

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

September 2013



Ben's Pen

If you look at your calendar you will see that school starts on September 3rd. Does that mean that no education took place in previous weeks or months? At times it seems like June through August are a vacation time since school systems are not in session, but hopefully we are learning something every week. Do we take months off from seeking to learn about God and what He has for us to do? Do we have to wait for an official announcement or date to study His word? Our Sunday School is a weekly event. Our mid-week Bible study is ongoing. Our worship each week should draw us to God and we should learn more of His greatness and incredible usage of average people to do His work. The local school systems may fire back up this month, but hopefully our learning about and walking with God is a year round event. Have you examined your textbook this week? The Teacher will be delighted to teach each of us of His redeeming love and grace. Let's hit the Book.

In Christ's Love,

Ben

Bethany will celebrate homecoming on September 8th. Our worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. and our dinner on the grounds will follow. We will not have Sunday School that morning. Our preacher for the date will be Rev. Welford Orrock of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. We are asking that each family bring two side dishes for the meal. The deacons will provide chicken, ham, and beverages for everyone. We hope to have a lot of folks home for the day.

Our annual deacon election will be held in a called business meeting on Sunday, September 15th immediately following the morning worship service. The nominees will be presented on September 8th. No nominations are allowed from the floor and the election is the only item on the agenda.

The Woman's Missionary Union meets on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. after their summer vacation. They have also changed up their meeting time. They would love to have all of our ladies come out and join them as they focus on missions and how they can better lead out in Bethany's missions' efforts.

September is our annual emphasis on state missions. Led by our WMU we pray for, learn about and collect our annual offering for missions through the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. One of our highlights this year will be our guest speaker on homecoming, Welford Orrock. Welford grew up at Bethany and now works for the Missions Board as Coordinator of the *Kairos* Project. His job entails working with campus ministries in Richmond and new church starts, especially with young adults.

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd. Our theme this year is looking at home recipes and other "homemade/homegrown" goodies. What can you bake, can, or make that you will share with us at the festival?

The October *Highlights* article deadline is September 24th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	2 LABOR DAY	3 <i>School Starts</i>	4 Bible Study 10:00 am	5 Work Night 6:30 pm	6	7
8 No Sunday School Worship 11:00 am Dinner 12:30 pm HOMECOMING	9 Men's Mtg. 7:00 pm	10	11 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 pm Choir to BGHCC 6:30 pm	12 Deacons 7:00 pm	13	14 Relay for Life Yard Sale @ Bob's Car Wash 8:00 am
15 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm Deacon Election	16	17 WMU 6:30 pm	18 Bible Study 10:00 am	19	20 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia @ Poplar Springs BC in Mechanicsville	21
22 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	23	24 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	25 Bible Study 10:00 am	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/Communion 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal 12:30 pm	30					

September Birthdays

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

September Anniversaries

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

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Pearl Haislop
Nell Durrett	Violet Henshaw
Ruby Bullock	Forest Irving
Brenda Cannon	Douglas Jones
Bobby Carnahan	Walter Massey
Nell Durrett	

Deacons

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
Dickie Bettis	(540) 898-0122
Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
Danny Lee	(540) 582-8213
Harry Newman	(804) 448-1502
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month:

Danny Lee

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.