



Session Highlights

"Words fail to explain how necessary prayer is, and in how many ways the exercise of prayer is profitable. It is therefore by the benefit of prayer that we reach those riches which are laid up for us with the heavenly Father."

– John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion

Greetings, Bethel Church family and friends!

I will start with a brief Phase 2 Building update. We have our official CO (certificate of occupancy) as of 9/11/2026. There are some building details yet to be completed and an extensive punch-list of miscellaneous items to be completed. Office furniture has been delivered, and we have approved purchasing new chairs and commons area furniture. Please continue to pray for our Phase 2 building project, that we will finish well, and prayerfully consider giving as the Lord provides.

Now, for some Session highlights (excerpts from our Session minutes):

The Session of Bethel Presbyterian Church (BPC) had their regularly scheduled Session meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2026, at 2:50 p.m. in the FLC conference room.

A quorum being present, the meeting was opened with prayer at 2:50 p.m. by TE Donnelly.

RE Chris Wallace led a devotion from Ephesians 4:11-12, and a review of Chapter 1 of *Healthy Churches Grow*. M/S/A to receive RE Chris' devotion, with thanks.

M/S/A the following excused absences:

RE Robert C. Love, Jr. and RE J. Brent Clinton

M/S/A the docket was approved as amended.

DN Ethan Wallace reviewed the financial report dated September 30, 2026. M/S/A to receive the September 2026 financial report with thanks.

DN Ethan Wallace also provided a Diaconate report. M/S/A to receive the Diaconate report with thanks.

The following minutes were approved:

- September 13, 2026, Stated Session Meeting as amended.

The following shepherding items were covered:

- RE Calvin Reese provided a report on his elder shepherding activity. M/S/A to receive his report, with thanks.
- RE Sean Carrick provided a report on his elder shepherding activity. M/S/A to receive his report, with thanks.
- RE Tim Marsh and RE Neil Allen will report at the November Stated Meeting.

M/S/A to send letter of transfer to Clover ARP Church on behalf of the following Bethel members:

Catherine Pursley

Todd and Ginger Bowman

Brandon Wallace,

Cane and Lyndsay Hoffman (non-communicant children Fordham and Marshall)

Aaron and Harper Harvell (non-communicant children Catherine and Scottie)

RE Larry Falls provided a report on the 96th Meeting of Fellowship Presbytery at Zion PCA, Lowrys. M/S/A to receive the report and to commend RE Falls and RE Reese for their diligence and attendance.

The following Discipleship Ministry items were covered:

- Youth – RE Ross Love presented dates for the youth to attend RYM in Florida. M/S/A the dates for their trip as July 13-18, 2027.
- Women – RE Bill Johnson presented a recommendation from the WIC Council for two ladies to serve on the 2027 council. M/S/A for Mrs. Stacie Brackett to serve as Nursery Co-Coordinator and for Mrs. Lawson Gray to serve as Bereavement Co-Chair.

The following Ministry Staff reports were discussed:

- Ministry Intern Isak Siemens – M/S/A to receive with thanks.
- M/S/A to allow Mark the privilege of the floor to discuss his report.
- M/S/A to have TE Kozak use *Essential Truths of the Christian Faith*, by R.C. Sproul in the Young Adult SS Class for the Fall 2026 term.
- M/S/A to have TE Kozak lead the Life SS Class using his apologetics curriculum for the Fall 2027 Sunday School term.
- M/S/A to receive TE Mark Kozak's report, with thanks.
- TE Chris Donnelly – M/S/A to receive, with thanks.

The 2027 budget was presented and discussed. M/S/A the 2027 Final BPC Budget as distributed.

M/S/A to have Rev. Jorge Aleman preach during morning worship on Sunday, October 18, 2026.

M/S/A to call a congregational meeting on November 22, 2026, for the purpose of electing officers to the class of 2030 and presenting the 2027 budget.

M/S/A for RE Bobby Meek to become elder emeritus effective October 11, 2026, in appreciation of his years of service on behalf of Bethel Church.

M/S/A for Ann Adams' request to use the Bethel sanctuary October 17, 2026, at 11:00 AM for Elaine Price's funeral.

Upcoming dates for your calendar:

October

15-18 BPC Missions Conference

17 Missionary Dinner at Manse – 6:00 pm

25 Officer Training – 8:00 am

25 Reformation Day Party – 5:00 pm

28 BPC Senior Citizens Luncheon – 12:00 pm

November

1 BPC Communion during morning worship

1 BPC Congregational Luncheon

1 BPC Youth Committee meeting – 4:00 pm

2 BPC MOC – 6:30 pm

3 BPC Diaconate meeting – 7:00 pm

8 BPC Joint Officers' Meeting – 2:00 pm

M/S/A to table the discussion regarding TE Kozak's move from the Kendrick house pending the personnel review now led by RE Ross Love.

With no other business to conduct, M/S/A to adjourn at 5:23 pm. The meeting was closed in prayer by RE Sean Carrick.

This concludes the Session Highlights. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to your shepherding elder if there are any needs.

Blessings,

Neil Allen, Clerk of Session

this week

Sunday's sermon:

God's Dream

Revelation 19:1-10

events

Donuts & Drinks
10/18 at 10:00 am

Kids' Quest
10/18 at 5:00 pm

Youth
10/18 at 5:00 pm

Men's Bible Study
10/21 at 6:00 am

GriefShare
10/21 at 1:30 pm

Mentors & Moms
10/22 at 9:30 am

volunteer schedule

Infant Nursery
Beth Stowe and
Danielle Austin

Toddler Nursery
Peggy & David Long
and Kyla Ferguson

Worship Training
Jenifer Riddle and
Nathalee Cuffman