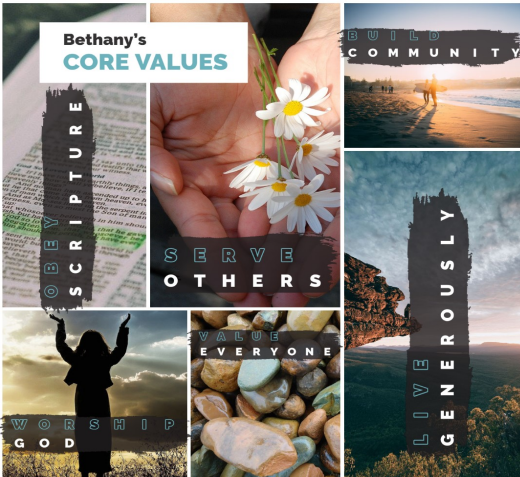




# Newsletter



## "What Are The Parts of the Church?"

**Sundays at 11:00 am**

Bethany has begun a series on the parts of the church. Join us every week to learn more about each part and how all of us play a large part in the body of Christ.



## SEPTEMBER 7: GROWTH GROUPS

**SIGN-UP SUNDAY** GRAB A SNACK  
**SUNDAY CLASSES** VISIT A TABLE IN THE  
**BIBLE STUDIES** LOBBY AFTER CHURCH!  
**SMALL GROUPS**

## August Verse

**1 Corinthians 12:27**

*Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.*



## Fall Retreats for Men and Women

This year our Women and Men will be headed up to Center Lake Bible Camp for their fall retreats. If you are interested in attending, you will register at the [Centerlake.org](https://centerlake.org) website. If you would like transportation, you can register at Bethany for a ride. The cost for the retreats starts at \$144 and goes up from there based on the accommodations selected. For questions see Dawn W (women) or Kevin D (men).

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## Newborn - 5th grade

Don't miss out on our classes for newborn - 5th grade on Sundays. Starting at 9:45 am each Sunday; Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary students are invited to join in the fun with other kids as we study God's Word all year long.



## Middle School 6-8th Grade

## High School 9-12th Grade



Our Middle & High School students continue to study God's Word every Sunday morning in the room upstairs in the gym. Don't miss this chance to fellowship and dig deeper into the Bible together.

## Summer Family Picnic

Families with kids in Middle School and younger are welcome to join us for a Bethany Family picnic from 12:30-3:00 pm on Sunday, August 10th. The water slides will be available including water balloons. A hot dot lunch will be served. The gym will be open. Crafts and activities will also be planned for all ages. Sign up right online or by calling the church office. Parents, please bring a lawn chair, and students, don't forget a change of clothes, bathing suit, and a towel.



## Cedar Point for High School & College Students

What would summer be without a trip to the best amusement park in the world? Cedar Point is the destination for fun in the summertime. Cost is \$35 and includes your ticket and transportation. You are on your own for food and the park is now cashless. Register at [connect2bethany.org/students](https://connect2bethany.org/students). Spots are limited.

## What's Next:

Sun, August 10th.....**Bethany Family Picnic & open gym with water slides after the service**

Tues, August 12th.....**Cedar Point for High School and College Students**

Sun, Sep. 7th.....**All Grades officially move up to the next age appropriate group**

Wed, Sep. 10th.....**Wednesday Youth & Kids Ministry with dinner kick off for the fall!**

## Growth Groups for Fall 2025

### Thinking About Leading a Growth Group This Fall?

Whether you've led a group before or you've just got a growing desire to help others dig into God's Word—you might be exactly who the Lord wants to use this fall.

At Bethany, we believe that gifted people are God's gifts to the church. And one of the best gifts you can offer is your willingness to help others grow in their faith, build relationships, and explore Scripture together.

As we prepare for our fall season of "Growth Groups" - small groups, Sunday School classes, and Bible studies - we'd love to hear from you! If you're considering leading a group, or even just thinking about it, please email as many details as you can (even if it's still forming!) to the church office at [secretary@connect2bethany.org](mailto:secretary@connect2bethany.org).

Whether it's a Bible study, a book study, a topical series, or a fellowship group, we want to help you get it off the ground. Don't underestimate how God might work through you!

