

Fall Festival

Bethany's annual Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 24th, at 4:00 PM. This year the festival is featuring good old-fashioned Brunswick Stew. There will be lots of fun and games for kids and adults, cakewalks, a silent auction, and more....all the things you would expect at the Bethany Fall Festival. We want to see everyone there!

Children's Choir Christmas Musical

The Children's Choir is starting 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!

Baby Dedication

We will celebrate together with two families who come dedicating their new sons unto God on October 4. Jerry Abel III and Max Newman and their families will gather with us in worship to ask God's blessing on their families. Let us all join together to support these two children and their families.

"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.

Pastor's Note On Stewardship

For the past several months we have featured articles on stewardship in "*Highlights*." Stewardship is a significant judge of our following God and our use of the gifts God gives to each of us. We often cringe and grab our wallet or purse when a preacher starts talking about stewardship. We know the preacher will ask for money, sooner or later. Actually a minister would not be preaching the Bible if they did not encourage stewardship regularly. God blesses each of us with talent, time, money, and other gifts. It is our responsibility to return/use those gifts to further the spread of God's love to our community. Bethany Baptist has been faithful in our gifts this year. Our gifts to the General Budget increased by about 10% this year. Good job. The economic situation in our country is still somewhat gloomy, but God's people at Bethany continue to faithfully serve God with all of our gifts. Keep up the good work, God will continue to use us if we allow Him to work through us.

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

Ben's Pen

What does Fall mean or symbolize to you? Being a sports fan I set aside time because I know I will watch football, especially college football. I will give specific attention to the World Series, whether the Braves make it or not. There are other events of Fall that I look forward to and some that I would be just as happy dismissing, such as raking leaves. Each season of the year brings some different things to our calendars. Some of them are exciting and fun and they create a loyal following. Some of the things are work and require effort, but we would gladly skip them altogether if we could. Human relationships actually include the excitement and fun, but they also include the work and effort. When an individual is a friend, we enjoy their company and work at improving and growing that relationship. One of the favorite hymns for many of us is *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. Is my relationship with Jesus one that I work at? Do I get excited about growing my relationship with Jesus? Do I set aside time to focus on Jesus and His plans for me? How you and I spend our time is a reflection of our commitments. Our time is a surefire sign of what is important to us. I can encourage you. You can encourage me. The reality is that my relationship to God through Jesus is my responsibility, just as your relationship is your responsibility. Church is a place where we can encourage each other in our relationship and we should be about that help. A new season is here. What will get your attention? Let us use this new season to give God some new attention.



Baptist Meetings Around The Corner

The Fredericksburg Area Baptist Network's annual meeting is on Sunday, October 25 at 5:00 p.m. at Fairview at Riverclub. This will be a good opportunity to see some of our mission's efforts. It is also a good time to worship together with friends from sister churches in the area.

The annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia will be in our back door this year. The meeting will be on November 17-18 in Fredericksburg. We are entitled to several messengers. If you would like to attend contact the pastor for more details. If you cannot make the whole meeting and just want to join in a worship session or two that is very possible as well.

New Mailing Address

The church has a new mailing address. For many years the church's mail has been delivered to the parsonage, which is located quite distant from the church. That address was confusing to folks who had never been to Bethany, and who were looking for a church building at the parsonage address. We have had service technicians and others looking for our address on Marye Road. Actually we have had people looking on both ends of Marye Road since some of the address numbers are duplicated because of the county line. Our mail will be safer and our physical address clearer with our new numbers. Our actual physical location is 5001 Arcadia Road, Woodford, Virginia. Our new mailing address is P.O. Box 408, Thornburg, Virginia 22565.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Personnel Committee Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3
4 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	5 Men's Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM	6	7 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	8 Deacons' Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10
11 Sunday School 10:00 AM; Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	12	13	14 Choir To BGHCC 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting 6:45 PM	15	16	17
18 Sun. School 10:00 AM; Worship Serv. 11:00 AM; Young at Heart 12:15 PM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	19	20 WMU Meeting 7:00 PM	21 Prayer Mtg, CIA 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Fall Festival 4:00 PM
25 Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM Ch. Choir 5:00 PM	26	27 Business Meeting 7:00 PM	28 Prayer Mtg 6:45 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM	29	30	31

October Birthdays:

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| 5 - Ryan Mills | 22 - Jennifer Taylor |
| 9 - James Davis | 23 - Jessica Courtney |
| 14 - Karen Perry | 25 - Al Baker |
| 14 - Wanda McAllister | 26 - Brandon Taylor |
| 16 - Mike Heflin | 28 - Stephanie Corr |
| 16 - Georgia Parr | 28 - Debbie Gatewood |
| 19 - Peggy Marshall | 28 - Cynthia Mann |
| 21 - Pauline Corr | 30 - Sierra Davis |
| 22 - Grace Anderson | 30 - Rebekah Newman |

October Anniversaries

- 15 - Carolyn & Mac Taylor

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

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: October

- Al Baker 804-448-3345

Summary Report of Gifts/Offerings:

September '09 Weekly Average Income: \$2,210.41
 Weekly Needed To Meet Budget: \$2,317.79

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

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.