

Bethany Highlights

March 2015



Ben's Pen

As we prepare ourselves for Easter during this season of Lent we are reminded of those things we "give up." Baptists typically do not give up much of anything, except those religious practices we think are a waste of time. Lent is usually one of those things. Actually Lent should remind us that we should be about preparing ourselves for serving God and communion with Him. The idea of giving up something has value in that it should cause us to examine what separates us from God. What causes you to lose your focus on God? March encompasses the heart of Lent this year. How can you grow closer to God this month? What service are you offering to God?

Serving Christ together.

Ben

We will have a game night on Saturday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite table game and snacks to share and join us. It promises to be a great time of fun and fellowship.

You will note on the calendar that we included the first four days of April. That is because there are several events to note. On Thursday, April 2nd the Baptist Men are sponsoring a work night at the church to clean up in and around the church. On Friday night we will have our annual Good Friday Observance at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 4th at 4:00 p.m. we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt/Spring Fling. The hunt is for our children. The fling is for children of all ages. It will include a stew and a silent auction. Make your plans to join us.

The weather has thrown some problems at our church attendance this year, including a suspended Sunday. One of the issues that this raises is the missed giving opportunities. The extreme weather has also created some large oil and electric bills for us. We need a steady flow of money to pay our bills. If you missed a giving opportunity or two please "makeup" that gift in the coming weeks. Our treasurers and Stewardship Committee do a good job with our financial resources, but they need your help. Let each of us be good stewards of God's gifts, not just when we make it to church.

Do you have any Bibles, Christian literature (including outdated Sunday School literature), Christian books, CDs or DVDs around your house collecting dust? Our Woman's Missionary Union wants to lend you a hand. They will be glad to help you dispose of the items in a positive way. They will be collecting the material over the next several weeks for a prison ministry in the area. The ministry will then distribute the books and other items to inmates who are involved in their ministry. Our drop box will be under the Mission's Board, so bring your donations now. What a wonderful chance to utilize our unused Christian materials.

If weather issues create any questions about our church schedule check our church website, our *Facebook* page, radio station 93.3 (WFLS) or Fredericksburg.com for an answer. Any cancellations will be posted at least 2 hours prior to the originally scheduled event time.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	2 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	3 Business Mtg. 7:00 pm	4 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	5	6	7 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins tonight Spring Forward</i> 
8 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	9	10	11 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	16 Food Bank Service Opportunity at Massaponax BC	17	18 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	19	20  <i>Spring Begins</i>	21 Relay for Life Bingo
22 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	23 <i>Spring Missions Emphasis Begins</i>	24	25 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	26	27	28 Game Night 6:00 pm
29 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion 11:00 pm Palm Sunday	30 	31	April 1 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	April 2 Work Night sponsored by Baptist Men 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday	April 3 Service of Darkness 7:00 pm Good Friday	April 4 Easter Egg Hunt & Spring Fling for all 4:00 pm – hunt 5:00 pm - stew

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
18 – Debra M. Neunsinger	

March Anniversaries

3 – Viola & Emmitt Marshall

Homebound Prayer List:

Joe Anderson	Pearl Haislop
Claud & Dorothy Corthon	Kathleen Howard
Virginia Durrett	Viola Marshall
Dorothy Gatewood	Ida Sanders
Herbert & Jeanette Gatewood	

We welcome: Debra M. Neunsinger *by promise of letter*

We mourn the passing of: Arthur Hart

Deacon of the Month:

Danny Lee

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...

Each Sunday our bulletin lists those we pray for in our church and community who are ill, homebound or grieving. Does your list include things for which you give thanks or praise to God? It should. Make your prayer list inclusive this week.

