

## Special Events . . . Coming Soon at Bethany

June	1	7:00 pm	Mens Ministry Meeting
June	2	7:00 pm	Sunday School Leaders/Teachers Meeting
June	4	7:00 pm	Personnel Committee Meeting
June	9	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
June	11	7:00 pm	Deacons Meeting
June	16	7:00 pm	WMU Meeting
June	20	5:00 pm	Sunday School Sponsored Picnic
June	23	7:00 pm	Business Meeting
June	28	12:15 pm	Young-At-Heart Luncheon

### Regular Service Schedule:

#### Sunday:

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

#### Wednesday:

Prayer Service	6:45 pm
Children In Action (CIA)	6:45 pm (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

## Bethany Highlights

June 2009

### Bethany Baptist Church

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### Ben's Pen

The summer is upon us. It will bring a lot of opportunities. My children are ready for the swimming pool options. Many of us will vacation or travel to see family. We will get to participate in several great seasonal events at church. I think I can taste the homemade ice cream already. Our gardens will start coming in soon. I'm sure many of you will spend hours canning and freezing your harvest. I'm ready for homegrown tomatoes, now! If you get to visit some sister churches in your travels, check out what they do well and bring the ideas back to Bethany. Bethany has been around for a long time, but there have been changes along the way. I am sure that some of the early church members would question some of our practices, but the questioning would be a two way street. The important thing is that our core beliefs have not changed. We still worship the same loving God and the living Christ. We seek to share the gospel with our world and we reach out to our local community with open arms.

At a couple of recent Deacon's meetings and a monthly business meeting the discussion was initiated as to how to attract new people to our church. There were suggestions ranging from signs to mailings to door-to-door visits. All of these ideas have some merit, but none of them are the magic wand. In fact, no one method will capture everyone's attention. A couple of years ago I heard a pastor friend tell the story of his church's outreach efforts. One of the projects that they first used was a phone survey that asked area residents about their church with just a couple of simple questions. One of the primary

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### IMPORTANT EVENTS

#### PICNIC

Make sure you check out the Sunday School sponsored picnic on Saturday, June 20. The plans are underway for a lot of good food. Now we need you to provide the great fellowship. The picnic begins at 5:00 p.m. Join us for the fun!

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

We need all our committees and ministries to get their plans and information to the Church Council meeting on June 9. The council does not plan all the events and happenings at Bethany, we just make sure they do not all happen on the same day. We need your help with this coordination. If you cannot make the meeting please get your plans to us ahead of the meeting.

**Happy Father's Day from  
 Bethany Baptist Church!!  
 June 21**

### Ben's Pen (continued)

responses was "where is your church?" The church has been at the same prominent location for well over fifty years. Obviously, you will not have new attenders if they do not know where you are. I'm sure there are a number of folks in our area that do not know where we are, and we've been here for over two hundred years! We need to make a conscious choice to tell people where we are and what we have going on and invite them to join us. This summer would be a great time to invite them to our meeting house.

### Stewardship – Part 3

Last month's Bethany Highlights addressed the topic of "Christian stewardship" by outlining the first basic stewardship principle: *We Are Managers, Not Owners*. This month's article explores the second stewardship principle: *Christian Stewardship Is Both Individual And Corporate*.

As established in the previous article, Christian stewardship consists of both the individual Christian and the collective Christian family (the church) appropriately managing all of the resources that we have for God's glory and purpose. Each Christian's resource management is a personal (individual) response to God's calling on his/her life, but is lived out within the community of faith we call the church. The church, in turn, manages its resources as a corporate response to its understanding of God's calling and requirements. If we think of this in terms of monetary resources (which is, of course, only one of the many resources that we must manage), we give individually to our faith community or church in response to God's calling upon us to do so; and the church uses such resources to further God's witness and work in such ways as the church understands God to command it. The church's work, made possible only by the collective total of individual gifts, manifests itself locally, regionally,

statewide, nationwide, and worldwide. Since both the individual and the church bear a responsibility of appropriate management of resources, this is how and why we can say that your personal stewardship is both individual and corporate.

God's Word has much to say about this principle. "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:4-5; "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10; "Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality." 2 Corinthians 8:13-14; "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10.

We can individually support and further the Kingdom of God through our personal resource management, but that Kingdom work can best be accomplished when we collectively join together with our fellow Christians. Through our corporate efforts, much more can be accomplished. As individual Christians, we should prayerfully determine how God would have us manage our individual resources. As individual Christians, we should also take part in determining how our corporate body, the church, manages its resources. We should attend and actively participate in the budget development process. After that determination is made and the church budget (the resource management vehicle) is in place, each individual Christian steward bears a responsibility of support.

Therefore, recognizing that stewardship is both individual and corporate, we should as

faithful stewards fully support our church's budget through our individual giving as directed by the Holy Spirit. We should never emphasize one area of the budget to the exclusion or detriment of other areas. We should recognize that our individual stewardship responsibilities are essential to the stewardship responsibilities of the church as a whole. Attitude is a vital component of Christian stewardship.

### CIA on the Move

The CIAs are sponsoring a Comfort Critter project. During Vacation Bible School the children will be making stuffed animals for children who have experienced a crisis - hurricanes, wildfires, floods, or tornadoes. When all they have might have been destroyed, the children receive a cuddly animal with a personal message from the child who made it. You can help! The animals only cost \$1 to make. Won't you help the children show that God cares by helping provide the animals to be made? The collection box will be on the organ bench through June 28.

### Vacation Bible School

Have there been any croc sightings yet? *Crocodile Dock* will be here before we know it. July 13 -17 is when Bethany will transform into a bayou with crocs taking over and teaching about seeing God everywhere. Even if you are not a worker you can help. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Choose a dragonfly from the board near the Education Building entrance.
2. Purchase the item.
3. Place it in the box by June 28.

(We would gladly accept a donation if you prefer not to shop.) If you are interested in helping there is still room for you. Talk to Susan Thomas for further details.

### Summary Report of Gifts/Offerings:

May '09 Weekly Average Income: \$1,769.23  
Weekly Needed To Meet Budget: \$2,317.79

*Your gifts in support of the missions and ministries of Bethany Baptist Church are sincerely appreciated.*

### June Birthdays

1 - Brenda Johnson	16 - Randy Lopez
1 - Tricia Rogers	19 -Amanda Whitney/ Stanley
5 - Buck Acors	22 - James Hockaday
7 - Eddie Steckler	28 - Emmitt Marshall
11 - Dorothy Gatewood	

### June Anniversaries

3 - Bobby & Tricia Rogers  
13 - Russell & Kathleen Howard  
26 - Nelson & Judy Reid

### Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

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### Deacon of the Month: June

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