



Newsletter

December Sermon Series

Sundays at 11:00 am

Christmas is supposed to be a time that brings great JOY, but often it comes with many other emotions. Join us this Christmas Season as we look at the Christmas story choosing to focus on JOY rather than the problems that come our way. Each week will be a wonderful celebration of the Joy of Christmas.

December Verse

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

Luke 2:10



Christmas Eve Service

December 24th at 6 pm

Come and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, during this candlelight service. This is a special time for the whole family. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this Christmas Eve event. Childcare will be provided for those preschool and younger.



Coming in December:

Dec 5 - Young Adults Christmas Party

Dec 7 - Student Musical Drama Performance

Dec 7 - Communion

Dec 8 - Ladies Christmas Party

Dec 11 - Prime Timers Christmas Party

Dec 17 - Wednesday Night Christmas Parties

Dec 20 - Kids Connection at the Movies

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Christmas Eve SERVICE

WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 24 @ 6 PM



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UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Young Adult Ministries

December 5th at 7:00 pm

Calling all young adults (those age 18-29+), you won't want to miss our annual Christmas Party, on Friday, December 5th at 7 pm. There will be lots of laughs with our White Elephant gift exchange—please bring a white elephant gift to share; food will be provided. If you have any questions or would like more details, contact Olivia M.



Women's Ministry



"JOY to the WORLD"

Monday, December 8th - 6:00-9:00pm
Ladies Annual Christmas Gathering;

This year we are going to do something NEW and EXCITING! **As we strive to share the "JOY" with the world around us** we encourage you to invite your friends that don't have a church home. We will meet at Bethany promptly at 6:00 pm, divide up in groups of (8) and carpool to our assigned host homes for an intimate dinner of lasagna, salad, veggies, and rolls. Then we will

travel back to Bethany for dessert, including coffee and a cocoa bar, along with our speaker Tamika Stringer from Compassion Pregnancy Center. The cost is \$15 for this special celebration. PLEASE **sign-up at the Welcome Center or on the Church Center App and pay by December 3rd.** For Ladies 18 and up. **Space is limited!** Questions? See Patti D.

Daughters
of the KING

Prime Timers

December 11 - Prime Timer Annual Christmas Party at the Gazebo



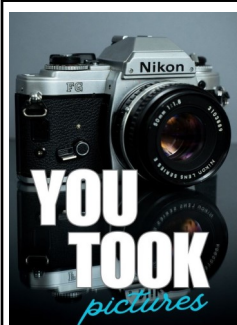
Join us for our Annual Christmas Party at the Gazebo (31104 Mound Rd, Warren, MI 48092) starting at Noon. As part of our theme, "Christmas Bells," please bring a wrapped \$5-10 ornament to exchange. Cost for this fun event will be \$30. See Sheryl M if you have any questions. You can sign up and pay at the Welcome Center.



Mission 2911

MISSION 2911

As announced at the Annual Business meeting, the leadership continues to believe that God has greater plans for Bethany and the ministry here. In an attempt to continue to address many of the different projects around Bethany, the Deacons with the support of the Trustees and Finance Committee are recommending to the Congregation **the challenge of raising \$60,000 to update the flooring and seating in the auditorium.** Once funds for this project begin to accumulate a sub committee will be formed to look into the different options available to recommend to the Congregation. The hope is to raise \$60,000 over the next several months to be able to complete this project during the summer of 2026. If you have any questions, please see any member of the Deacons, Trustees or Finance Committee. All funds towards this project should be addressed as Mission 2911. If you would like to help in this, you can designate your giving to include Mission 2911. To give to Mission 2911, go to the giving page on the connect2bethany.org website or use an envelope in the church lobby.



Still Looking for Bethany Pictures

We are looking for photos from Bethany events that we can use for advertising to share with our community. If you happen to take photos, you can help show others what God is doing in our lives and what He can do in someone else's life. If you take any pictures, please feel free to download them with this QR code link. For more info about sharing photos, please contact Sam S at sam@connect2bethany.org. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Search Committee Update

The Search Continues

We are still seeking a new Youth Director/Pastor with a Bible-based degree. The ideal candidate will have some experience with a passion for ministering to young people and their families. While we have previously considered two candidates, which we felt were a good fit for our church, they both had offers elsewhere; Garret B, the latest, just a few weeks ago. Thus, the Search Committee is now resuming our search to find the right fit for our young people and our congregation. Please continue to pray for Bethany, our Young People, and for God's leading in our search.



Mailbox Refresh

Our church family mailboxes (at the east entrance) received a much needed makeover and are now ready for Christmas cards and birthday greetings. If you attend regularly and would like a mailbox, but don't see one with your name on it, please contact the office. Thanks to everyone that worked to make this a great way to care and connect through mail.





Newborn - 5th graders

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

Student Musical Drama Team Performance & Practices

Performance on December 7th

Don't miss your chance to see our latest Student Musical Team Performance. This year their performance on Sunday, December 7 uses imagery and shadowing. The team, made up of kids ages 5-12, would like to share a little Christmas spirit with you.

