

# **BETHANY CHURCH**

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The 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Acts...The Ancient Story Continues
May 2024

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This month's newsletter is partially sponsored in honor of Jean Herman's 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on May 25<sup>th</sup> by Sandy & Larissa Behrensen.

# Feed the Hungry Sunday, May 26th

Prep starts at 1 PM; delivery at 4 PM from the church (return by 7 PM)

Please help us through your time, talent, and gifts. Giving is available through the Kiosk or online giving.

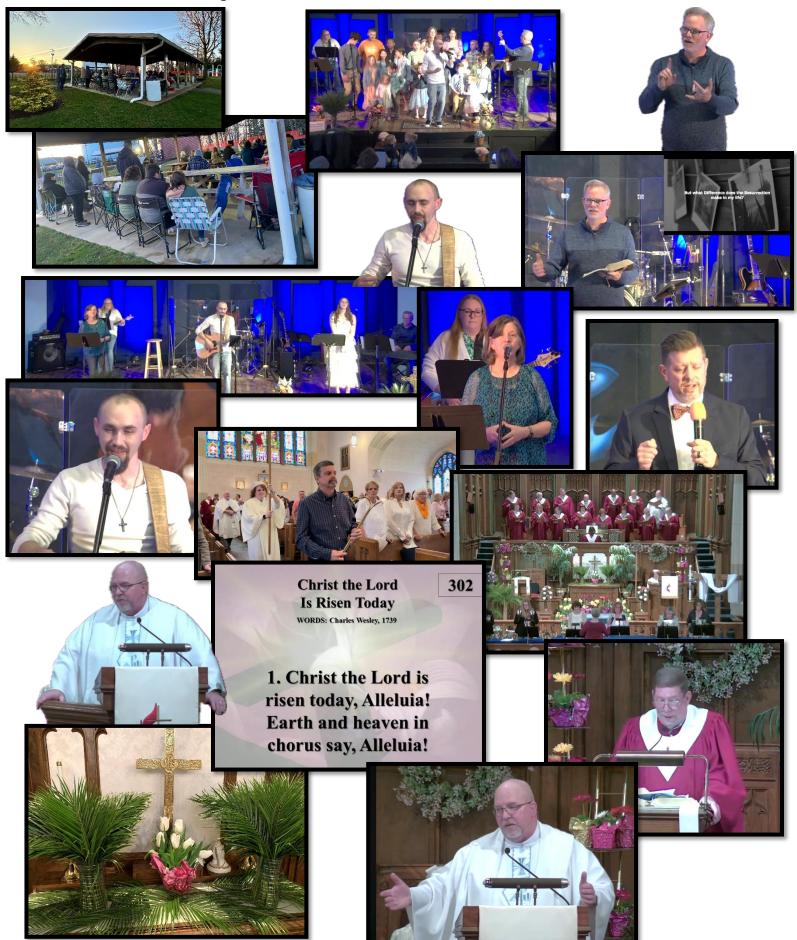


Questions? Please contact Jared or Deb Olsen at 717-244-7624

#### May Meetings

Monday, May 6th – Stewardship & Finance - 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> – Board of Trustees – 7 PM – Upper Room/via Zoom

Eastel morning was beautiful! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!





#### Kid's Connections on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM

(Will not meet May 29<sup>th</sup>; please a<mark>ttend the</mark> Wednesday Night Picnic instead. We will be on summer break from June 5<sup>th</sup> through August 21<sup>st</sup>.)

> Sunday School 9 AM & 10:30 AM



The Children's Department, with the help of Miss Carol Ann and members of the congregation, raised enough money to purchase 12 flocks of chicks for the Heifer Project Mission.



Easter Gunday morning, and the children sing with the DF Praise Team. So much joy!





The children marched through Adult Gunday School on Palm Gunday waving their palms!



Preschooler class bend and stretch before story time on a Gunday morning.









