



BETHANY ROAD

AUGUST 2025



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Bethany Family,

It has been a fun, busy, ministry filled summer. We have had baptisms, a missions trip, VBS, Playdates, and other summer outreaches. We have seen God's blessing and hand upon much of what we have done. Especially, as we avoid the rain! I look around and I find myself both excited and proud of what Bethany has been doing.

On page 3, you will find an announcement that we have hired a new Director of Children's Ministry, Evelyn Dickinson. We have also hired a new Director of Student Ministries, Micah Wojnowski. Both are not new to Bethany, as both have been around for about nine or ten months. I am excited to see how God will work through them both to disciple our kids and youth, while also reaching out to the many kids and youth who do not know Jesus in the community. Please extend to them congratulations on their new positions.

As we look to the Fall, I am excited to see what God has for Bethany Church. He is on the move! I hope you can see it, too.

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“O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. (Psalm 68:7-8).”

When God moves in the hearts of His people, big things happen! He is faithful to support and provide for His people. God has supported Bethany in mighty ways over the last few months! Praise the Lord.

Pastor Bob

BETHANY NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Bethany Nominating Committee is beginning their search for Elders and Deacons. If you know of a person who would make a good Elder or Deacon please submit, in writing, that person's name and a brief narrative on why you think that person would be good for the job. You can deposit the suggestion in the offering collection boxes or in the mail slot by the office area. There will be forms available in the sanctuary. Submissions must be made by Sunday August 17.



BIG SUMMER PLAYDATES





Hello Bethany Family!

As Pastor Bob announced a couple of weeks ago, I'm excited to officially step into the role of Student Ministries Director!

For those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Micah Wojnowski. In addition to this new role, I'll be returning to the Mercer School District as a full-time substitute teacher. This allows me to be present with our teens every day—building relationships and creating meaningful outreach opportunities. I'm also continuing my education by taking graduate courses in Next Gen Ministry through Liberty University.

This ministry is truly amazing, and our teens make it even better! Over the past year, I've witnessed tremendous growth in each of them. I'm so excited to see how God continues to move in their lives! We've enjoyed diving into different teaching series, studying books of the Bible, and hosting some really fun events.

I believe God has big things ahead for us, and I would love for you to join us in prayer as we move forward:

- Pray for our teens as they return to school—that they will be bold ambassadors for Christ in all they do.
- Pray for the ministry—that God would continue to bless our efforts and use us to further His Kingdom.

Thank you all for your support! Please feel free to stop and chat. I genuinely love connecting with you.

With a full, grateful heart,
Micah Wojnowski

My name is Evelyn Dickinson, and I will be a sophomore at Westminster College in the fall. I am excited to begin the role of Director of Children's Ministries here at Bethany Church. I'm thankful for everything I have learned from Mrs. Becky and Pastor Bob during my internship and am excited to continue learning and growing in this role.

What I appreciate most about working in the Children's Church is the joy and faith of the children. They always bring a smile and remind us that Jesus is always the answer (no matter the question).

We're also considering a Christmas pageant or kids choir later this year, which I'm excited to start planning. We're very fortunate to have such wonderful volunteers who are always willing to help in Children's ministry. We couldn't do it without them!

Evelyn Dickinson

MEET BETHANY'S NEW DIRECTORS


Micah Wojnowski,
Student Ministries Director
and
Evelyn Dickinson,
Director of Children's
Ministries

Boy Scout Auction

Benefiting Mercer Troop 83

At the Mercer County 4-H Park
Saturday, September 13, 2025
4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Items Include: New and Used Merchandise,
Numerous Gift Certificates from local businesses,
Auction Baskets, firewood, bales of straw, books, etc.
Food will be available at the concession stand.

