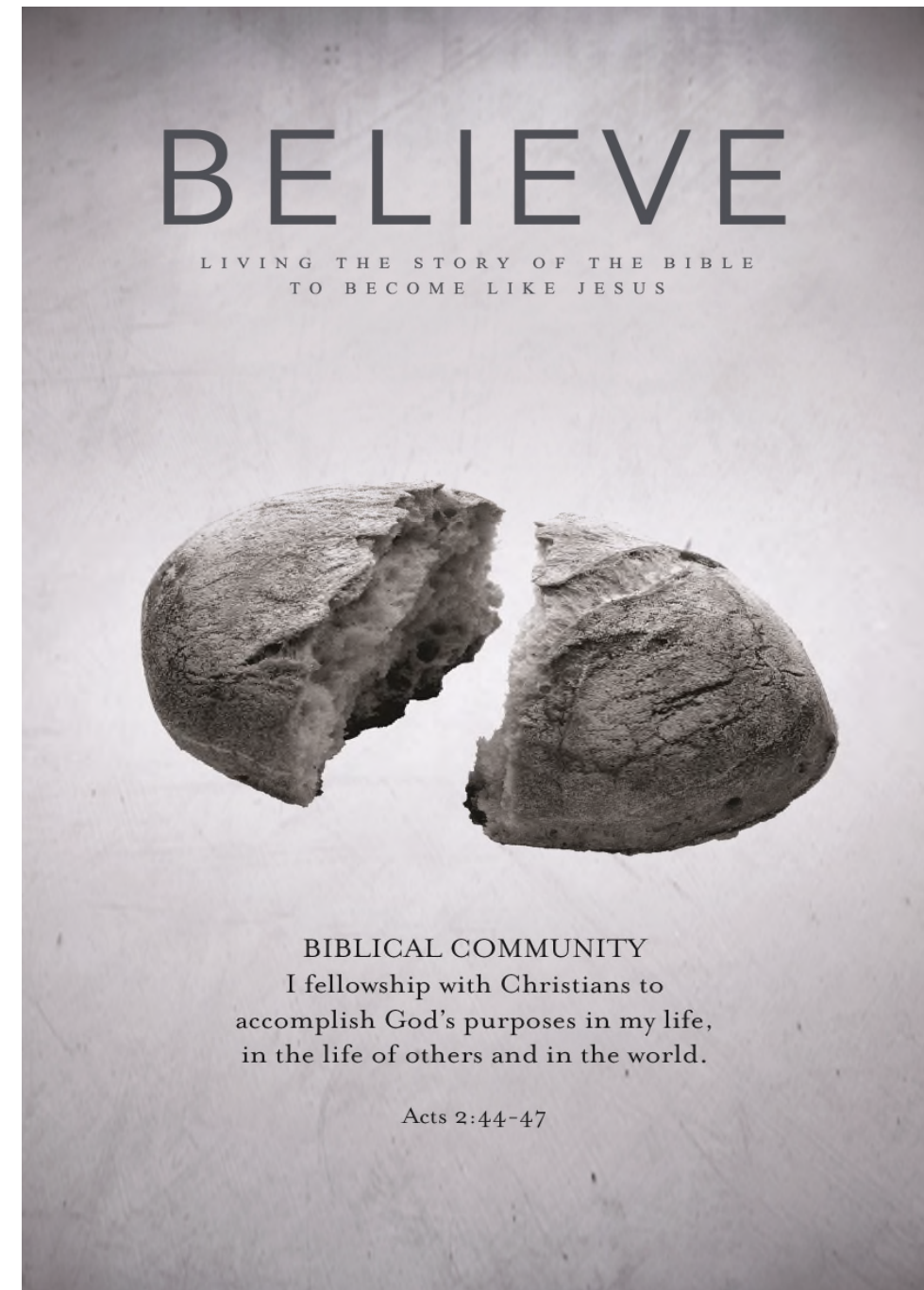
Wednesday, March 2
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting
 5:45 PM – Supper
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program
 7:15 PM – Choir

Thursday, March 3
 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Private Event in BPC Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 4
 World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 5
 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Midway Methodist Women in BPC Fellowship Hall
 6:30 – 8:30 PM – Movie Night in BPC Fellowship Hall sponsored by Senior High Youth Group

Sunday, March 6
 LENT IV
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received
 8:00 AM – KAPM Quarterly Breakfast Meeting at Kirkwood PC, Kannapolis
 8:45 – 9:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM – Sunday School
 9:55 AM – Worship Service with Communion
 10:00 – 11:00 AM – LMCS Bible Study - Rm 201
 11:20 AM – 1:30 PM – LMCS Worship in Sanctuary
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – LMCS in BPC Fellowship Hall & Pavilion
 5:00 PM – Youth Group at BPC



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Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!

February 21, 2016

“A family of faith yesterday, today, and tomorrow.”

