

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

January 2012

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A new year typically brings resolutions, planned change, and some hope for a good year. How one defines a good year varies from person to person, but the hope is almost universal. The calendar change also means new opportunities and maybe a chance to recapture a lost opportunity. What opportunity at church did you succeed at last year? What ministry project or window worked out better than you imagined in the past twelve months? The new year brings new options and opportunities. What are you going to do with your chances? The church will provide a number of windows and some resources, but will you utilize them. I dare you to find a new ministry/mission this year. I know some of you just began great projects. Go for it. How can I help you? Some of you are waiting for the perfect project. I want each of us to find a new way to show Jesus to our community in 2012. If every one of us starts a new project this year, whether as a team or individually, what would our church look like on January 1, 2013? What would our community look like? We have more resources than we can ever use. Let us try to utilize some new options this year. I will be glad to help you, but I need you to assist me as well. 2012 can be a great year. Let's be sure we use it to serve Christ with our chances.

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Our Men's Ministry meeting for January has been moved to Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. This is to accommodate the holiday and office closing on our regularly scheduled meeting date.

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The Prime Timers meet on Wednesday, January 4 at 12 noon. It is a covered dish meal. The theme for this month is Elvis in honor of his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. So put on your *Blue Suede Shoes* and bring your guitar as we *Shake, Rattle and Roll* with some fond memories and favorite songs. Do not get *All Shook Up* if you were not big Elvis fan. We have talked to the leaders and they *W(D)on't Be Cruel*, they just want you to be a part of the food, fun, and celebration of our Christian fellowship.

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The Woman's Missionary Union is trying a new meeting format this month. They will convene on Sunday, January 15 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A soup and sandwich luncheon will be provided and the meeting will follow. All the ladies of the church are invited to join them for their time of food, fellowship, mission's focus, prayer.

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Our Wednesday night Bible study will begin a six week walk through the book of James this month. The study guide will be available on the first Wednesday. Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. for our time of Bible study and prayer.

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On Friday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m. we will have a game night sponsored by our Children & Youth Committees. There will be snack foods and fellowship, but they need your help. They want you to bring your favorite board game or family card game. There will be multiple games going and you are invited to participate or just watch. What we really need is your presence.

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