



Newsletter



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

August Sermon Series

"Save to Serve"

Starting on August 9th, Pastor Mark Reynolds will begin our new series focused on δούλος which means "servant." As followers of Christ, Jesus told us that we have to become servants. Jesus himself was a servant and laid down His life for us. Join us each week as we work on our Mission, "To Love God, Love Others and Serve Both".

SAVED TO SERVE



All Church Picnic

August 16th starting at 4:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm

Everyone is invited for a time of singing, food, fun and fellowship at the Clinton Township Civic Center Pavillion. We will provide chicken, plates, napkins, forks, water and lemonade. Don't forget to bring a side dish, salad or dessert, and a lawn chair so you can enjoy our time together. There is plenty to do after the music with pickle ball courts, a playground, a bike path, horseshoe pits, bocce ball courts, and a baseball field. Dinner will be at 5:00pm, so plan ahead with a cooler if needed.



August Verse

"... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

Mark 10:43-44

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Newborn - 5th graders

We have classes for newborn - 5th grade on Sundays. Starting at 9:45 am, Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary students are invited to join in the fun with other kids as we study God's Word. From September - May, we also meet together Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm.

Kids Connection Update - Summer 2026

Summer is fully underway and we have been busy in the Bethany Children's Ministry: kicking off the summer with our Emerald Crossing Kids Camp and now in July with a wonderful time at Center Lake Bible Camp. In between, we have been gathering the kids in small groups as a way to get to know them better. Each group of 2-4 kids meets at Bethany for a mini-Bible time, then we head out to eat and swim (or some other fun activity if the weather isn't good). Our goal is to meet our students in ways that provides them more attention and allows us to understand their Biblical needs and interests even more. This will continue into the whole month of August and several groups may even meet a second time as a way to follow-up. If your student hasn't been contacted yet, feel free to email Dawn W at dawn@connect2bethany.org to get them scheduled. Typically we meet Mondays or Wednesdays.



Bethany Family Church Picnic It's for Kids too! - August 16th

Families with students should feel welcome to bring the whole family. The picnic will be from 4-7 pm with a potluck dinner at 5:00 pm. Bring fun games for the kids or join us for some of Bethany's games as well. The pavilion is near the baseball diamonds and a playground. Clinton Township Civic Center Park also has a splash pad that is open until 7 pm but you must register with the City of Clinton Township ahead of time to use it. It is free to residents and \$10.50 for a day pass for non-residents.

Thanks for helping our kids enjoy a week of Summer Camp!

Thank you to the Bethany Family for helping our students enjoy a week of Summer Camp. We had 29 students at Center Lake Bible Camp the week of July 19-24. Students as young as 3rd grade and up through Seniors in High School enjoyed a fun week of Biblical teaching and outdoor activities. The theme this year was "Under Construction" based on Philippians 1:6, where God wants to do a "good work" in each of us. We are a work in progress, learning to lean on Him to make us better and more complete. See some photos of camp on the next

Dates to Remember...

Sunday, August 30 - Move up Sunday - All students will move up to the next grade appropriate class

Wednesday, September 9 - Family Dinner & Wednesday Kids Connection **Clubs kick-off**



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

Sunday Teen Bible Study - 9:45 am every week in Room 213

Creation and Cool Science

All Teens (6-12 Grade) are welcome to join us on Sundays! Come check out what God says about creation and enjoy some cool projects too!



A day at
CJ Barrymore's
 a middle school only event

August 12 | \$40 | 10:30am-5pm

Register here:  connect2bethany.org/students

Middle School Day at C. J. Barrymore's

August 12, 2026

Middle School students can look ahead to a fun day at CJ Barrymore's on **August 12**. Register now using the QR code to the left and enjoy several hours of fun. Flyers are available at the Event Center Desk in the church lobby. Cost for the all-inclusive wrist band is \$40 but 5-Day Frenzy points can reduce that cost. Bring money to eat at McDonalds as well.

Fun at Center Lake Bible Camp 2026



Friends of Bethany - August

Wesley & Rebekah D: We recently spent 10 days on a mission trip. Wesley's main role was to coordinate games, do skits, songs, and crafts while Rebekah cooked meals for the team of eighteen people. They were joined by a couple that are a part of Pioneers. Todd is the head of 5 translations, so a majority of what we do with them has to do with passing out translation work to three villages. The hope was to show a Jesus film in two local languages. We were able to do so in two of the villages, but in the third they were stood up. However, they were still able to play with the kids and share the audio Bible in their language which they were SHOCKED by.

