

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

October 2015

Ben's Pen

You will note there are a number of opportunities for worship, fellowship and ministry on the calendar for the days ahead. Our Bible study and worship every Sunday morning is central to us being a church. Our midweek Bible study and prayer provides a time of study, fellowship and prayer as well. Yet some feel they can capture all of church by just attending special services and "fun" church events. A critical part of church life is the consistent fellowship that involves our regular involvement in ongoing church life. A vital part of our church life is our individual prayers for Bethany and our brothers and sisters who make up the church. Some of the visible involvement includes serving on committees and other behind-the-scene tasks that are necessary for the functioning of the church. Other involvement includes our giving. Not our church offering as a whole, but our giving as individuals. How much money do you spend on church? Have you "bought" into the church? We claim to be a part of Bethany, but do our prayers, our attendance and our actions illustrate our claims?

Serving Christ with You,

Ben

We have a special treat for our **PRIME TIMERS** this month. The Singing Canters will be our special quests. The southern gospel group will entertain and lead us to encounter God with their music after our covered dish lunch on Wednesday, October 14th at 12 noon. Bring your dish(es) and join us for a time of food, fellowship and gospel music.

Our annual **Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday** is always a great time of food and fun. It is coming up next month. On November 1st everyone (whether you're on a tractor or not) is invited to gather at Mark & Janet Irving's, 6216 Marye Road, at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. After our time of food and fellowship those driving tractors will depart for Bethany. We would love to have anyone join us. If you are interested, but have questions about your tractor, talk to Mark.

In January of this year our WMU passed out some small Christmas stockings to anyone who wanted one. The purpose of the stocking was to fill it with dimes every month to represent the month, i.e. October would use 10 dimes since it is the 10th month. If we would put our dimes in monthly we would fill our stockings by December. We will collect the stockings in December for our Christmas missions offering. Are you up to date on your stocking? We still have some stockings if you like to start now. Every dime counts.

The annual Deacon and Spouse dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Angela's.

Our Woman's Missionary Union has two opportunities for our ladies on the calendar. There is a Women's Enrichment Ministry Conference at Bethel Baptist Church on October 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m. There is a Ladies Get-Away at Eagle Eyrie on November 7-8th. Contact Linda Lee if you have any questions or interest.

Two annual Baptist meetings: The Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network's (FABN) annual meeting, including supper, is on Sunday, October 25th at Ferry Farm Baptist Church at 5:00 p.m. The Baptist General Association of Virginia's (BGAV) annual meeting is in Richmond on November 10-11th. If you are interested in attending either or both as a messenger contact the pastor.

Time change: Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, October 31st. Daylight Savings Time ends early in the morning of November 1st.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	5 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	12	13 Deacon & Spouse Dinner 6:00 pm @ Angela's	14 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	15	16	17 Women's Enrichment Ministry Conference – Bethel Baptist 9:00 am
18 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	19 Food Pantry Ministry Opportunities	20 Deacons 7:00 pm <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am FABN Annual @ Ferry Farm BC 5:00 pm	26	27 Business Meeting 7:00 pm	28 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	29	30	31 <hr/> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends tonight.</i>

October Birthdays

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

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Grace Anderson	Violet Henshaw
Scarlett Blanton	Virginia Irving
Brenda Cannon	Violet Payne
Bobby Carnahan	Don Pitts
Alma Carter	Thelma Stover
Nell Durrett	Frank Williams

Beginning in our bulletins in October we will have a weekly update on budget needs and receipts to date. We will also report on any special mission offering totals. The reports will also be in the newsletter. The expended to date totals will only be reported after regular business meetings.

2015 Budget.....	\$105,740.00
Needs thru 09/20/15.....	\$ 77,271.48
Received thru 09/20/15.....	\$ 61,803.15
State Missions Offering thru 09/20/15.....	\$ 723.00

Deacon of the Month:

Bobby Edenton

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... “Since it is God we are speaking of, you do not understand it. If you could understand it, it would not be God.” Augustine, philosopher and theologian