

## Upcoming Events

There are a number of very, very special events coming this summer at Bethany Baptist Church. Please mark your calendars now so that you don't miss a single one of them. On Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be an afternoon ice cream social. Besides the mouth-watering thought of ice cream on a hot summer day, this event also serves as the kickoff for our Vacation Bible School. Vacation Bible School will be held this year from Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. See the article on page 1 of this newsletter. The annual Bethany church picnic will be held on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and our 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming Celebration will take place on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Details of each of these events will follow in future editions of *Bethany Highlights*.

## Did You Know?

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, is the "National Day Of Prayer", a day designated by the U.S. Congress asking people "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The law formalizing the observance of the "National Day Of Prayer" was passed in 1952 and has been observed continuously since that time. Won't you join millions around the country by praying extra long and hard on this day?

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, is "Mother's Day", one of our most beloved holidays. Although a "Mother's Day" is celebrated in many parts of the world on different dates, in this country we choose the second Sunday in May as our time of recognition. Mother's Day was recognized as a holiday in 1914 following a campaign by a West Virginia woman named Anna Jarvis.

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, is "Pentecost Sunday", one of the most prominent days in the Christian liturgical year. On this day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' followers gathered in Jerusalem (Acts Chapter 2). Pentecost Sunday, sometimes called the "Birthday of the Church", is always celebrated 7 weeks after Easter Sunday.

# BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

May 2010

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

## Ben's Pen

May can be a busy month. Gardens, baseball, spring cleaning, soccer, lawns, the prom are here and the end of the school year is just around the corner. What are you busy with? What dominates your calendar in May? I have a lot of baseball and soccer games on my calendar. It should be a busy month at my house. Why do I commit to going to my children's games? Are the games the best, most competitive sports events? Not really. There will be some good, fun games, but they will not be error free. I try to make every game because my children are important to me. I spend my time on those games because of the players, not the entertainment. What about my faith calendar? Your faith calendar? Do we spend time and energy on Bible study, church, prayer, and sharing God's love with others because we are required to? Do we seek God because it is something to do or because God is important to us? What does my calendar say about my relationship with God? May is a busy month, but then again most months have a lot of options for activities. Check your calendar this month. Make sure God has a very prominent place on your agenda. It will say all we need to say about our relationship with God.



## Vacation Bible School Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for July 12-16. That is when we set sail on our High Seas Adventure Bible School. Anyone who is interested in helping is encouraged to attend the Bible School planning meeting on May 16 after worship. Materials will be distributed and an overview of the week will be presented. There is a sign-up sheet to volunteer on the organ bench. You will receive a blessing as well as be a blessing to the children. Contact Susan Thomas (540-834-2124) if you have any questions.

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# May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> "Farming For A Cure" Yard Sale @ Bob's Car Wash 8:00 AM
<b>2</b> Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM; Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	<b>3</b> Men's Ministry Supper 6:30 PM	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	<b>6</b> <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Sun. School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM; Ch. Choir 5:00 PM  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>	<b>10</b> Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Choir To BGHCC 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM	<b>13</b> Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Sun. School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM; VBS Workers' Mtg 12:30 PM; Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> WMU Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>19</b> Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23/30</b> Sun. School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM (Communion: 30 <sup>th</sup> ); Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	<b>24/31</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY (05/31)</b> (Church Office Closed)	<b>25</b> Business Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>26</b> Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> "Farming For A Cure" Evening Candlelight Walk	<b>29</b>

### May Birthdays

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 - Amber Maddox        | 23 - Trevor Allen          |
| 5 - Valli Davis         | 25 - Virginia Durrett      |
| 6 - Berniece Siddiqui   | 25 - Douglas Keys          |
| 10 - Michelle Corthon   | 26 - Ella Carroll          |
| 10 - Caroline Laibstain | 26 - Viola Marshall        |
| 12 - Todd Corr          | 26 - Ruth Ann Acors        |
| 17 - Joanne Blanton     | 26 - Fred Cox              |
| 17 - Jeter Winkler      | 27 - Nelson Reid           |
| 18 - Charlie Grimm      | 29 - John Michael Gatewood |
| 21 - Sammy Harlow       |                            |
| 22 - Kathleen Howard    |                            |

### May Anniversaries

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 18 - Mike & Vivian Heflin  | 29 - Tom & Karen Perry        |
| 22 - Ray & Trina Tate      | 30 - Jimmy & Michelle Corthon |
| 25 - Matt & Lora Faulconer |                               |

### Healthcare Center Prayer List

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| Scarlett Blanton | Ella Carroll    |
| Ruby Bullock     | Nell Durrett    |
| Brenda Cannon    | Evelyn Gatewood |
| Bobby Camahan    | Pearl Haislop   |

### Deacons:

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Al Baker            | (804) 448-3345 |
| Dickie Bettis       | (540) 898-0122 |
| Matt Faulconer      | (540) 582-6820 |
| Emmitt Marshall     | (540) 582-5381 |
| Judy Reid           | (540) 582-5952 |
| Nelson Reid (Chair) | (540) 582-5952 |

### Deacon of the Month: May

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| Dickie Bettis | 540-898-0122 |
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### Have You Heard This One?

A ten-year old, under the teaching of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then one day she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The Virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

**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.**