

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

September 2014

## *Ben's Pen*

September is a month of beginnings. Examine the calendar and see all the events that are starting and those that are resuming. In addition to our beginnings, the schools are just starting their new year. Our revival (see the next article for details) offers a great opportunity for each of us to renew our walk with God. I encourage each of you to begin praying about your relationship with God. How can it be strengthened and improved? Begin now to seek God's reviving Spirit in your life. Our revival is a prime time to learn what God will do when you seek Him. Talk to God today.

In Christ's Love,

*Ben*

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Our annual homecoming services are set for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. We will look back and we will look ahead. 244 years is a great base to launch into the future. After our services we will gather for a covered dish fellowship dinner. We will provide the beverages and meat and we ask that you contribute the rest. Join us for Homecoming 2014.

Then on September 15–17 we are having revival services. The Rev. Dr. Woody Jenkins, pastor of Elk Creek Baptist Church in Louisa County, will be leading out in our services each night. Everyone is encouraged to prayerfully prepare their hearts and invite some guests to join us each night at 7:00 p.m. as we seek a renewing of God's Spirit in our lives and at Bethany.

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As you know Donna Steckler resigned as our Music Director/Pianist to fill a similar position at her home church. The church has hired Susan Thomas to fill the position on an interim basis while the job description and remuneration is reviewed.

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September is our annual emphasis on state missions. We will be taking a special offering designated for the missions and our ministries. Check bulletin insert and the mission bulletin board for more details and missionaries. Taking the Gospel to the tens of thousands right here in Virginia who have never heard is a huge part of why we are here. God has called us and gifted us. What is our response?

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Our choir rehearsals have moved back to Wednesday. They will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join them for a time of music and fellowship.

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Our midweek Bible study resumes on Wednesday, September 17 at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us for a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. We will begin by looking at "Finding Joy in What We Do," a study written by Ronnie & Nick Floyd.

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Our annual deacon election will be on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the morning worship service. The Deacon Nominating Committee will present the slate of candidates in writing on September 14<sup>th</sup>. All members of the church are eligible to vote.

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We welcome into our church membership Jonathan Thomas who came professing faith in Christ and requesting baptism and church membership. He was baptized on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

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With this issue we will begin alternating the Homebound and the Healthcare Facilities lists monthly.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	2	3 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	4	5	6 
7 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	8 Men's Ministry 7:00 pm	9	10 PRIME TIMERS 12:00 noon Clean Up Night at the Church 6:00 pm  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	11 Deacons 7:00 pm	12	13
14 Worship 11:00 am Fellowship Dinner 12:30 pm <b>HOME COMING</b>	15	16 <b>REVIVAL</b> 7:00 pm nightly	17   Bible Study 10:00 am	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am  Deacon Election	22	23 	24 Bible Study 10:00 am  Choir Practice 7:00 pm	25	26	27 
28 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship & Communion 11:00 am	29	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	29 – Henry Edenton
20 – Margaret Broadus	30 – Lila Orrock Hiltz
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

## Homebound Prayer List:

Joe Anderson	Kathleen Howard
Virginia Durrett	Viola Marshall
Dorothy Gatewood	Ida Sanders
Herbert & Jeanette Gatewood	Juanita Sutton
Pearl Haislop	

## Pastor

Ben Thomas (540)834-2124

## Deacons

Alice Allen (804) 448-3292  
 Al Baker (804) 448-3345  
 Mike Johnson (540) 582-6788  
 Danny Lee (acting chairman) (540) 582-8213  
 Emmitt Marshall (540) 582-5381  
 Harry Newman (on military deployment) (804) 448-1502

## Deacon of the Month:

Alice Allen

**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...** “Every time I learn this, the truer it gets. We can only live our lives looking ahead, and we can only understand them looking back.” Kee Sloan in *Jabbok*