

UPCOMING EVENTS

(RE)NEW CHALLENGE OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER

Stop by the Connection Center or visit our website (www.WeAreBethany.com/bible-studies) and grab an "Advent at Home" sheet. In it our some practical ideas for worshipping and reflecting Christ this Advent Season.

NEW SERMON SERIES: Advent (December)

In a world marked with so much loss, loneliness and despair the idea of joy seems improbable, if not impossible. But the arrival of Jesus changed everything! **Invite your friends** to join us as we countdown to Christmas together and discover the story of overwhelming joy!

AWANA STORE Hey Clubbers! Come tonight (Dec 2) for our last AWANA of 2018! We will have the AWANA store and you'll be able to spend all those points you've earned!

CANTATA DRESS REHEARSAL A dress rehearsal for ALL cantata participants will be THIS Wednesday, December 5 from 7:00-8:30.

CANTATA & CANDLELIGHT SERVICE Join us for the Christmas Cantata, entitled "The Word Became Flesh" on Sunday, December 9 at 6:00pm. **There will be no evening ministries next Sunday.**

CHERUB & JUNIOR CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM and BETHANY FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY Join us for the Cherub and Junior Choir Christmas Program and Bethany Family Christmas Party on Sunday, December 16 @ 6pm! Teens—see one of the Refuge Staff for details about the Refuge Christmas Party| on the 16th!

NO CHERUB OR J UNIOR CHOIR PRACTICES OR AWANA There will be no AWANA, or Cherub or Junior Choir Practices from December 9-30. These ministries will resume on January 6, 2019!

DECEMBER SENIOR OUTING Heading to the Something Different Café December 18, leaving 10:15am. Sign up by the church office.

The flowers this morning are given by Mr. John Watson and family in memory of his precious wife Shige Watson who passed away last December 5.

CHRISTMAS AT BETHANY!

Join us this Christmas season as we celebrate together! Mark your calendars below for some very special events:

Christmas Cantata and Candlelight Service (Dec 9)
Kids' Choirs Christmas Celebration and Bethany Family Christmas Party (Dec 16, evening)
An Advent Celebration (Dec 23, details TBA)

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE BULLETIN?

You may now submit announcements for the church bulletin to Daryl at wearebethany@gmail.com or by via form in the church office. Deadline is Wednesday at 5pm for that week's bulletin. Include a description of your event, times, location, how to register and contact info.

ENGAGE OUR CITY

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING Bethany Baptist Church is a key part of being the RESOUNDING GOSPEL which begins here and moves globally. Each year we join churches from across the world and take up a special offering that goes ENTIRELY (100%) to international missions and church planting. Place your contribution in an envelope marked "LMCO" or "Lottie Moon" in the offering plate by December 23. Our goal is \$2,000.

THANK YOU to all those who packed shoeboxes, helped us with Project: Shoebox, the 30+ people who served at the Operation Christmas Child Processing Center in Boone, those who helped us purchase gifts for the children with Baptist Children's Homes of NC, those who went to deliver those gifts and minister to the kids, those who donated Comfort Kits for the Red Cross, those who gave blood at our blood drive, collected and donated sports equipment for teams who lost everything in the hurricanes, the women who packed and cared for our college students away, those who served hundreds at our Fall Adventure, Small Groups who ministered to countless shut-ins and the sick, and so much more just these past couple months! God has done some huge things in and through Bethany!

THIS WEEK @ BETHANY

Sunday, December 2, 2018

9:00am Breakfast (**Free!** Family Life Center)
9:30am Morning Assembly (Family Life Center)
9:45am Sunday Small Groups (All Ages)
10:45am Morning Worship Service
5:30pm Kids' Choirs Practices
6:00-7:45p AWANA (ages 2 thru grade 5)
6:00-7:45p Refuge (grades 6-12)

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

7:00pm // Cantata Dress Rehearsal

Thursday, December 6, 2018

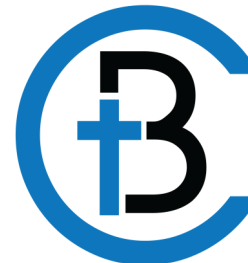
7:00pm // Praise Team Practice

GIVING FROM NOVEMBER 18 - \$4,811.00

GIVING FROM NOVEMBER 25 - \$1,579.25

Advent

4 SUNDAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



December 2, 2018

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WORSHIP SERVICE

WORSHIP IN SONG
**His Name Shall Be
Bethlehem
Your Name**

Offertory Prayer

Adult Choir
Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Advent Candle Lighting
(Lighting by Kovac Family)
Scripture Reading and Prayer