Drama Team notes:

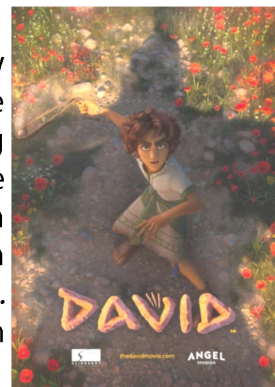
Remaining practices will be at **5:30 pm** on Wednesday **December 2nd** and Saturday, **December 6th** from **10 am - 1 pm** in the auditorium. Pizza will be provided for lunch.



Kids Connection at the Movies

December 20th

Join our Kids Connection crew for a trip to the movies to see "DAVID," a newly releasing show by Angel Productions. We will meet at Bethany on Saturday at 11:30 am and then head over to the show together. The cost is just \$3.00 per person and your family can join you!



Kids Connection Christmas Party

On Wednesday, December 17th, Kids Connection Groups will celebrate Christmas together during regular club time from 7:00-8:30 pm. **Wear your Christmas casual outfits, bring a friend,** and let's celebrate the birth of Jesus together. Don't forget your gym shoes, as parties tend to get a little messy and goofy.

Winter Retreat - February 6-8th, 2026



For students in 3rd-5th grade

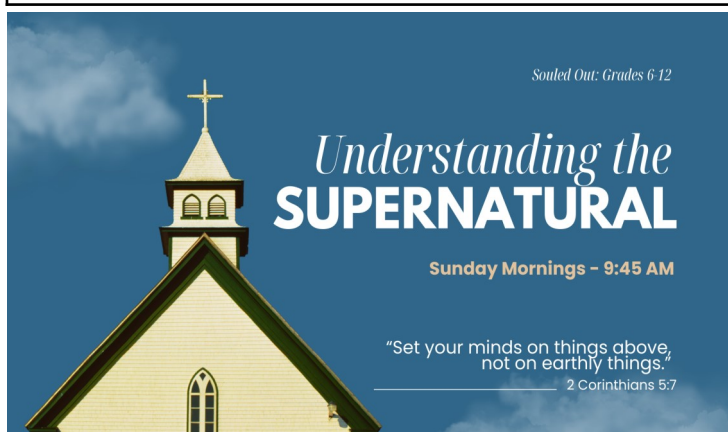
Register now for Snow Zone Winter Camp Weekend at Center Lake Bible Camp. Kids Connection leaders will take students to camp after school on February 6, through Sunday early evening. In between we will have tons of fun tubing, cross country skiing, playing broomball, building snow sculptures, and recovering from the snow with hot chocolate. Indoor games, worship, and meals will be planned as well. Registration is due no later than January 21st! Camp Scholarship Dollars can be used for this up to \$75, but the total cost is \$129. See Dawn W if cost is a concern. Register by picking up & returning a form at the Kids Connection desk.



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

Middle School (MS) and High School (HS) Souled Out Wednesday Nights

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 students meet upstairs in the Fireside Room and High School students meet in the Teen room at 7:00 pm. Please note that we will take December 24 & 31 off for Christmas.



Sunday Morning Student Bible Study

Students in 6th-12th grade are encouraged to join us at 9:45 am each Sunday morning as we dig deeper into God's Word. This is the time to really grow and stretch our knowledge of Christ and His Word while spending time with peers. Our new study takes a closer look at what the Bible says about heaven, hell, angels, Satan, and God and His ultimate plan for us all.

Souled Out Christmas Parties

December 17th - 7:00 PM

Don't forget your Christmas Spirit and join us on Wednesday, December 17th. Souled Out High School will meet in the Teen Room at 7:00 pm while Middle School will meet in the Fireside Room. High School students should bring a wrapped white elephant gift to share.



Souled Out Winter Retreats

High School - January 23-25, 2026 ** Middle School - February 6-8, 2026

Students, you won't want to miss this year's winter retreat. We are heading to Center Lake Bible Camp to enjoy all things winter such as tubing, cross country skiing, and broomball, all while praising God together! We will leave each weekend on Friday at 4:00 pm and return on Sunday around 3:30 pm. The cost of each weekend is \$129, but if you sign up prior to December 31st you will get \$10 off. Bethany Camper points can also be used to discount this cost up to \$75. Registration is due for High School students no later than January 11, 2026. For Middle School students, registration is due by January 21, 2026. If you have any questions, see Barb S. You can register for camp using the QR codes to the right:



High School Code



Middle School Code

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Packing Party

On November 8th our church family came together for a great time of fellowship as we packed 1,000 shoeboxes for children through Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child. The air was filled with excitement as 130 plus men, women and children circled tables filled with school supplies, hygiene items, and toys strategically packing shoeboxes with items God planned for each child. One simple shoebox has the opportunity to reach up to five people with the gospel, and one child out of seven will make a decision to follow Jesus.