Bob & Carol G: Bob recently underwent brain surgery for a malignant tumor that was found unexpectedly. He began his second round of chemotherapy the beginning of July. Praise the Lord, they recently received a financial gift from someone they met in 2005 that took away Bob's financial concerns. "That gift was moved in someone's heart even before I had voiced the concern to the Lord. Please pray for relief from intense nausea and for strength to sustain my body." We praise God for this opportunity to share God's stories and the hope of Christ with the doctors, nurses, and medical staff treating us.



Lee & Leona L: In the spring, Lonna and I joined the TWR Board of Directors for their annual meeting. The meetings went well. It was exciting to hear ministry reports from ministry directors who work and live in difficult and often dangerous places. The TWR Ukraine workers are fighting a war to win people to Jesus and to share hope in a humanly impossible situation. As TWR's president stated, "We make noise in the most spiritually silent area of the world."

Alex & Megan : We have decided to relocate to Costa Rica on for a healthier, more community-oriented life. We will still be doing the same work for Wycliffe. This is a beautiful mountain town surrounded by rain forest reserves and farms. The community is tightly connected and easily accessed without driving. Swapping driving time for walking would be good for our physical health. Our son starts kindergarten at a bilingual school in August. He will be able to be outdoors more, and more physically active. He will also have more freedom to play naturally with children of different ages. We also should be able to build relationships more easily.

Operation Christmas Child

"It's all about Jesus" is the theme for this year's Operation Christmas Child. By filling ordinary shoeboxes with small treasures we can be a part of giving children what could be their first gift ever. Even more than that, children are getting the opportunity to hear and know about Jesus. Last year alone 3.2 million kids came to know the Lord through your generous gifts of love.

We will not be doing a work project in August due to the remodeling of the sanctuary, but we will still be collecting items for the boxes. Here are a few ideas:

24 ct. Crayons
Marbles

12 ct. Colored Pencils
Sunglasses

5 x 7 Journals

Small Play – Doh
Small Pencil Sharpener

UP COMING EVENTS

September 18th – 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Project Day

October 11th - Fundraiser 12:30 pm



November 2nd - Prime Timer's Service Project

November 7th - Packing Party

Women's Ministry

Couples Road Rally - July 31 at 6:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled Couples Road Rally! Get ready for an exciting evening of teamwork, laughter, fellowship, and friendly competition as we follow clues, compete in challenges, and enjoy time together! Meet at church at 6:15pm. The evening will conclude at Patti & Kevin D's house for a bonfire and snacks (you may want to get your car from church before heading over). The cost is \$5 a couple. Sign up at the Event Center.



Upcoming Events:

- **August 22-** Steals & Deals Community Sale - see page 8 for details
- **September 12 (Saturday) from 9 am to 9 pm,**

Crop & Craft for 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 called "Crop & Craft" on September 12th—(See Patti D for more information). Plus we collect diapers and hygiene items periodically to aid those moms in need. if you would like to attend or donate Hygiene items for Moms & Dads see Patti D. They recently moved to their new building in Fraser.

- **September 25-27** - Women's Retreat at Camp Barakel with speaker Jamie Gilbert - **Online registration is NOW OPEN!!** @ www.campbarakel.org. **Spots go quickly, sign up as soon as possible.** Transportation will be provided.
- **DOTK Fall Kick Off** - coming in October



Daughters
of the KING

Prime Timers

Frozen Custard & Mini Golf - August 20th at 2:00 pm

Join the Prime Timers for a comfortable afternoon for some World Famous Frozen Custard, and if you want, a round of Miniature Golf. Meet us at 33538 23 Mile Rd, Chesterfield Twp, MI. We will meet at 2:00 pm. Cost is \$5 for miniature golf plus whatever frozen custard / ice cream you order. We suggest you bring your own lawn chairs since seating is limited. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



**** Date Change!**** Annual Picnic at the Marina - September 10th at Noon

Join the Prime Timers for a fun filled afternoon at Riverbend Marina in Harrison Township starting at 12 noon thru 3:30 pm. Fun, food and fellowship!!!! We will be celebrating the RED, WHITE & BLUE; our country's 250th birthday. Chicken will be provided. There will be a sign up list at the Event Center soon where you can indicate what dish you will be bringing to share. Bring what ever you want to drink. Cost is \$7.00 per person.



