



Newsletter

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5 | 11 AM

Resurrection Sunday

Sunday at 11:00 am

Come Celebrate our Risen Savior in word and song!

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3 | 7:00 PM

Good Friday

Friday Night at 7:00 pm

Join us for this time of reflection and praise!
Communion will be observed and childcare is available for those 5th grade and younger.



BETHANY
Core Values
Obey Scripture
Serve Others
Worship God
Value Everyone
Live Generously
Build Community

April Verse

Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Luke 9:23

Sunday Funday

April 19th at 11:00 am

You won't want to miss the amazing talent of Nick Thomas, the juggler, on April 19th, at 11 am. You will have an unforgettable experience. Based in Metro Detroit, Nick Thomas combines world-record-breaking juggling skills with an engaging sense of humor to create moments that captivate, entertain, and inspire! Invite your friends and plan to join us for this family-friendly Sunday Funday.

FREE FAMILY EVENT!



**NICK THOMAS, JUGGLER
EPIC TRICKS BIG LAUGHS**

APRIL 19 | 11 AM | HERE IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

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Newborn - 5th graders

We have classes for newborn - 5th grade on both Sundays and Wednesdays. Starting at 9:45 am on Sundays, Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary students are invited to join in the fun with other kids as we study God's Word. Wednesdays, Kids Connection starts at 7 pm after dinner for the whole family. Come join us!

April 13 -Family Event

Students in 1st – 8th grade and their parents are invited to join us for a fun night at Freeplay Pinball Arcade on Utica Road in Fraser. Join us from **5:30 - 8:30 pm** or anytime in between for a chance to play without needing quarters or credits. Pizza and drinks will be available too. Cost is just \$15 per person or \$40 for the family. Please register with the QR code to the right.

FAMILY NIGHT AT FREEPLAY PINBALL ARCADE!

For students in 1st-8th grades and their parents!

Monday Night, April 13th, 5:30-8:30 pm

Sign-up with this QR code:



Sunday Funday with Juggler Nick Thomas April 19th at 11 am

Join us for this special time of worship including world-class juggler, Nick Thomas. Bring your friends and enjoy some laughs together. Nursery and Preschool classes will be available that morning but all other students are encouraged to sit with their families and friends in the Worship Center.



5th Grade Bible Challenge Class

All 5th graders are encouraged to join us on Wednesdays, **April 15, 22, & 29, from 8-8:30 pm** for their Bible Challenge Class. Any student that attends class will receive a free Leather Teen Bible. We will spend class time getting to know their new Bible better. For those that attend at least 2 of the 3 nights, recognition will be given during a Sunday Service.



Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

Wednesday, April 1 - Spring Break Week - No clubs or classes

Sunday, April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY - Egg Hunt in Kids Connection

Monday, April 13 - Family Night-Freeplay Pinball Arcade for those 1st-8th grade

Wednesdays, April 15, 22, & 29 - Bible Challenge Class for all 5th Graders 8:00-8:30 pm for 3 weeks

Sunday, April 19 - Sunday Funday with Juggler Nick Thomas at 11 am

June 22-26 - Kids Camp - Monday - Friday 9 am - Noon here at Bethany

July 19-24 - Center Lake Bible Camp for students going into 3rd – 12th grade



Middle School 6-8th Grade
High School 9-12th Grade

Souled Out Wednesday Nights

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us every Wednesday for a time to build relationships with each other and with the God who not only made us but loves us so much. Each night has some crazy games, a time to learn about God's Word, and gym time. Middle School meets upstairs in the Fireside Room and High School meets in the Teen Room.

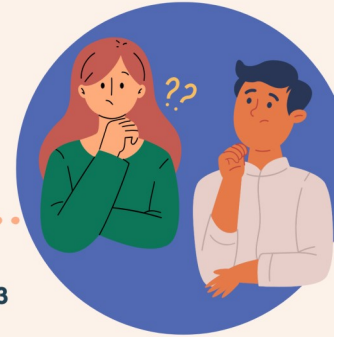


Middle/High School
 Growth Group


**IS GOD
 REAL?**

INTRO TO APOLOGETICS

Sundays at 9:45am - Room 213



SOULED OUT
HIGHSCHOOL
OVERNIGHTER

SIGN UP HERE: 

APRIL 24TH - 25TH FREE!

