

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

January 2015



Ben's Pen

I like to read mystery/action fiction, especially by a few specific authors. The plots have twists and turns, which add to the drama, but the hero or the good guys always seem to win out in the end. I saw a cartoon strip this week that depicted a new year as a 365 page book. We know the length, but we do not know what each page will hold until after it is written. Do you have your book written for 2015? If you are like me you are still trying to put 2014 into perspective. Yet 2015 is here and moving full speed. The twists and turns of 2015 may include births, death, illness, relationships (new and old), transitions, financial questions, political disagreements and a number of other events. How do you face them? Do we sit back and just observe or do we take actions that help us handle "our" books? Sometimes just observing is the easiest way to write our future, but if we act we can change a lot of what will happen to us this year. Some things are inevitable, but many are not. What actions are you going to take in 2015? As a Christian how do your actions incorporate Christ into your daily life? Are you going to attend Bible study and church weekly? Read through the Bible? Give of your finances generously? Pray for your family and friends? Pray for your enemies? I challenge each of you to commit yourself to a new ministry this year. I know that we cannot control every day of our lives, but what if each of us positively changed someone else's year. Their lives will be a better "book," and ours will be all the better as well. Welcome to 2015, now let us get busy on the plot.

Walking together,

Ben

Looking for something new to do this year? Now is a great time to join the choir! Come join your voice in singing as we lead in worship each week. Rehearsal is every Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 in the fellowship hall. Using your talents (or developing them even if you might think you do not have any) is a great way to start the New Year!

The Good Samaritan Sunday School class is scheduling their "Christmas" party on January 3rd. Once again traditional "white elephant" gift exchange will take place. Individuals are asked to bring a side dish for supper and their gift. A big part of our party will be our project with cookies. Everyone needs to bring some to be sent to Sgt. Harry Newman and his unit buddies in Kuwait. Check with one of the class members or Danny Lee for further details.

If the weather conditions create a question about our church schedule, check out the church's website; fredericksburg.com; 93.3 (WFLS); or the church's Facebook page for an official update. Any changes will be posted at least two hours before the scheduled times.

The February *Highlights* article deadline is January 20th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 Good Samaritan SS Class Party 6:00 pm
4 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	5 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	12	13	14 PRIME TIMERS 12 noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	19 MLK Day (Federal Holiday) Food Pantry Day	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion 11:00 am	26	27	28 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	29	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 of, please contact the church office.

Homebound Prayer List:

Joe Anderson	Kathleen Howard
Claude & Dorothy Corthon	Billy Johnson
Virginia Durrett	Viola Marshall
Dorothy Gatewood	Ida Sanders
Herbert & Jeanette Gatewood	

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 or two...

None of us is responsible for all the things that happen to us, but we are responsible for the way we act when they do happen.

A lot of people use mighty thin thread when mending their ways.