



Session Highlights

"The fundamental responsibility of church leaders is to shepherd God's flock"
The Shepherd Leader
author Timothy Z. Witmer.

Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

The Session began this month in a "called" Session meeting for the purpose of reviewing our shepherding lists. We have approximately 178 family units at Bethel and each Elder is assigned from 11 to 19 families to shepherd. Also, each Elder is assigned an active Deacon to come alongside in shepherding. First and foremost, scripture instructs the elders of the church, however we have used Tim's excellent book to help us formulate a personal shepherding ministry. Please pray for our shepherding elders as we continue to seek to oversee and pray for you. *"I So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you, not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock."* 1 Peter 5: 1-3

Here are a few highlights from our March stated meeting:

The Session received regular monthly reports from:

- The Deacons – Ethan Wallace, chairman
- Children's ministry – Dean McCarter
- Neil Allen and Brent Clinton on their shepherding activity
- Ministry reports from Rev. Chris Donnelly and Ministry Intern Isak Siemens
- Neil Allen – Phase 2 Building update. The electrical relocation is underway, the septic/sewer line discovery and re-routing are underway as well, and the building permit process is moving along with York County with the assistance of our architect, civil engineer, and Carmel Contractors.

The Session action approval highlights:

- Isak Siemens' contract renewal (July 2025-June 2026)
- two scheduled baptisms
- new members class and communicant's class
- leadership training
- Wallace Tinsley preaching in April and Isak Siemens exhorting the congregation during worship in May

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shepherding elder if there are any questions, concerns, and most importantly any prayer requests.

Peace,
Neil Allen
Clerk of Session

this week

Sunday's sermon:

Spiritual Warfare - Ephesians 6:10-20

events

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group
3/23 at 4:00 pm

Senior Citizens Lunch
3/26 at 12:00 pm

Kids' Quest & Youth
3/23 at 5:00 pm

Mentors & Moms
3/27 at 9:30 am

GriefShare
3/25 at 6:30 pm and 3/26 at 1:00 pm

Trap Shooting & Supper
3/29 at 3:00 pm

volunteer schedule

Infant Nursery
Ilse Wallace & Kimberly Richardsl

Toddler Nursery
Judi & Ross Love

Worship Training
Johna Griesman & Cullie Mounts

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