High School Overnighter

April 24-25th 7 pm - 10 am

High school students: it's your turn for some late night fun. Join us April 24th for our annual overnighter. Register online with the QR code on the left. A 2025-26 Bethany Annual Release Form must be on file in order to attend.



Middle School Family Game Night at Freeplay Pinball Arcade

Monday, April 13 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Middle School students are encouraged to join us at Freeplay Pinball Arcade for a night of gaming, friends and food. Bethany has rented Freeplay Arcade for the evening. An unlimited gaming wrist band, pizza and pop will be included for only \$15 per person. Parents are welcome but not required. Register ahead with the QR Code. A 2025-26 Bethany Annual Release Form must be on file in order to attend.



Update on our friends ... April

Dan & Mireille: Thanks for your kind words of encouragement. We have many fond memories of the wonderful believers back home in Michigan. We are doing well here in Europe.

Rick & Christy: In April we will be meeting with our missionaries from Europe North and sending a French short-term team to N. Africa. Please pray for our workers who are experiencing the tensions of war in their region and for the needs of families and children experiencing trauma. Across the local countryside there are many visible reminders of a Christian heritage: chapels, crosses, church towers, etc. They remain standing but for many, they have become part of the scenery rather than invitations to faith. Please pray for our daughter, Rebecca, who is going on a mission trip this summer.

Lee & Lonna: They shared a story of a woman who discovered her daughter listening to the Christian TWR program. If friends and relatives heard of this, the family would be in a very difficult situation. The mother forbade her daughter to listen, but she persisted. The mother started to listen for "mistakes." She soon realized "the Christianity our religion told us about has nothing to do with the Christianity TWR was telling us about: meeting Jesus Christ, His forgiveness, and reconciliation. Like a miracle, I accepted Jesus into my life even before my daughter did!"

Nathan & Lynn: Nathan has moved into a new part time assignment working directly on the current local translation, specifically punctuation and formatting as he is not a linguist. They praise the Lord that they were able to obtain Nathan's meds (which had increased a lot this month) for most of 2026 through a generous partner. Lynn received a research grant which will fund her trips where she works with the translation team. We still have a big prayer request for our \$1900 per month financial support deficit.



Operation Christmas Child

It's hard to believe it's spring time with all the wacky weather we've been having, but we continue to see more shoebox donations coming into our OCC room. We are thankful for a number of women that have been working on sewing projects too. Please be on the lookout for clearance items as they hit the shelves especially after Easter. You can find small 8" or less stuffed animals, small toys, tee shirts, and more. God has already blessed us with a large donation of pencils and 70 ct. notebooks. Please also continue to pray for the children and their families who have received shoeboxes and those who are still waiting to hear about Jesus.

Special OCC dates to Remember

- **May 22** - Project Day, 10 am - 2 pm
- **June 19** - Project Day, 10 am - 2 pm
- **July 12** - 7-Day Prayer Challenge
- **Oct. 11** - Fundraiser, 12:30 pm
- **Nov. 2** - Prime timers work day
- **Nov. 7** - Packing Party 10 am



Sunday Coffee Team & Greeters Needed!

Sunday Mornings

Help is needed Sunday Mornings! Are you willing to say hello and share a smile or maybe even help with coffee in our Common Grounds area. Many people are needed to fill in the areas of serving, making coffee and desserts and cleaning up.

We also need several greeters. If you are able to help at least once a month or even just once, please contact the church office for more details. A little bit of your time can make a big difference!



Women's Ministry

Painting with a Purpose - April 17 at 6:30 pm in the gym

Calling ALL potential Artists! Join us as we PAINT with a "Fundraising PURPOSE" on Friday, April 17th at 6:30pm in Bethany's Gym studio. Our focus will be to learn about and support "LifeBUILDERS Detroit" lifebuildersdetroit.com, a Christian nonprofit organization established in 2005. Kelsey L, a creative amateur artist and friend from Cornerstone Baptist will be guiding us as we create a "Spring landscape" on a 11x14 canvas. The cost is \$25 per person and space is limited (**5 spots left**) Sign up ASAP online or at the Event Sign-up desk. See Patti with any questions.

