

Dolls, Bears and Stockings

Yes, Christmas is just around the corner! We will be dressing dolls and bears, and filling stockings for the Salvation Army again this year. If you would like to dress a doll or bear or fill a stocking, please see Lora Faulconer or Alice Allen to sign them out. They are available each Sunday, and are due back in by November 22nd. The Salvation Army provides unclothed dolls and bears, which you dress with “doll clothes” or “bear clothes”. The clothed toys are then given to needy children in our area as Christmas gifts. Dolls, of course, are for girls. Bears are for boys. Stockings are for both. There is a list of ideas and age groups included in each stocking.

Children’s Choir Christmas Musical

The Children’s Choir is already hard at work on our Christmas musical. All children are invited to join us on Sunday afternoons from 5:00 - 5:45 for rehearsal. This year’s musical is “it’s a Wonder-Full Life.” Come join the fun!

WMU Schedule Change

Please note that the WMU meeting for November has been changed from the 3rd Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday. This change was made so that our WMU members may attend the annual BGAV meeting being held in Fredericksburg. November’s WMU meeting will be on November 10th at 7:00 PM. The Baptist Women will also be participating in the World Day of Prayer on Monday, November 2, at Fairview Baptist Church (Charlotte Street in Fredericksburg). Call 540-373-8377 for more information.

“Grandma Betsy” Campfire Dedication

The “Grandma Betsy” Orrock 4-H campfire circle at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, Virginia, will be dedicated on Saturday, November 7. This new campfire circle, much larger than the previous one, was built in memory of our own Betsy Orrock. Many Bethany members and friends contributed to the project through the “Grandma Betsy” quilt. A reception will take place at 12:00 noon on November 7. If you would like to attend, please contact Bobby Orrock at 804-448-3914 so that he can get an attendance count for the reception.

Remember To Vote!

Tuesday, November 3rd is election day in Virginia. As Christians, we want to be good citizens and cast our votes for the candidates of our choice. Indeed it is our civic duty to vote. While Bethany does not take partisan sides, we do encourage you to exercise your privilege and responsibility of voting.

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BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

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

Ben’s Pen

I can smell the turkey and dressing already. The cranberry sauce and sweet potatoes look really good. Excuse me while I go get a snack. Thanksgiving and Christmas mean there are some great food coming to a table near us soon. What part of the holidays do you like best? Is it the food? The travel? The parades? The shopping? I really like the fellowship with others. I get to sit down with my parents, sister, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews, and a number of friends for the first time in months. I get to visit, share, and catch up with the news. I like the relationship part of the holidays best. I may miss a party or a meal, but I can eat at a lot of places. Without loved ones the holidays would just be days on the calendar with big meals included.

I think church bears some resemblance to the holidays. A major role of the church is to be Christ in our world. One of the ways the world judges us is by our fellowship with one another. How does the church stack up? Our primary focus in life as Christians should be our personal relationship with Christ. Our relationships with one another are very important pieces of our Christian witness. Do people outside the church see the circle around our table as a place they would like to be or is it a place to avoid? How do I contribute to that fellowship? How do you contribute to the fellowship? As you gather around the table this year, whether at the church or at home, think about who you have welcomed to the table. Are the others at the table glad you are there? The holidays are not a show, but our relationships with each other show the world our theology of God’s table.

Baptist General Association of Va Meeting

The Baptist General Association of Virginia annual meeting is in Fredericksburg at the Expo and Conference Center on Nov 17-18. The worship is open to everyone. The music and messages will be top notch. The meeting schedule will be posted on the bulletin board at church, or you can go to the website www.bgavconnect.net. Bethany will be sending messengers to this meeting. Hope to see you there!

Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Our annual church wide Thanksgiving celebration and meal will be on Saturday, November 21. We will gather in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and praise at 5:30 p.m. After our time of worship, we will move to the Fellowship Hall for our meal together. If you plan on attending, please let the church office know or sign up on the reservation sheet (available each Sunday), so we will have an idea of how many to plan for. If you know of some of our church family who are unable to get out that evening, please let the office or Harry Newman know by November 18. The Baptist Men will be delivering some meals to members of our church family who cannot join us in person. Harry can be reached at 804-366-1588.

Advent Starts Soon

We will begin our observance of Advent season this year beginning on November 29. Let us prepare our hearts for Christ anew with prayer and hope.

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November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 Men's Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	3	4 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	9	10 WMU Meeting 7:00 PM	11 Choir To BGHCC 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM	12 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	13 Kids' Movie Night 6:30 PM	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	16	17 BGAV Meeting @ Fredericksburg EXPO & Conference Center	18 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM; Choir Practice 7:30 PM BGAV Meeting @ Fredericksburg EXPO & Conference Center	19	20	21 Thanksgiving Meal @ Church 5:30 PM
22 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	23	24	25 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	26 THANKSGIVING Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	30					
HOLY COMMUNION						

November Birthdays:

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| 1 - Arthur Hart | 14 - Ray Tate |
| 3 - Elizabeth Dobowicz | 17 - Susan Thomas |
| 4 - Richard Morris | 20 - Warren Jeffries |
| 5 - Michael Gatewood | 25 - Mildred Corthon |
| 5 - Tom Perry | 25 - Grace Marshall |
| 5 - Doug Trice | 26 - Emily Marshall |
| 7 - Richard Colosimo | 26 - Mark Irving |
| 11 - Nick Rogers | 28 - Dorothy Corthon |
| 12 - Judy Reid | 29 - Caitlin Corthon |
| 13 - Bobby Orrock | |

November Anniversaries

- 14 - Harry and Rebekah Newman
17 - Claude and Dorothy Corthon

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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| Scarlett Blanton | Ruth Edenton |
| Ruby Bullock | Evelyn Gatewood |
| Brenda Cannon | Pearl Haislop |
| Bobby Carnahan | Grayson Satterwhite |
| Ella Carroll | Buckie Tate |
| Nell Durrett | |

Deacons:

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

Deacon of the Month: November

Dickie Bettis 540-898-0122

Summary Report of Gifts/Offerings:

October '09 Weekly Average Income: \$1,930.22
Weekly Needed To Meet Budget: \$2,288.90

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We hope you like the new look and feel of the *Bethany Highlights*. We have made the newsletter more compact while retaining the important features you have grown to know and love. Feel free to give us feedback and let us know what else we can do to make your newsletter more enjoyable.