Vacati®n Bible Sch®®l is scheduled F®R june 10th - 14th, and everyone in the Children's Area is excited. Our theme this year is SCUBA, diving into Friendship with G®D. Register online using the link to the left. This year, we will be offering a lite-fare supper each night F®R all volunteers and children attending the program. We are hoping to get the entire church involved this year in

⊕ne way ⊕R an⊕ther. if y⊕u are n⊕t able t⊕ help during the week ⊕F this event, y⊕u can still help by d⊛nating needed art supplies F⊕r crafts and dec⊛rati⊛ns F⊕r the area

to bring about our underwater theme. We will also need some Food Donations as well. There will be posters in the church with items that are needed. You can either purchase these items or donate the money to purchase some of these items. Also, there will be a final organizational meeting for all volunteers on a Sunday after worship near the end of May. Date TBA.



# YOUTH

#### MINISTRIES

#### YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Wednesdays — 6:30 PM
in Bethany House
(will not meet May 29<sup>th</sup>; please attend the
Wednesday Night Picnic instead.)
We do plan to meet during the summer.
We have many fun activities planned!

#### SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Will not meet in May
This program will not meet
during the summer.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will not meet during the summer. When we resume, we'll meet in Bethany House from 10:30 — 11:30 AM.

#### SUNDAY NIGHT REVIVE YOUTH

Bethlehem-Stonepile Church Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 6-7 PM

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> — 3–4:30 PM End-of-the-Year Party @ Fun City Adventure Park ~ Must sign up with Colin or Samantha if attending. Will not meet on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

This program will not meet during the summer.

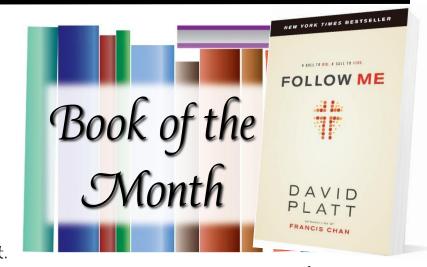


Brochures are available on <a href="https://www.susumcamps.org">www.susumcamps.org</a> with information about our Susquehanna Conference Camps!

Bethany Church Camper Tuition Program - Bethany will cover 50% of the cost for those who register by May 12<sup>th</sup> and 45% of the cost for those registering after May 12<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships based on need are available to cover part of the remainder. Just call the church office at 717/244-7624.

\* Tuition Program is for camps of two weeks or less in length.

The "Connecting People with God Committee is asking various people in our church what books they have read that have helped them in their walk with God or their understanding of scriptures. Of course, our first recommendation is always the Bible, but we hope you find these others helpful as well. For May, Pastor Don has suggested Follow Me by David Platt.



Pastor Don recommends this book because "the author contends that multitudes of people around the world culturally think they are Christians yet biblically are not followers of Christ. Scores of men, women, and children have been told that becoming a follower of Jesus simply involves believing certain truths or saying certain words. As a result, churches today are filled with people who believe they are Christians...but aren't. We want to be disciples as long as doing so does not intrude on our lifestyles, our preferences, our comforts, and even our religion." If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know. Watch the newsletter and visit our website (<a href="https://www.bethanyredlion.com">www.bethanyredlion.com</a>) to find out what June's book will be.



# Praying Hands Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (May 19<sup>th</sup>) 8:30 – 8:55 AM, 10 – 10:25 AM, and 11:30 – 11:45 AM in the hall between Downtown Fellowship & Traditions

Please come early to your services or stop by afterward to join us in committing to focused prayer for one another. Prayer is a very important part of our lives together, and we want to highlight it with a nice, welcoming activity that will only take a few minutes.

All ages are encouraged to participate.



2 Timothy 2:22-24 (NIV 1984) <sup>22</sup> Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. <sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

Paul's letter of instruction and encouragement to Timothy is like a handbook for so much of our discipleship. Paul gives us things to work on, things to work toward, and things to correct.

