

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

## JULY 2013

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### Ben's Pen

Bible School is a term that has been around for a long time. Actually the church has been about schooling each other on God's Word for an even longer time. Even as the early church gathered together in some rather crude places, learning and teaching the Bible was central. Our building and grounds will be decorated with much effort and care this month to make our Vacation Bible School look appealing to our church regulars, as well as a number of guests. One of the things that makes our Bible school most appealing is the caring spirit and loving effort that goes into sharing God's Word. That is another element that is similar to the early church gatherings. The attenders knew that getting to the church gatherings was a time consuming and frequently dangerous trek. Effort and care was very obvious. In 2013 we can hop in our cars and be down the road to our air conditioned buildings in a matter of minutes. But our attention to the Scripture and our care for each other does cost us apart of who we are. Do you and I invest much in our church meetings or are they a convenient event? Bible School and worship are central to church. How well they come off and how appealing they are to others makes a big difference in the health of the church. Are you ready for Bible School this year? It is an old tradition. Our efforts and prayers can build it for the future.

Serving God together,

*Ben*

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Our Wednesday Bible study will be suspended for the last four Wednesdays of July. We will resume our weekly study on August 21st.

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It is Vacation Bible School time again. Mark your calendars for July 15-19th. Our theme is "Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God." Children will experience a medieval times kingdom and learn the ways God helps us stand strong. Helpers are needed. We have some specific needs for items to help decorate the "castle" at 5001 Arcadia Road. Please sign up on the Education Building bulletin board or contact Susan Thomas at 540-834-2124 if you want to volunteer, have questions, or you have extra castle decor around your home you are willing to loan. Everyone needs to be in prayer for the children and the workers as they prepare for our VBS. Who are you inviting to School this year?

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The Church Council is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Council will be putting together the schedule for the church activities this Fall. Make sure the committees or teams you are on have their calendars ready to share with the council.

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Another Standing Rock, SD Mission Trip is scheduled for July 29th – August 2nd. Our own Linda Lee is a on the Fredericksburg team again. Please pray for Linda, the other team members, and the folks they will work with as they prepare for the trip.

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The August *Highlights* article deadline is July 22th.

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# July 2013

| Sunday   | Monday                           | Tuesday                        | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday      | Saturday |
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|  | 1                                | 2                              | 3<br>Bible Study 10:00 am                                   | 4<br><b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>                              | 5           | 6        |
| 7<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>12:30 pm  | 8                                | 9<br>Church Council<br>7:00 pm | 10<br>PRIME TIMERS<br>12:00 pm<br>Choir to BGHCC<br>6:30 pm | 11<br>Decorate for VBS Day<br>10:30 am<br>Deacons 7:00 pm | 12          | 13       |
| 14<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>12:30 pm | 15<br>_____                      | 16<br><b>VACATION</b>          | 17<br><b>BIBLE</b><br>6:30 pm – 8:45 pm                     | 18<br><b>SCHOOL</b>                                       | 19<br>_____ | 20       |
| 21<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>12:30 pm | 22<br><i>Newsletter deadline</i> | 23                             | 24  | 25  | 26          | 27       |
| 28<br>Sunday School<br>10:00 am<br>Worship 11:00 am<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>12:30 pm | 29                               | 30                             | 31  |   |             |          |

## July Birthdays

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 3 – Vivian Heflin   | 23 – Mac Taylor       |
| 4 – Brian Lopez     | 27 – Jonathan Edenton |
| 10 – Solon Marshall | 28 – Kim E. Higgins   |
| 12 – Susan McBride  | 30 – Jimmy Corthon    |
| 18 – James Hockaday |                       |

## July Anniversaries

5 – Donna & Eddie Steckler  
 8 – Beverly & Bill Gilbert  
 11 – Brenda & Junior Bowles  
 12 – Alberta & Billy Johnson  
 24 – Susan & Ben Thomas  
 27 – Janice & James Hockaday  
 29 – Patsy & James Hockaday

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## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

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## Deacons

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|----------------------|----------------|
| Alice Allen          | (804) 448-3292 |
| Al Baker             | (804) 448-3345 |
| Dickie Bettis        | (540) 898-0122 |
| Lora Faulconer       | (540) 582-6820 |
| Danny Lee            | (540) 582-8213 |
| Harry Newman         | (804) 448-1502 |
| Bobby Orrock (Chair) | (804) 448-3914 |

## Deacon of the Month:

Dickie Bettis

**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.**