

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

April 2012

Ben's Pen

Easter is a day of extreme significance. It celebrates the one day that separates Christianity from other faiths. Other belief systems celebrate birthdays, coronations, death days, and various other days. As you know Christianity also observes some of those days as well, but Easter is the day. On that first Easter Christ arose from the grave, conquering death forever. All other religious "founders" are still dead. Christ is alive! As we contemplate the sacrifice that Jesus paid for us on that cross we need to remember the love that was manifesting itself for us. But as we celebrate the Resurrection event we need to thank God for providing us The Way to life eternal. Thanks be unto the one living God. Christ is alive! Let us celebrate!

Ben

There are two special services to help us observe the Easter season. On Friday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Tenebrae Service, or Service of Darkness, at Bethany. This service is designed to help us remember the price that Christ paid for us. On Sunday, April 8 we will celebrate our annual Sunrise service with County Line and Wallers Baptist churches. The service will be at Wallers at 6:30 a.m. There will be a breakfast after the service.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 7 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. This is not just for children! There will be plenty of children's activities beginning at 4:00, but a time of food and fellowship for all will be at 5:30. There will be crafts, games, and of course plenty of eggs to find for children through 5th grade. Older children will have the opportunity to go on an Easter treasure hunt. The evening proves to be a fun time for all!

The WMU is collecting snacks for students at the University of Mary Washington. These bags are used as an outreach for the Baptist Campus Ministry as they pass them out to students the week before exams begin. There is a collection bin in the sanctuary. All donations are needed by **April 15**. Thank you in advance for your help!

This is the time of our annual Spring Missions offering. Our goal this year is **\$1,000**. Contributions can be made to the Annie Armstrong Offering or to the CBF Global Missions Offering. Envelopes for both can be found in the pew racks. Children are encouraged to participate by filling their jars with any change that they may have. Help us do whatever it takes to share the word of Christ this Easter season.

The May *Highlights* deadline is April 24.

The Spotsylvania area Relay for Life Walk will be on April 20 at Spotsylvania High School.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship –Easter Cantata 11:00 am Palm Sunday	2 Men’s Ministry 7:00 pm	3	4 Prime Timers 12 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	5 Work Night 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday	6 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm Good Friday	7 Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 pm Supper 5:30 pm
8 Sunrise Service @ Wallers BC 6:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am EASTER	9	10	11 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir to BGHHC 6:30 pm	12 Deacons 7:00 pm	13	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am WMU 12:30 pm	16	17	18 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	23	24 Business Meeting 7:00 pm May Newsletter Deadline	25 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	30					

April Birthdays

1 – Wyatt Newman	17 – Aaron Faulconer
3 – Lynn Mills	21 – Chelsea Mills
9 – Debbie Marshall	21 – Janna Roland
10 – Lindsey Williams	22 – Thomas Orrock
13 – Linda Kidd	24 – Danny Marshall

April Anniversaries

12 – Joanne & Danny Lee
 26 – Linda & James Stanley

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Louise Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Nell Durrett
Brenda Cannon	Violet Henshaw
Bobby Carnahan	

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The mission of Bethany Baptist Church is to make a positive impact for Jesus Christ with people who live in our community by sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ and by growing together as the family of God.

Just a Thought...

We cannot proclaim Him King, unless we first pronounce Him Lord.