

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

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Ben's Pen

Putting together the newsletter every month is often times exciting, because I get to hear about the projects that the various ministries of the church have on their calendars. As I look at this month's calendar, I see several mission projects that are concluding or are just beginning. I hope that you see the potential for missions and ministries on our calendar as well. I can almost see the actions of the CIA and the WMU as I type in the dates and times. I can hear the music that leads us in worship as I post the choir rehearsal times. I'm ready for the breakfast before the tractor ride. Most importantly, I see God's hand at work in the fellowship and support of individuals around the table and in various other activities. My question to you is: Are you plugged into that vision? Are you involved in the mission's projects? The worship? The fellowship? The fun? I see a calendar full of opportunities. Do you see items others are doing or a list of appointments you have this month?

Serving Christ together,

How are you getting to church on October 23rd? A number of folks are driving their tractors to church that Sunday. We are going to begin with a breakfast at Mark Irving's at 8:00 a.m. and then head toward the church a little after 9:00 p.m. It is the Men's Ministry's third annual **Drive Your Tractor to Church Sunday** and you are invited to participate. You are welcome to take your tractor to Mark's house on Saturday and join in the food, fellowship, and caravan on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you in church on October 23rd, regardless of how you get here.

All of those trivets that our young people painted had multiple purposes. They provide some great coasters and heat pads, but they also helped buy 32 mosquito nets. We mailed our check to HisNets in September. HisNets ministries provided 2000 nets to individuals in mosquito/malaria stricken countries last month. Those nets were just a part of the 32,000 that the ministry has provided in multiple countries this year. When you notice that trivet on your table think about the mosquito net someone will stretch over their bed tonight. Thank you!

It is that time again. Our Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring our Dolls, Bears and Stockings project again this year. The project has changed a little because there are no dolls this year. (That was not our choice.) The ladies have the bears and stockings in hand and ready for you to decorate and fill. They need to be done this month. Check with Lora Faulconer or another one of our WMU folks to pick up your project today.

The PrimeTimers, that is the name our seniors selected, will meet on Wednesday, October 5th at 12 noon. If you think you fit the PrimeTimers they would love to have you join them. Bring a friend if you would like. They had a good crowd in September, but there is always room for another friend. Join them for a time of food and fellowship at the church on the first Wednesday of every month.

There are several important meetings this month, but two stand out. On October 4th the Sunday School Council (all Sunday School teachers) meets at 7:00 p.m. They will be looking at several items, but they will concentrate on the Fall Festival which is coming up on November 5th. The other very important meeting is our Church Council which meets on October 11th at 7:00 p.m. All of our Council members are encouraged to participate as we examine our church calendar for the coming months.

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