

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 2015

It is homecoming 2015 time. On Sunday, September 13 we will celebrate our 245th anniversary with our worship time beginning at 11:00 a.m. Amy Ladd and Friends will be our special guests. We will have a grand lunch afterwards. The main portion of our meal is being catered, but we need your help with the desserts. (You are welcome to bring a side dish if you would like.)

If you would like to help, that would be great. Bobby Orrock is in charge of the set up. Janet Irving is running the kitchen. Danny Lee is managing the program, activities and publicity. Contact one of these folks to find out any details and volunteer. We are having two clean up/spruce up sessions. Tuesday morning, September 8 will be targeted at the interior of the building. Thursday, September 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m., we will work on the exterior facilities. (There will be grilled hotdogs available for supper.) Join us in getting ready for our 245th anniversary/homecoming celebration. We need your help.

September is our **Alma Hunt State Missions Offering** emphasis time. Check out our weekly bulletin for information, specific prayer concerns and the pew racks for specially marked offering envelopes.

Our Church Council meets on Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. to put the finishing touches on the Fall and Winter calendars. Make sure your committee or class schedule is on the church calendar.

Have you felt the brain waves flowing as school is upon us? Did you know that you're never too old to learn? Music is a great thing to learn! Come learn with the choir as we seek to lead in worship every week. Now is a great time as Christmas music will soon be introduced. Though you may not be school age you all can be "choir age." Contact Susan Thomas if you have any questions.

Our September PRIME TIMERS promises to be a fun time together. We have an antique fashion show on tap, as well as our regular time of good food and fellowship. Join us on September 9 at 12 noon. We need you to make our time complete.

Our Wednesday morning Bible study and prayer time will resume on September 16 at 10:00 a.m. We took a few weeks off for our summer break, but now would be a great time to join us as we examine Biblical texts, lift up individuals and our church in prayer; and share a time of fellowship each week.

If you have a cell phone that you use often, please let the church office know your number. We would love to have that way to get in touch with you. (We will not sell it to solicitors.)

Fanny Crosby is a well-known name in Christian music, though she spent her life as a rescue mission worker in New York City. She penned over 8,000 hymns and gospel songs in her life. Our hymnal has several of her works; including *Jesus is Tenderly Calling* and *To God Be the Glory*. She spent her life spreading the Gospel with her hands and pen. She was blind from childhood. What's our excuse?

The October *Highlights* article deadline is September 22.

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September 2015

September Birthdays

- 1 – Robby Orrock
 3 – Savanna Marshall
 6 – Rachel Acors
 8 – Herbert Gatewood
 8 – Trina Tate
 11 – Julian Perry
 14 – Estelle Severance
 14 – Ben Thomas
 20 – Margaret Broadus
 21 – Jewel Toombs
 23 – Janet Irving
 23 – Welford Orrock
 24 – Lora Faulconer
 24 – Janice Harlow
 24 – Harry Newman
 26 – William Gilbert
 29 – Henry Edenton
 30 – Lila Orrock Hiltz
 30 – Ida Sanders

September Anniversaries

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

Homebound Prayer List:

- Joe Anderson
 Claude & Dorothy Corthon
 Virginia Durrett
 Dorothy Gatewood
 Frank Gatewood
 Herbert & Jeanette Gatewood
 Pearl Haislop
 Kathleen Howard
 Ida Sanders

Deacon of the Month:

Harry Newman

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...

The Sunday School teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "Why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	7 <i>September is our time for the Alma Hunt State Missions Offering!</i> <i>Give generously.</i>	8 Inside Church Clean Up 9:00 am  Spotsylvania Schools Start	9 PRIME TIMERS 12 noon Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	10 Church Clean Up w/ Supper 6:00 pm	11	12
13 HOMECOMING Worship 11:00 am Dinner 12:00 pm	14	15	16 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	17	18 CBFVA @ Mechanicsville BC	19
20 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	21	22 Church Council 7:00 pm <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	23 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm	24	25	26 
27 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship w/ Communion 11:00 am	28	29	30 Bible Study 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm		We will have a special missionary guest on Sunday, the 27th. Make your plans to be here.	