**\*\*If you are planning to teach in the Fall, and have done so in the past, please contact the church office and confirm the details of your class so we make sure our information is accurate.**



## Membership & Baptism Class

### Baptism Class

**September 14th at 9:45am in the Conference Room**

Jesus challenged his disciples to, baptize those who believed; in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This command is still important today. Baptism presents an opportunity for new believers to publicly confess that Jesus is their Lord and Savior. This class explains Baptism in more detail. Please call the Church Office or sign up at the Welcome Center.

### Membership Class

**Sundays, 9:45 am - September 28 & October 5, 12, & 19**

This membership class is for anyone who desires to investigate why the church exists, what it believes, and how it operates. This class takes approximately 4 weeks to complete. It is highly conversational, allowing each person to ask questions at any point along the way. People who complete this class are offered the opportunity to formally join the church as a full member. Class will meet in the conference room each Sunday morning at 9:45 am starting September 28th.

## PrimeTimers - August 20th

Join the Prime Timers for their Annual Picnic at the Riverbend Marina in Harrison Twp. This annual event has become a favorite. FUN, FOOD and FELLOWSHIP!!!! Cost is only \$7.00. Fried chicken will be provided. Bring a dish to pass and whatever you want to drink. It all starts at Noon and ends about 3:30-4:00. This years theme is GO GET'M TIGERS. You are encouraged to wear your Tigers shirts, hats whatever. SEE YOU THERE, SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

### September - 18th

Looking ahead, plan for our trip to **Turkeyville on September 18th**. We'll enjoy a great turkey lunch and see the play Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Cost is \$55.00 per person due by August 24th.





## Operation Christmas Child 2025

### Sending Hope Around the World

Have you ever wondered why Bethany participates in the Operation Christmas Child Ministry? It's because OCC is a ministry in which the whole church, from the youngest child to the oldest adult, can serve together. Whether purchasing items for the boxes, helping on special work days, giving financially, packing shoeboxes, or praying for every phase of the work, we see the whole body working together to bring the Good News of the gospel to children around the world. In the years we have been doing Operation Christmas Child, some of our shoeboxes have been sent to:

**Benin, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti, Ghana, Madagascar, Mexico, Mozambique, Malawi, Paraguay, the Philippines, the Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and other hard to reach countries.**



August is here and school supplies are now on sale in stores. This is the perfect time for shoebox shopping. Some of the items needed are:

**24 ct crayons, 12 ct colored pencils, pink erasers, scissors, and pencil bags (9.5 x 7.5).**

### Special Dates to Remember

**August 22** - Work day, 10:00am - 2:00pm

**Sept Work Day** - TBA

**October 5** - Fundraiser Dinner after church

**November 8** - Packing Party

## Faithfully Fit

### Thursdays starting September 11

On Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Katherine D., a Fitness Specialist with a BS in Exercise Science will lead a 10 week course for ladies, running through November 13, to help us achieve a stronger, FIT body through a conditioning circuit program in the gym, with a time of insight to keep us inspired, encouraged and motivated. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes. If you have any hand weights, feel free to bring them along; and don't forget to bring a water bottle to keep yourself hydrated! Any questions, see Katherine D.



## College Care Packages

### Donations needed!

Being away from home at college can be an exciting time in life, but it can also bring the first of life's big stresses. At Bethany we want to encourage our young adults and let them know that they are not alone, reminding them of God's Love while they are away. Help us stock boxes with useful things to brighten the day of those kids living away on college campuses. There are lists of needed items at the Welcome Center. Boxes are sent 3 times a school year. We have 7 college students, so please make sure we have enough for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine D.



## Update on our friends – August



**Joshua & Carolin** have been working on US citizenship for Carolin ever since they got married four years ago. They now have two children and are expecting a third in September. After all that time and two hurried trips to Detroit this spring Carolin has finally been granted US citizenship. “God has blessed us over and over again in 2025 with a new ministry, a new home, a new citizenship, and another pregnancy.” Prayer requests include: “summer ministries shift and event preparation, Joshua’s upcoming sermons, Carolin’s new mother’s group, pursuit of new church meeting location, and wisdom in their delivery plans.”

