

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

April 2013

Ben's Pen

There are a lot of ministry and mission opportunities before us every month. There are the obvious ones that are in our church building. They are well worth our time and efforts. There are others around us every day. One of the ministry opportunities that we do not necessarily see as a "church" function is the fundraising for cancer research that is the focus of Relay for Life. Our local team, Farming for a Victory, helps raise thousands of dollars annually to help this cause. Cancer strikes in a lot of ways. Think for a moment how many individuals and families at Bethany that have been seriously affected by cancer in recent years. Our efforts to defeat cancer on a physical level can offer hope to those folks. Jesus ministry on earth reached out and helped individuals on a physical level as well as a spiritual level. If one's physical pain and despair is great it can often blur their spiritual neediness. Reaching someone's physical needs with hope can often open doors to sharing the good news of Christ on a spiritual level. We have a lot of opportunities to minister each month. Let's be about reaching out physically and spiritually. God can work wonders.

Grace,

Ben

Volunteers from Fredericksburg and Floyd area Baptist churches are going to Standing Rock Indian Reservation again this summer. Our own Linda Lee will be a part of the team. (There is still room for additional volunteers.) The team is collecting socks and underwear for distribution. We will have a collection. One of the goals of the team is to distribute new shoes to each child on the reservation. You can help. We will be collecting funds to purchase the shoes. Can you buy a pair or maybe you can just make a contribution. What if every Native American child on the reservation had a new pair of shoes? Begin praying for the team now and thinking about what you can contribute.

We are in the middle of our Easter missions offering. We are collecting monies for the CBF Missions and the Annie Armstrong mission's offerings. There are specially marked envelopes in the pew racks. We have bulletin inserts detailing some of the specific ministries. Our board in the Education Building is also a great information source. Missions are central to who we are; what will you give this year?

The Fredericksburg Area Baptist Association is helping sponsor the Annie Moses Band in concert on April 27th at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview at River Club Church. The Annie Moses Band is a classically trained bluegrass/country style band. They have performed across the country including the Grand Ole Opry and on NPR. The Associational office or our church office will help you get your tickets. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. Check out anniemosesband.com for more background.

The Farming for a Victory/Relay for Life team is having their Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 13 at Bob's Car Wash. Do you have furniture or other items you wish to donate? Contact Mike Johnson for drop-off details. Do you have that special something you are looking for? You might find it.

The May *Highlights* article deadline is April 23rd.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	2	3 Bible Study 10:00 am	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	8	9 Church Council 7:00 pm	10 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	11 Deacons 7:00 pm	12	13 Relay for Life Yard Sale @ Bob's Car Wash 8:00 am
14 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	15	16 WMU 7:00 pm	17 Bible Study 10:00 am	18	19 Relay for Life Walk @ Spotsylvania HS 6:00 pm	20
21 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	22	23 Business Mtg. 7:00 pm <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	24 Bible Study 10:00 am	25	26	27 Annie Moses Band @ Fairview at River Club 7:00 pm
28 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	29	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	Nell Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Violet Henshaw
Brenda Cannon	Douglas Jones
Bobby Carnahan	

Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Dickie Bettis	(540) 898-0122
Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
Danny Lee	(540) 582-8213
Harry Newman	(804) 448-1502
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month:

Bobby Orrock

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...

Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith.