

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

May 2013

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## Ben's Pen

May can be a busy time. It is definitely a time of change. The winter is gone and the vegetation all around us is blooming and bursting out in multiple shades of green. Students are graduating and racing towards new challenges in their lives. Sports seasons are outside on diamonds or tracks or fields. Our yards and gardens are crying out for attention. Change is all around us. What are you changing in your life? Is it something that the events dictate or is it something that you decided needs changing? Is God at the center of your change? Our walk with God will change how we view events and needs around us. God will show us what we need to change and provide us the resources to change. It is up to us to make that the change. How busy is your life this month?

Serving God together,

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The Church Council is hosting a Spring Fling on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 4:00 p.m. There will be bounce houses and popcorn and games and food and good fellowship galore. There will be a bake sale and a few other items for sale to raise funds for our new church sign. Everyone is invited to attend. You can spend as much or as little money as you like, but we need you to invest yourself in our church time together.

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The Farming for a Victory team of Relay for Life is having their annual celebration and walk on Friday, May 24. It will be right here on church grounds beginning at 6:00 p.m. They will have a great time of food, music, and celebration with a luminary walk to cap the evening. Everyone is invited to come and join them. The team is to be highly commended once again for their very successful year in raising funds for cancer research and ministering to local cancer victims and their families.

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The Deacons are hosting a luncheon on Sunday, May 19, to celebrate Rev. Thomas' fifth anniversary here at Bethany. Everyone is encouraged to stay after our time of worship together and celebrate Rev. Thomas' tenure and our years together at Bethany.

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Mark your calendars for the week of July 15 - 19 for our annual Vacation Bible School adventure. We need volunteers to fill many roles. Contact Susan Thomas with your questions and help.

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Some Virginia Baptists, including our own Linda Lee, will be heading back to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, SD for a time of missions and ministry on July 29. We will post some specific items needed for the trip which you may contribute to the trip. Let us put Linda and the rest of the team on our prayer list now. May God be preparing the hearts of the Virginians and the Indians.

The June *Highlights* article deadline is May 21st.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10:00 am	2 Work Night 7:00 pm	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	6 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm  Associational WMU Mtg @ Round Oak BC	7	8 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	9 Deacons 7:00 pm	10 Leadercast @ River Club 9:00 am	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:00 am	16	17	18 Spring Fling 4:00 pm
19 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Church Luncheon 12:30 pm <b>PENTECOST</b>	20	21 WMU 7:00 pm  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 Bible Study 10:00 am	23	24 Relay for Life Celebration 6:00 pm	25
26 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	27  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	28	29 Bible Study 10:00 am	30	31	

## May Birthdays

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

## May Anniversaries

18 – Mike & Vivian Heflin  
 25 – Matt & Lora Faulconer  
 29 – James & Sandra Phelps

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## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

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## Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
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Harry Newman	(804) 448-1502
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

## Deacon of the Month:

Alice Allen

**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...

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,  
 Break me, melt me, mold me, make me, fill me.

*A prayer by Daniel Iverson*