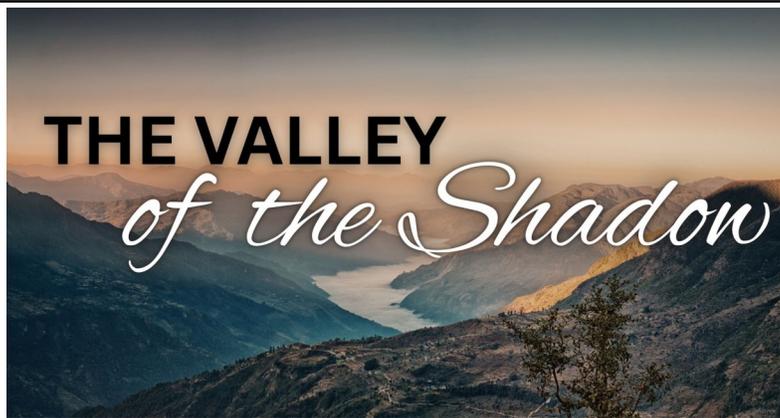




Newsletter



Preparing for Easter ...

Sundays at 11:00 am

We will continue our Sermon series in March exploring how Christians worship a risen Savior even though we walk in the shadow of death. For believers, the sadness of death that is deserved, is comforted by the realization of all Christ did on the cross; not because he had to, but because He wanted to for us. Join us each week as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of the gift He provided by his death and resurrection - ETERNAL LIFE!



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

March Verse

*"Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"*

1 Corinthians 15:55

Palm Sunday

March 29th

The Student Musical Drama Team will be performing their newest routine on Palm Sunday at 11 AM.



Invite a friend and rejoice with the kids and all Christians in the Glory of God and all he has done. Elementary students will enjoy the beginning of the service as part of Kids Connection and then be invited downstairs for a powerful lesson.



April 3

Join us Good Friday for a service of praise and reflection. Childcare is provided for those 5th grade and younger.



Time Change

March 8th

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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!

Kids Connection Weekend of Fun **March 14-15th**

Nerf Wars for boys from 4-7 pm.



Girls Overnights starts at 7 pm



Register online with the church center app or call 586 791-1190. Students must have an annual release form on file to attend. Both are free events.



BREAKFAST, PJ DAY, & ESCAPE ROOM

*In Kids Connection
Sunday, March 15*

9:45 AM - 12:15 PM

All Kids Connection students won't want to miss the special Sunday morning on March 15th that includes PJ Day, with Breakfast, a Bible lesson and an Escape Room Challenge for elementary students, from 9:45 am - 12:15 pm. Preschool and Kindergarten students are encouraged to wear their PJs too and can enjoy breakfast at 10 am.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

Wednesday, March 25 - Easter Party in Clubs

Saturday, March 28 - Student Musical Drama Team Dress Rehearsal/Practice

Sunday, March 29 - Student Musical Drama Team Performance during Service

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

Sunday, April 5 - EASTER SUNDAY - Egg Hunt



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.



Dig Deeper...

A chance for Middle and High School Students to Grow in their Faith

Sundays, March 1, 8, & 15th
4-6 pm



Middle School March Madness Game Night **Friday the 13th from 6:30 -9:00 pm**

March Madness isn't just for basketball fans! On Friday the 13th of March, Bethany will host its own March Madness Game night that is open to all Middle School students in 6-8th grade. Bring a friend and plan on having tons of food and fun. You can register for the event at connect2bethany.org/students Questions? See Barb S!



Winter Retreat Thank You!

Thank you to the Bethany Church Family for helping 29 students in 3rd-12th grade enjoy a Winter Weekend Retreat at Center Lake Bible Camp. Each student spent the weekend enjoying many winter activities and learning about "Seeing the Unseeable," based on Romans 1:20.

