

**PRAYER JOYS & CONCERNS**

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

**SERMON NOTES**

**THIS WEEK AT BPC**

**Sunday, May 22**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
 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, May 23**  
 4:00 – 8:00 PM – Red Cross Blood Drive in BPC Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, May 24**  
 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Quilting 101  
 9:00 AM – Sunshine Group  
 7:00 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 9:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

**Wednesday, May 25**  
 6:20 PM – G.I.F.T. Program  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Thursday, May 26**  
 8:00 PM – Softball Game at Bakers Creek

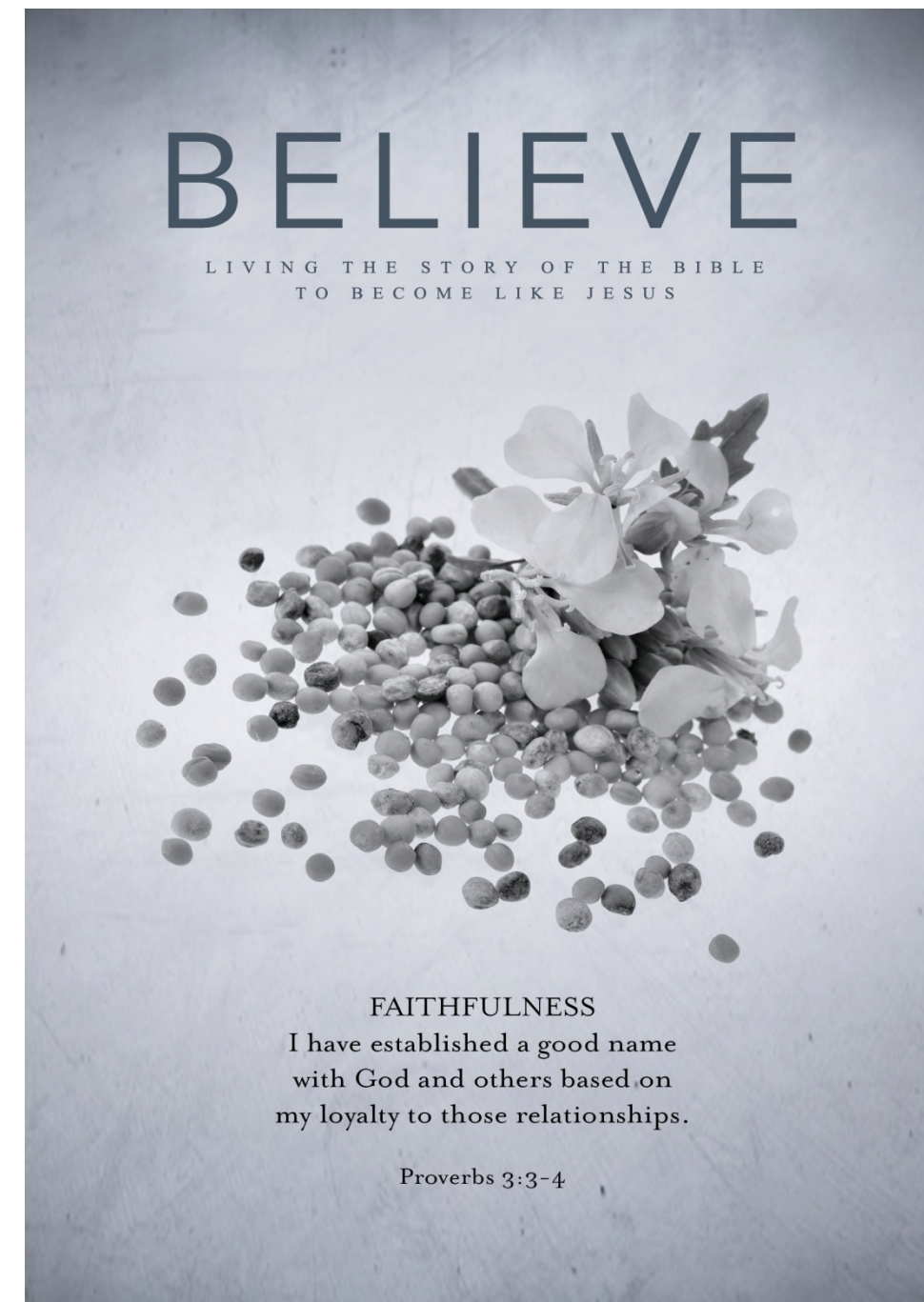
**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, May 29**  
 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, May 30**  
 Memorial Day – Church office closed

**Wednesday, June 1**  
 3:00 PM – Staff Meeting  
 7:15 PM – Choir

**Sunday, June 5**  
 10¢-A-Meal Offering to be received  
 8:00 AM – KAPM Quarterly Breakfast Meeting at Second 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



**BELIEVE**

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
 TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

**FAITHFULNESS**

I have established a good name  
 with God and others based on  
 my loyalty to those relationships.

