

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

October 2013

Ben's Pen

Have you ever wondered what pastors around the globe sound like preaching from their pulpits? On October 20th we will have a Kenyan pastor as our guest. I am looking forward to having a brother from across the globe sharing God's Word with us in our place. There is a team of Baptist pastors from Kenya coming to Virginia for a couple of weeks and several churches in our area are fortunate enough to have them in their churches. Let us all be here on the 20th to welcome him and share a big Bethany welcome to our brother who serves Christ in a sister church most of us will never see. We often see Africa as a mission field and some ways it is, but so is Virginia. Some of the cultures hinder the church, but many of the people have been faithful in sharing God's love with their neighbors in Africa for nearly 2000 years. We at Bethany are proud of our 240 plus year heritage, but we are mere youngsters compared to the church in Africa. Let us share fellowship with our fellow Christian.

In Christ's Love,

Ben

The PRIME TIMERS are changing! Actually they are just changing the day they meet. Beginning this month they will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The terrific fellowship, food, and ministry opportunities will remain. Only the day will change. This month they meet on October 8th at 12 noon for a Fabulous Fall luncheon. Join them as they celebrate this beautiful time of the year.

Having trouble getting your car cranked on Sundays? Well just drive your tractor to church! On October 27th the Baptist Men are sponsoring our annual "Drive Your Tractor to Church" Sunday. We will gather at Mark Irving's home for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and after a time of food and fellowship those folks with their tractors will drive to church. Fire it up!

Ladies, are any of you interested in going to the Women's Get Away Retreat at Eagle Eyrie? The weekend is coming up soon. If you are interested in going contact Linda Lee for details or to sign up.

Is November 2nd circled on your calendar? It should be, because our Sunday School Council is hosting our annual Fall Festival. It will be a good old fashion "Country Fair." There will be stew, games, pie eating contests, and a silent auction of all kinds of homemade goodies. Mark your calendars now!

Bailey Bullock and her family thank Bethany members and friends for your many prayers during her four and one-half year battle with cancer. Your numerous expressions of love and caring helped us get through the trying times of multiple hospitalizations, surgeries, chemo, and radiation. We thank Rev. Thomas for his hospital visits during some surgeries. Bailey is recovering well from her recent facial/cranial reconstructive surgery and hopes to go back to school very soon. *Gratefully, Mary Lee Bullock*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Bible Study 10:00 am	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm Children's Choir Interest Mtg. 5:00 pm	7 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	8 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm	9 Bible Study 10:00 am	10 Deacons/Spouse Dinner @ Golden Corral 6:30 pm	11	12
13 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Bible Study 10:00 am	17 Inside Work Night 6:00 – 8:00 pm	18 Game Night 6:30 pm	19
20 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am -Kenyan Pastor Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	21	22 Business Meeting 7:00 pm <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 Bible Study 10:00 am	24	25	26
27 Breakfast 8:00 am DRIVE YOUR TRACTOR TO CHURCH Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	28	29	30 Bible Study 10:00 am	31	November 2 FALL FESTIVAL	

October Birthdays

5 – Ryan Mills	22 – Grace Anderson
8 – Linda Howell	23 – Jessica Courtney
9 – James Davis	23 – Madison Newberry
14 – Karen Perry	25 – Al Baker
14 – Wanda McAllister	26 – Brandon Taylor
16 – Mike Heflin	28 – Stephanie C. Adams
19 – Peggy Marshall	28 – Debbie Gatewood
21 – Pauline Corr	30 – Rebekah Newman

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Nell Durrett
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Ruby Bullock	Forest Irving
Brenda Cannon	Douglas Jones
Bobby Carnahan	

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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 or two... There are some people who cannot tell a lie, some who cannot tell the truth, and a few others who cannot tell the difference.

Many people are flexible. They can put either foot in their mouth.