The Mission Team wants to thank everyone for your participation in Operation Christmas Child 2025. We couldn't have done it without you. It was a great time of fellowship and prayer. To those who came to help on work days, seamstresses who sewed, to all who donated items, packed boxes, and those who gave to help ship the boxes. Thank you for participation in the miracle of a simple shoebox.

Looking ahead to 2026.....

Once again we are asking you to save any Christmas cards fronts and calendars that you no longer need. We will repurpose them for our shoebox ministry. Also, remember to look for those clearance sales; after the holidays is a great time to do some bargain shopping. Remember OCC 2026 is right around the corner.



Friends of Bethany (December)

John Clauson (ETHNOS): The helicopter is an amazing piece of equipment that I have the privilege to fly to support our church planting teams. I spent a week at one of our non-aviation centers conducting flights. I have also conducted a couple of runway inspections which gives me the opportunity to talk with locals using my local language story and joke telling skills! Thank you for praying for me as I have just passed my practical pilot exam for here! I will continue to learn the routes and weather patterns of the area until my skills and judgement are acceptable; hoping to fly solo by March.

Tim & Katie (TEAM): We completed the process of purchasing a house in the foothills and have begun some of the repairs necessary to live there late next year. This purchase signifies that we plan to resign from Team in the next 12-20 months and we have begun seeking God's choice of people to replace us in some of our ministry roles. Please pray that God would provide people to fill the main ministry roles which keep us in our current location and that He would make clear when we should take each step.

Kevin & Anne Mayer (SonSet): Praise God for the success of our fall Career Fair visits. Our mobilization team visited 10 Christian universities with eleven staff members engaging over 400 students. Pray that God would guide the students of His choosing to join us as summer interns in 2026. Praise God that two of our 2025 summer interns have applied and been accepted as full time missionary candidates with SonSet Solutions! Pray as we ship out the remaining radio orders for this year to many countries.

Mark & Susan: Please pray for Susan as she had knee replacement surgery redone which was more extensive and more painful with a longer recovery period. Rhode and her team reached 30,000 children and over 3,000 parents with the gospel. They trained workers to equip 300 churches to host VBS programs. Our partner was able to build a one-room schoolhouse on rented land that is being used for their Christian school, Bible studies, and a new church plant. Please pray for the construction of our partner's new church building. The cement for the first floor is almost finished. A container of over 40,000 Bibles and theological books is waiting to be transported to them. Please pray for our brothers and sisters who suffer because of the war as we continue to care for the needy.

DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 11:00 am Missions Meeting 5:30 pm Kids Musical Drama Team 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	4	5 7:00 pm Young Adult Ministries Christmas Party	6 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Kids Musical Drama Team Dress Rehearsal
7 9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service Communion Kids Musical Drama Team Perform	8 6:00 pm Ladies Christmas Gathering	9 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	10 11:30 am Men's Luncheon 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	11 12:00 pm Prime Timers Christmas at the Gazebo	12 January Newsletter Articles Due	13 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
14 9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Titus Small Group	15	16 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting 6:30 pm Drop-In Volleyball	17 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	18	19	20 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:30 am Kids Connection DAVID Movie Event
21 9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection	22 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	23	24 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25 	26 Office Closed	27
28 9:45 am Growth Groups & Kids 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection	29	30 6:30 pm Drop-In Volleyball	31 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT GROUPS OR PRAYER MEETING 	COLOR CODE  For Everyone  For Women  For Men  For Committee  For 1st-5th Graders  For 6th-12th Graders  For 18-29 Year Olds  For PrimeTimers (50 +)		



Drop-In Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (December 2, 9, and 30)

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.

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Tom M
- 2 Tony R, Trayanna T
- 3 Paula M
- 4 Gregory Q
- 5 Linda M
- 6 Melissa K
- 9 Gracie F
- 10 Carlin L, Desiree Q
- 11 Jenifer F
- 12 Anne M
- 14 Renee B, Lauren F
- 15 Betty M, Garima M
- 17 Vinny L, Ken J
- 18 Rebecca, Kathy W
- 19 Erica H
- 20 Jim D, Kendra G
- 21 Courtney V
- 22 Rodrick N, Holly R
- 25 Katelyn K
- 28 Elim S
- 30 Sue M
- 31 Preston Q, Dick W



- 5 Ben & Elizabeth H



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, December 10th 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.

MEN'S LUNCHEON



Serve Our Community

Help Needed at McGlinnen Elementary's Santa Shop

We need volunteers for this year's Santa Shop at McGlinnen Elementary. You will help students shop for their family and friends, while also assisting them with wrapping their gifts. It will take place from **Monday, December 8th, to Thursday, December 11th**. There are two time slots to sign up for each day. In the mornings from 8:30-11:00 am and then from 12:30-3:00 pm. If you are interested, please sign up at the Welcome Center. A background check form for McGlinnen must be filled out for the year in order to attend. These forms can be found at the Welcome Center and turned into the office prior to December 8th. Please see Dawn W if you have any questions.



Monday-Thursday, December 9-12th



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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.