Special Sunday– Davey Family

Join us **Sunday, March 1st**, for a time to learn about our friends, Wesley and Rebekah. They serve with children and families in Europe. They will share with us briefly during the service and then join us for a spaghetti lunch. Childcare is provided after lunch for those in Kindergarten and younger.

Update on our friends ...

Tim & Katie: Students are continuing to attend RENEW and being moved by the lessons we are learning from the Bible. Pray for Tim's continued improvement on his back and for his leadership of training sessions for OMF (Overseas Missionary Fellowship) missionaries.

Bob & Carol: After many years serving with SIM in South America, we are now based in Pennsylvania; back in our home culture. What some might call a return, we experience as a reintegration: learning again how to live, love, and serve here while maintaining meaningful relationships with leaders and believers we continue to walk alongside in Latin America. We have leaned into active participation in the local church. We operate a small hospitality center in our home. Our ministry beyond borders continues as well. Through WhatsApp we nurture believers and leaders in South America. Technology has become a bridge, allowing us to remain spiritually present despite physical distance. Our mission has not ended; it has simply moved closer to home while still reaching the ends of the earth.

Joshua & Carolin: This January, our church will establish church membership, which we believe is one of the larger steps in the church planting process. There needs to be a lot of teaching and applied patience and grace as we attempt to determine those who are committed and willing to permanently identify with our congregation and statutes. Our church men's retreat was a completely full event and went well. The women's retreat has been rescheduled for the spring. Our daughter has joined a kid's church program, while our younger daughter sings quietly with us in church and our son is doing well and is a very happy baby. Please join us in prayer for a new larger church building and additional personal support.

Kevin & Anne: In November, SonSet Solutions was instrumental in getting a Radio on the air in Africa. This new station reaches rural communities with gospel broadcasts. Every radio placed into someone's hands feels like hope being planted. We are looking forward to welcoming our daughter's second baby boy in May. Thank you for your participation in taking the life-changing message of salvation to people around the world.

Operation Christmas Child

We are pleased to inform you that our shoeboxes have reached their destinations. They arrived in three different areas of Africa: . Please pray for the children and their families that received boxes. Pray that the Lord will open their hearts to the gospel message and make a decision to follow Christ.



Just a quick reminder we are still accepting Christmas Cards, Calendars and tee shirts. These items are used for special projects and can be put in the collection boxes. We often get asked what items **cannot** go into a shoebox: they include items such as candy, glass, soap, toothpaste, camouflage items, shampoos, lotions and any type of liquids including liquids inside of games or balls.

Unstuck Update

March 22 at 12:30 pm in the gym

On Sunday, March 22 after the Morning Service the Bethany Leadership will be gathering together in Westenberg Hall for a luncheon followed by an "Unstuck" update. Over three years ago, Bethany invested in an outside consultant to help us to move forward in areas where we felt stuck. This event is for all who are in leadership, from Deacons, Trustees, Deaconesses, Finance, Missions and the Staff, along with their spouses. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, March 18th. Child care can be provided upon request. Start thinking now about some of the areas where you feel that we are stuck or would like to see us continue to move forward.



Baptism Class

March 22 at 9:45am in the Conference Room

Jesus challenged his disciples to baptize those who believed 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.



Mission 2911

Worship Center Update

Mission 2911 is Bethany's attempt to raise money for projects around Bethany that are not included in the yearly operations budget. One project that the Leadership has pushed to the forefront is the Worship Center. At the Annual Business Meeting in November, the Deacons with the support of the Trustees and Finance Committee recommended **the challenge of raising \$60,000 to begin the next phase of replacing the flooring and seating in the Worship Center.**

To date we are thankful to have raised over 50% of this goal and the hope is to continue to raise money over the next several months enabling us to complete this project during the summer of 2026. Thank you Bethany Family in making good progress towards this goal.

We want to include you in the process. In the next month, hopefully both seating and carpet samples will be in the lobby for you to look at and try out!