**Dan & Sherry** are learning a new language in a new country at a time of life when most people are retiring to take it easy. “We attend a language school each week and are part of online language studies as well. Please pray that we will be able to speak more fluently. Lately we are seeing the Lord bringing more people into our lives...Neighbors approach us on the street...more people from the expat community (a person who lives outside their native country) pop in unannounced...We continue to have good steady contacts with the local community...We are also planning a children’s outreach at camp during the summer break...Thank you so much for being part of the ministry here.”

**Tim & Katie** have been very busy with a number of activities after returning from the US, so they are looking forward to catching up on paperwork and household tasks they’ve been putting off during these busy days. Katie will be working on connecting with graduates, sending pictures and helping some get connected with churches and student ministries at the various universities they’ll be attending. Tim hopes to work on expanding and translating his book, “Biblical Answers for Struggling Marriages - Lessons for Marriage at an Impasse.” Please pray they can each make good progress. Pray also for wisdom as they seek ways to help the churches they started and for growth again. The ministry team from the Hessel Church in Sebastopol, CA was a helpful step in this direction, as well as family seminars Tim’s been leading every 3 months, but there is always more that needs to happen. Tim was left with a lot of unfinished work for the church building extension even after the construction teams from the US. He finished the roof and windows, but still has some wall paneling and flooring left to do. He apparently overdid it climbing up and down ladders and managed to develop rather painful varicose veins. Pray that he can regain his health and strength.

**Rick & Christy** Rick just returned from Germany, where he hosted a Candidate Orientation for Europeans preparing to become missionaries—and It is clear. God is at work!” “From church plants in Hungary and the Balkans, to a mobilizer in Romania, to local leaders in our own Czech fellowship—God is stirring hearts and calling a new generation to join Him in His mission.” “Thank you for praying, for partnering with us, and for standing with these workers—both those just beginning and those stepping into long-term ministry. Your support helps make this possible.”

**Mark and Susan** - Please pray for wisdom and continued good health for Susan and Mark as they minister with national pastors and ministry leaders in different countries. They have the privilege of staying connected with their partners through video meetings, phone calls, voice messages and traveling to visit them. Many of their partners say that their prayers, encouragement and coaching are some of the most important things they do to assist them and their ministry.

## Women's Ministry



### **Daughter of the King Fall Kick Off & Craft** - September 5 at 6:30 pm

Join the ladies of Bethany (14 and older) for a night of fellowship and fun. We will have a ministry update, snacks, and a wooden craft hosted by our very own Amber Quinn. Examples will be near the Welcome Center to order when you sign-up in mid-August. The cost for the craft is approximately \$25 and is optional. See Patti D with any questions.

### **Women's Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp** - September 12-14

This year our women are headed to Center Lake Bible Camp for a weekend of growth where they will be studying the Sermon on the Mount. The speaker for the weekend is Sara Krieg, and she loves to see people take steps toward Jesus. The cost for the weekend starts at \$144 for basic accommodations (think bunkbed and bring your own bedding) and goes up for more plush accommodations (think queen sized bed with linens). To sign up, go directly to <https://centerlake.campbrainregistration.com/>. If you would like to ride in the church van register at [Connect2Bethany.org](https://connect2bethany.org) for a spot in the van. The van will leave around Noon on Friday, September 12th and will return Sunday, around 4:00 pm.



## Compassion Pregnancy Center Ministry

Did you know that Compassion is one of Bethany's outreach ministries and we support them in many tangible ways? We host their Mom's Support group called "Mothership" once a month. We also do a yearly fundraising event each September (**Crop & Craft- September 13** - See Patti D). Plus we collect diapers and hygiene items periodically to aid those moms in need.



### **Moving to New Center- Fall of 2025**

Compassion Pregnancy Center is relocating soon to their new home in Fraser, on the corner of Utica and Masonic. If YOU would be interested in helping them move, see Patti D for dates and additional information.

## Search Committee Update

### Youth Director Search – An Update from the Search Team

Since our last newsletter, we have interviewed two candidates for the Youth Director position. After careful consideration, we found that these candidates were not the right fit for our church's unique needs and theology.

We also explored the option of hiring an Interim Youth Pastor, but felt that candidate was not able to meet the needs at this time.

Please know that we are diligently continuing the search because we want to ensure we find the right person to lead and nurture our youth.

