



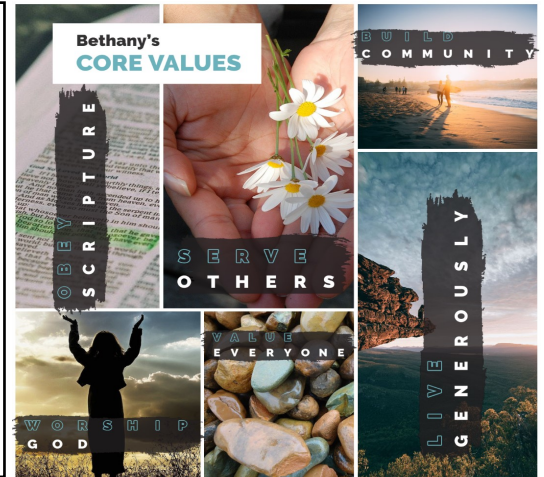
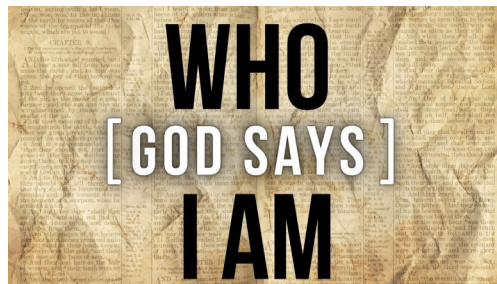
Newsletter

October Sermon Series Continues:

“Who God Says I Am”

Sundays at 11:00 am

We will be finishing a series looking at Who God Says we are. Don't believe what the world tells you. Come and find out what God says.



October Verse

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Make Checks
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Bethany Baptist Church

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD FUNDRAISING BANQUET

OCTOBER 5TH
FOLLOWING THE AM SERVICE

TRUNK OR TREAT

CARS | CANDY | COMMUNITY
[CONNECT2BETHANY.ORG/KIDS](https://connect2bethany.org/kids)



Trunk OR Treat

October 26th from 4:00–6:00 pm

Bring the whole family for a fun night of welcoming the community to a safe family focused event. Host a car, donate candy, sit at the registration table. Many hands are needed to have a fun and safe event. Pray for this time with our community!

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Newborn - 5th graders

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

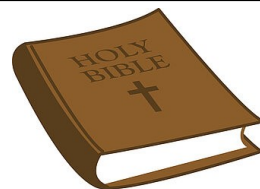
Upland Hills Farm Field Trip for all kids in 1st-5th Grade and their Families



Join us on **October 11th** for a great afternoon this fall. We will be heading to Upland Hills Farm in Oxford, for a family fun time. There is a farm show, magic show, hayride, animals, outdoor games, cider, donuts, and pizza for everyone. Each person costs \$15.00 and transportation will be included for those that want to meet at church at 10:00 am. You are also welcome to join us as a family at the farm at 11:00 am. Either way, please sign up online or by turning in a permission slip at our Kids Connection desk on Sundays or Wednesdays by **October 8th**.

Bible Program for 2nd Graders

For the fourth year in a row, we are continuing our Bible Program. Having God's Word is of utmost importance. As a way to emphasize this with our kids, we will be offering each 2nd grader this year a new leather-bound Bible. To receive this Bible, we provide a three week class on Wednesday nights. Special lessons and take-home notes will be given. This mini-class is built into our Wednesday Kids program, where they have a 1/2 hour class each week (they won't miss gym time or craft activities). For those who finish at least two weeks, special recognition will take place in a future Sunday Service. This 2nd grade class will take place Wednesdays, **October 8, 15, & 22**. We will have a similar class for our 5th graders in May 2026 where they can receive a new leather Teen Bible.



Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 26th, 4:00-6:00 pm

Sign-up as a volunteer, or bring your family! This is always a fun night for everyone. There will be a lot of candy and for those volunteering their trunk, a prize will again be given out to the winners of "best trunk." Invite others to come or challenge them to decorate a trunk.

What's Next:

Wed, Oct 1, 15, 22, 29..... **Student Musical Drama Team Practice at 5:30 pm (Oct 8 off)**

Sat, Oct 11th..... **Upland Hills Farm Field Trip 10 am**

Wed, Oct 8, 15, 22..... **2nd Grade Bible Class in Wednesday Clubs**

Sun, Oct 26th..... **Trunk or Treat at Bethany 4-6 pm**

Sun, Nov 9th..... **SUNDAY FUNDAY with Illusionist and Mentalist
Brenden Trojan**





Middle School 6-8th Grade

High School 9-12th 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 meets upstairs in the Fireside Room and High School meets in the youth room at 7 pm.

Sundays Morning Student Bible Study

Students in 6th-12th grade are encouraged to join us at 9:45 each Sunday morning as we dig deeper in God's word. This is the time to really grow and stretch our knowledge of Christ and His Word while spending time with peers. We will be taking a closer look at the Old Testament Judges coming up. We meet in room 213.