We are excited that you have joined us in worshipping God today. If you are a visitor, please pick up a church information brochure, found in the pew holders. Please, let us get to know you a little better by filling out the information card, inside the brochure. You can drop it in the offering plate. Whether you are just visiting, looking to stay or have worshipped here your whole life, it is great to worship the Lord together this day!

DAILY LECTIONARY

<p>Sunday, February 21 Morning: Psalms 84; 150 1st Reading: Gen. 41:14-45 2nd Reading: Rom. 6:3-14 Gospel: John 5:19-24 Evening: Psalms 42; 32</p>	<p>Monday, February 22 Morning: Psalms 119:73-80; 145 1st Reading: Gen. 41:46-57 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:8-20 (21) Gospel: Mark 3:7-19a Evening: Psalms 121; 6</p>	<p>Tuesday, February 23 Morning: Psalms 34; 146 1st Reading: Genesis 42:1-17 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Gospel: Mark 3:19b-35 Evening: Psalms 25; 91</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 24 Morning: Psalms 5; 147:1-11 1st Reading: Genesis 42:18-28 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Gospel: Mark 4:1-20 Evening: Psalms 27; 51</p>	<p>Thursday, February 25 Morning: Psalms 27; 147:12-20 1st Reading: Genesis 42:29-38 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Gospel: Mark 4:21-34 Evening: Psalms 126; 102</p>	<p>Friday, February 26 Morning: Psalms 22; 148 1st Reading: Gen. 43:1-15 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Gospel: Mark 4:35-41 Evening: Psalms 105; 130</p>	<p>Saturday, February 27 Morning: Psalms 43; 149 1st Reading: Genesis 43:16-34 2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Gospel: Mark 5:1-20 Evening: Psalms 31; 143</p>
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**The Service for the Lord's Day
Second Sunday in Lent**

February 21, 2016

9:55 A.M.

THE GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

TRINITY CHIMES

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

This is the day that you have made, Lord. Help us to rejoice in it and be glad! Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people. Open our eyes to see you Lord, our ears to hear your Word and through your Holy Spirit . . . help us to celebrate our worship together. Amen.

PRELUDE "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" Cindy Berry

***CALL TO WORSHIP** adapted from Psalm 51:15, 17, 19

Leader: People of God, worship the living God today!

People: We remember that out of nothing God created the heavens and earth.

Leader: We remember that God raised Jesus from the powerlessness of death to the power of his right hand.

People: We remember that not even the gates of hell can stand against God's purposes.

ALL: Behold our God, who reigns now and forever!

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

***HYMN (insert)** "Come, People of the Risen King" Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** adapted from the Sermon on the Mount

Leader: God, you placed us in the world to be its salt. We are afraid of committing ourselves, afraid of being stained by the world. We do not want to hear what "they" might have to say, and our salt dissolves as if in water.

People: Forgive us, Jesus.

Leader: God, you placed us in the world to be its light. We are afraid of the shadows, afraid of poverty. We do not want to know other people's struggles, and our light slowly fades away.

People: Forgive us, Jesus.

Leader: God, you placed us in the world to live in community. Thus you taught us to love, to share in life, to struggle for bread and justice, your truth incarnate in our life.

People: So be it, Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.
(Please, take a moment for silent confession.)

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN 579** "Glory to the Father" GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHRISTIANS
(Afterwards ages 3 to 8 years old may exit for Children's Worship)

ANTHEM "God So Loved the World" John Stainer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Kim and Leslie Gibson

OLD TESTAMENT READING Nehemiah 2:11-3:2 (Bible, OT p. 431)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:42-47 (Bible, NT p. 120)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Seeing the Trouble through Grace!" Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

***HYMN 430** "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Catechism*, Q & A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

People: That I belong- body and soul, in life and death- not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, the Holy Spirit has also assured me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Arr. Phillip Keveren
*Doxology 592 OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SENDING

***HYMN 435** "We All Are One in Mission" ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDV ÖGELEIN

***BLESSING AND CHARGE**

***CHORAL CLOSING** "May God Bless and Keep You" Christopher Walker

***POSTLUDE** "Bourrée" G.P. Telemann

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*An asterisk indicates that all who are able may stand.

TO OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our worship, and we ask that you sign our Ritual of Friendship as it is passed along the pew. We hope that you will return to worship with us again! We have a nursery lovingly and carefully attended by church members. After the Time with Younger Christians, children ages 3 to 8 years old, are invited to exit through the doors at the back of the sanctuary to attend Children's Worship. Parents may meet their children after worship by waiting outside Room 112 in the basement.

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome into membership all who love Jesus Christ, accept him as Lord of all life, and seek to serve him as part of his body in the church. We invite you to speak to one of our elders, greeting you at the door as you leave the worship service.

PASTORAL COUNSELING

Presbyterian Psychological Services is an integrated, interdisciplinary center for psychiatry, psychology, pastoral counseling, career counseling, and community education. We are committed to empowering all individuals, couples, and families in our community to heal and grow in an atmosphere of safety and clinical expertise. Contact info: 704-554-9900 or www.presbypsych.org.

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