

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

August 2013

Ben's Pen

Have you ever been at a loss of something to say? Maybe it is at a funeral or a reunion or a wedding. We can be struck with the loss of something to say almost anywhere. I suspect there are times when those around us wish we would be struck more often. My question is "when God seems silent is it because God has nothing to say?" I suspect the true answer is that I am not listening or that silence perfectly articulates what God is saying. Oftentimes I am so busy asking God for something that I never am silent and listen to the answer. Sometimes I am so far removed from where God wants me to be that my question is not a part of God's conversation for us. Other times I know what silence means, but since it is not spelled out on a neon sign I convince myself that God has not spoken yet. It is not "my answer" so it is could not be God speaking to me. For one to carry on a true conversation one must know and listen to all that is communicated. Sometimes silence can be an eloquent speech. Sometimes it can be a blunt reminder that I need to be more in tune with my partner in conversation. May we do a better job of listening, to it all, this month.

Serving God together,

Ben

The Church Council will meet on Monday, August 12th at 7:00 pm. Each committee and group should have their representative at this meeting as we put the finishing touches on our Fall schedule. It would also be the time to put long term plans and ideas on the calendar.

Our August Prime Timer's meeting looks to be a tropical paradise at a luau. The luau/lunch will begin at 12 noon on August 14th. Put on your lei, bring a covered dish, and join us. The company and the food are always great. Aloha!

Linda Lee sends us a big thank you for the great support of her in preparation of the Standing Rock mission's trip. Let us continue that support with our prayers as the team works this first week of August. May the physical help that is offered open many doors and hearts to the gospel.

Our Wednesday morning Bible study will resume August 21st. Now would be a great time to plug into this time of learning and fellowship.

August 25th is Promotion Sunday in Sunday School for all of our school and preschool age youngsters.

Our Woman's Missionary Union will be back after their summer vacation in September. Look for the full details in coming highlights.

If you would rather receive your newsletter via email just let the office know by email or phone.

The September *Highlights* article deadline is August 20th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	5 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm	6	7	8 Deacons 7:00 pm	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	12 Church Council 7:00 pm	13	14 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	19	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 Bible Study 10:00 am	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	26	27 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	28 Bible Study 10:00 am	29 Work Night 7:00 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 Lee Bowles
17 – Morgan Hutchinson	31 – Catherine Mathis

August Anniversaries

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

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

Deacons

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Harry Newman	(804) 448-1502
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month:

Lora Faulconer

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...People seldom get dizzy spells from doing good turns.