

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2013

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## Ben's Pen

The Easter season is a wonderful part of the Christian year. Actually it is the turning point on which the Gospel hinges. It is the Good News. No other god or religious tradition has the "god" giving anything for the followers of that religion or humanity. God gave His Son for us. What a reason to celebrate and worship. This month we will observe the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we will focus on Christ's entry into Jerusalem with all the pomp and celebration. On Good Friday we will have a Service of Darkness at 7:00 p.m. The focus will be on the cost Jesus paid for each of us and the somber reality of death. Then on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we gather here in the sanctuary with the congregations of Wallers and County Line for a Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. The service will conclude outside watching the morning sun and celebrating the Son shine. We will have a light breakfast afterwards. Then at 11:00 a.m. we gather for a celebration of Easter. Our music, prayers, Scripture, and sermon will all focus on that history changing morning when Jesus' followers found the tomb empty and that death had been conquered. What a celebration!

Serving Christ with you,

*Ben*

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Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to come join in the fun and the hunt.

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The Farming for a Victory Relay for Life team is hosting a gospel sing here at Bethany on Sunday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m. *One Lane Bridge* and *Jerusalem Ridge* will be the special guests. Come out and join them for a time of music and fellowship. And it will benefit the fundraising efforts of Farming for a Victory. There is no cost for the sing, but there will be a love offering taken. Contact Mike Johnson for more information.

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On Wednesday, March 13th, Deputy William Lee from the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office will be bringing a presentation at the Prime Timer's meeting. The presentation will focus on crimes against senior citizens and how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim. Every day criminals find new ways to cheat, scam, and steal from senior adults. If you are a senior or if you simply would like to become better informed on this topic, you do not want to miss this presentation. Be sure to bring along friends and neighbors who may need to hear Deputy Lee. Everyone is always welcome at the Prime Timers! And come hungry – we always have plenty of good food. See you on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Our Church Council is leading out in raising funds for a new church sign. They are making great progress, but they have an opportunity for you to help and eat well. On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, they will be hosting a hobo stew and bean stew. They will even have some stew available to purchase if you cannot make the event. The stew will be served at 5:00 p.m., but the fellowship and fun will last.

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The April *Highlights* article deadline is March 19th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 <b>EASTER</b> Sunrise Service 7:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am					1	2
3 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm Gospel Sing 5:00 pm	4 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	5	6 Bible Study 10:00 am CIA 6:30 pm	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm <i>D.S.T. Begins</i>	11	12	13 PRIMETIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	14 Deacons 7:00 pm	15	16 Hobo Stew & Sign Fundraiser 5:00 pm
17 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal & WMU 12:30 pm	18	19  Newsletter Deadline	20 Bible Study 10:00 am  <i>Spring begins</i>	21	22	23 Relay for Life Bingo
24 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	25	26	27 Bible Study 10:00 am	28	29 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>  Service of Darkness 7:00 pm	30 Easter Egg Hunt 4:00 pm

## March Birthdays

3 – Brian Orrock  
8 – Chris Johnson  
10 – Nina Trice  
15 – Charles Grimm  
18 – Patsy Hockaday

19 – Billy Johnson  
21 – Herbert Terry  
26 – Janet Corthon  
30 – Morgan Rogers  
30 – Sarah Sepulveda

## March Anniversaries

3 – Emmitt & Viola Marshall

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## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton  
Ruby Bullock  
Brenda Cannon  
Bobby Carnahan

Nell Durrett  
Violet Henshaw  
Douglas Jones

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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  
Danny Lee (540) 582-8213  
Harry Newman (804) 448-1502  
Bobby Orrock (Chair) (804) 448-3914

## Deacon of the Month:

Harry Newman

**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...

Our maximum achievements fall far short of God's minimum demand, but God's gift to us only requires us to claim it.

## The thought...

“He is not here, He is Risen...”