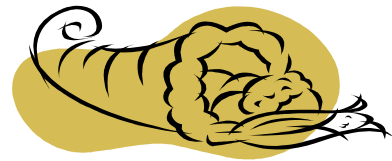


BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

November 2014



Ben's Pen

Have you ever had a disagreement with someone? Has that dispute escalated to a nasty argument? We all know that even Christians disagree with each other sometimes. How should we handle those times when we disagree? Our society would suggest that we must win every dispute or argument. One way we "win" is to outlast our "opponent." Another way is to out yell them. An even more destructive way is to destroy them any way possible. How should Christians handle disagreements? In November we will examine what the Bible says about dealing with others with whom we disagree. The sermons will focus on Biblical examples, as well as how we should respond practically when others disagree with us. Let us learn more about how God's Word applies to us, every day.

Serving Christ together,

Ben

Our annual Fall Festival/Country Fair is on Saturday, November 1st at 4:00 p.m. We will have games, hobo stew and other food, fellowship, a silent auction and even some fried oreos. Join us for a great time together. You are a necessary ingredient to the festival's success.

Our Prime Timers meet on November 12th at 12 noon. They are counting their blessings, just as we should with ours, and they welcome you to share the blessing of Christian fellowship with them. The menu will feature turkey and dressing and whatever side dishes that you bring to contribute. Join them for a great time of food and fellowship on the second Wednesday every month.

A long held tradition at Bethany is that on the Saturday before Thanksgiving we gather to give thanks to God for His blessings to us and share a meal together. This year on November 22nd at 5:30 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary to give praise and thanks to God. After a time of sharing together and praying to God we will transition to the Fellowship Hall for our meal. There will be a RSVP list for you to make your reservations available on the 12th & the 16th. Join us for our time together. Christian fellowship is a blessing we need to share with each other.

We will begin our observance of Advent and celebrate Communion on November 30th. If you or someone you know would like to partake in Communion with us, but are physically unable to get to church, contact the church office or the pastor. We will make sure that you can observe communion with the Bethany family.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia's annual meeting is in Hampton on November 11 & 12. We will be considering a constitutional change that restructures our governing boards. If you would be interested in going please contact the pastor as soon as possible.

The December *Highlights* article deadline is November 18th.

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NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion 11:00 am Childrens Choir 5:00 pm ADVENT 1						1 <i>Fall Festival</i> 4:00 pm
2 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	3 Men's Meeting 7:00 pm	4 ELECTION DAY <i>Vote!</i>	5 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	10 BGAV Pastor's Conference 2:00 pm Hampton	11 Baptist General Association of VA - Hampton	12 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm BGAV - Hampton	13 Deacons 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	17	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	19 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	20	21	22 Annual Church wide Thanksgiving Supper Meet in Sanctuary 5:30 pm
23 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	24	25	26 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	27 THANKSGIVING	28	29

November Birthdays

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| 1 – Arthur Hart | 17 – Susan Thomas |
| 4 – Richard Morris | 25 – Mildred Corthon |
| 5 – Michael Gatewood | 25 – Grace Marshall |
| 5 – Doug Trice | 26 – Emily Marshall |
| 10 – Courtney Marshall | 26 – Mark Irving |
| 12 – Judy Reid | 28 – Dorothy Corthon |
| 13 – Bobby Orrock | 28 – Tom Lee |
| 17 – Teresa Seay | 29 – Caitlin Corthon |

November Anniversaries

- 14 – Harry & Rebekah Newman
 17 – Claude & Dorothy Corthon
 23 – Charles & Meryl Goodman
 23 - John & Rose Thomas

Homebound:

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| Joe Anderson | Kathleen Howard |
| Virginia Durrett | Viola Marshall |
| Dorothy Gatewood | Ida Sanders |
| Herbert & Jeanette Gatewood | Juanita Sutton |
| Pearl Haislop | |
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Deacon of the Month: Emmitt Marshall (540) 582-5381

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 regularly mention to others and God our needs and our hurts. Have we told God and others lately the good things that God is doing for us? Large portions of the Psalms were written in praise and thanks to God. They not only acknowledged God at work in the past, it reminded the singers and hearers that God is still at work in the lives of His people.