

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 2016



Ben's Pen

June is a time of transitions. Several of our youth will graduate and no longer be high schoolers. It has traditionally been a month for weddings. Young adults finish up their college or training programs and begin new jobs, frequently in new places. Bethany is not exempt from transitions. Susan is concluding her ministry as head of our music program. There will be change. As most of you know I will be concluding my tenure as pastor at Bethany this month. Change is coming for all of us. How we handle those changes says a lot about where our faith is centered. Do we treat it with excitement for what God will do through us in the future or do we fear what is ahead because we do not see fully. All of us have been through transitions before whether it was a graduation, wedding, birth, new job, a death or a multitude of things. God has been faithful in walking with us in the past. One thing that is not changing is that God will walk with us now and in the future. Life brings many changes, but our God is persistent.

Serving the Risen Christ,

Ben

Our PRIME TIMERS meet on Wednesday, June 8, for their monthly meeting. They will gather for a covered dish luncheon at 12 noon. After a time of fellowship there will be a devotional time and a time of games. Everyone is invited to bring their contribution to the meal and join them for a grand time together. They have been having somewhere between 20 and 25 folks enjoying their time with one another.

On Sunday, June 5, we will recognize our graduating seniors in our worship service. Please let the pastor know immediately.

Sunday, June 5, is Susan Thomas' last day as our music director/pianist. Let her know how much you have appreciated her leadership the last 21 months.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is on the way! It is scheduled for July 17-21. We need volunteers to fill all kinds of roles. If you are available, contact director Deborah Shelton for more information or to volunteer to help.

Our Wednesday schedule will vary weekly this summer, so be sure and check the weekly bulletin for Bible study/prayer time and choir rehearsal.

Weekly Needs	\$ 1,879.42
Received thru May 22, 2016	\$31,910.02
Needs thru May 22, 2016	\$37,588.40
Final total for Spring Missions offering (Annie Armstrong & CBF Global)	\$ 742.11

The July *Highlights* article deadline is June 21.

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June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10:00 am	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Graduate Recognition	6 Men's Meeting 7:00 pm	7	8 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm	9 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 pm	10	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	13	14	15	16	17  	18
19 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	20 Food Bank at Massaponax BC	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22	23 _____ CBF Greensboro,	24 _____ NC	25
26 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	27	28 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	29 Bible Study 10:00 am	30		

June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

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

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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| Grace Anderson | Nell Durrett |
| Scarlett Blanton | Virginia Durrett |
| Brenda Cannon | Virginia Irving |
| Bobby Carnahan | Violet Payne |
| Alma Carter | Frank Williams |

Deacon of the Month:

Lora Faulconer

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.

More than a thought ... Worry does not empty tomorrow of sorrow, but today of strength.

Many children are afraid of the dark; many adults are afraid of the light.

SUMMER 2016