

BETHANY BEACON

God Helps Us Become Whole By Rev. Colleen Samson

You've heard the saying "What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas." People adapt that saying quite frequently to their personal situations and locations. For example, Vivian Cline and I said when we attended the Southern Conference Annual Meeting in Virginia a couple years ago, that "What Happens in Virginia, Stays in Virginia." Of course, we were only having fun with that statement!

I suppose it comes from previous generations who spoke about things that happened in their homes and did not want them told outside their home. For example, if there was an alcoholic in the home, you did not talk about that outside the home. Or, if there was abuse of some kind happening within the home, no one was to talk about it outside the home. Or, maybe one member of the family was involved with someone outside the home that they should not have been involved with. You get the picture. It involves shame and embarrassment. Those situations in our home make us "secret keepers." Things are changing. Some people are realizing that if light is not shed on certain situations, then change cannot occur. We have recently heard about abuse caused by NFL players to their wives, girlfriends, and children. The light has been shined in the darkness and hopefully the NFL will take this opportunity to open up a discussion, so that physical, emotional, and sexual abuse becomes an issue that people can deal with rather than hide.

Have you had family situations that you would rather hide than talk about? Of course, we all have those situations. Some situations are more delicate than others, and we have to be ready to talk about them. One thing we must realize is we carry those secret keeping habits from our families of origin to our church family. If we were "secret keepers" as children in our families, we most likely become "secret keepers" as adults and "secret keepers" in our church.

In an article entitled *5 Reasons Why Keeping Family Secrets Could Be Harmful* by Suzanne Handler, MEd, we are given the following reasons that being a "secret keeper" may be injurious.

1. Keeping secrets within any significant adult relationship can cause a breakdown in communication. The bond between the adults may be irreparably damaged.

2. Keeping secrets from children should be carefully thought through. Children are extremely perceptive and may become alarmed or anxious if they sense something of a serious nature is being hidden from them.

3. Trust is severely compromised when family members learn that a secret, especially one that is compounded by a lie, has been hidden from them.

4. Keeping traumatic secrets can result in excessive stress for the person carrying the burden of knowledge, even when that silence is thought to be the best possible option for all concerned. Physical symptoms such as anxi-

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Sunday School: 9:30am
Worship: 10:30am

ety, headaches, backaches, and digestive problems often can occur when disturbing secrets are internalized, rather than shared, especially over a long period of time. Persons harboring such discomfort often turn to alcohol, or other addictive substances, to mask their pain.

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It is important to remember that both the person keeping the secret, as well as those who live with the "secret-keeper," including young children, can experience similar physical and mental health issues.

When we ask people to keep secrets about who they are because we cannot accept the truth, we are complicit in their suffering. We believe in a God that represents truth. For a person to be

whole and live an abundant life, their truth should be known and accepted, otherwise, the family is not healthy. Our behavior in the church family is an extension of our behavior in our families of origin. Part of God's work in our lives is to help us realize who we are and why we behave in a particular way. Allow God to help you recognize those destructive behaviors in your life and set you free. That is part of the work of our loving Parent.

October Meet & Eat

will be at Geppeto's Pizza on Friday, October 17, at 6:30 pm. Join in having a great time of Fun & Fellowship at this event. Bring your family and friends with you!



Sacrificial Giving

During its August meeting, the church Deacons were informed that the weekly offerings were not adequate to meet the operational expenses of the church. As often happens, the offerings during the summer months had significantly decreased. The Deacons decided that the congregation should be informed of the situation and encouraged to participate in resolving the financial needs.

It was decided that the month of September would be designated as a time of "Sacrificial Giving." Church members would be asked to bring their giving up-to-date and, as possible, to go the

extra mile with a one time "sacrificial" offering. The response was great. In September, \$2,628.00 has been given. Also, a challenge made by Lou Grandmaison will be given the first week in October. The treasurer reports that all bills have been paid, and the general fund account has a positive balance going into October. The congregation is to be commended for their response. As always, the Lord is gracious. Our challenge now is for everyone to keep their giving current. If so, we should be able to finish the year in good shape.

Church Deacons

Dosia Carlson Community Center

The Rev. Dr. Dosia Carlson, musician, minister, community builder, teacher, and leader, will be honored on October 19, 2014, with a celebration and dedication of the Dosia Carlson Community Center at Church of the Beatitudes in Phoenix, Arizona. The Youth Center will be rededicated in her honor. Dosia is a friend of Bethany, having spent much time with us during her visits and volunteer work at Abernethy Laurels. We send Dosia our congratulations and best wishes as she is honored by her church and community.



