

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

November 2012

Ben's Pen

We designate the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving. We say a few words of thanks as we salivate over the delicious meal in front of us, but are we thankful? Can we adequately thank the author of life and the giver of our gifts in just a word or moment? We will define thanksgiving and note other ways we exhibit our thanks, but is that truly sufficient? Do we give thanks unto God with our talents, our finances, our time, our lives? Let us start now by making today thanksgiving, and tomorrow, and next week. That way when we get to that special Thursday we do not have to catch up. We are just continuing our conversation. God will be much more welcome at that dinner table.

Serving Christ Together,

Ben

Our annual Fall Festival is on Saturday, November 3 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will have games, popcorn, bounce houses, cake walks, stew, and a silent auction. Join us for the fun and fellowship. All of the proceeds raised will go for a new church sign.

The PrimeTimers are having their own thanksgiving dinner on November 14 at 12 noon. The turkey will be provided and the participants will bring all the fixings. All of our retired adults are invited to join them. Bring a friend and your contribution to dinner and join them for a time of thanks, fellowship, and good food.

The Stewardship Committee is at work on the proposed church budget for 2013. They have a budget request form that they are distributing to each committee and ministry seeking to get input on projected budget needs for the coming year. If you need a budget form pick one up and return it soon.

Our annual churchwide Thanksgiving dinner will be on November 17. We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for a time of prayer and preparation. We will then soon move to the Fellowship Hall for the meal. There is no cost for the meal, but we do need your reservations for food preparation.

We have two ministry projects going on now. The Men's Ministry is sponsoring our **food tree** to collect canned goods for our local food pantry. Come help us decorate the tree that graces our sanctuary. They will be collecting "decorations" into December. Our annual **Stocking drive** is underway. Contact Lora Faulconer to pick up your stocking and the needs list. There are over 1700 children in our area that will celebrate Christmas only with the help of the Salvation Army's stocking drive. The stockings are due back by November 25.

November 18 is the deadline for the December *Highlights*.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Work Night 6:00 pm	2	3 Fall Festival 4:00-7:00 pm D.S.T. Ends Tonight
4 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children/Youth Choir 5:00 pm FABN 4:30 pm	5 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	6 <i>Election Day</i>	7 Bible Study 6:30 pm CIA 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	8 Deacons 6:30 pm	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am C/Y Choir 5:00 pm <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12	13 _____BGAV	14 PRIMETIMERS 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm ROANOKE_____	15	16	17 Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner 5:30 pm
18 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am C/Y Choir 5:00 pm	19	20 W.M.U. 7:00 pm <i>November Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 No Evening Activities	22 THANKSGIVING	23 Office Closed	24
25 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Communion C/Y Choir 5:00 pm	26	27 Stewardship Comm. 7:00 pm	28 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	29	30	

November Birthdays

1 – Arthur Hart	17 – Susan Thomas
2 – Elizabeth Dobowicz	25 – Mildred Corthon
4 – Richard Morris	26 – Grace Marshall
5 – Michael Gatewood	26 – Emily Marshall
5 – Doug Trice	26 – Mark Irving
11 – Nick Rogers	28 – Dorothy Corthon
12 – Judy Reid	29 – Caitlin Corthon
13 – Bobby Orrock	

November Anniversaries

14 – Harry & Rebekah Newman
17 – Claude & Dorothy Corthon

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

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: November

Al Baker (804) 448-3345

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...

We are sorely in need of a voting machine with a space for "Remarks."