

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2012

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March has a number of important things on the calendar. I urge you to put Lent on your calendar this year. Many Christians are in the midst of observing Lent. Exactly what does that mean? It is the 40 days before Easter set aside for self-reflection, confession, and repentance for Christians. All of us go through a time of reflection if we are in communication with God. Jesus, himself, went off from the crowd and prayed and sought God. We need to observe Lent in our personal lives. The sermons during March will focus on how we can draw closer to God with our daily walk by examining our spiritual lives. We are not the first people to examine our personal life. We will examine how Biblical characters examined their lives. There is much that we can learn. Let us learn during this Lenten season.

Our Sunday School leadership is sponsoring a Game Night for all of us on Saturday, March 17. Bring your favorite board game or card game and a snack to share with your competitors and join us. Make a note in your preparations that it is St. Patrick's Day, so obviously our theme is green. It promises to be a fun evening, so make your plans to be here.

Our Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring a mission involving books and school supplies for this Fall. The supplies are needed by mid-June. Look for the needs list, collection site, or the book bags around our building. The mission is in partnership with Virginia Baptists, CBF of Virginia, and LUCHA Ministries. The target is children from immigrant Spanish-speaking households around our area and Virginia. Ask a WMU participant for more information.

We will begin our annual Spring Mission's offering emphasis late this month. Check your weekly bulletins or the mission's board for more information. The April *Highlights* will have more details and the specially marked missions offering envelopes will be in the pew racks.

We are looking to start sending our monthly newsletter by email to those who would like to receive their copy via computer. This would eliminate some production and mailing costs. We will also be posting the newsletter on our church website. If you would like to receive your copy via email please let us know. We will assume that you want a paper copy otherwise.

The marriage enrichment conference, Forever Families, being sponsored by our sister churches in Caroline County is scheduled for March 23 & 24. The conference is at the Caroline Community Center in Milford. It promises to be a fun, humorous, and rewarding weekend. For more information check salembaptist.org or pick up a flyer around our church.

The April *Highlights* deadline is March 21.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM	5 Men's Ministry 7:00 PM	6	7 Prime Timers 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM	8 Deacons 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM <i>Daily Savings Time begins</i>	12	13	14 Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir to BGHCC 6:30 PM	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Game Night 6:30 PM (think green)
18 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM WMU Lunch & Mtg. 12:30 PM	19	20 <i>Spring Begins</i>	21 Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship & Communion 11:00AM	26	27 Business Meeting 7:00 PM	28 Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM	29	30	31

March Birthdays

3 – Brian Orrock	19 – Billy Johnson
8 – Chris Johnson	21 – Herbert Terry
10 – Nina Trice	26 – Janet Corthon
15 – Charles Grimm	30 – Morgan Rogers
18 – Patsy Hockaday	30 – Sarah Sepulveda

March Anniversaries

3 – Emmitt & Viola Marshall

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

Deacons:

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
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Deacon of the Month: March

Bobby Orrock (804) 448-3914

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...

If your faith means much to you, live so it will mean much to others.

When a friend makes a mistake, do not rub it in. Rub it out.