Submitted by Lou Grandmaison

Vacation Bible School

"Wilderness Escape"



? Did you know that Laity Sunday is October 19, 2014? ?
Come, watch and listen to your fellow church members leading the worship.



Catawba County CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 19, 2014 • Newton, NC

Southside Park - Newton, NC

Registration: 1:30 p.m. Walk: 2:00 p.m.

ECCCM will furnish bottled water, lemonade and a variety of cookies.

We hope to have several praise bands in the park that day for everyone to enjoy.

Contact Louise Setzer for more information.

BETHANY HOMECOMING September 21, 2014



The Community Blood Center of the Carolinas (CBCC) will be here in our church fellowship hall on **Wednesday, October 15, from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm** as we sponsor our second blood drive with this nonprofit community based blood center. They are the primary blood supplier to 21 regional hospitals, serving patients that live in 16 North Carolina and 3 South Carolina counties. They subscribe to a community-based blood banking philosophy. That means that **community donors know that the blood they give stays in our community first - helping family members, friends and neighbors.**

This valuable organization plays a crucial role in our community, providing the blood required to treat cancer, cardiac, transplant, trauma, and other patients in our region's hospitals. Collected locally and used locally - every drop stays in our community saving local

lives; that is what makes the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas such an important resource. For us to continue to sponsor a drive, it is imperative that we recruit donors who will support our efforts.

Our goal is to have at least 20 plus donors.

If you can be a donor, please plan to give. If you cannot be a donor, please ask family members, friends, and neighbors to give in your place. Since the majority of our donors come from outside the church, please call and give a personal invitation to someone you know who has been a donor at Bethany in the past. **Let's get the word out!**

We ALL Have the Power to Heal. It's in Our Blood. (R)

Eddie and Donna Ervin

Community Fun Festival



Free Food & Good Music



Fun, Face Painting & Games



Almost time for the first report cards of this school year!

We are all waiting to see the results of our hard work. All of the children are excited about school. In their words, everything is awesome. We are really hoping that that will be the key word when the report cards arrive. We are definitely looking for awesome grades.

We have a blessing to report to you! Our snacks are now provided by ECCCM! They are a partner agency with Catawba County United Way as well as ourselves. This is one of the fringe benefits of being a United Way partner. I picked up 250 pounds of food at one time. The cost was absolutely zero. I am able to return as many times as I have a need. These are quality snacks provided to ECCCM by Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you to those of you who regularly give to this mission. This is one instance of seeing a donation come full circle.

I would ask those of you who contribute to United Way to specify that your donation is in honor of Bethany After School All Stars. We are always contacted by them, and a special thanks can be sent to you personally. If you would like to donate to Catawba County United Way, I have the forms to fill out for your donation. This can be a payroll donation as well as a one-time gift. All payroll deductions will give you a chance of winning a new car!

Bethany All Stars participated with the Community Fun Festival. We gave out flyers about the school as well as candy and flying frogs. Everyone enjoyed meeting Jennie Connor, Executive Director of Catawba County United Way. She also helped serve drinks in the food tent.

We are now looking forward to the Halloween season, and we will have cars for the trunk or treat. That reminds me to invite all of you to come join the fun on Halloween, October 31, from 6 until 7:30. If you cannot be present, please send candy to be given out.

Costumes are not mandatory, but this is your chance to be a kid again for a few hours. More information will be available in the bulletin as we get closer to the event.

Please mark your calendar for December 14, at 4:00 in the afternoon. The children's Christmas program will be held. Refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall. Many of our after school children will be a part of this program. We are asking the children and youth of Bethany to join us. Please contact Brenda Josey or Pamela Pope for a starring role in this production.

It would be most appreciated if each of you would recommend our program to someone who needs it. After the report cards come out, we hope that we can enroll some new faces. This is now an established program with a great track record. We just need about six more children to fill the void left by those who have aged out. We accept seventh graders, and they are transported to Mill Creek each day. Our young ones have a private area and a special counselor, Jessica Shook. We are extremely glad to have Jessica in our program. She has worked 2 internships with Abernethy pre-school and is excellent with our K-3rd graders. Please help us out if you can.

We want to thank you for your continued help and support. We always value your prayers as we continue to try to make a difference in the lives of these children.