I am particularly fond of verses 22 - 24 that are printed above. Together, let's look at this discipleship instruction:

First, we are to flee the evil desires. The flee principle is a good one to help deal with temptation. It is not a long-term strategy, like accountability and transparency. However, for non-addictive sins, leaving it, moving away from, fleeing is a good strategy. Think of Joseph fleeing from Potiphar's wife in Genesis 39:1-21. Fleeing from temptation so that we can honor and obey God, will eventually produce favor with God.

Paul gives some further instructions on things to avoid: In verse 23, we are to avoid foolish and stupid arguments. In verse 24, we are to avoid quarrels and resentment. The counter to this that I often hear is: aren't we supposed to stand up for what is right? And I would answer yes, but I would also ask - how many things have been solved, or opinions changed, by arguing? When we argue, we automatically want to win. When we win, someone else loses. As Jesus followers, if we are doing right by someone in love, why not rather seek to build a relationship? I know this isn't always easy, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can be guided into the next instructions Paul tells us to pursue.

Then there is the matter of how do we pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace? Let me make a few suggestions:

- 1. In pursuing righteousness, one way to begin is to embrace our righteousness status. We are made right with God because of Jesus' work on the cross, his death, and resurrection. As we remember our forgiveness, our response ought to be one of gratitude.
- 2. In pursuing righteousness, we have to do the work of loving Jesus. This is not a feeling. Rather, it is an action! Because we love Jesus, we strive to do what He told us to do. That is righteous work.
- 3. In pursuing faith, it boils down to trust. Every time we seek to go our own way instead of God's way, it exposes a lack of trust. Why do we doubt God in this area? Examine it and get to the bottom of why you do not trust in this one area. Then make a plan to trust more. Examine God's word about what He says about that area.
- 4. In pursuing love, this means that we are seeking to do right by others, the way you wish they would do right by you. No matter the consequences, no matter their actions. It most certainly is not a matter of emotions or feeling like doing the loving thing. With love, we don't ever have a free pass to act like the world. Instead, with love, we model our actions after Jesus.
- 5. In pursuing peace, I believe it is the process or journey of pursuing God! The more of God we know and dwell with, the more sense of peace that will dwell in us. It is a calm assurance that

- surpasses understanding. Knowing our Father means spending time in prayer, scripture, and in fellowship with God's people.
- 6. Practicing kindness from verse 24, we see that we, as disciples, are called to be kind to everyone. We tend to think of kindness as doing something for someone else that is "nice." Biblically speaking, kindness is choosing to act in another person's best interests. For example: I could respond out of rudeness to the rudeness that I just received from a person. But it is in their best interest that I not.

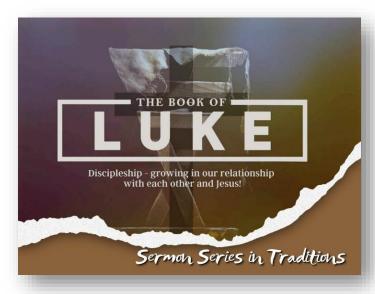
As we head into this year, there are going to be all kinds of things that seek to divide us. The enemy is working to divide us and tempt us and isolate us. But if we follow Paul's godly instruction, we will be well on the way of becoming more like Jesus!

I'm praying for you - please pray for me!

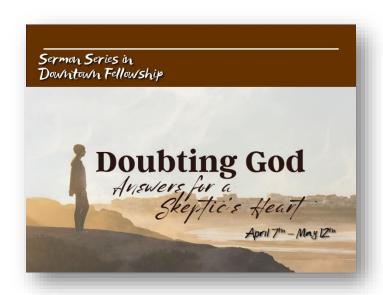
Pastor Don

# The Gospel of Luke... Verse-by-Verse Sermon Series in Traditions Worship

Each of the four Gospels are designed and recorded for us to know Jesus and grow in our discipleship of Him. The Gospel of Luke was written to a primarily Gentile audience and that includes us. Pastor Don will be preaching from the Gospel of Luke, verse-byverse, with the focus on our discipleship. As



disciples, it is his belief that we are to grow in our Christlikeness each and every day. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we peel off layers of this world and we put on the mind of Jesus. Our study of Luke will be just that, an exposure of our worldliness and the call to be more like Jesus.



