



**BETHLEHEM LIONS MAKE DONATION** — Bethlehem Lion President-Elect Chuck Bethany (right) presented a check to Rev. Paul Sink (left) for the Rotary Backpack Program.



**MEMBERSHIP AWARD** — Lion Jamie Chandler (left) presents Bethlelem Membership Chair Greg Conrad with the Gene Everett Membership Award at the Bethlehem Lions meeting on Aug. 9.



**BEACON OF HOPE AWARD** — Bethlehem Lions Club President Chuck Bethany (left) presents Lion Jamie Chandler (right) with the Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope Light House Award during the Aug. 9, 2018, meeting.

## Bethlehem Lions Club holds Awards Night

The Lions Club of Bethlehem at its most recent meeting at PJ's Bethlehem Seafood and Steak held its annual awards night. Every member was present except for one, causing an overflow crowd to celebrate the awards recipients.

The Bethlehem Lions Club has grown steadily in membership and surpassing goals of District I of the NC Lions and Lions International. President-Elect Chuck Bethany presided at the meeting, who is taking over from President Danny Seaver.

After club briefings and reports, Lion Chuck introduced Reverend Paul Sink of the Taylorsville Presbyterian Church, who is also a Rotarian, who spoke on the Rotary Club's Backpack Program which is supported by the Bethlehem Lions to help ensure all Alexander County elementary and

middle school children have food over the weekends during the school year.

Lion Bethany then awarded a check to the Taylorsville Rotary Club for their Back Pack Program. He then called upon Lion Jamie Chandler, who presented Membership Chair Greg Conrad a special award, the "Gene Everett Membership Award" for 2017-2018 on behalf of the North Carolina Lions for bringing in many new members.

President-Elect Bethany then presented Lion Jamie Chandler a "Sid L. Scruggs III Beacon of Hope Fellowship Light House Award" for his work and service at Camp Dogwood and North Carolina Lions. Sid Scruggs is a former Lions International President from North Carolina.

President-Elect Bethany presented many perfect attendance award pins and four more Woolard

Fellowships to club members for their service to the home club, district, and international goals. Woolard Award recipients included: Mac McCall, Kathy Bethany, Chuck Bethany, and Jennifer Davis.

Past District Governor George Culp will be at the next meeting to formally install the new members as well as the new officers: President Chuck Bethany, Vice President Danny Seaver, Secretaries Rick Wagman and Martha Conrad, Treasurer Kathy Bethany, and Membership Chair Greg Conrad.

The Lions Club of Bethlehem meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday nights at PJ's Seafood and Steak on Rink Dam Road in Bethlehem.

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**WOOLARD AWARD RECIPIENTS** — Shown above, left to right: Mac McCall, Kathy Bethany, Chuck Bethany, Jennifer Davis of the Bethlehem Lions Club were recipients of the Woolard Award.

## Mt. Pisgah Lutheran to celebrate Homecoming on September 30

The congregational family of Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church and Pastor Mike Stone welcome all to their annual Homecoming service on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Mt. Pisgah will be celebrating with one service at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Andrew Weisner, Dean of Campus Ministry and Hickory's Lenoir-Rhyne University Pastor, will be speaking.

Boy Scout Troop 275 will be assisting during the event and the service will include Brass Ensemble performances from students at St. Stephens High School.

Following the service, everyone is welcome to bring a dish to the covered dish luncheon, and enjoy fun for everyone with games of cornhole, inflata-

bles for the kids, and other activities.

Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church is located on NC 127 in Bethlehem, in front of the Lowes Foods shopping center. Regular Sunday services are 8:00 a.m. and

10:30 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. For directions and further information, please call the church at 828-495-8251 or visit our website at [www.mtpisgahelca.org](http://www.mtpisgahelca.org) or our Facebook page at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church,



**INTERIOR SHELL OF NEW BETHLEHEM BAPTIST FACILITY** — Pictured above, work is progressing for the new Bethlehem Baptist Church facility, as shown in this interior view.

## Bethlehem Baptist: under construction, project to be completed in Spring 2019

It is difficult to drive through Bethlehem on Hwy. 127 and not notice the large building project under construction. Begun in the aftermath of a fire that destroyed two-thirds of the church facilities on July 18, 2015, the project includes a worship center, administrative and educational space, and family life center. Bethlehem Baptist Church chose Winstead Architecture and Moss-Marlow Building Company for the project, with a projected completion of spring 2019.

According to Todd Rhodes, president of Moss-Marlow Building Company, the structure will include an estimated 1,000 cubic yards of concrete, 100 tons of rebar, 130 tons of structural steel, 40,000 concrete blocks, and 125,000 bricks. It is easy to

look at a building of this size and lose sight of the individual components that make up the whole.

"It is important to remember," said Rhodes, "that each of those 40,000 concrete blocks and 125,000 bricks was picked up and placed by hand, one at a time, to accomplish the plan we are following."

While the brick and mortar growing on the horizon are what passers-by may notice first, there's more than a building under construction at Bethlehem Baptist Church. God is at work in the lives of His people! "Just like those bricks that help make up the building are handled individually," said pastor, Dr. Wayne Caviness, "God loves His people and deals with each of us individually." 1 Peter 2:5 says "... and you are living stones

that God is building into his spiritual temple..."

"Yes, we are thankful for this building that is under construction... because it will be a great tool for God to use for His glory and kingdom," continued Caviness, "but we realize that the most important construction is what He is doing in His people. Bethlehem Baptist Church is committed to helping people come to know Jesus Christ and to walk alongside each other as we grow and mature into healthy and productive followers of Christ."

If you are searching for a church home, the congregation invites you to be a part of God's family at Bethlehem. At Bethlehem Baptist, you will experience friendly people, diverse worship music, and relevant messages in a casual environment.

For more information, call 828-495-7250 or visit [www.bethlehembc.org](http://www.bethlehembc.org). Bethlehem Baptist Church is located at 7500 NC Hwy 127N, Taylorsville, NC.



**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES** — Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Bethlehem will have children's activities following Homecoming service on Sunday, September 30.

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