

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

September 2012

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## Ben's Pen

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I'm Ben Thomas and I approve the contents of your judgement of me. That is not exactly how the tagline on all those ads goes. Do we really approve of what people think about us? As the political campaigns heat up we will all be exposed to numerous ads by the candidates. Isn't it strange that I think you will like me better if I tell you all the bad things about other people. The political wizards show a direct decline in your own favorability when you spend all your time blasting your opponents. In our case, phrase that "blasting our 'friends'". The individuals might not like the attacked, but they also hold the attackers in much lower regard. How do you and I speak of other people? Do I constantly tell others what a lousy person so-and-so is? Do I focus on the negatives of those around me or do I highlight their positive attributes when I speak of them? The Gospel records Jesus' words in a number of places, but nowhere does he attack personalities behind their back. If we have a difference with someone it should be handled in a personal conversation, not a community campaign. Scripture is very specific on this matter. If we talk about those around us in complimentary terms people will think much more highly of us. Are all people worthy of praise and compliments? No, but love for my neighbor is much more evident when I am not belittling him.

*Ben*

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Howdy! The PRIME TIMERS are hosting a "round up" luncheon on September 12 in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Let us see your sharpest western attire. It might be worth a prize. We are looking for the best looking cowgirl and cowpoke. You do not need to bring a thing. Just tie your horse at the post and come in and join us. Round up a friend or two and bring them along. Y'all are welcome.

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We are celebrating homecoming on September 9 at 11:00 a.m. The Deacons are coordinating the celebration. Our special guests will include recording artist Cindee Cordova who will lead us with song and Susan McBride will bring the spoken word. Make your plans to bring a couple of side dishes (the Deacons will provide the meats) and join us for a time of worship, food, and fellowship.

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September is our month to focus on state missions. It is officially called the Alma Hunt State Missions Emphasis. We talk about and give to state missions year round, but this month we will especially offer opportunities to learn about and give to ministries that focus on Virginia and Virginians. Our missions' dollars will help out across the state. There are multiple refugee congregations around the state. The Bland Ministry Center in southwestern Virginia ministers to at least 79 families a week with food. Our own Linda Lee has just returned from Standing Rock Reservation where she and a number of Virginians ministered to the Indians of the Dakotas. Every missions' dollar helps. Take this month to learn about, pray for, and give to the many opportunities we have to share Christ with our world.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	3 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed	4	5 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	6 Work Night 6:00 pm	7	8 Homecoming Set up 3:00 pm
9 HOMECOMING Worship 11:00 am	10	11	12 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	13 Deacons 7:00 pm	14	15
16 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	17	18 Woman's Missionary Union 7:00 pm  <i>Alma Hunt</i>	19 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm  <i>State Missions</i>	20  <i>Emphasis</i>	21 CBF of Virginia @ FBC of Ashland	22 Fall Begins  Movie Night 6:00 pm
23 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	24	25  October Newsletter Deadline	26 Bible Study 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <i>Communion</i>						1

## September Birthdays

1 – Robby Orrock	22 – Carolyn Taylor
3 – Savanna Marshall	23 – Janet Irving
6 - Rachel Acors	23 – Welford Orrock
8 – Herbert Gatewood	24 – Lora Faulconer
8 – Trina Tate	24 – Janice Harlow
14 – Estelle Severance	24 – Harry Newman
14 – Ben Thomas	26 – William Gilbert
20 – Margaret Broaddus	30 – Lila Orrock
20 – John Mills	30 – Bobby Rodgers
21 – Jewel Toombs	30 – Ida Sanders

## September Anniversaries

2 – Cynthia & John Mann  
 2 – Linda & Joe Howell  
 3 – Jewel & Darren Toombs  
 8 – Debra & Buck Acors  
 14 – Brenda & Mike Johnson  
 29 – Janice & Sammy Harlow

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## Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Bobby Carnahan
Ruby Bullock	Nell Durrett
Brenda Cannon	Violet Henshaw

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## Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Dickie Bettis	(540) 898-0122
Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
Emmitt Marshall	(540) 582-5381
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

## Deacon of the Month: September

Bobby Orrock (804) 448-3914

**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.**