

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS JULY 2015



Are you ready for an adventure? Join us July 27th – 31st as we explore Everest Vacation Bible School and learn how to conquer challenges with God's mighty power. Each night from 6:30 – 8:45 p.m. we will meet to experience exciting Bible stories, games and science-crafts. There will also be cool songs, tasty treats and real life stories of children conquering challenges with God's mighty power.

Invite all children ages 4 through 6th grade. More volunteers are needed! If you will help, contact Susan Thomas or sign-up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Education Building hall. There is something for everyone to do – especially PRAY!

Our adventure proves to be quite a blessing. Spread the word about Everest VBS!

Ben's Pen

Bible School is one of our best outreach tools annually. We will have about 40 youngsters hearing the Gospel and having fun together, but it takes a lot of preparation and work and prayer. It takes all of us. What can and will you do? If you will volunteer or have questions about where you can help, talk to Susan. Imagine your child or grandchild understanding and asking Christ into their life. We have a great opportunity to plant those seeds this month. Let us take the Challenge, *Ben*

Our PRIME TIMERS this month meet on July 8th at 12 noon. We will be celebrating Independence Day. Who can dress with the most patriotic attire? Our guest will be two representatives from Mary Washington Healthcare and their theme will be "The Conversation." It will be an exploration of many of the health concerns for adults and how to prepare for them as we age. Our covered dish food theme will be your favorite American foods, thus lasagna and sushi will be frowned upon. Bring your food contributions and a friend and join us.

There is a called Church Business Meeting after the worship service on July 12th. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a Deacon Nominating Committee for 2015. The Committee shall consist of one active deacon and four at-large members. Please be thinking about and praying for individuals to serve. It would be very beneficial if you privately asked your suggestion(s) before they are nominated. The Committee should have a slate of nominees to present to the church for a vote by September.

Our Woman's Missionary Union will be collecting donations for the Standing Rock Missions Trip through July 12th. The drop box is in the Education Building by the coat rack. Check a bulletin for a needs list.

The August *Highlights* article deadline is July 21st.

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July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Choir Rehearsal	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	6 <i>No Men's Meeting</i>	7	8 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	10	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Called Business Mtg 12:15 pm	13	14	15 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	20	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am w/ Communion	27 _____	28 VACATION	29 BIBLE 6:30 – 8:45 pm No Choir Rehearsal	30 SCHOOL	31 _____	

July Birthdays

3 – Vivian Heflin	23 – Mac Taylor
4 – Brian Lopez	26 – Philip Perry
10 – Solon Marshall	27 – Jonathan Edenton
12 – Susan McBride	28 – Kim E. Higgins
13 – James Hockaday	30 – Jimmy Corthon

July Anniversaries

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

Homebound Prayer List

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

Deacon of the Month:

Harry Newman

The mission of Bethany Baptist Church is to make a positive impact for our God with people who live in our community by serving our neighbors, giving of ourselves and our resources and sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ and by growing together as the family of God.

Just a thought...

The hymn reads "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day." Is your level of commitment due to His ability or to your faith? Are we singing boldly or just mouthing some words?