

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

February 2012

Ben's Pen

Does everything always work out the way you plan them? They do not in my life. In hindsight, I am glad that a number of things that I wanted did not work out. There would be a lot of friends that I would never have met. There would be numerous activities that I have found very enjoyable that I would never have tried if my plans worked out. There would be many ministry opportunities that I would have completely missed if my planning always worked. The fascinating thing looking back is that my walk with God would have been much different by my plans. Most of us have "safe" plans, but family, school, jobs, illness, money, and a variety of other factors rarely follow plans. Thanks be to God. Some of my deepest encounters with God have been in the mist of unplanned events. My faith clings to God in the middle of my chaos. Actually, I look for God more closely when I am not in charge. Where do you meet God? On His terms or yours? May February be a month where your meetings are abundant.

The Woman's Missionary Union is sponsoring a Valentine's Banquet on Saturday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. The banquet is for everyone. They have several things planned for fun and entertainment. They want you to participate. The only cost is a dessert to share with the other guests. They do need you to sign-up by February 1. The sign-up list is in the sanctuary or contact a WMU member.

The question presented by the Finance & Investment Committee in December on church investments is on the February business meeting agenda. The issue is whether the church should invest church funds in accounts that are not FDIC insured will be discussed and voted on at the February meeting.

The church office is seeking to update our member's birthday and anniversary dates list. If your dates are not regularly included please send them to the church office or contact the office as soon as possible.

The WMU is going to have their monthly meeting on a Sunday afternoon again. On February 19 they are hosting a covered dish luncheon after worship. They will have their meeting immediately after the luncheon. All of our ladies are encouraged to attend.

We are looking to start sending our monthly newsletter by email to those who would like to receive their copy via computer. This would eliminate some production and mailing costs. We will also be posting the newsletter on our church website. If you would like to receive your copy via email please let us know. We will assume that you want a paper copy otherwise.

The March *Highlights* deadline is February 22.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Prime Timers 12:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM	6 Men's Ministry 7:00 PM	7 Church Council 7:00 PM	8 Bible Study 6:30 PM Choir to BGHCC 6:30 PM	9 Deacons 7:00 PM	10	11 Valentine's Banquet 6:30 PM
12 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 Bible Study 6:30 PM CiA 6:45 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM	16	17	18
19 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM WMU Lunch & Mtg. 12:30 PM	20 President's Day	21	22 Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM	27	28 Business Meeting 7:00 PM	29 Bible Study 6:30 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM			

February Birthdays

1 – Bobby Edenton	11 – Jeanette Gatewood
1 – Tyler Trice	16 – Kenny Terry
2 – Todd Allen	18 – Donna Marshall Smith
2 – Casey Davis	18 – Maggie Sharp
3 – Ethel Hart	20 – Donna Steckler
4 – Tom Anderson	22 – Ryan Corthon
7 – Mason Durrett	23 – William Thomas
8 – Brenda Bowles	25 – Teresa Laibstain

February Anniversaries

16 – Herbert & Sue Terry
28 – Charles & Darlene Grimm

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

Deacons:

Alice Allen	(804) 448-3292
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Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
Emmitt Marshall	(540) 582-5381
Bobby Orrock (Chair)	(804) 448-3914

Deacon of the Month: February

Emmitt Marshall (540)582-5381

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...

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.