Daughters

of the KING



Compassion Pregnancy Center - Annual Fundraising Banquet is coming up on **Thursday, April 23, 2026**. Patti D is hosting a table, to join her at her table, contact her or the office.

Coming Soon: May 16th 10a-12p "Home Sweet Home" Pantry Bridal Shower for Samantha N & Nathan H. Let's bless this couple as they start their life together! Sign up coming soon.

Prime Timers April Event

Upton House Tour & Golden Corral Lunch April 22nd at 11:30am



Meet us at 11:30am at the Upton House (Dodge Park / Utica) Built in 1866-1867 by William and Sarah Aldrich Upton, the Upton House Museum is one of a few surviving 19th century homes in Sterling Heights. It was the home of this prosperous farmer and merchant until 1891. The Upton House Museum is a classic example of the Victorian Italianate style of architecture which was popular from 1840 to 1880. It is listed on the U.S. Register of Historic Places and is a Michigan Historical Landmark. After our tour of the Upton House we will go to the Golden Coral (Hall Rd and Hayes) for a buffet lunch. While there is no cost for the museum tour, donations are welcomed. You are responsible for your own lunch. SIGN UP AT THE EVENT SIGN-UP DESK IN THE LOBBY.

May Event: SeaLife Aquarium at Great Lakes Crossing, watch for details.



Staff & Supplies Needed:

- Cardboard boxes (the bigger the better)
- Painters / Paints/Paintbrushes
- Tarps/Paper

See Sam S for supply details!

See Dawn W for staff details!

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 22-26th

New Topics & Sessions! Growth Groups

Sunday Adult Growth Group ... just started a new (2 Sundays a month at 12:30 pm in Room 103)



study

Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life by Kyle Idleman. In this new study at Bethany, you will explore a topic crucial for your spiritual growth: the battle for your mind. In Romans 12:2, we read these words: "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This isn't a study on the power of positive thinking—or how you have the power to change your life—but about learning how God made your brain. He will transform your life as you learn to take every thought captive and submit it to the truth of his Word.



Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study (Room 108 at 7pm)

We all experience negative feelings---doubt, rejection, poor self-esteem, pride, defeatism, and other inner challenges. Which are you battling and are they eroding your confidence and spiritual strength? Tony Evans shows how to tear down crippling strongholds, align your thoughts with God's, and claim victory through God's Word. Join us on Wednesdays.



Griefshare - NEW SESSION starting Sunday, April 12th

Worship Center Update

Mission 2911

Mission 2911 is Bethany's attempt to raise money for projects on the building that are not included in the yearly operations budget. Our current project is updating our Worship Center. This includes painting, new carpet and seating. After Easter some of the seating options will be available in the Lobby. We would love your feedback as to which seats you would most like.



For this project we are striving to raise \$60,000. Currently we have raised \$26,680.67. We are almost half way to our goal, let's continue to give to meet this project. Donations can be given in various ways, see the information below.

Finances

Have you discovered the joy in giving? Giving is not something that people do out of an obligation to God, but rather it is a form of Worship. When we give, not only do we honor God, but we are a part of His Kingdom and work in reaching others with the gospel of Christ. Bethany has 3 different ways that people can give on a regular basis. They include; **online** using the Church Center App, **in person** using a Tithing Envelope and placing it in the Tithing boxes in the lobby or **mailing** or dropping off your gift to the church. Below you will find Bethany's monthly average operating costs (expenses) along with February's giving.

