

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

August 2012

Ben's Pen

What attracts your attention? A sports car? The latest home gadget? An animal? Some new technology? I have a second question for you? What retains your attention? The two questions are not completely different, but they are not the same. A bright color or different look might cause us to inspect something more closely, but what draws us back over and over? College football is one of the things that holds my attention. Auburn's practice begins August 6. What holds your attention? Now for the tough question, do the things that retain my/your interests honor God? Do I give God as much attention as my hobbies or interests? Often it is easier to ask the question of you, "What retains your attention?" and leave myself out of the picture. But God asks the question of each of us. David wrote in Psalm 63 "...earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;" Can we say that God draws us back over and over or do we just seek Him when we need Him? Does God retain your attention?

Ben

The annual summer trip for our senior adults and others is going to Grave's Mountain Lodge on August 2. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. There will be a stop at the Spotsylvania County Museum and then we will eat (Dutch treat) at the Lodge. Contact Bobby Orrock for questions and/or to let him know your interest.

The Prime Timers have changed their timing. They will meet on the third Wednesday of each month, but the lunch and activities will still begin at 12 noon. Our next meeting is August 15. Join us!

The deacons will meet on August 16 at 6:30 p.m. All the deacons at Bethany are encouraged to join us in the meeting. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a special training session for deacons. Contact Bobby Orrock if you have a question.

The Church Council will have its quarterly meeting on August 14. All committees and ministries need to have their schedule for the Fall ready as we look at the coming months.

Our annual Deacon election will be on August 26.

The Wednesday night Bible study will take a two week break in early August. We will resume our study on August 15. We are studying the life of David. Join us as we examine God's Word for us!

Our homecoming is September 9. Make your plans to be here. The deacons are making plans now to lead us with our special guests and more than enough food.

2012 Vacation Bible School Report

Children enrolled: 39 Volunteers leading: 34 Average student attendance: 31

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Senior Trip to Graves Mountain Lodge 9:00 am	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	6 Baptist Men 7:00 pm	7	8 Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	9	10	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	13	14 Church Council 7:00 pm	15 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	16 Deacons 6:30 pm	17	18
19 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	20	21 September Newsletter Deadline	23 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	24	25	26
26 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <i>Deacon Election</i>	27	28 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	29 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	30	31	

August Birthdays

2 – Darlene Grimm	17 – Tracey Prater
6 - Linda Ambrose	17 – Elizabeth Thomas
6 – Dixie Bettis	18 – Caroline Thomas
7 – Taylor Trice	19 – Brittany Hutchinson
10 – Alice Allen	21 – John Mann
12 – Ramona Morris	24 – Nancy (Corthon) Jones
12 - Evan Newberry	24 – Melissa Anderson
12 – Max Newman	25 – Danny Lee
13 – Gary Grimm	26 – Chris Taylor
15 – Mike Johnson	28 – James Bowles
17 – Morgan Hutchinson	31 – Catherine Mathis

August Anniversaries

7 – Dixie & Dickie Bettis
29 – Janet & Mark Irving

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Dickie Bettis	(540) 898-0122
Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
Emmitt Marshall	(540) 582-5381
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month: August

Emmitt Marshall (540)582-5381

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.