



Session Highlights

"Jesus describes the mutual knowledge between shepherd and sheep that characterizes his relationship with his people. 'I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father' (John 10:14-15). How remarkable that we have been called into the relationship with our shepherd!" -The Shepherd Leader, page 108, author Timothy Witmer.

Greetings Bethel Church family and friends!

We have many church ministry and business items to attend to; however, our calling as elders is to shepherd the flock. Please continue to pray for our shepherding elders as we seek to know and be known here at Bethel.

Now, for some highlights:

The Session met Sunday, October 26, 2025 for a Called Session meeting for the purpose of examining church officer candidates. Tim Marsh, Sean Carrick, Stewart McCall and Paul D. Robinson were examined and approved to be put before the congregation for election as officers.

The Session met Sunday November 9, 2025 for the quarterly stated joint meeting with the diaconate. Ethan Wallace provided the Deacons' report and reviewed their meeting minutes, Ken Long provided the financial report, and Calvin Reese and Brent Clinton provided reports on their elder shepherding activity.

Monthly Staff reports were received from our Senior Pastor, Assistant Pastor, Young Adult Ministry Intern and Youth Ministry Intern. The

session also received 2 new members (Judy Barnett and Matt Clay). The session completed the BCO required church roll review.

A Phase 2 Building update was received. Two change orders were approved, for improving the church water system and for re-roofing the existing buildings. The main floor slab has been poured, and the concrete walls will continue to be erected.

Also, during this meeting, a motion carried to create a Trustee Emeritus status and to approve Mr. James F. McCarter as Trustee Emeritus and thank him for his faithful service to Bethel Church. As a result of the change to Mr. McCarter's status as Trustee, a motion carried to put before the congregation James G. Long, H. Dean McCarter and W. Hampton Stowe as candidates for Bethel Church Trustee.

Additionally, a motion carried to name James G. Long and Cary E. Grant as Elder Emeritus per BCO 24-10 effective January 1, 2026, granted in recognition of long and faithful service to Bethel Presbyterian Church.

Final highlight:

During our congregational meeting on November 16, 2025 all the officers and trustees put before you were duly elected. We will have a called session meeting this Sunday to ordain and/or install elders and deacons during our worship service.

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

Sunday's
sermon:

Following the Savior's Example

1 Peter 2:18-25

events

Kids' Quest
11/23 at 5:00 pm

Youth
11/23 at 5:00 pm

Young Adult CG
11/23 at 6:00 pm

volunteer
schedule

Infant Nursery
Jenni Quinn &
Shirley Brackett

Toddler Nursery
Savannah McCall
& Jenifer Riddle

Worship Training
Abby Chidester &
Rebecca Wallace

this week