Financial Report

Through June 2025



Income \$ 209,471

Expenses \$ 252,661

Difference \$ -43,190

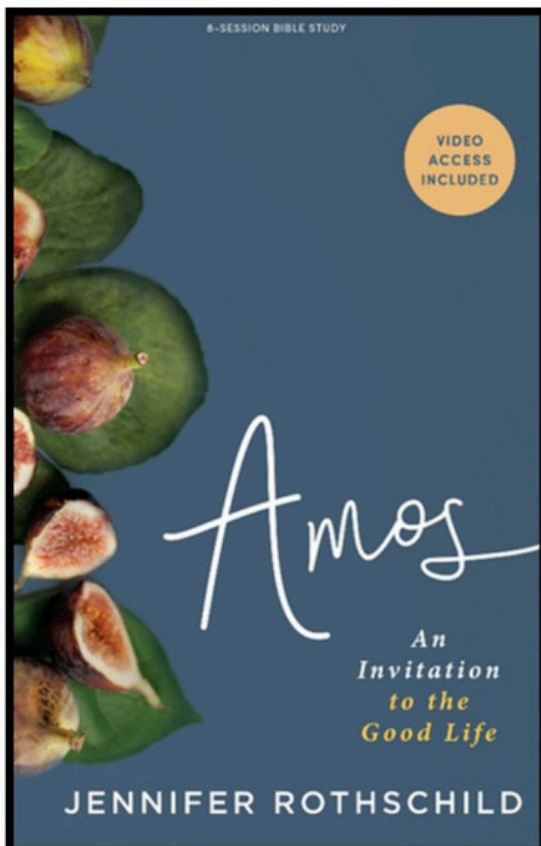
LADIES' FALL BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS FROM 9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

SEPTEMBER 23RD – NOVEMBER 11TH
AN 8-SESSION STUDY OF AMOS

Join us if you want to:

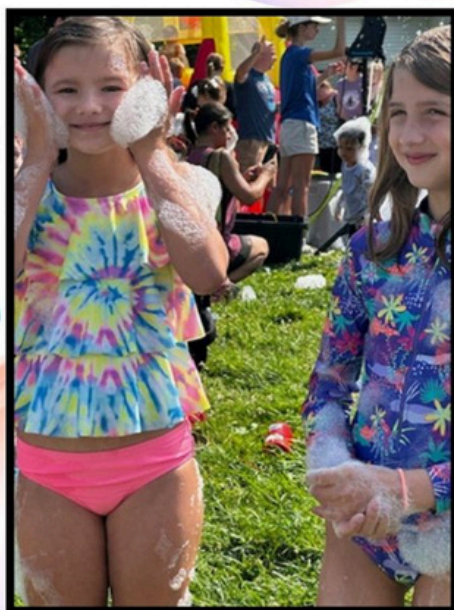
- Uncover the connection between the God life and the good life
- Learn how God's care for us prompts us to care for others
- Break hope-stealing habits to reverse self-defeating choices
- Unearth the gems hidden within one of the most overlooked books in the Bible





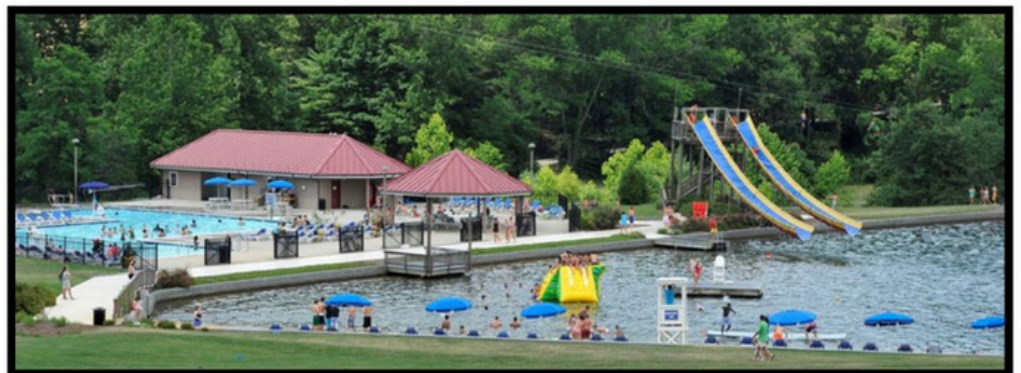
FOAM party!

ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, BETHANY CHURCH HOSTED A "FOAM PARTY" AS A CONNECTION AND OUTREACH TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, AND THE TURN OUT WAS EXCELLENT! THE MUSIC BLARED, BUBBLES FLOWED, AND ICE CREAM WAS ENJOYED! SMILES WERE EVERYWHERE!





In June, 61 campers and leaders went to Lake Champion for an unforgettable week at Young Life Camp! Despite the rainy weather, these high school kids had a blast at camp, learning about God who loves them like crazy! At the end of the week, nine students committed their lives to Christ! And many other students came home from camp excited to tell their friends about Jesus!



Summer is here, which means Young Life camp! We are so excited to have our friends experience an incredible week at Young Life Camp and are expectant for what the Lord will do on these trips! Would you please pray for our camp trips?

LOOK WHAT'S BLOOMING AT BETHANY!



THE BETHANY HOME SCHOOL GROUP BOUGHT AND PLANTED PERENNIALS AS A THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THEM USE THE CHURCH BUILDING ALL YEAR FOR THEIR PROGRAM.



BETHANY YOUTH

July has been a bit of a cool down month for us in the Student Ministries. For as busy as June was between West Virginia and VBS, we are happy to see a mellowing out. But, we are still keeping active!

We have been watching a couple episodes of the TV series "The Chosen," seeing what's in the episode, and then going back into the Bible to see the story as it is in the Bible. Understanding that with any Christian media, it is crucial to go back into the Bible as it is our source material. We should always check what we see or hear with it. In Sunday School, we have still been trekking through the Sermon in the Mount.

Keep on eye out on the church calendar for our upcoming events. We have some fun things coming up!

School starts August 27th for us at Mercer and August 25th at Grove City! Please keep our students in your prayers as we gear up for another school year!



We will be having Sunday School @ 9:30 on the following dates:

08/03, 08/10, 08/17, 08/24, 08/31

We will be having Youth Group on the following dates from 6p-8p at the Manse:

08/03, 08/10, 08/17, 08/24, 08/31



The West Virginia mission team left on Saturday, June 14th for a week in Circleville, VA. We are very excited to report that VBS and all ministries were a huge success. This outreach team shared the Gospel to those in need. Thank you for all your prayers for this trip. Many people in Circleville came to know Jesus. We baptized a WV man who grew up coming each year to VBS since he was in preschool. And...Denny and Nancy renewed their wedding vows for their 50th Anniversary! Here are a few photos to share with you!



Our 2025 WV Missions Team



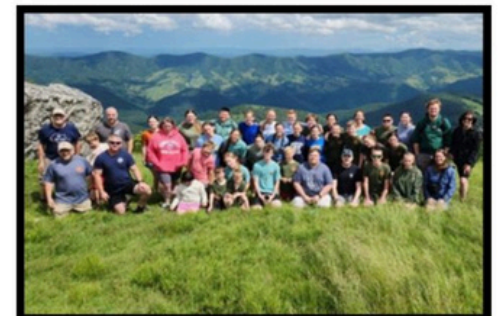
Our Team



Our WV Teen Boys



Our WV Teen Girls



ROMANS WORD SEARCH

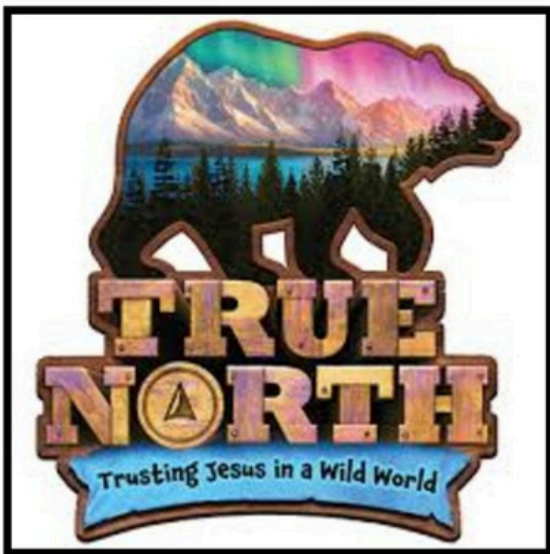
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DECAY
FAMILY
FREEDOM
GOOD

