

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

June 2012

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## Ben's Pen

As many of you know I love vegetable gardening. I enjoy all of it from the tilling of the soil to the fresh vegetables on the table. There are a lot of steps in between and many of them I cannot control. I can put the best seeds available in a prime spot, but I cannot control the weather. Rain is needed. Sunshine is needed. I can explain how a plant grows, but I cannot make it grow. Our lives are very much like a garden. There are many circumstances I can influence, but there are other events that I am at the mercy of God. I do not believe that God micromanages our lives, but I do firmly believe that God is at work in our lives. Oftentimes, God is at work in our world in ways we fail to even realize. If you do not believe in God's mercy, then explain how adventurous, young boys ever survive to adulthood. Our primary concern should be "are we in constant communication with God?" Do we seek God when making decisions? Do we thank God for His blessings? I can control some of my life. You can control some of your life. Are we in communication with God who can and does affect each of us? I may not understand every how, but I'll definitely talk to the One who does.

*Ben*

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The Men's Ministry will meet for supper at the "new" Angela's (in Thornburg) at 6:30 p.m. on June 4. All men are invited to join them for a time of food and fellowship.

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Ladies, please note that the Woman's Missionary Union will meet on the second Tuesday, June 12, for their monthly meeting this month.

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June is always a time to celebrate graduation. This year we will recognize our graduate in our June 3 worship service. Join us as we honor and celebrate with our graduate this year.

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Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Some of our leadership is busy making plans, but they need some help. On Sunday, June 10, we will have a meeting right after worship for anyone interested in helping. Join us and find out how you can minister to the youngsters in our VBS this year. (Pssst, our School this year is July 16 – 20.)

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The Deacons are having a special meeting/conference on Saturday, June 16. They will meet at Bobby Orrock's at 8:00 a.m.

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Our Wednesday night Bible studies are looking at the life of David, from the shepherd boy to the psalmist to the adulterer to the greatest king in Jewish history. Join us each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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The deadline for articles for the July newsletter is June 19.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am  <b>Graduate Recognition</b>	4 Men's Ministry @Angela's 6:30 pm	5	6 Prime Timers 12 noon Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am VBS Interest Mtg. 12:15 pm	11	12 WMU 7:00 pm	13 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Deacon's Meeting @ Bobby Orrock's 8:00 am
17 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <b>Father's Day</b>	18	19  June Newsletter Deadline	20 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm -----	21  CBF in Fort Worth	22  -----	23
24 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	25	26 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	27 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	28	29	30

## June Birthdays

1 – Brenda Johnson	11 – Dorothy Gatewood
1 – Tricia Rogers	16 – Randy Lopez
2 – Caitlin Morris	22 – James Hockaday
5 – Buck Acors	28 – Linda Lee
7 - Eddie Steckler	28 – Emmitt Marshall

## June Anniversaries

13 – Kathleen & Russell Howard  
 22 – Julie & Jack Newberry  
 26 – Judy & Nelson Reid

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## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Louise Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Nell Durrett
Brenda Cannon	Violet Henshaw
Bobby Carnahan	

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## Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Dickie Bettis	(540) 898-0122
Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
Emmitt Marshall	(540) 582-5381
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

## Deacon of the Month: June

Dickie Bettis (540) 898-0122

**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...

*Poverty of purpose is worse than poverty of purse.*