



Session Highlights

“The reading of the word is an ordinance of God, and mean[s] of salvation, of God’s own appointment. The Bible is this word, and God has given it to us, and appointed it to be read.”

-Thomas Boston

Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

The above quote comes from the book, *Thriving in Grace*, and is one of the books being used for officer training this year. We cannot overstate the importance of Bethel’s commitment that Scripture is necessary for true and saving knowledge of God because therein alone is revealed God’s redemptive provision. Here is a challenge question to meditate on – “What do your personal and family practices of Bible reading and meditation reveal about the importance and centrality of Scripture to your Christian life?”

Now, for some Session highlights:

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church met Sunday April 12, 2026, for the Stated Session meeting, as well as for the Quarterly Indian Land Presbyterian Church Temporary Session meeting with TE Michael Lee. Be on the lookout for an update from Michael in the future, but for now, here are the highlights from our Session meeting.

The Session received the following reports:

Financial report – March 31, 2026, financial statement

Elder shepherding activity – RE Ross Love and RE Calvin Reese

Ministry reports from Assistant Pastor TE Mark Kozak, Ministry Intern Isak Siemens, and Young Adult Ministry Intern Matthew Clay.

Senior Pastor Report from TE Chris Donnelly.

Phase 2 Building project – making good progress here – sheetrock is being installed and HVAC, electrical, concrete work continues.

The Session also reviewed and approved two new change orders.

The Session examined and welcomed the following new members:

Debra Jay Childress Kozak – transferring from Roebuck Presbyterian Church; Carla Roberts Burns – transferring from Bethel Baptist Church; Maya Phillips Toney – transferring from West Hendersonville Baptist Church; Nathaniel Allen Toney – transferring from West Hendersonville Baptist Church; Irwen William Burns – transferring from Bethel Baptist Church

One of the greatest privileges of being on the Session is hearing our new members’ testimonies!

Other Business:

The Session approved sending a letter written by RE Bob Love documenting our use of the Cannon Foundation Grant.

The Session approved Mrs. Renee Nix to continue as WIC president for 2027, and approved Mrs. Jane McCall to serve as WIC President-elect for the remainder of 2026 and all of 2027.

The Session approved having RE Bob Love and RE Ross Love attend the 95th Stated Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery scheduled for Saturday, April 25, at Westminster PCA in Rock Hill, SC. RE Tim Marsh will act as an alternate attendee.

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.

Blessings,
Neil Allen – Clerk of Session

this week	Sunday’s sermon:	<i>Meeting Nehemiah</i>	Nehemiah 1:1-11
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events	Girls Discipleship Group 4/19 at 4:00 pm	Youth 4/19 at 5:00 pm	Talent Show 4/19 at 5:00 pm
	Men’s Bible Study 4/22 at 6:00 am	Mentors & Moms 4/23 at 9:30 am	

volunteer schedule	<u>Infant Nursery</u> Beth Stowe and Danielle Austin	<u>Toddler Nursery</u> Peggy & David Long and Jenifer Riddle	<u>Worship Training</u> Amanda Brummett and Abby Chidester
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