Average Monthly Expenses
\$46,981

February's Giving Total
\$38,945



APRIL 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>COLOR CODE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ For Everyone ■ For Women ■ For Men ■ For Committees ■ For 1st-5th Graders ■ For 6th-12th Graders ■ For 18-29 Year Olds ■ For PrimeTimers (50 +) 			<p>11:00 am Missions Meeting</p> <p>NO WEDNESDAY GROUPS SPRING BREAK</p> <p>6:00 pm Kids Camp Design Team Meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 pm Good Friday Service Communion</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>10:00 am Easter Choir Practice</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:45 am Growth Groups Kids Connection</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service Easter Choir & Kids Connection</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 pm Deaconess Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30 am Men's Luncheon</p> <p>6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:30 pm Single Senior Luncheon at Vic's Diner</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service Baptism</p> <p>Kids Connection</p> <p>12:30pm Coffee with Staff</p> <p>1:00 pm Griefshare NEW SESSION!</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 pm Freeplay Family Event</p> <p>7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Drop-In Volleyball</p> <p>7:00 pm Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 pm Faithfully Fit New Session</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 pm Painting with a Purpose</p> <p>May Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection</p> <p>11:00 am SUNDAY FUNDAY & Kids Connection</p> <p>12:30 PM Renewing Your Mind</p> <p>1:00 pm Griefshare</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:30 am PrimeTimers Tour Upton House & Golden Corral Lunch</p> <p>6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Compassion Pregnancy Fundraising Dinner at Compassion</p> <p>6:30 pm Faithfully Fit</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Bible Study</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection</p> <p>11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection</p> <p>12:30 PM Renewing Your Mind</p> <p>1:00 pm Griefshare</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 pm Drop-In Volleyball</p> <p>6:30 pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 pm Faithfully Fit</p>		

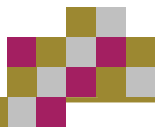


Drop-In Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (April 14 & 28)

For those 16+, we invite you to come play volleyball. No fees, no equipment, just a night of fun and a time to build relationships. Questions? Contact Katherine D.





April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Adriana G, Shari H, Leona Q, **Robert S**
- 2 Barbara B, **Dan M**
- 3 Ruth B, Sharon M, Troy S, Rebekah S
- 4 **Bob W**
- 5 Mark C
- 6 Eva R
- 7 Samantha S
- 9 James D, Leslie D
- 15 Natalie G
- 16 Dalton G, **Carol J**
- 17 Lee D, Beth D
- 18 Monica L
- 20 Ella B
- 21 Annabella M, **Tommy P**
- 22 **Leona B**, Jan M
- 23 Patty G
- 25 Michael C, Terri W
- 26 **Ava A**, Shirley D, Betty R, Chris W
- 27 Eric S, **Rebekah D**
- 28 **Ashton C**, **Donna L**
- 29 Nathan G
- 30 Dawn W, Janet Zi

- 1 Scott & Denise G
- 5 **Tim & Katie C**
- 27 Roger & Pat J
Jeff & Joy L
- 28 Ken & Becky S
- 29 Christopher & Tracey D



COLOR CODE

Friends of Bethany Shut-In No Mailbox
To ensure those whose names are color-coded receive their cards, please use the postal service.

Single Senior Luncheon

Thursday, April 9th at 12:30 pm

All single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at Vic's Restaurant on the corner of 15 Mile & Utica Rd.



Men's Luncheon

Wednesday, April 8th at 11:30 am

All men are welcome to enjoy some food and fellowship as we gather together at **Michael's Kitchen** located at 35481 Groesbeck, Clinton Township.



Search Committee Update

This past month the Search Committee interviewed two potential candidates for our Youth Pastor position. We had interviews via Zoom with both men that went very well. On March 19th the Deacons, Youth Committee and some of the Youth Leaders along with the Search Committee met with David B from New Mexico. That same week the Search Committee also met with another potential candidate that we are thinking of looking into further. The Search Committee came away from both meetings very happy with both interviews, although they are still reaching out to other potential candidates. Please continue to pray for wisdom in choosing the right candidate for Bethany.



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Bethany has been established on the corner of 15 Mile Road and Beaconsfield since **1956**, and has a rich heritage that involves Christ followers who are devoted to seeking the will of God. We know it is no accident that we have been placed on this corner and we strive to reach out to our community with the love of Christ.