Proverbs 3:3-4



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**Welcome to Bethpage Presbyterian Church!**  
 May 22, 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**

Sunday, May 22	Monday, May 23	Tuesday, May 24	Wednesday, May 25	Thursday, May 26	Friday, May 27	Saturday, May 28
Morning : Psalms 103; 150 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Job 38:1-11; 42:1-6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : Rev. 19:4-16 Gospel : John 1:29-34 Evening : Psalms 117; 139	Morning : Psalms 135; 145 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Prov. 10:1-12 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Tim. 1:1-17 Gospel : Matthew 12:22-32 Evening : Psalms 97; 112	Morning : Psalms 123; 146 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Prov. 15:16-33 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Tim. 1:18—2:15 Gospel : Matthew 12:33-42 Evening : Psalms 30; 86	Morning : Psalms 15; 147:1-11 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Proverbs 17:1-20 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Timothy 3:1-16 Gospel : Matthew 12:43-50 Evening : Psalms 48; 4	Morning : Psalms 36; 147:12-20 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Prov. 21:30—22:6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Timothy 4:1-16 Gospel : Matthew 13:24-30 Evening : Psalms 80; 27	Morning : Psalms 130; 148 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Prov. 23:19-21, 29—24:2 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Tim. 5:17-22 (23-25) Gospel : Matthew 13:31-35 Evening : Psalms 32; 139	Morning : Psalms 56; 149 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading : Prov. 25:15-28 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading : 1 Tim. 6:6-21 Gospel : Matthew 13:36-43 Evening : Psalms 118; 111

**The Service for the Lord's Day  
Trinity Sunday**

May 22, 2016

9:55 A.M.

**THE GATHERING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP/PRAYER CARDS)**

**\*WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

adapted from a prayer by John Birch

As we enter to worship this day, may the blessing of Father, Son and Spirit, the Holy Trinity, Three in One, be in our meeting and our greeting, in the worship we share and the words of our prayers. May the blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, Three in One, be in our living and our breathing, that through our hearts and our words this day and the next, your truth may be heard that all the world may know. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"*

arr. by Ritter

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Romans 5:1-5

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

People: **And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given us.**

ALL: *In the shadow of the Father's peace, in the powerful name of Jesus, and with the hope of the Holy Spirit, let us worship God.*

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**\*HYMN 138** *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

NICAEA

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Adapted from

Leader: When our faith stands at the grave, grieving for a stone that's already been rolled away,

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: When our faith is short of understanding though the truth is there to see,

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: When our faith, beset by doubt, cannot understand how God became man and then died, rose from the dead, prays at God's right hand — that we might have abundant life, now and forever.

People: **forgive us.**

(continued →)

Leader: Bring to mind the faithful cry of Mary, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said." Or another Mary's cry of joy, "I have seen the Lord!" Grant us faith to believe.

ALL: *Grant us the faith, we pray, to believe as they did that God has come, in the flesh, to redeem not only humanity but, in His perfect time, His entire creation! (Please, take a moment for silent confession.) AMEN.*

**\*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**

*"Spirit Song"*

Wimber

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Diane Mullinax

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Proverbs 3:3-4 (Bible, OT p. 586)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Luke 1:26-56 (Bible, NT p. 56)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Things Seen and Unseen"*

Rev. Ellen Campbell Gardner

**\*HYMN** (insert)

*"By Faith"*

Keith & Kristyn Getty and Stuart Townend

**\*ASSURANCE OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

(Hymnal, p. 14)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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

*"Peace Be Unto You"*

Anderson

\*Doxology 592

OLD HUNDRETH

**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 399**

*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**\*BLESSING AND CHARGE**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"God of Our Fathers"*

Scott

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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.

THE SESSION OF OUR CHURCH	USHERS
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