

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

October 2014

## Ben's Pen

What do we do now? That is not an uncommon question after a big event comes off. September was a busy month for us. We had a successful homecoming and Woody Jenkins gave us some very thoughtful messages to revive and challenge us. Now what? Do we wait on our next homecoming and revival or do act now? We have tasks before us in October. Are we going to undertake them or wait on something that we like better? A part of God's call to us requires us to move outside our comfortability zone. If we wait on folks and opportunities to come to us we will miss some wonderful chances to be God's messengers and tools. There are opportunities to teach and to serve at Bethany and there are numerous opportunities to serve our community away from 5001 Arcadia Road. One of the joys of homecoming is seeing and hearing what others have done in the last year. What mission projects did you get to talk about with your friends who visited us on September 14<sup>th</sup>? Let us go out so we have something to look forward to next September at homecoming.

The annual meeting of the Fredericksburg Baptist Network is at Wilderness Baptist Church on Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The program will feature Re-Creation, the terrific drama group from Bluefield College. We have been a part of the Network for years. They offer us numerous opportunities for missions and ministry. Let me encourage you to come celebrate with our fellow Baptists in the area as we minister and worship together. Serving Christ with You,

*Ben*

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Our Prime Timers will meet this month on October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating Fall. Join your food contribution and join them at 12:00 noon. They have a spot just for you and it looks to be fun.

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Our annual Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday is always a great time of food and fun. It is coming up this month. On October 26<sup>th</sup> we will gather at Mark & Janet Irving's, 6216 Marye Road, at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. After our time of food and fellowship we will drive our tractors to Bethany. We would love to have anyone join us. If you are interested, but have questions about your tractor, talk to Mark. We will even have you a special parking spot here at the church.

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Have you ever noticed how much music is involved in every worship service? It takes time to put all of that together every week. The choir has often practiced their contributions for several weeks before we hear them. The musician has spent hours selecting and practicing her contribution. Well you could help lead our services as well. Our Adult Choir practices every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. They would be delighted to have your voice added to theirs as they lead us each week. Did you know they have already begun practicing their Christmas cantata? Our children's/youth choir is rehearsing each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. They would love to have you join them. I hear they have some wonderful music in the works for coming weeks. Join a choir and make a major contribution to the worship of God at Bethany Baptist Church. Susan Thomas would be glad to talk to you about our music program.

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The November *Highlights* article deadline is October 21st.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	6 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm	7	8 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	9 Deacons' Supper 6:30 pm	10	11
12 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	16	17	18 Relay for Life Bingo @Marshall Center 7:00 pm
19 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	20 Food Pantry @ Massaponax BC	21  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	23	24	25
26 <i>Drive Your Tractor To Church 8:00 am</i> Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's/Youth Choir 5:00 pm	27	28 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	29 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	30	31	November 1 <b>Fall Festival</b>

## October Birthdays

14 – Karen Perry	23 – Madison Newberry
14 – Wanda McAllister	25 – Al Baker
16 – Mike Heflin	26 – Brandon Taylor
19 – Peggy Marshall	28 – Stephanie Adams
21 – Pauline Corr	28 – Debbie Gatewood
22 – Grace Anderson	30 – Rebekah Newman
23 – Jessica Courtney	

## Healthcare Center Prayer List\*:

Grace Anderson	Violet Henshaw
Scarlett Blanton	W.P. Hockaday
Brenda Cannon	Douglas Jones
Bobby Carnahan	Violet Payne
Nell Durrett	Frank Williams

\*We alternate our Homebound and Healthcare Center prayer lists each month in the *Highlights*. Both lists as well as our weekly needs lists; which includes medical needs, service members, and grieving families, appear each week in our Sunday worship bulletin prayer list. If you have a need you would like to have listed please contact the office.

**Deacon of the Month:** Danny Lee (540) 582-8213

**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...**George H.W. Bush was a congressman, ambassador to the United Nations, director to the CIA, Vice President of the United States, and President. During his retirement, he has said that the three greatest titles he ever had are: husband, father and grandfather. He has it right. Our legacy that will absolutely be remembered is our family connections. Are you building a strong legacy?