WORSHIP IN SONG
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Bethany Kids' Church
(Ages 4 thru Grade 5 dismissed**)

SERMON
Series: The Advent
Part 1: Waiting (Isaiah 9:6-7)

WORSHIP IN SONG
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Bethany Kids' Church is a time of worship for children ages 4 thru Grade 5. Children study the Bible, sing, play games, make friends and much more. Have a shy child? Parents are welcome to accompany a child new to Bethany or BKC and can stay for part or all of the children's service, as their child needs. **BKC meets in our Family Life Center. Children may be picked up by their parent at that location.

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad you are here this morning! As His church, we exist to see individuals and families **ENCOUNTER God** and see that He is good, **EQUIP People** to grow in faith and because we believe God planted us in Raleigh for His purpose we want to intentionally **ENGAGE Our City**. Enjoy your time with us this morning and we hope to see you again.

FIRST TIME VISITING WITH US?

Visitor Cards are a great way to let us know who you are and how we can serve you. You can find one marked "Welcome to Bethany" in front of you on the back of the pew. Complete the card and **put it in the offering plate** as it comes around, or feel free to **bring it by our Connection Center** in the Foyer so we can meet you!



WORSHIP IN COMMUNITY

Worshiping together through song, Scripture and prayer are both corporate and private acts. Feel free during these moments to worship as you feel led. Standing, kneeling and sitting are all appropriate forms of worship and are all welcome. Should you need to sit for health reasons, please feel free to do so.

SMALL GROUPS MATTER

Jesus had 12 close friends with whom He shared life and had a lot of spiritual conversations. We believe authentic relationships are the best context to grow in faith and understanding of Jesus. To learn more about finding a Small Group for you or a member of your family, complete a Visitor Card or stop by our Connection Center. Small Groups meet here at Bethany Sundays at 9:45am.

NURSERY

We have a free nursery available during our Small Groups and Worship Service. It is open to children ages infant through 3 years and is located in the Education Wing.



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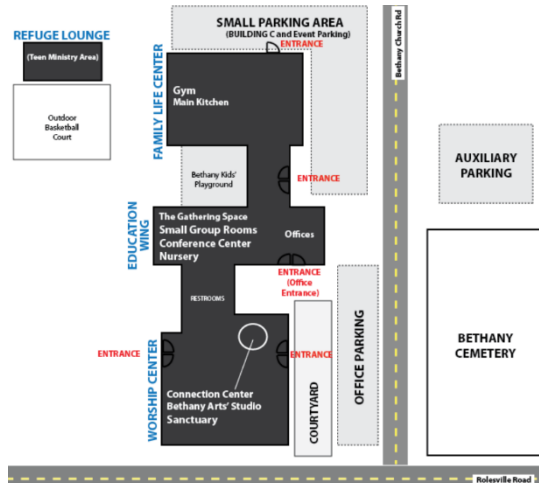
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

1st Sunday – December 2

Counting Committee - Jo Tidwell, Jack Denton & Terri Ballard
Ushers - George Puryear, Chuck Jones, Shane Ballard & Randy Denton

2nd Sunday – December 9

Counting Committee - Jo Tidwell, Paula Perry & Clyde Williford
Ushers - Mike Strickland, Lee Perry, Allen Moody, George Puryear

3rd Sunday – December 16

Counting Committee - Jo Tidwell, Randy Denton & Rhonda Richardson
Ushers - George Puryear, Jimmy Brown, Randy Jones & Carl Ray, Sr.

4th Sunday – December 23

Counting Committee - Jo Tidwell, Wendy Smith & Moryah Geib
Ushers - Doug Watson, James Duncan, Mike Richardson & Jack Denton

5th Sunday – December 30

Counting Committee - Jo Tidwell, Debbie Barbour & Carol Puryear
Ushers - Mike Strickland, Lee Perry, Allen Moody, George Puryear

