



# Newsletter



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

## Sunday Sermon Series

**Sunday at 11:00 am**

- May 3 - "Little Things Matter" / Communion
- May 10 - Pastor Doug from Center Lake will be preaching
- May 17 - Pastor Mark starts new series "Small Miracles"
- May 24 - Memorial Day Weekend
- May 31 - Graduation Sunday

# Little things



## May Verse

**Luke 17:5-6**

*He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."*

## Business Meeting

**May 3rd - After the Service**

This meeting is for all members of Bethany. It is our bi-annual business meeting. Be in the know of what is coming and what has been going on here at Bethany.



## Mother's Day Breakfast

**May 10th - Serving from 9:45-10:30 am**

Bring that special lady in your life for breakfast and stay for our guest speaker, Center Lake Bible Camp's Executive Director, Pastor Doug S.



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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 Clubs Awards Night for 1-5th Graders and their parents



The last night of Wednesday Kids Connection is **May 20th**. For this night, parents are welcome to join us downstairs for a brief awards night from **8-8:30 pm** to conclude the club year. Families are welcome to enjoy dinner at 6:15 pm and classes at 7:00 pm prior to this Year-End Awards Ceremony.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Bethany Kids Camp June 22-26, 2026  
For Students Going into Preschool - 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Registration is now open for Kids Camp 2026

**Emerald Crossing**

Sign-up using this QR code:



## Summer Camp: Register Now! - July 19-24, 2026

For those kids currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are interested in heading to Center Lake for summer fun, Bethany will be bringing kids to camp the week of July 19-24, 2026. Please check out the [centerlake.org](http://centerlake.org) site and feel free to register online ahead of time right at the camp website. It is recommended that you only pay the deposit at first, so Bethany can assist with scholarship points. See Dawn W if you have any questions.

## Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates:

May 10th - **Mother's Day Breakfast at 9:45 am - Invite your Mom or Grandma!**

May 20th - **Last night of Wednesday Clubs - Awards Night from 8-8:30 pm**

June 22-26 - **Kids Camp - 9 am - Noon here at Bethany for Present Preschool - 4th Grade Students**

June 22-26 - **5-Day Frenzy for Students presently in 5th - 7th grade**

June 28th - **Church Celebration Picnic for all Family and Friends!**

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



**Special Senior Events - Join us as we Honor our Graduates!**

**May 20th - Senior Night at Souled Out**

**May 31st - Graduation Sunday for Seniors**



**Five Day Frenzy 2026 for Middle School Students**

**June 22nd - 26th - 9:00 AM - Noon**

Five Day Frenzy is an awesome week for Middle School students! Any student currently in 5th-7th grade can participate. Each day will be filled with fun activities (stuff like bowling, putt-putt, swimming, group games & competitions), prizes, food, and a time draw to closer to God. Cost is \$5 per day or \$20 for the entire week! Register online by going to [connect2bethany.org/students](http://connect2bethany.org/students). Don't miss a single day!



**Kids Camp 2026: An Opportunity to Serve for SR HI**

**June 22-26 - from 8 AM - Noon**

One of the best things about Kids Camp is watching our Souled Out students step up to volunteer and make memories with the kids. See Dawn Wolf if you would like to serve this year. Our SR HI & College Age students have always proven to be valuable team members for Kids Camp by bringing their enthusiasm and energy to that week of ministry. We are also planning to have lunch together a couple afternoons after Kids Camp.



## Friends of Bethany - May

### LifeBUILDERS Detroit

Many years ago, our former pastor, Bert Westenberg's, daughter, and son-in-law, Mr & Mrs Johnson, recognized a need to minister to a needy area in Detroit. They followed through and established LifeBUILDERS in 2005 with the mission to bring life and hope to the east side of Detroit. LifeBUILDERS seeks to restore a community that had suffered the devastating effects of disinvestment for 20 years. The ministry set their sights on the Regent Park neighborhood. This community was blighted and crime-ridden, with no safe places to play and declining schools. It needed hope, the youth needed opportunities, and the seniors needed care.

Then God began to move in the hearts of His people to pour out His love on the community. A building was purchased on Kelly Road, and meetings started to be hosted there. The ministry grew as abandoned homes and buildings were purchased and rehabbed. A small bus was donated so that children were able to be picked up and brought to meetings where they learned that God loves them. What a fantastic time. Hope had come.

As of today...Over 18 years of effort, millions of dollars, tens of thousands of hours of volunteer help and God's richest blessing have been poured into the community of Regent Park. As a result, there are new parks, an early childhood education facility, over 85 houses that have been rehabbed and either rented or sold, and youth continue to gather year-round to hear about this God who came to save them. What a story, what a Savior.