Fall Bonfire Bash

A Night of Fireside, Friendship, and Fall Fun!

For High School (9-12)

October 11th
5-9pm
On the Front Lawn
FREE!

*Bonfire & S'mores,
Fall-themed games,
Pumpkin Carving
Contest & more*

*Sign Up Here!
*Deadline to Sign-up is
October 8th**





CAPTURE THE FLAG NIGHT

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, PICK A SIDE, AND LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!

For Middle School (6-8 grade)
October 24th 6-9 pm
Free!

Never played before? No worries— we'll explain the rules and make it a blast for everyone!

*Sign Up Here!
*Deadline to Sign-up is
October 22nd **



Teens, we need you...

Trunk or Treat is on October 26th at Bethany this year from 4-6 pm. Who can come up with the coolest trunk? Think of a cool theme, put it together in a trunk, and serve the community. Church can even provide the candy if needed. If making a trunk is not your style, volunteer as a candy runner or greeter instead. Let us know how you would like to serve. Don't miss out on the exciting event. You can register to volunteer on the website: connect2bethany.org/students.



Prime Timers Upcoming Events

November 3-OCC Work Day

Operation Christmas Child Work Day starting at Noon with Lunch and then get busy with preparing for our Packing Party on the 8th.



Directory Update - October 12 & 19

During the month of October, we will be updating our Bethany Church Directory. Plan to stop by the table in the foyer on Sundays, October 12 or 19, to confirm all your contact information is correct. If you are not yet in the directory or don't have a mailbox here at church yet, this is the time to also let us know.

time to
UPDATE



Faithfully Fit - Thursdays until November 13th

On Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Katherine DeKeyser, leads our ladies in working on building a stronger body for God's Glory. Come check it out!



Membership Classes - Sundays, October 5-26

Are you ready to take the NEXT step in your walk with Christ. Check out this 4-week class on Membership, Sundays at 9:45 am in the Conference Room. Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Trunk or Treat - Candy Donations

Starting October 1st

We are hosting a trunk or treat here Sunday, October 26th. We would like to make sure that we have candy for as many people as possible. Please help us by donating candy. You can drop it in the bins in the foyer. Our goal is to have at least 20,000 pieces of candy.



Operation Christmas Child

Can you believe we have just have a little over a month and we will be packing shoeboxes! Thank you for loving Jesus's Children so well. Our boxes are like little missionaries that travel all over the world with the **GOOD NEWS of Christ**.



PACKING PARTY November 8th at 10:00 AM

Come and join us as we pack 1,000 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. There will be refreshments, a great time of fellowship and a lot of work. Mark your calendar and sign-up at the Welcome Center.

Update on our friends – October

Wesley & Rebekah: When we stepped off the plane last July, we came here with two main goals: share Jesus with others and be “learners”. We have been able to do both. There is really no way to be totally prepared to jump into a new life overseas. We have had some tough problems and spiritual warfare such as many episodes of sickness and our little daughter being snubbed daily by local children. Thankfully, the kids we minister to have accepted her! This summer we were able to minister in two villages to children who have no Christian influence in their lives. We also had a “preschool” class to help prepare 7 - 8 year-old children who were starting school with very little readiness causing them to be held back. The parents are seeing an incredible difference in their children. We have a big prayer request. We have lost quite a few financial supporters and have learned we are under budgeted for multiple things. We have been dipping into savings and need to raise \$2000 per month in additional support. Please pray with us as we look to God to provide.

Nathan & Lynn: Please pray for us as we transition to life in America and for wisdom as we work remotely supporting the transition team in Central America, the leadership team in North and South America and missionaries across the globe. Praise God Lynn was able to pack up the remainder of our belongings in their previous location, bringing back some, storing others and selling the remainder.

We have taken a voluntary pay reduction but are still in need of \$1250 monthly financial support.

Lee and Lonna: TransWorldRadio has appointed a new Chief Operating Officer, Steve H, who was the Chief Financial Officer. Lonna has worked with him in the past and has been asked to move to new offices with him. Her job will be changing. Their daughter, Melissa, has left teaching and is now living with them and looking for another type of work. Thanks for your prayers during these transitions.

Tim & Katie: RENEW, the high school program Katie leads has started well with twenty-one students. The principal said she asked a student about how her first weeks of school were and the student mentioned attending RENEW and had not realized how much she needed that kind of spiritual encounter. The dean of students also commented about how much the students appreciated having a space to stop and think about faith. In an encounter with a former principal of a school, He told Tim “if it hadn’t been for Christian missionaries from America, I would never have come to Christ.” You (Bethany) are part of this God-driven spiritual current, especially the part that relates to us here in Asia. Your prayers are essential, and your interest encouraging. Your financial gifts help us travel to the places where Tim speaks and help provide Bibles to international students. Thank you for standing with us.

