

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

## JANUARY 2014

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### Ben's Pen

I delivered numerous boxes and bags of groceries to the Massaponax Baptist Church's food pantry last month. They were very grateful. But I noticed they can use all we can provide. They distribute between 150 -175 big boxes of food every time they open up. Several months they have run out of food. Our gifts are definitely needed and used. Let us continue to share out of our abundance. The "food" tree's reach still needs our help. The Baptist Men will deliver the groceries for you. I read recently where ministers and churches are losing their influence in our culture. We must continue to be about sharing God's love and influence. Sometimes that comes in 12 and 16 ounce cans of food.

If you have a question about the church schedule and icy weather, check out the church's website; fredericksburg.com; 93.3 (WFLS); or the church's Facebook page for an official update.

In Christ's Love,

*Ben*

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There is a called business meeting on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> after the morning worship service to elect a deacon to fill the unexpired term of Dickie Bettis. Mike Johnson's name will be presented.

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Our Prime Timers have a special guest this month. Rev. Ron Hall, president of the Virginia Baptist Foundation, will be our guest. The Foundation's ministry is as the trust agency of the Virginia Baptist Missions Board. They assist the Board, churches and individuals in being good stewards of their financial resources and estates at no cost to the assisted. Academic scholarships to numerous Virginia Baptist students annually and assisting churches and ministries with grants are just a few of the tasks of the Foundation. They assist churches with investment funds and trusts. The Foundation also provides cost free estate planning to individuals in Virginia Baptist churches. Everyone is invited and encouraged to share with the Prime Timers and their lunch and fellowship at 12 noon and listen to Rev. Hall afterwards on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Beginning this month we will begin collecting shoes, both old and new. The CBF of Virginia is partnering with *Soles4Souls* this year to provide shoes to folks in impoverished parts of our world. The used shoes we give are taken and distributed to financially poor folks. They take the shoes and clean and refurbish them and offer them for sale in their own microbusinesses. This provides footwear to hurting individuals and it provides an income source to struggling people. If you give new shoes, they will be given for free to people who have no shoes to wear. This ongoing ministry is a great way for us to dispose of shoes we would probably trash and provide income to needy folks. We will have more information in coming weeks, but the collection site will be out in mid-January. Virginia Baptists are trying to collect a tractor trailer full of shoes for people in our world this year.

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The Good Samaritan Sunday School class is scheduling their "Christmas" party this month. Check with one of the class members or Danny Lee for the date and other details.

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The February *Highlights* article deadline is January 21<sup>th</sup>.

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# January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Office Closed  No Church Activities	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Called Business Mtg. 12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	6 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	7	8 <b>PRIME TIMERS</b> 12:00 noon Guest: Ron Hall	9 Deacons 7:00 pm	10	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:00 am	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	20 MLK Day (Federal Holiday)	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 Bible Study 10:00 am	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion 11:00am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	27	28	29 Bible Study 10:00 am	30	31	

## January Birthdays

3 – Sue Terry	19 – Amy Marshall
5 – Jonathan Thomas	24 – David Anderson
6 – Troy Allen	24 – Julie Newberry
6 – Jordan Irving	25 – Marion Marshall
7 – Arlene Williams	26 – Jackson Sepulveda
14 – Matt Faulconer	27 – Donald Marshall
15 – Mary Lee Bullock	28 – Thomas Roland
17 – Samantha Corthon	30 – Junior Bowles
18 – Joanne Lee	31 – Claude Corthon

## January Anniversaries

2 – David & Wanda McAllister  
7 – Herbert & Jeanette Gatewood

*If we fail to post a birthday or anniversary in our church family that you know, please contact the church office.*

## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Grace Anderson	Nell Durrett
Scarlett Blanton	Violet Henshaw
Brenda Cannon	Douglas Jones
Bobby Carnahan	

## Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Danny Lee	(540) 582-8213
Emmitt Marshall	(540) 582-5381
Harry Newman, chairman	(804) 448-1502

## Deacon of the Month:

Emmitt Marshall

**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 ...** Is your walk with Christ drawing you closer to Him? If not, who changed their path?