On April 17th, we had a fundraiser "Painting with a Purpose" to financially assist LifeBUILDERS. We raised over \$700. Thank you to those who participated.

**LifeBUILDERS**  
DETROIT



## Operation Christmas Child - May

Preparing to send out 1,000 shoeboxes in November, requires a lot of helping hands throughout the year. In order to be prepared for our packing day, a number of special OCC work days are held leading up to our packing party. Our first project day will be **Friday, May 22nd, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**. We invite you to join us, coming when you can and leaving when you must. You may want to bring something to drink, as a snack will be provided for you.

Some of you have been asking what we need for the shoeboxes. Here are several suggestions: **sunglasses (all ages), Chap Stick, yoyos, marbles, small decks of Uno Cards, and Play Doh**. Don't forget to watch out for those clearance bargains and when you do your spring cleaning, bring us the old tee shirts that you no longer need.

### Mark your calendar with these important Shoebox Days:

- **May 22** - Work Day, 10 am - 2 pm
- **June 19** - Work Day, 10 am - 2 pm
- **July** - Work Day TBD,
- **July 12** - 7-Day Prayer Challenge



- **Oct. 11** - Fundraiser 12:30 pm
- **Nov. 2** - PrimeTimers Service Project
- **Nov. 7** - Packing Party 10 am

## Women's Ministry

### Loving God-Loving Others-Serving Both

As a Deaconess Committee, we are always seeking ways to show Bethany's love and care through serving in Jesus' name. Hosting "Home Sweet Home" Bridal Showers and "Welcome Home Baby" showers is one way we can do this, by providing an opportunity for us to speak God's Word over these special celebrations. They also serve as a practical way we can bless the Bride-To-Be with pantry items to stock their home and Diapers/Hygiene items for the new Mother and Baby. We can **ALL** do this simple act of encouragement!!

Daughters

of the KING

**Home Sweet Home - May 16th 10a-12p** Our next event is Saturday, May 16th at 10am-Noon honoring the fiancé of **Nathan H, Samantha N**. Please sign up at the Event Sign Up desk in the lobby and view their wish list. Let's bless this couple as they start their life together!



### Upcoming Events:

**June** - Ladies Game Night **July** - Road Rally for Couples **August** - Steals & Deals Community Sale

## PrimeTimers May Event - Stahls Auto Museum

**May 19th at 11:30 am**

Our PrimeTimers will be meeting at Bellacino's for lunch (52298 Gratiot Ave, Chesterfield, MI 48051). Then everyone will head to Stahls Auto Museum (56516 N Bay Dr, New Baltimore, MI 48051). Sign-up at the desk in the lobby.



## Kids Camp 2026

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 22-26th**

Kids Camp is right around the corner, and we could not be more excited about the opportunity ahead of us. This is more than just a week of crafts, games, and songs—it's a chance to pour into the lives of kids in our church and throughout our neighborhood. It's a chance to create a space where they feel seen, valued, and loved, and where seeds of faith can truly take root.

But here's the honest part: we can NOT do it alone. It takes many hands to create something meaningful and impactful. From decorating and setup to leading activities, skit actors, helping with snacks, guiding groups, and simply being a friendly, welcoming presence—every role matters. Whether you have a few hours or a few days, whether you love working directly with kids or prefer helping behind the scenes, there is a place for you. This is something special we're building together. When we show up, serve, and give what we can, we're not just running a program—we're investing in kids, families, and our community. The impact can last far beyond one week.

So if you've been thinking about getting involved, consider this your invitation. We need you, and it won't be the same without you.



For specific roles needed contact Dawn W & for specific decor supplies contact Sam S at 517-285-2166. Both can be reached at the church office!

### Kids Camp Needs

- CARDBOARD BOXES
- (NO MATTER THE SIZE)
- PAINT: SPECIFIC COLORS
- FAUX GREENERY/MOSS
- VOLUNTEERS
- ELBOW GREASE

## Growth Groups

### Names of God (New Topic!, New Teacher) - May 17

Eric Scholtens will be starting a new topic called Names of God in Room 108 on Sundays at 9:45 am

### Young Adults (Ages 18– 29)- Sundays at 9:45 am

Meet Sunday at 9:45am in the Fireside Room and are studying Proverbs.

### Young Married - Once a month

Meets at the Morlan's house once a month and they are studying Joshua.

Contact the Morlan's for details.



## Search Committee Update - Candidate David Brendle Visits!

David Brendle, an applicant for the Youth Pastor position, visited our church the week of April 22-28. This visit was an exciting opportunity for our leadership team and youth ministry to meet David, learn more about his vision for youth ministry, and determine if Bethany would like to make him our official candidate to lead and inspire our middle and high school students.

