

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS August 2015



Ben's Pen

Who made a positive impression in your life? Have any of them been church folks? I can remember a number of folks in my life and many of them were not labeled as ministers. We often think of ministers as the important folks at church. While professional ministers are important, it is often the "average" church members who make some of the largest contributions. Some of them are very public, yet others do a lot of things behind the scenes. I still vividly remember those individuals who were always at church to help with the non-public tasks like setting up or cleaning up. Some were those Sunday School teachers that faithfully shared God's Word with elementary children. A few led in adult classes for years. They often taught more with their actions and attitudes than with months of written lessons. Some of them are outreach gurus, though they may not realize it. They share the love of God with numerous people every week. It is a part of who they are. Just as importantly is the question "have you made a positive impression in anyone's life?" The church has never been about a building or a location. The church has always been the people. You are the church. What kind of impression do you make?

Serving Christ together.

Ben

The Children are going on a trip to putt-putt trip at Wilderness Presidential Resort on August 8th. They will meet at the church at 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 for a round. Contact Rebekah Newman or Susan Thomas for more information.

The annual trip by our "senior" adults is scheduled for the third week of August. They are planning on visiting the state capital and possibly the governor's mansion. There is no cost for the visit. They will stop on the way home for a Dutch treat meal. The exact date and departure time is not set yet. Contact Bobby Orrock or check your bulletin in future weeks for more information.

Our PRIME TIMERS will meet on Wednesday, August 12th at 12 noon. We are planning a good ole' summer time celebration. The word is that the annual cornhole challenge is on the agenda. Bring your summer foods to share and join us.

The annual assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia is on Friday, September 18th at Mechanicsville Baptist Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. We have several folks that will be attending. If you are interested in going or have questions please contact Ben Thomas.

Please keep our Nominating Committee and our Deacon Nominating Committee on your prayer list. They will be presenting their Sunday School report and the potential deacons in the coming weeks. Pray for them as they seek those individuals who will serve our congregation in the coming year.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	31					1 
2 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	3 Men's Meeting 7:00 pm	4	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	6 	7	8 Children's Putt-putt Trip 1:00 pm
9 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	10	11	12 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am		18	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21	22
23 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	24	25 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	27	28	29 

August Birthdays

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| 2 – Darlene Grimm | 17 – Tracey Prater |
| 6 – Linda Ambrose | 17 – Elizabeth Thomas |
| 8 – Dixie Bettis | 18 – Caroline Thomas |
| 10 – Alice Allen | 19 – Brittany Hutchinson |
| 12 – Ramona Morris | 21 – John Mann |
| 12 – Evan Newberry | 24 – Nancy Corthon Jones |
| 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

- 29 – Janet & Mark Irving

Healthcare Facilities Prayer List:

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| Grace Anderson (BGHRC) | Nell Durrett (Beverly HCC) |
| Junior Barker (Ashland) | Violet Henshaw (Ashland) |
| Scarlett Blanton (Westport) | Virginia Irving (Greenfield) |
| Brenda Cannon (BGHRC) | Violet Payne (Spring Arbor) |
| Bobby Carnahan (Heritage-KG) | Don Pitts (Poet's Walk) |
| Alma Carter (BGHRC) | |

Deacon of the Month:

Danny Lee

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...

“Baptists believe the Bible. Unfortunately when we fall into contests about who believes it most, everyone loses.”

James Dunn
former Executive Director of Baptist Joint Committee