Ev and Jan: (retired): We have seen an influx of new people coming to church. Most have come through finding us on the internet. Several new people are unsaved family members of current believers. Please pray for their salvation. Ev received a clean bill of health from our cardiologist and Jan’s heart is functioning better.



Life Chain

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM



We will meet at Warren City Hall
(1 City Square Warren, MI 48093)
at 1:30 pm and will have signs to pass out.

Life Chain 2025

Sunday October 5th

2:00-3:30 pm

Take a stand as a witness for Life. You are encouraged to come (feel free to bring a lawn chair). Meet at Warren City Hall at 1:30 pm to get a sign.



Women's Ministry

Ladies Dinner Out "FALL into THANKSGIVING" October 17th at 6pm

Inviting ALL Women - All "Daughters of the King" to our own private room at Roger's Roost on Schoenherr in Sterling Heights for an evening of good FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP! Total cost is \$20 including tax & tip on your choice of three menu items being offered (see options on signup sheet). Last date to RSVP and pay is Wednesday, October 15th. You can sign up on the Church Center App or at the Welcome Center. See Patti D if you have questions.



Daughters
of the KING

"JOY to the WORLD"

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

This year we are going to do something NEW and EXCITING! As we strive to share the "JOY" to our world around us, 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 & fellowship. The evening will conclude as we travel back to Bethany for dessert and an inspirational speaker. Cost is \$15 for this special celebration. PLEASE sign-up and pay by December 3rd. Questions see Patti D.

Looking for Bethany Pictures or Someone Who Can Take Them

We need you! We are looking for photos from our events at Bethany so that we can share with the community what we do. These can be pictures from Sunday Fun Days, Selfies at the Holiday Picture Stations, Prime Timer Events, Women's Retreats, Kids Connections, Youth and Young Adult Events, Men's Breakfast and Retreats or even progress while making your trunk for Trunk or Treat. They can be of you and your friends having a good time, or the event as a whole. Help us show the community what God is doing in your life and what He can do in someone else's life. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words. If you don't have pictures to share but talent behind a camera, and want to help make those thousand word pictures, email the office. For more info about sending pictures please contact Sam S at sam@connect2bethany.org. Your help is greatly appreciated!



Search Committee Update

The Youth Pastor Search Committee has been very busy, meeting weekly, going over resumes, contacting potential candidates and following up with their references. While it has been frustrating, because we had hoped to be through all this process by now, it has been exciting to see all the potential in some of the different candidates. Please continue to keep them and God's plan for Bethany in your prayers, especially as we meet with another potential candidate this week.



OCTOBER 2025

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Drop-In Volleyball

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm (October 7 & 21)

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.



October Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Al M, Gregory Q III
 3 Katherine D
 5 Jane M
 7 Lauren B, Steve D
 8 Tim C
 9 Barbara B, Marissa P
 10 Carol H, Kathy T
 12 Pat B
 13 Lisa H, Cole & Violet F
 14 Michele S
 16 Dave B
 17 Kaleb K, Dartanyn M, Bradley P
 18 Tina K, Greg Q II
 19 Darlene C, Sherry P, Judy W, Gina S
 21 Ann Marie S, Timothy S
 22 Joan D, Kevin Q, Matt D
 23 Abby M, Alessandra D
 24 Mike W, Roman M
 25 Kevin D
 26 Heaven H
 27 Dorothy S, Hung Bob B
 29 Perri K
 30 Jill F, Nathan H, Gianna A
 31 Lawrence L, Autumn G



2 Jim & Jessica D
 3 Tom & Denise M
 8 Matt & Amanda D
 12 David & Terri W
 15 Ken & Kathy T
 16 Dawn & Calvin W
 19 Andrew & Olivia M
 20 Bob & Carol J
 25 Ken & Judy W
 27 Tony & Janet R
 29 Rohit & Jill F



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, October 8th 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, October 9th at 12:30 pm

All Single senior men and women are welcome to enjoy a meal together. We will meet at Classic Family Grill (34553 Utica Rd, Fraser, MI 48026) Sign up at the Welcome Center.



Clintondale Schools, Serve Our Community

McGlennen Elementary - Weekday Mornings starting in October

We need you! We have a partnership with McGlennen Elementary where we are able to serve our local teachers and students. We are looking for volunteers just a couple of hours a morning either monthly, biweekly, or weekly to read with kids and assist the 1-3rd graders with their work. Please sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday or call the church office if interested 586-791-1190.



Dragon Food Pantry (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month) 3:30-4:30 pm:

Come volunteer to bag up food, passing it out to each car, and assist with set up and clean up at Clintondale Middle School. We are always looking for help. If you would like more information please contact the church



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 Clinton Twp. MI 48035

Phone number: 586-791-1190

Website: connect2bethany.org

Email: info@connect2bethany.org

Office hours: Tues - Fri 10a.m.-2p.m.

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.