Growth Groups

Wednesday Growth Group Kick Off - September 9th

Sign up Sunday - September 13th

Get ready for falling back into routine, and growing, in a small group. Our Wednesday Night Kids Connection and Small Groups will start **September 9th with dinner starting at 6:15 pm**. If you haven't found a Small Group by then, "Sign up Sunday" will happen **September 13th** for you to find the right group for personal and spiritual growth. (Ministry leaders please get information about your small group to Eric S as soon as possible so we can compile a list of groups, the time, dates, locations, and topics that will be studied.) We are excited to help you connect with a group of people that would like to grow together this fall.



Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

BSF is an In-depth Bible study for anyone, anywhere.

Bible Study Fellowship has been helping people study God's Word deeply for over 65 years. They have free, interdenominational Bible studies open to all. Whether you are new to the Bible or have studied for years, we offer a community where your faith can truly take root and grow. For more information go online to bsfinternational.org or contact Sue K.



Worship Center Update - **Mission 2911**

The Worship Center carpet and chairs have been ordered and we will continue to move forward on the Worship Center Remodel project.

Currently we have raised \$70,539 of the \$80,000 needed. Thank you to all who have supported this project in prayer, finances, and doing research. We trust God will provide the full amount.

Worship Center Work Crew - Volunteers

Beginning Sunday, August 9

All hands on deck! We need help removing & dismantling the pews, pulling up carpet, painting, laying down carpet squares and so much more. Come just one day or all the days. The most urgent need is Sunday, August 9th as we begin to remove the pews and carpet. If you are available, we will begin shortly after the Morning Service. Lunch will be provided if you are staying to help. Please sign up at the Event Center and if possible mark which days you are available. Our goal is to complete the entire project in just one week!

Worship Center Remodel Meeting

Sunday, August 2

There will be a short informational meeting after the Morning Service to answer any questions on the remodeling project. This will be especially helpful for anyone who would like to volunteer.

Finances

Average Monthly Expenses \$44,049

June's Giving Total \$52,613



AUGUST 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
COLOR CODE ■ For Everyone ■ For Women ■ For Men ■ For Committees ■ For 1st-5th Graders ■ For 6th-12th Graders ■ For 18-29 Year Olds ■ For PrimeTimers (50 +)						1
						
2 9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service Communion & Kids Connection	3 7:00 pm Deaconess Meeting	4 1:00 pm Youth Committee Meeting	5 11:00 am Missions Meeting 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Men's Bible Study	6	7	8
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WORSHIP CENTER REMODEL						
16 9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection 4:00pm Church Picnic at the CT CIVIC Center	17	18	19 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Men's Bible Study	20 2:00 pm PrimeTimers MiniGolf and Custard	21 September Newsletter Articles Due	22 9:00 am Steals & Deals Parking Lot Sale
23 9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection 1:00pm Unstuck Communica- tion Team Meeting	24 7:00 pm Finance Meeting	25 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	26 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting Men's Bible Study	27	28	29
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August Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 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, Rodger W
- 11 Alyse G, Levi L
- 12 Berlin B, **Eddie Mae D**, Debby D, Liz K
- 13 Tyler B
- 15 Stacey B
- 16 Christopher S
- 17 Kimberly W
- 18 Beth B, Liz P
- 19 Jessica E, **Linda M**, Ruby P
- 20 Yaser M
- 22 **Dorothy C**
- 23 Lindsay B, Denise M
- 25 **Jonathan V**
- 26 Leda G, **Janet J**, Aric M, Dick S
- 29 Jeanne K
- 30 Linda D



- 3 Scott & Beth B
Adam & Bethel G
- 7 Al & Lois M
Ed & Perri K
- 11 **Ed & Marion C**
- 12 Harvey & Linda H
Steve & Shirley D
- 20 **Kevin & Anne M**
- 21 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 12th 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 13th at 12:30 pm Men and women are invited to enjoy a meal together at BJ's Restaurant (14455 Lakeside Circle Sterling Heights MI 48313). Sign up at the Event desk so we can save you a seat!!



Steals & Deals Community Sale

Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 9am - 1pm

Have unwanted things lying around the house or stored in the garage? Come sell it at our Steals & Deals Community Sale! Rent a parking space for only \$10 and turn your unwanted stuff into extra money. Nothing to sell? Stop by for a little shopping (\$2 admission fee for adults, kids 12 and under are free) and find some deals. All proceeds from the sale (renters fee and admission fee) go towards the Campers Fund to help send our kids to Summer and Winter Camps. **Register ASAP! Stop by the Events Center for a contract to sell, or see Katherine D for any questions.** And spread the word! This sale is open to anyone and everyone not just our church family!



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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.