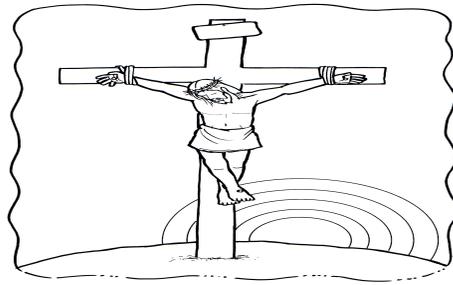


# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS April 2015



## Ben's Pen

Easter is a time for reflection and celebration. Our worship services are planned to help us to capture the season, whether it is our first time or it is old hat. Friday night, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a Service of Darkness. This somber service walks through the betrayal, trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Easter Sunday provides us with multiple opportunities to celebrate. First, at 6:30 a.m. at Wallers Baptist Church we gather with some sister churches in the area to observe a Sunrise service. They will provide us with a breakfast afterwards for a time of fellowship. At 10:00 a.m. we come to Bethany for our weekly Bible study (Sunday School). Then at 11:00 a.m. we join together in celebration and praise as we worship the Risen Christ. You do not want to miss the musical praise and the sharing of God's good news together. The events of Easter are central to the Gospel, let us proclaim and celebrate them together this year.

Serving the Risen Christ,

*Ben*

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One of the big events for youngsters every Easter is the Egg Hunt. On Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. we will have our Egg Hunts at the church. Yes, the word is hunts. We will have the traditional hunt for our youngest children and we will have the egg scavenger hunt for our upper elementary youth and older. There will be some crafts and games as well. We still need some candy and volunteers to help with the activities. Then at 5:00 p.m. we will have our Spring stew. Mike Johnson has got his kettles fired up, but he needs some ingredients. If you can get some meat, canned beans, potatoes, carrots or tomatoes to the church by Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, it would be helpful. Contact Janet Irving or Mike if you have questions about the details. We also need desserts to share for the supper. (Any extra stew will be for sale after the meal.) Make your plans to share in a time of fun, food and fellowship this Spring.

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It is time for Spring cleaning at most of our houses and it is at the church as well. There are a variety of projects inside and out around the church that need some work. The Baptist Men are sponsoring a work/clean-up night on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. They need your help. Bring your cleaning gear or your yard tools and join them as we prepare our church home. Our joint efforts can get the job done.

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Our annual Spring missions' emphasis is in April this year. The missions' board has a lot of information about projects that we support and can support. There will be inserts in bulletins and specially marked envelopes in the pew racks. Our church's goal for the Spring offering is \$1500.

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The May *Highlights* article deadline is April 21st.

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# April 2015

| Sunday   | Monday                              | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                | Friday  | Saturday  |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---|---|
|  |                                     |  | 1<br>Bible Study 10:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm                             | 2<br>Work Night 6:00 pm | 3<br>Service of Darkness<br>7:00 pm   | 4<br>Easter Egg Hunt<br>4:00 pm<br>Spring Fling w/ Stew<br>5:00 pm                    |
| 5<br>Sunrise Celebration<br>@ Wallers BC 6:30 am<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am<br><br><b>EASTER</b> | 6<br>Office Closed                  | 7   | 8<br>Bible Study 10:00 am<br>PRIME TIMERS<br>12:00 pm<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm | 9                       | 10  | 11  |
| 12<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am  | 13                                  | 14  | 15<br>Bible Study 10:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm                            | 16                      | 17<br>  | 18  |
| 19<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am  | 20<br>Food Bank at<br>Massaponax BC | 21<br><br><i>Newsletter Deadline</i>  | 22<br>Bible Study 10:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm                            | 23                      | 24  | 25  |
| 26<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am  | 27                                  | 28<br>Business Meeting<br>7:00 pm   | 29<br>Bible Study 10:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:00 pm                            | 30                      |   |  |

## April Birthdays

|                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 – Wyatt Newman      | 21 – Chelsea Mills  |
| 3 – Lynn Mills        | 22 – Tom Orrock     |
| 9 – Debbie Marshall   | 23 – Abigail Thomas |
| 10 – Lindsay Williams | 24 – Danny Marshall |
| 13 – Linda Kidd       | 29 – John Thomas    |
| 17 – Aaron Faulconer  |                     |

## April Anniversaries

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

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## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Grace Anderson   | Violet Henshaw  |
| Scarlett Blanton | Virginia Irving |
| Brenda Cannon    | Violet Payne    |
| Bobby Carnahan   | Don Pitts       |
| Nell Durrett     | Frank Williams  |
| Violet Henshaw   |                 |

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**We mourn the passing of:** Wilson Hart & Grace Marshall

**Deacon of the Month:** Harry Newman

**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.**

## More than a thought ...

*When I survey the wondrous cross, On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!*  
....Isaac Watts