POWERS
ANGELS
CHRIST
DIED
FIRSTBORN
FRUITS
HARDSHIP

PEACE
LORD
LOVE
PURPOSE
JUSTIFIES
INTERCEDES
JESUS



VBS

Vacation Bible School was an absolute blast this year! We had the joy of sharing the love of Jesus with over 125 kids. Their voices rang out as they sang praise songs with such energy that it felt like the whole building might burst! Each morning, the sound of worship shook the walls and filled the space with life.

Kids explored God's incredible creation, discovered truths from His Word, and had a blast playing games outside. We were all well fed with awesome breakfasts and fun, tasty snacks that kept everyone energized and ready to go.

The entire week felt like one "God Sighting" after another. We are beyond grateful for every amazing volunteer who gave their time, energy, and even vacation days to make this week possible.

Thank you for your time, your prayers, and for giving of yourselves. We couldn't be more excited about how God worked through this incredible week!





NUMBER STRINGS

DIRECTIONS: FILL IN THE BLANK SPACES WITH THE CORRECT NUMBERS BASED ON THE "PATTERN" CLUE. NOTICE EXAMPLE IN LETTER A.

- A. 2,4,8,16,32,64**
B. 5,13,21,29, _____, _____, _____
C. 5,7,6,8,7,9,8, _____, _____, _____
D. 98,93,97,92,96, _____, _____, _____
E. 41,39,40,38,39,37,38 _____, _____, _____
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THE COMPUTER SWALLOWED GRANDMA

The computer swallowed grandma,
 Yes, honestly its true.
 She pressed 'control' and 'enter';
 And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
 The thought just makes me squirm.
 She must have caught a 'virus';
 Or been eaten by a 'worm.'

I've searched through the 'recycle bin',
 And files of every kind.
 I've even used the 'Internet';
 But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves,
 My searches to refine.
 The reply from him was negative;
 Not a thing was found 'online.'

So if inside your 'Inbox',
 My Grandma you should see.
 Please 'Copy,' 'Scan' and 'Paste' her;
 And send her back to me!

HYMNS FOR CHRISTIANS OVER 65

- Give Me the Old Timers Religion
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up
- Just a Slower Walk with Thee
- Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up
- Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One
- Blessed Insurance

AUGUST FUNNIES

I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places; he told me to keep out of those places.

We have a beautiful little girl who we named after my mom; in fact, Passive Aggressive Psycho turns five tomorrow.

I recently gave a talk to a group of backpackers; they were on the edge of their seats.

Cleaning mirrors is a job I could see myself doing.

The Chinese restaurant was all out of those after-dinner cookies... unfortunately.

