

Chili Dinner & Game Night

The annual Bethany Baptist Church late-winter chili dinner, sponsored by the Bethany Baptist Men's Ministry, has been modified a little bit this year. On Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 6:30 PM, everyone is invited to come to the church fellowship hall to not only enjoy some great home-cooked chili (with hot dogs for those who can't eat chili), but also to enjoy a night of playing games. You don't have to bring anything for the chili dinner, but each person should bring snacks or finger foods to share during the game-playing time. Bring your favorite games, preferably those which don't take hours to get through. It will be a lot of fun for everyone! In conjunction with this event, the Baptist Men ask that you also bring along a non-perishable food item for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank.

2010 Car Show Coming Soon

The fourth annual Bethany Baptist Church Car Show, sponsored by our Men's Ministry, is scheduled for Saturday, April 24. It looks to be another great show, possibly the biggest yet! We are still busy seeking sponsors for door prizes. If you know of a local business that might be interested in having its name promoted as a sponsor, let the church office know. We have plenty of space for showing vehicles including commercial, agricultural and personal. If you have or know of someone who has a vehicle, encourage them to contact the church office or Mark Irving for more details on entering. Lots more information on this year's car show can be found on our church website www.bethanybaptistwoodford.org. Go to the page titled "2010 BBC Car Show".

Bethany Hosting Sunrise Service

On Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2010, Bethany will host a Sunrise Service on the church grounds at 6:30 AM, followed by a breakfast provided by the church. In a tradition that dates back many years, Bethany Baptist Church, Wallers Baptist Church, and County Line Baptist Church all join together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in a Sunrise Service. The service rotates among the three churches year by year, and this year is Bethany's turn to be the host church. Be sure to be there!

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2010

Celebrating Our Past With Gratitude, Looking To The Future With Purpose

Ben's Pen

What happens when your plans go awry? What happens when your schedule gets thrown into chaos because of bad weather, a sudden illness, a death in the family, or some other unpredictable event burst into your life? Do you panic? Do you try to muddle through until a "normal" schedule resumes? Do you let someone else take control of your calendar? Who do you look to in times of uncertainty? Family? Friends? Co-workers? The church? Where does God fit into your "uncertain" schedule?



Does our theology assume that professing Christ as Lord guarantees a certain, comfortable schedule? If you and I will read or listen to the gospels of Matthew and Luke again as we head towards Easter, we will see that Jesus' life did not have a lot of "normal" moments in it. His earthly father, Joseph, was most probably dead before Jesus reached adulthood. His family did not comprehend his purpose. His disciples were slow learners at times. His Jewish culture abused or ignored their relationship with God. They were more concerned with appeasing the Roman government than honoring God. People flocked to hear him, but most did not take heed of his teachings. One of his disciples, in whom he had invested two plus years of training, betrayed him. Peter denied even knowing him, though he did at least hang around during the trial. The others fled or went into hiding. Talk about your plans going awry!

Did Jesus know everything about his schedule beforehand? I suggest that he did not, yet he was faithful to his purpose. He did not panic. He did not just muddle through his calendar. He continued to teach and heal and touch and love those he encountered. God was evident in his actions. Jesus knew that following God's plan would be chaotic, costly, and uncomfortable at times. If we follow Christ we will not have a "normal" life. People who are not Christians have chaos burst into their calendar as well, but as Christians we have an advocate beside us. Let us cling to the Advocate. Our calendars are not fully set, but we can overcome any obstacle we encounter because God is with us amidst our chaos.

In Case Of Inclement Weather

The first couple of months of 2010 have been rough, weatherwise, in our area. March is a month when inclement winter weather can still strike. If you have questions about church meetings in times of inclement weather, you can (1) check out *Fredericksburg.com*, (2) check out our church website, or (3) contact a deacon or the pastor. We will have cancellations posted online and the individuals mentioned will know as soon as a decision to delay or cancel services has been made.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Men's Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	8	9	10 Choir To BGHCC 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM	11 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13
14 Sun School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS	15	16 WMU Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	18	19	20 Chili & Games Night at Church 6:30 PM
21 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	22	23 Business Meeting 7:00 PM	24 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	25	26	27
28 PALM SUNDAY Sun School 10 AM; Worship 11 AM (Easter Musical); Ch. Choir 5:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION	29	30	31 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			

March Birthdays:

3 - Brian Orrock	21 - Herbert Terry
8 - Chris Johnson	23 - Brennan Waller
10 - Nina Trice	26 - Janet Corthon
15 - Charles Grimm	30 - Morgan Rogers
18 - Patsy Hockaday	30 - Sarah Sepulveda

March Anniversaries

3 - Emmitt & Viola Marshall
10 - Dorothy & Glenwood Arrington
12 - Richard & Sheliajean Colosimo

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Grace Anderson	Ella Carroll
Scarlett Blanton	Nell Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Evelyn Gatewood
Brenda Cannon	Pearl Haislop
Bobby Carnahan	

Deacons:

Al Baker	(804) 448-3345
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Deacon of the Month: March

Nelson Reid 540-582-5952

Have You Heard This One? A friend was in front of me coming out of church on Easter Sunday, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The Pastor said, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend said, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service!"

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.