Sunday Morning Coffee Help Needed

Are you a coffee drinker? Do you love a cup to get you going each morning? Then you may be someone who could help in our Sunday Morning Coffee area. We need many people to fill in the areas of serving, preparing and coffee clean-up. If you are able to help once a month or even to sub, please contact Scott B or the church office.



Women's Ministry

Daughters
of the KING

Ladies Self Defense Class - March 20th at 6:30 pm

Daughters of the King (Women's Ministry) has invited fellow Christian and Martial Arts Instructor, Master Elizabeth G to share with us simple, effective techniques we can use to keep ourselves safe in unpredictable and perhaps dangerous situations. She is coming to us from Ann Arbor with her Fifth Degree Black Belt, Liz will meet with women 18 years and older (16 & 17 year olds may attend with their mother) on Friday, March 20th at 6:30 pm.

Our evening will include a personal testimony, hands on instruction, and of course SNACKS! Class size is limited and the fee is \$5.00 per person. A signed waiver is required to participate, sign up at the Welcome Center or online TODAY!



Upcoming Activity:



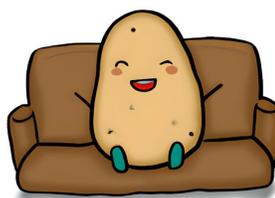
Painting with a Purpose - April 17 at 6:30 pm in the gym

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", a Christian nonprofit organization established in 2005 (lifebuildersdetroit.com). Kelsey Latta, 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. Sign up ASAP online or at the Welcome Center. See Patti D with any questions.

PrimeTimers "Couch Potato Event"

March 25th at Noon

Come be a couch potato. We will have a baked potato bar lunch followed by Classic TV games. The cost for the day is \$5.00 per person. Sign up at the Welcome Center. See Sheryl M with questions.

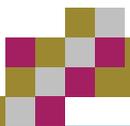


Easter Praise Choir

April 5th

Want to help the worship team lead our congregation on Easter Sunday? We're going to be picking out music for songs like "Praise," and "King Of Kings" for a small praise choir to join the band on stage. More details coming soon! For now, see the signup sheet at the Welcome Center!





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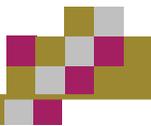
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Drop-In Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (March 10 & 24)

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.





March Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Joe A
- 4 London P
- 5 Kody C
- 10 Don R, **Mariah B**
- 11 Melissa B, Sara M, Devin V
- 13 Jean L
- 14 **Janet H**, Sue K
- 15 Evan M, Benjamin N
- 16 **Lyle P**, Yerusaliem S, Sofia M
- 19 Joyce B, **Betty K**
- 20 Anita B
- 22 Kathy R, Al (Butch) S
- 23 **Joyce F**
- 24 Pastor Mark R, Scott B,
- 25 Marlene G
- 27 Cleveland M, Sherri S
- 28 Alex M, **Adryanna B**, Noah S
- 29 **Dick G.**, Jan Q, Sharon S
- 30 **Denise C**
- 31 **John C**



- 3 **Bob & Linda B**
- 4 Dick & Barbara S
- 9 **Herbert & Billie R**
- 16 Tim & Elizabeth K
- 17 **Ben & Kathy W**
- 24 Dave & Jo K
- 26 Don & Michele R



COLOR CODE

Friends of Bethany **Shut-In** **Green Mailbox**
 To ensure those whose names are color-coded receive their cards, please use the postal service.

Single Senior Luncheon

Thursday, March 12th at 12:30 pm

All single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at **Jimmy Dee's** (43820 N Groesbeck Hwy, Clinton Township, MI 48036). Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Men's Luncheon

Wednesday, March 11th 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

The Search Committee continues to work hard to find Bethany's next Youth Pastor. We have reviewed numerous resumes and are contacting potential candidates for interviews. As of this writing we had a great interview on Thursday, February 19 with a person from New Mexico. Please continue to pray that God would bring the right candidate soon.



- The Youth Pastor Search Committee



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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.