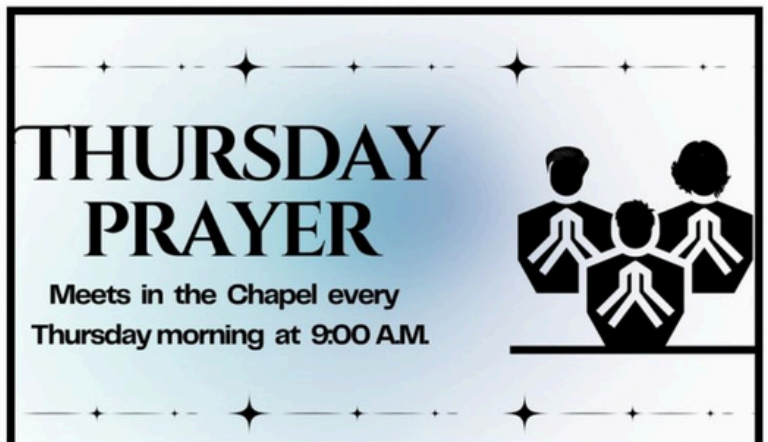
Ladies' Tea



Wednesday, September 3, 2025

6:30 P.M. in the Social Hall

Our special guest speaker, Linda Koerth, will be sharing her personal Testimony and Faith Journey with the Lord on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30 P.M. at our Ladies' Tea. She will be talking about learning to know God better, what to do when life comes at you fast, how we can handle life's stresses, trusting in His word through grief, and how to live "better" not "bitter". She will share her personal story and introduce a wonderful resource for those who have lost a loved one or are dealing with difficult situations in life. Linda is a facilitator for Grief Share. She will introduce you to this wonderful program with Christian counselors via a video series on grief and how God's Word and knowledge of his sovereignty helps us to move forward.



Name: The month was renamed from "Sextilis" to "Augustus" in 8 B.C. to honor the first Roman Emperor, Augustus Caesar, according to funworldfacts.com.

Harvest Season: August marks the beginning of the harvest season for crops like wheat, barley, and oats.

Unique Starting Day: In a standard year, August is the only month that does not start on the same day of the week as any other month.

Birthstones and Flowers: The birthstones for August are the Peridot and the Sarni. The birth flowers for August are the gladiolus and the poppy.

Celebrations in August: include National Peach Month, National Watermelon Day, and International Youth Day.

Historical Events: The ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote.

Summer's End: August is the last full month of summer

Interesting Facts about August



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YWAM Deaf World ... GATHERING NIGHT

You Are All Welcome to Come For

A tour of the building projects,

Testimonies from Deaf Missionaries,

And updates about YWAM Deaf World.

-Dessert will be provided-



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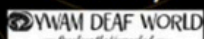
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Mercer, PA

RSVP BEFORE JULY 31, 2025
EMAIL INFO@YWAMDEAFWORLD.ORG

Please feel free to share this with
your family, friends, and
community!



BETHANY SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Adult and Sunday School
start at 9:15 A.M. in the
Kappa Chi room.**

**Youth Sunday School will
meet at 9:15 A.M. and Youth
Group will meet at 6:00 P.M.**

**Children's Sunday School
starts at 9:15 A.M.**



August 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

3

9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

4

5

6:30 P.M. MISSIONS
COMMITTEE

6

6:00 P.M. WORSHIP BAND
6:30 P.M. OUTREACH
COMMITTEE

7

7:30 A.M. MEN'S
BREAKFAST
9:00 A.M. MORNING
PRAYER
10:00 A.M. SUMMER
PLAYDATES
6:30 P.M. GARDEN CLUB

8

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10

9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
11:45 A.M. CHURCH PICNIC
AFTER THE SERVICE

11

6:30 P.M. PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE

12

5:00 P.M. CUB COMMITTEE

13

6:00 P.M. WORSHIP BAND
6:30 P.M. MILITARY PRAYER
7:00 P.M. WORSHIP &
MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

14

9:00 A.M. MORNING
PRAYER
10:00 A.M. SUMMER
PLAYDATE

15

16

8:00 A.M. GIRL SCOUT
AND CUB SCOUT DONUT
EVENT

17

9:15 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

18

19

7:00 P.M. BOOK CLUB

20

6:00 P.M. WORSHIP BAND
6:30 P.M. ICE CREAM AND
CORN HOLE EVENT

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9:00 A.M. MORNING
PRAYER
7:00 P.M. FINANCE
COMMITTEE

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10:00 A.M. THE HAVEN

21/4

9:15A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP
10:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S
CHURCH

25

12:00 P.M. MY LADIES AND
FRIENDS

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6:00 P.M. WORSHIP BAND

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9:00 A.M. MORNING
PRAYER
7:00 P.M. SESSION

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