

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

May 2014

Ben's Pen

Spring is a miraculous time. Seemingly dead plants burst forth with green growth. Tiny seeds sprout from dormant looking soil. Bland landscapes take on beautiful color. A purpose is found from apparent worthless plant leftovers. Things that you and I cannot change are changed. They bloom with beauty and new life. Is that not like how God uses us in His kingdom? Lives that are irreparable, ugly and muted are healed and given purpose and a voice when God is at work. God uses what we would discard to reach out and change its surroundings. Is God using you this spring or have you got a hull pulled so tight around yourself that people want to discard you? Allow God to work with you this spring. Beauty and new life are only God's touch away.

In Christ's Love,

Ben

Our Woman's Missionary Union is hosting the Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network's WMU's annual meeting on Monday, May 5th. The dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. The special guest will be the new WMU of Virginia director. You are welcome to help or attend. Talk to Mary Lee Bullock or Linda Lee for more details on the schedule and needs.

Do you have a spring picnic on your calendar yet? Well, you are invited to the church's Spring Fling on Saturday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. It will be a great time of games, food, fun and fellowship. Now get ready for your spring picnic. We need your help to make it a success.

Our Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We will have our annual educational, Bible celebration on July 14 – 18th. If you are willing to help as a teacher, group leaders, secretary or snack help please contact Susan Thomas. Bible School is one of the biggest outreach events we host every year. Will you be a part of it this year?

Our quarterly Church Council meeting is on Monday, May 12th at 7:00 p.m. Each committee and ministry is encouraged to have their representative present as we look to plan our calendar.

The Farming for a Victory team has a couple of events planned for May. First is a gospel sing here at the church on May 4th at 6:00 p.m. The sing will feature *Jerusalem Ridge* and *The Hendersons*. There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be taken. All proceeds will to the teams drive for the American Cancer Society. There will be a social/reception in the Fellowship Hall after the sing. The other event will be the spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 24th at Bob's Car Wash. Everyone is invited to participate in either or both events.

We will be honoring our graduates in our worship service on the first Sunday of June. If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office with the appropriate information by May 25th.

The June *Highlights* article deadline is May 20th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	2	3
4 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm Gospel Sing 6:00 pm	5 FABN's WMU's Annual Mtg @ Bethany BC Supper 6:00 pm Meeting 7:00 pm (Baptist Men 6:00)	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 am	8 Deacons 7:00 pm	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm MOTHER'S DAY	12 Church Council 7:00 pm	13	14 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm	15	16	17 Spring Picnic 6:00 pm
18 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	19	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 Bible Study 10:00 am	22	23	24 Yard Sale sponsored by Farming for a Victory 8:00 am
25 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion 11:00am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 Bible Study 10:00 am	29	30	31

May Birthdays

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| 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 – Joann Blanton | 27 – David McAllister |
| 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

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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| Grace Anderson | Nell Durrett |
| Scarlett Blanton | Violet Henshaw |
| Mike Brooks | Douglas Jones |
| Betty Butler | Violet Payne |
| Brenda Cannon | Frank Williams |
| Bobby Carnahan | |

Deacons

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| Alice Allen | (804) 448-3292 |
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Deacon of the Month:

Al Baker

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.