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Bethany Family,

It has been a crazy summer of ministry and fun. Between VBS, West Virginia, and the Summer Playdates, we have had our hands full. Our summer interns have been busy working with kids and students providing fun opportunities while also challenging them to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

I wanted to take a minute to say thank you to each volunteer who has helped this summer, especially our VBS volunteers. It was a great week of fun, learning, and kids coming to know Jesus. Thank you for keeping kids safe, showing them love, and sharing God sightings with them. Thank you for all the little details managed around food and registration, the beautiful crafts, and organized decorations. Thank you for pulling off a fabulous VBS! We have seen some of the fruit of your hard work already as we have had numerous visitors to Bethany over the last month. We have so many people who have servant hearts like Jesus (Mark 10:45) at Bethany Church, and He will use you to reach people in Mercer for Jesus Christ!

Pastor Bob















SUMMER PLAYDATES



Each Thursday morning this summer, Bethany Church has hosted a playdate for young families in the community. We have enjoyed the new playground, a bounce house, crafts, a Fourth of July party, and water balloons. Each week we have had between 12 and 15 families come out. Many of them are new to Bethany. It has been a great way to bless the Mercer community.









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Corn Toss and Ice Cream Social

A great time was had by all who attended our first "Faith, Fellowship, and Fun" event. We had a great turnout to our Corn Toss and Ice Cream Social with close to 50 in attendance. Several additional events for the Summer and Fall include a Women's Tea, a Men's Shotgun Shoot, and a Fall Foliage train ride. There will be more details to follow.













BETHANY'S SAFETY TEAM

You may or may not know that Bethany has a dedicated group of people we call the Safety Team. These people are trained in dealing with all kinds of emergencies that might occur at or around Bethany Church. They meet every month to continue their training. We have emergency plans for Severe Weather, Medical Emergencies, Elevator Malfunctions, Intruder Emergencies, and Fire Emergencies. You will see team members on duty every Sunday morning at the doors and in the sanctuary. These people have had training in all of the emergency situations which include CPR and first-aid training. There is always a team member stationed at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning. The team members are Ken Knechtel, Allen, Steve Amsler, McElfresh, Ed Pears, Ed Lindey, Dan Cameron, Wayne lman, and McQuown. just for fun

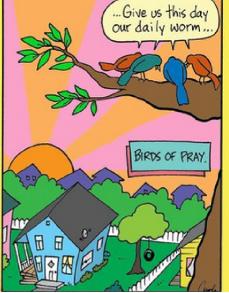


MEN'S BREAKFAST THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 7:30 A.M.





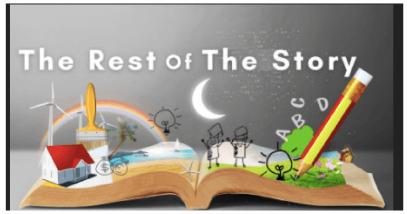












Pastor Bob has been preaching a series on the Book of James. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 to hear more about James. James was probably the brother of Jesus and leader of the Jerusalem council. He was one of the select individuals Christ appeared to after the resurrection. Paul called him a "pillar" of the church. He was the first apostle to be martyred. Join us on Sunday mornings to hear more of the story.

OUR CHURCH IS UNIQUE

because you are all a part of it and you're one of kind!





Salvation Prayer

If you've never invited Jesus into your heart, pray this...

"Heavenly Father, I confess to You that I am a sinner. I am sorry for all my sins. Jesus, I invite You to come into my heart to be my Savior. Forgive me of all my sins. Cleanse me through Your precious blood. Send your Holy Spirit into my heart so I can be Spiritually reborn. And, write my name in Your Lamb's Book of Life.(Roman 10:13)

Getting Plugged In

The testimony of God's Word is clear about His peple meeting together for several reasons.

- 1. The church is a witness of Christ to the World. (Matt. 28:19-20)
- 2. The Church met on the first day of the week (Sunday) because it celebrated the day of Christ's resurrection. (John 20:1,19)
- 3. We need the encouragement! (Hebrews 10:25)
- 4. We are Christ's body. (1 Cor. 12)
- 5. The Church is God's Holy Temple. (Eph. 2:1-22)
- 6. It's time for corporate worship, prayer, fellowship, and instruction. (1Cor. 14:26-28; Acts 2:40-41)
- 7. The Lord's Day (Rev. 1:10)

You will find Bethany Church is a great place to grow and serve!



Financial Report

Income \$ 222,682 Expenses \$ 236,421 Difference \$ -13,738

Property expenses were high due to the construction of the playground and bathroom.

BETHANY QUILTERS



The Bethany Quilters meet every Wednesday in the Kappa Chi room from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. For many years people have brought in their quilt tops and materials to be finished. The money received for their quilting is divided at the end of the year. It goes to the Mercer Area Library, the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, the Community Food Bank, and the church. The quilters are: Virginia Graham, Delores Palmer, Abigail Whetzel, and Ruth Woods.





Remodeling Family Bathroom

Progress is being made on the "Family Bathroom" on the first floor near the children's classrooms. We have new drywall, wainscoting, paint, floors, sink, and commode. Plans are in the works for adding a changing table, storage cabinet, mirror, and finishing decorative touches!

BEFORE



ALMOST DONE



AUGUST "BETHANY ROAD" PUZZLE



Daily Bible Readings
Sunday: Acts 1-2
Monday: Isaiah 25-27
Tuesday: Isaiah 28-30
Wednesday: Isaiah 31-33
Thursday: Isaiah 34-36
Friday: Isaiah 37-39
Saturday: Psalms 70-72

Blessed

Mattheur 5:5

Beatitudes

Directions: Fill in the squares using the clues. Then, using the number codes, fill in the squares below to read three of the Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21 (NIV).

- 1. Area behind house
- 2. Blooms
- 3. Precipitation
- 4. Puffy and white in sky
- 5. Soil
- 6. Green, needs water
- 7. You must hoe this
- 8. Tiptoe through these
- 9. Baby sheep
- 10. We need food & this
- 11. God made it from nothing
- 12. Sign after it rains
- 13. These, in April, bring

May flowers

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Answers: 1. backyard, 2. flowers, 3. rain, 4. clouds, 5. dirt, 6. grass, 7. garden, 8. tulips, 9. lambs, 10. water, 11. creation, 12. rainbow, 13. showers.







AUGUST CALENDAR 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		1 6:00 PM SAFETY TEAM 6:30 PM MISSIONS COMMITTEE 7:00 PM PROPERTY COMMITTEE	2 8:00 AM BETHANY QUILTERS 6:30 PM OUTREACH COMMITTEE 7:00 PM WORSHIP BAND	3 7:30 AM MEN'S BREAKFAST 9:30 AM SUMMER PLAYDATE	4	5		
6 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP 11:45 AM DEACONS	7 6:30 PM CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE	8 7:00 PM WORSHIP TEAM	9	10 9:30 AM SUMMER PLAYDATE 6:30 PM GARDEN CLUB	11	12		
13 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE 12:00 PM CHURCH PICNIC	1.4 6:30 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	15 6:30 PM CUB COMMITTEE	16 8:00 AM BETHANY QUILTERS 7:00 PM WORSHIP BAND	17 7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE	18	19		
AT BRANDY SPRINGS 20 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE	21	22	23 8:00 AM BETHANY QUILTERS 7:00 PM WORSHIP BAND	24 7:00 PM SESSION	25	26		
27 9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE	28 12:00 PM MY LADIES LUNCHEON		30 8:00 AM BETHANY QUILTERS 7:00 PM WORSHIP BAND	31				







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