David, currently resides in New Mexico. During his visit he met with the Youth Committee, Deacon Board, Middle School Ministry, participated in the High School Overnighter sharing his experiences, discussing his approach to ministry, and answering questions. This is a key step in our hiring process, and we are prayerfully seeking God's guidance.



### How You Can Help?

We ask for your prayers as our leadership team evaluates his potential to serve as our Youth Director. Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity as we seek God's will for the future of our youth ministry. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in this process. Stay tuned for updates following David's visit. May God guide us and him as we work together to strengthen our ministry and glorify His name.

Blessings, Bethany Search Committee

## 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. Seating options are available in the Lobby for you to vote for your favorite. We would love your feedback as to which seats you like most.

**For this project we are striving to raise \$60,000. Currently we have raised \$23,873.** We are almost half way to our goal, let's continue to give to meet this project. Donations can be given in various ways, online, in person (lobby boxes), or by mailing it to the office.

## Finances

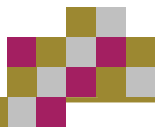
**Average Monthly Expenses**  
\$46,981

**March's Giving Total**  
\$45,201



# MAY 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	
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10 9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection Mother's Day Breakfast 11:00 am Worship Service Kids Connection 1:00 pm Griefshare  <b>HAPPY Mother's Day</b>	11 7:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	12 6:30 pm Drop-In Volleyball 7:00 pm Deacon Meeting	13 11:30 am Men's Luncheon 6:15 pm Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	14 12:30 pm Single Senior Luncheon at Michael's Kitchen 6:30 pm Faithfully Fit	15 June Newsletter Articles Due	16 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Home Sweet Home Pantry Bridal Shower Samantha Nesson & Nathan Hillawi	
17 9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection 11:00 am & Kids Connection 12:30 PM Renewing Your Mind 1:00 pm Griefshare	18	19 11:30 am PrimeTimers to Stahls Auto Museum	20 6:15 pm LAST Wednesday Dinner 7:00 pm LAST Wednesday Night Groups Wednesday Bible Study Prayer Meeting	21 6:30 pm Faithfully Fit	22 10:00 am OCC Project Day	23 8:00 am Men's Bible Study	
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31 9:45 am Growth Groups, Kids Connection 11:00 am Worship Service & Kids Connection 1:00 pm Griefshare <b>GRAD SUNDAY</b>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div> <h2>Drop-In Volleyball</h2> <h3>Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm ( May 12 &amp; 26 )</h3> <p>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.</p> </div> </div>						



### May Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Layla W
- 3 Violeta B, Tim K
- 4 Lincoln C
- 5 Rohit S
- 6 Alana G, Bethel G, Julie P
- 7 Daniel W
- 8 Bob B, Charly P
- 9 Katie C, Vivian S
- 11 Dan P, Patricia D
- 12 Anthony R
- 13 Jordyn K,
- 14 Gary W
- 16 Greg K, Wendy R
- 17 Ev D, Pailee L, Kaya N
- 18 Kathleen B, Christine F, Bob G, Roger J, Donna S
- 19 Ethan G, Mary Z
- 21 John L
- 22 Snit S
- 24 Andrew M, Pax M.
- 25 Ken B
- 26 Marion C, Brian G, Mark N.
- 27 Amanda S
- 29 Omar G
- 31 Bruce C, Brenda O, Neveah S



- 4 Eric & Erica P  
Chris & Annalise W
- 8 Dan & Murielle M
- 12 Don & Jan Q
- 14 Denis & Paula M
- 16 Jeremiah & Lindsay B
- 19 Mark & Susan N.
- 20 Caleb & Katelyn K
- 25 Sam & Brenda O



**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, May 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, May 14th at 12:30 pm

All single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at Michael's Kitchen located at 35481 Groesbeck, Clinton Township.



## CPL Class - Men & Women Invited to Sign Up

May 30th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (At Bethany and a local range)

The course is taught by certified instructor's, Larry & Emily Wilson of Superior Shooting. Two simultaneous classes (Men and Women's) are being held in Classrooms 211 & 213 off of the gym upstairs. The fee is \$135, with the first 10 slots to sign-up earning a \$50.00 cash rebate with successful completion of the CPL course. Additionally, a \$100 gift card to Cabalas will be awarded to one individual that garners "best shooter" at the range (best grouping). Sign up available online at <https://superiorshooting.net/cpl-classes-michigan> (Search for Private Bethany class.)



\*\*Lunch, transportation (to range from church), instruction & training materials, ammo, firearms, and range time are all included in the fee. Just bring yourself!

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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.