

## Special Events . . . Coming Soon at Bethany

July	6	7:00 pm	Men's Ministry Meeting
July	7	7:00 pm	Public Relations Committee Meeting
July	9	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
July	12	4:00 pm	VBS Kickoff Ice Cream Social
July	13-17	6:30 pm	Vacation Bible School
July	21	8:30 am	Seniors' Trip To Montpelier
July	21	7:00 pm	WMU Meeting
July	26	12:15 pm	Young-At-Heart Luncheon
July	28	7:00 pm	Business Meeting
July	30	2:00 pm	Target: Clean Water
August	7	6:30 pm	Kids' Movie Night

### Regular Service Schedule:

#### Sunday:

Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship Service	11:00 am

#### Wednesday:

Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

## Bethany Highlights

July 2009

### Bethany Baptist Church

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### BEN'S PEN

I have some great memories of Vacation Bible School. I can vividly see our orange church bus riding around town to promote the school and pick up children. I remember listening attentively to the director sharing information about a missionary and their story. I remember the terrific crafts; some of them were a little sloppy. I still recall the many dedicated adults who faithfully shared Bible stories with us. I remember decisions of faith that were made during those schools over 30 years ago. Some of my childhood friends made life changing decisions. Were those silly games and messy crafts worth the adult efforts? Did the extra time to pick up a guest or two costs the adults too much? Was repeating a familiar Bible story again worth the effort? Was having patience and sharing God's love with children who never came back to our church building worthwhile? I think that all the prayers and work are worth every bit of effort. Vacation Bible School is a life changer. Whose life will it change this month? Pray for our Vacation Bible School, it could change someone's life.

On another topic, our Nominating Committee is busy recruiting volunteers to serve in our church's ministries and on our committees. When a committee member approaches you please prayerfully consider the opportunities that you might have in the coming months.



### Stewardship – Part 4

Preceding *Bethany Highlights* have looked at Christian stewardship and its application to our church budget. We began with an overview of the various components of our budget, and then began exploring basic stewardship principles. Having addressed the first two principles, *We Are Managers, Not Owners* and *Christian Stewardship Is Both Individual And Corporate*, we now turn to the third basic principle: *Christian Stewardship Flows Out Of Love*.

Christians are stewards, managers of the resources that God has richly entrusted to us. Such resources include, but are not limited to, our time, talent, and money. Christian stewards recognize that our stewardship, the privilege of managing these resources, flows directly out of God's great love for us embodied in Jesus Christ. This recognition of God's love for us, then, empowers us to love others in acts of Christ-like love. Such acts are manifested through faithful stewardship.

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“Celebrating Our Past with Gratitude - Looking to the Future with Purpose”

## Stewardship (continued)

The Bible makes this principle plain. "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19; "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.." 1 John 3:16-18; "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35; "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Galatians 5:6.

This principle should serve as a wonderful motivation for each of us to honor God and Jesus Christ in the management of our time, talent, and money. The choices we make in this regard, both individually and corporately with other church members, should be those which clearly allow God's love to flow through us to others. Such choices should reflect the Gospel message and its application in the world around us. Acceptance of God's love for us, coupled with a burning desire to channel that love to a lost and dying world, should be the Christian steward's motivation to constantly do more, and more, and more, and more!

As a new church budget year draws near, we at Bethany Baptist Church ask you to prayerfully consider these stewardship principles with respect to your individual situation. Next month we will look some more at how the budget is put together at the church level.

### Come Cruise the Bayou

WHEN: July 13-17

DEPARTURE TIME: 6:30 pm

RETURN TIME: 8:45 pm

Bethany Church will be transformed into a Bayou in the next two weeks. Are you ready?

Have you invited any neighbors or grandchildren? Would you like to help?

There is still need for help in registration. Only an hour of your time each night would be needed. We also need some help passing out door hangers inviting neighborhood children on our cruise. We will meet at church on Thursday, July 9, at 7:00 to plan who will go where. All you have to do is hang the information on doorknobs - no knocking on doors is necessary! Come help us promote this exciting event.

### Target: Clean Water

Join the children of Bethany as they target helping people who don't have clean water to drink. We will be doing activities to draw attention to how unclean water negatively affects communities around the world. We will also be playing some water games. How's your aim with a water gun - maybe you can shoot the pastor! How well can you carry water from the well?

Would you consider sponsoring a child as he or she carries the clean water from the well?

All proceeds will go to help purchase a clean well system for a needy community somewhere in the world.

July 30 from 2 - 4 pm is when the bucket brigade will begin. All children are invited to participate. CAUTION: You may get wet with this activity, but you will have fun!

### Senior Adult Trip

The annual Bethany Baptist Church summer outing for our senior adults (those 55 years of age and older) this year includes a return sightseeing trip to Montpelier, along with a delicious lunch along the way. As usual, our own Bobby Orrock will be the trip leader and host. The seniors previously visited Montpelier while renovations were ongoing. The renovations are now complete. The trip will be

on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Bobby to get in on the fun.

### "People" Announcements

We celebrate with and welcome Bernice Siddiqui to our church family. She comes professing her faith in Christ and requesting baptism. Praise be to God!

We had several of our folks graduate from college and seminary this Spring:

Morgan Hutchinson, B.A. English, Randolph Macon College

Jordan Irving, Business Administration, Germanna Community College

Welford Orrock, Master of Divinity, Duke University Divinity School

Congratulations, graduates!

### Coming Attraction!

Kids' Movie Night at church on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for more details!

### Baptist Men's Ministry

The Bethany Baptist Men's Ministry is hard at work on various projects. Soon, for example, you will see a newly renovated playground area behind the church. If you would like to become a part of this ministry, come to any meeting (the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM) or give Aaron Faulconer a call at (540) 842-6987.

### 2009 CBF General Assembly

Pastor Thomas will be attending the 2009 Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) General Assembly in Houston, Texas, on July 1-3. Rev. Thomas will bring us a report when he returns. If you would like to follow the proceedings as they are happening, there is a link to CBF on our church website.

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## Summary Report of Gifts/Offerings:

June '09 Weekly Average Income: \$1,755.03

Weekly Needed To Meet Budget: \$2,317.79

### July Birthdays:

3 - Vivian Heflin	26 - Philip Perry
3 - Tami Montgomery	26 - Darren Toombs
4 - Brian Lopez	27 - Sheilajean Colosimo
7 - Dorothy Arrington	27 - Jonathan Edenton
11 - Solon J. Marshall	28 - Kim Edenton Sickel
12 - Susan McBride	30 - Jimmy Corthon
18 - James Hockaday	31 - Louise Durrett
23 - Mac Taylor	

### July Anniversaries

5 - Donna & Eddie Steckler
8 - Beverly & Bill Gilbert
11 - Brenda & Junior Bowles
24 - Susan & Ben Thomas
27 - Janice & James Hockaday
29 - Patsy & James Hockaday

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### Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Nell Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Evelyn Gatewood
Brenda Cannon	Julia Gatewood
Bobby Carnahan	Pearl Haislop
Ella Carroll	Grayson Satterwhite

### Deacons:

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Bobby Orrock	(804) 448-3914
Judy Reid	(540) 582-5952
Nelson Reid (Chair)	(540) 582-5952

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### Deacon of the Month: July

Bobby Orrock	804-448-3914
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