

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

May 2012

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## Ben's Pen

Do you think you know some folks that are rare characters? What is their character? People are judged by how they act and react. That applies to all of us, even church folk. The Bible has numerous stories illustrating Godly and ungodly character. During the month of May we will examine some Old Testament characters and their witness. The people are not perfect, but their actions stood out enough that we have them recorded for us some four millennia later. We will examine the women around Moses birth, Moses, Zelophehad's daughters, and Caleb. May we be people of Biblical character.

*Ben*

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Our quarterly Church Council meeting is on May 8. All council members are encouraged to have your group's planned church events through at least September ready to put on the church calendar.

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The Deacons are hosting a picnic after the morning worship on May 27. They need you to come to church prepared to stay for a time of good food and fellowship. All they want you to bring is YOU.

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The WMU meeting this month has been moved to Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 pm. Then on Sunday, May 20, the WMU will help lead us in worship as we focus on our women and the mission efforts they head up for our church.

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The WMU is sponsoring a book bag project that will support LUCHA ministries right here in the Fredericksburg area. LUCHA ministries reach out to the Latino community throughout Virginia. There will be a board in the sanctuary with the needed items posted on cards. These items will help students be prepared to successfully start a new school year. Please choose a card or more and return the item(s) to the church by Wednesday, June 13.

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Mark your calendars now for July 16-20. Vacation Bible School will be soaring then. We will be learning that everything is possible with God as we fly through SKY. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to our community. Please contact Susan Thomas if you are interested in "flying" with us. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters.

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Our Prime Timers and some friends will be going to *Sight & Sound* in Lancaster, PA on May 15. They will be going with the *Go, See, Do* group from Orange Baptist Church.

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The June *Highlights* deadline is May 22. There is no business meeting scheduled for May.

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The Farming for a Victory Walk and Celebration is on May 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be two bands, great fellowship, and good food. You are invited to join them.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Prime Timers 12 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am  <b>Baptist World Alliance Day</b>	7 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm	8 Church Council 7:00 pm	9 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir to BGHHC 6:30 pm	10 Deacons 7:00 pm	11	12
13 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am  <b>Mother's Day</b>	14	15	16 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	17 WMU 7:00 pm	18	19 <i>Farming for a Victory</i> Yard Sale
20 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <i>Women on Mission</i>	21	22  June Newsletter Deadline	23 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	24	25 <i>Farming for a Victory / Relay for Life Walk &amp; Celebration 6:00 pm</i>	26
27 <b>Pentecost</b> Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <i>Communion</i> Deacon sponsored Picnic 12:30 pm	28 Memorial Day	29	30 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm	31		

## May Birthdays

6 – Berniece Siddiqui	22 – Kathleen Howard
7 – Sandra Phelps	23 – Trevor Allen
10 – Michelle Corthon	25 – Virginia Durrett
10 – Caroline Laibstain	26 – Viola Marshall
12 – Todd Corr	26 – Ruth Ann Acors
17 – Joanne Blanton	27 – Nelson Reid
18 – Charlie Grimm	29 – John Michael Gatewood
21 – Sammy Harlow	

## May Anniversaries

18 – Mike & Vivian Heflin	29 - James & Sandra Phelps
25 – Matt & Lora Faulconer	30 – Jimmy & Michelle Corthon

## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

## 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: May

Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
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**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...

*He who gives only when he is asked has waited too long.*