Brenda Josey/Program Director
Jeannine Poole/ Assistant Director



THANKSGIVING HARVEST REFRESHMENTS

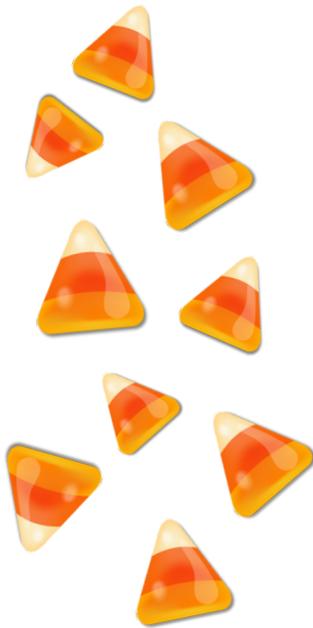
On Sunday, November 23, following the worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to spend time in thanksgiving with our church family. If you are under 80 years old and are able, you are invited to bring a light, seasonal finger food to share in this time of fellowship with one another. To help in planning, please let Carolyn Kale know if you will be bringing something to share.

Fellowship Committee

TRUNK N' TREAT

Friday, October 31st

6:00pm to 7:30pm



FUN!
FREE!
SAFE!

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Embracing the Community

Bethany's Newest Members

*Fred Shields and
Linda Angehilante*



John & Pam Pope

Prayer List



If you want to activate the Prayer Chain, please call Becky Cline at 828-464-4346.
Anyone can activate the Prayer Chain with a prayer request or gratitude for a prayer answered.

Annette	Elizabeth Cline	Louise Harris	Richard Rizzo
Vicky Allen	(Rm 100 - CVL at Rock Barn)	Lori Kelly	Pastor David Samson
Billy Beard	Lyerly Cline (AL Pavilion 210)	Donald Laney	Bob Shadowens
Robert Belk	Michael Cline	Dorothy Lassinger	Roberta Sigmon
Linda Brooks	Bertha Crosby	(Rm 106 - CVL at Rock Barn)	Bill Wahl
Dosia Carlson	Sheila Earp	Tommy Little	Cindy Watson
Jane Cadwallader's Mother	Sheila Eisenhour	Kenneth Lockwood	Jeannie Willis
Brian Chapman	Beverly Farris	James Lowe	Barbara Wireman
Leila Church	Lisa Goins and family	Claudia & Jerry Pope	O. D. Witherspoon
Bill Cline	Donnie Harris	Nadine Pennell	(Rm 105- CVL at Rock Barn)



SERVING IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2014



Elder of the Month:

October

Norma Boggs

November

Vivian Cline

Liturgists:

October

- 5 Pamela Pope
Matthew 21: 33-46
- 12 Lynn Brooks
John 17: 20-23
- 19 Carolyn Kale
1 Thess 1: 1-10
Matthew 22: 15-22
- 26 Louise Setzer
Deut 34: 1-12

November

- 2 Beth Cline
Joshua 3: 7-17
- 9 Larry Sink
Joshua 24: 1-3a,
14-25
- 16 Brenda Josey
Judges 4: 1-7
- 23 Eddie Ervin
Deut 8: 7-18
- 30 Norma Boggs
Isaiah 64: 1-9

Ushers:

October

- Roger Josey 5
- Tom Witherspoon 12

November

- Eddie Ervin 26
- Steve Kale

Counting Offerings:

October

- Eddie Ervin 16
- Louise Setzer 23
- Steve Kale 30

November

- Beth Cline
- Steve Kale

Staff -Parish Relations Committee

Rev. Samson's SPRC members are:
Chris Brooks (459-4491)
Becky Cline (464-4346)
Vivian Cline (464-6471)
Larry Sink (612-8042)

Acolytes:

October

- A.J. Ellison 1
- Steve Kale 12
- Zac Stewart 12
- Carolyn Kale 21

November

- A.J. Ellison 25
- Donna Ervin 30
- Zac Stewart 10
- Peyton Laney 10
- Vivian Cline 16
- 17

Childcare Providers:

October

- 5 Katie Barrett
- 12 Vivian Cline
- 19 Gina Beard
- 26 Beth Cline 7

November

- 2 Lynn Brooks
- 9 Louise Setzer 22
- 16 Katie Barrett
- 23 Vivian Cline
- 30 Gina Beard

Happy Birthday!

October



- Lisa Goins
- Eric Ervin
- Stephen Ellison
- Martha Barringer
- Lynn Brooks
- Ruth Sanders

November

- Norma Boggs
- Stacey Mosteller
- Jakob Mosteller
- Scott Laney

Happy Anniversary!

October



- Kenneth & Laura Reed

November

- Jane & Joe Cadwallader

Thank You!

TO ALL WHO SERVE THESE MONTHS.....
WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!!

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Bethany is a
Community of Justice
and Peace serving the
needs of people on
their spiritual journey.

NO MATTER
WHO YOU ARE
OR WHERE
YOU ARE ON
LIFE'S
JOURNEY
YOU ARE
WELCOME
HERE!



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Thanksgiving Sunday Social

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