

Special Events . . . Coming Soon at Bethany

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| September | 1 | 7:00 pm | Church Council Meeting |
| September | 8 | 7:00 pm | Men's Ministry Meeting |
| September | 10 | 7:00 pm | Deacons Meeting |
| September | 13 | 11:00 am | 239 th Anniversary; HOMECOMING |
| September | 15 | 7:00 pm | WMU Meeting |
| September | 22 | 7:00 pm | Business Meeting |
| September | 27 | 12:00 pm | Special Business Meeting/Deacon Election |
| September | 27 | 12:15 pm | Young-At-Heart Luncheon |

Regular Service Schedule:

Sunday:

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| Sunday School | 10:00 am |
| Worship Service | 11:00 am |
| Children's Choir Rehearsal | 5:00 pm |

Wednesday:

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

Bethany Highlights

September 2009

Bethany Baptist Church

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BEN'S PEN

Where did my summer go? Do any of you find yourself asking that question? I suppose that my summer is not as defined as it was when I was school-aged, but my summer went by rapidly anyway. As I look at the Fall I see multiple opportunities rushing towards us. We begin a new Sunday School year on September 6th. We have our annual homecoming the next Sunday and then the pace picks up. The question is not what is coming, but rather, what are you going to plug into? Do you need to recommit to regular Sunday School participation? What could you add to our worship by lending your voice to our choir? Would the fellowship and ministries of our Men's ministry or our Woman's Missionary Union deepen your walk with God? This Fall may be a great time to find out. There are several other ministries and programs that need your help. Will you start your Fall off on the right foot?

September marks our annual emphasis on state missions. We will collect the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions during the Sundays of this month. The offering will help support a wide variety of missions from resort ministries along our coasts to prison outreach to partnership mission projects to hunger initiatives in mountains of southwest Virginia and multiple other projects across our state. Check out the pew racks for the special offering envelopes and look for the prayer guide for more details about our mission goals.



HOMECOMING 2009

Our annual church homecoming is on Sunday, September 13. We will gather for worship at 11:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School on this day. After our time of worship we will enjoy our meal together. We need your help to make it successful. We need each family to bring enough food for themselves plus four additional people. The church will provide ham, chicken, and beverages; but we need you to bring the rest of the meal. If you would be willing to help in the kitchen please contact Alice Allen or if you can help with the table set up please contact Matt Faulconer. We hope to see each of you for our homecoming 2009.

“Celebrating Our Past with Gratitude - Looking to the Future with Purpose”

BUDGET MATTERS

Over the last few months, the Stewardship Committee has presented a series of newsletter articles outlining the necessity of the church budget, how the budget is designed and put together, and some of the basic principles that guide the church members' support of the budget. In this final article, the Committee would like to ask each of our supporters to review and renew your heart's commitment to our budget as an integral part of your personal stewardship plan.

The question of how much to give to the church is an intensely personal one and, here at Bethany, we do not make a practice of asking anybody to give any particular amount. This is a decision that is made between the individual and God. We fully recognize that personal circumstances differ and that such circumstances change from time to time. The key to joyful giving (in any amount) is recognizing God's blessings in your life and desiring to further His Kingdom work as a tangible expression of gratitude. If He has blessed you extra specially, you may want to give Him a little more!

During the past fiscal year, Bethany's budget receipts have not met our budget needs. We have, accordingly, been extra careful in our expenditures, and have not spent every budgeted dollar. Some needs, however, had to be met in their fully budgeted amount: staff salaries and benefits, insurance premiums, utility bills, etc. There have also been some unexpected repairs that had to be paid for: a heat pump failure and a culvert pipe collapse, for example. In view

of these circumstances, we have tried to be careful and wise stewards of our resources.

As we move forward into a new fiscal year, our prayer is that God would allow us to meet all our budgeted needs as we minister to the community and the world. We pray that all our members and friends will renew their support and, in accordance with God's leading, will perhaps be able to increase their level of support. Our God is a mighty, wonderful, and loving God, and we know that He is able to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory. Thank you, Bethany members and friends, for all that you do in helping us further His Kingdom here on Earth.

SEPTEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

Our next business meeting, to be held on September 22, will include handling the Nominating Committee report, the 2009-10 Church Budget, and proposal(s) from the Public Relations Committee. Please come and take part as we discuss these important matters.

SERMONS ON THE WEB

Miss a Sunday? Sunday sermons are now available on the church website, bethanybaptistwoodford.org. Just go to the page "Listen To Sermons" and click on the sermon you want to hear.

DEACON ELECTION

There will be a special called business meeting on Sunday, September 27, immediately following the morning worship service, for the purpose of electing new Deacons. All church members should try to be present for this election.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We welcome to our church family Richard & Ramona Morris by transfer of letter from a sister Baptist church. We also welcome Stephen Morris, who comes professing faith in Christ. Stephen was recently baptized.

SERMON TITLES AND TEXTS FOR SEPTEMBER

9/6 "Are You A Segregationist?"

James 2:1-10

9/13 "Where The Heart Is"

Psalms 1

9/20 "World Broken"

James 3:1-12

9/27 "Good Wisdom, Bad Wisdom"

James 3:13-4:3,7,8

Summary Report of Gifts/Offerings:

August '09 Weekly Average Income: \$1,728.94

Weekly Needed To Meet Budget: \$2,317.79

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

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"
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While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

September Birthdays:

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| 1 - Robby Orrock | 22 - Carolyn Taylor |
| 3 - Savanna Marshall | 23 - Janet Irving |
| 6 - Rachel Acors | 23 - Welford Orrock |
| 8 - Herbert Gatewood | 23 - Austin Maddox |
| 8 - Trina Tate | 24 - Lora Faulconer |
| 10 - Hillary Parr | 24 - Janice Harlow |
| 14 - Estelle Severance | 24 - Harry Newman |
| 14 - Ben Thomas | 26 - William Gilbert |
| 20 - Margaret Broaddus | 30 - Lila Orrock |
| 20 - John Mills | 30 - Ida Sanders |
| 21 - Jewel Toombs | 30 - Bobby Rogers |

September Anniversaries

2 - Cynthia & John Mann
2 - Linda & Joe Howell
3 - Jewel & Darren Toombs
8 - Debra & Buck Acors
15 - Brenda & Mike Johnson
29 - Janice & Sammy Harlow

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

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

Deacons:

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Alice Allen | (804) 448-3292 |
| Al Baker | (804) 448-3345 |
| Dickie Bettis | (540) 898-0122 |
| Lora Faulconer | (540) 582-6820 |
| Matt Faulconer | (540) 582-6820 |
| Danny Lee | (540) 582-8213 |
| Bobby Orrock | (804) 448-3914 |
| Judy Reid | (540) 582-5952 |
| Nelson Reid (Chair) | (540) 582-5952 |

Deacon of the Month: September

Nelson Reid 540-582-5952