We have once again returned to the recruiting site Church Staffing.com and have selected two new candidates to interview. If these candidates fit with our church values and vision, we hope to have them interact with additional members — including parents of teens and the teens themselves — to help us make the best decision.

We ask for your continued prayers for guidance and wisdom throughout this process. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this important role, please encourage them to send their resume to [searchcommittee@connect2bethany.org](mailto:searchcommittee@connect2bethany.org).

Thank you for supporting our church family and youth ministry!



# AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<div>COLOR CODE</div> <div><div>■ For Everyone</div><div>■ For Women</div><div>■ For Men</div><div>■ For Committee Members</div></div> <div><div>■ For 1st-5th Graders</div><div>■ For 6th-12th Graders</div><div>■ For 18-29 Year Olds</div><div>■ For PrimeTimers (50 +)</div></div>					1  Men's Softball FINALS	2
3  9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection  11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection  COMMUNION	4  7:00 pm Deaconess Meeting	5	6  11:00 am Missions Meeting  1:00 pm Quilting Time  7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	7	8  Men's Softball FINALS	9
10  9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection 12:30 pm Kids Connection & MS Water Fun & Open Gym  5:00 pm Evening Service	11	12  7:00 am HS & Young Adults to Cedar Point  6:30 pm Drop in Volleyball  7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	13  11:30 am Men's Luncheon  1:00 pm Quilting Time  7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	14  12:30 pm Single Senior Luncheon at BJ's Restaurant	15	16
17  9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection  5:00 pm Evening Service	18	19	20  Noon PrimeTimers Annual Picnic  1:00 pm Quilting Time  7:00 pm Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	21	22  September Newsletter Articles Due  9:00 am OCC Project Day	23
24  9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection  5:00 pm Evening Service	25  5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting	26  6:30 pm Drop in Volleyball	27  1:00 pm Quilting Time 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting	28	29	30
31  9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection  11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection	<div><div>Drop-In Volleyball</div><div>Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (August 12 &amp; 26)</div><div>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 DeKeyser.</div></div> <div></div>					



## August Birthdays

- 1 Karen S
- 2 Kathy S
- 3 Isaiah G, Kristen W
- 4 Jill G, **Delores P**
- 5 Gladys B, Linda N
- 6 Carol M, Robby M, Annalise W
- 8 Patti D
- 9 Jan M, Danzell R
- 10 Nancy R
- 11 Alysse G, Levi L
- 12 Berlin B, **Eddie Mae D**, Debby D, Liz K
- 16 Christopher S
- 17 Kimberly W
- 18 Beth B, Liz P
- 19 **Linda M**, Ruby P
- 20 Yaser M
- 22 Dorothy C
- 23 Lindsay B, Denise M, Sandy S
- 25 **Jonathan V**
- 26 Elaina B, Janet J, Aric M, Dick S
- 29 Jeanne K
- 30 Linda D



## August Anniversaries

- 3 Scott & Beth B
- 7 Al & Lois M, Ed & Perri K
- 11 **Ed & Marion C**;
- 12 Harvey & Linda H  
Steve & Susan D  
Steve & Shirley D
- 20 **Kevin & Anne M**  
Jeff & Sandi D
- 23 Pastor Mark & Wendy R,  
**Bob & Carol G**
- 25 **Ondrej & Milina F**
- 26 Brian & Jill G
- 29 **Dave & Mary Ann B**



### 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.

## Men's Luncheon

**Wednesday, August 13th 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.



## Single Senior Luncheon

**Thursday, August 14th at 12:30 pm**

All Single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at **BJ's Restaurant (14455 Lakeside Circle)** Sign up at the Welcome Center.



## Calling all Bowlers!

Dust off those bowling balls and shoes and join the Christian Fellowship Bowling League for weekly fun, competition and prizes. Teams consist of four people (men, women or children (13 and older)) and we bowl on Thursday nights at Lakeshore Lanes located at 13 Mile Rd and Jefferson Ave. at 6:30 PM. There are openings for couples, singles or possibly a full team! All levels of experience are welcome and the cost is \$13.00 per week. If you'd like to bowl but don't want to make a weekly commitment, we are also looking for substitute bowlers. The first week of bowling will be August 28, 2025 and will continue through April 2026. If you have any questions or would like to join the league, contact Dan S.



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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.