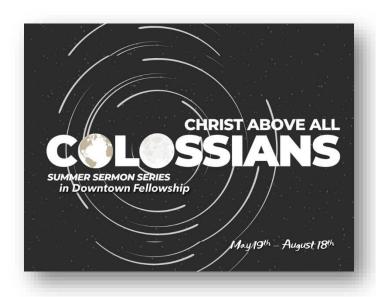
# **Doubting God - Sermon Series in Downtown Fellowship (thru 5/12)**

The Easter Season is over. With the crowds, we shouted, "He is Risen." We gathered with our families, shared meals together, and hunted eggs with the children. It was, once again, a meaningful, powerful, and moving experience. But now, Easter has passed, and we must deal with the implications of resurrection in our own lives. Do we really believe that all we celebrate at Easter is true? Do we really believe that Jesus rose from the dead, and He is alive right now wanting to be both the Lord and leader of our lives? During this series, we will explore the complexities of

struggling with our doubts about God, the Bible, and our faith. We will discover that doubt is an essential part of our faith journey and growth in our relationship with Christ.

#### Colossians: Christ Above All -Sermon Series in Downtown Fellowship (Begins 5/19)

The letter Paul wrote to the church in the city of Colassae emphasized the nature, preeminence, and sufficiency of Christ. At the time, the church was struggling with confusing voices that were adding to the message by creating additional rules to follow or diluting the message by creating other pathways to God. Paul spoke into the confusion by proclaiming that Jesus is *above all*, the pathway to God is *Jesus alone*, and *Jesus is in all*, affecting every part of our lives. For the person seeking to understand who Jesus is, Colossians is a beautiful introduction to Him



and the message of hope that He brings. For the person who knows Christ and is seeking to follow Him, Colossians is a beautiful reminder of the work that Jesus has done for us and how the gospel shapes our everyday lives. Jump in with us this summer and journey verse-by-verse through Paul's letter to the church in Colossae and find out how His words apply to us today.



# **Change is Coming to Our Online Sunday Morning Worship**



In addition to in-person worship, we are also providing two streams to watch online services, both live and archived. All online watching happens through our website. For further information, please contact Pastor Don.









Rodney & Sherree Hake joined our church family on Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.



Michael & Rachel Wiertel (left) and Aaron Enterline, with wife, Alyse, (right) joined our Bethany Family on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.





5:30 PM \$5 Adult (ages 13 & Older) \$2.50 Child (ages 2 – 12)

Please register for the meal by the Sunday before on the Connections card in your bulletin, at the Giving Kiosk, or call Jen in the church office.

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>

# YOUVERSION BIBLE APP



Download the YouVersion Bible app (or go to our website and click the link on the front page) and join with us as we explore different reading plans and Bible studies throughout the year together as a church.

Create an account in the app, go to friends, search for Bethany Church Red

Create an account in the app, go to friends, search for Bethany Church Red Lion, and send the friend request. Once accepted, you're ready to go. Contact Justin Zelger or Pastor Mark with any questions or for additional details.



Memorial Day Remembering Those Who Served

In memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces and have passed away, Bethany would like to share their pictures during worship on Sunday, May 26th. Please provide us with a picture of your loved one and pertinent information by Sunday, May 19th. E-mail pictures to Jen in the church office or stop in, and she can scan your picture. No need to send in if you had submitted in the past.



On Memorial Day, please come 10 – 15 minutes early to the Traditions Service as the video will be presented prior to the start of the service. In Downtown Fellowship, the video will be part of the service.



This month, the following devotionals can be accessed through YouVersion (https://my.bible.com/reading-plans/insert the number listed at the devotional) or click on the link in the Special Bethany Blast on Sundays:

> **Becoming Like Jesus** (44551) -Through May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Up & Out** (35078) – May  $5^{th}$  –  $11^{th}$ 

**How to Love My Neighbor** (26912) – May  $13^{th} - 17^{th}$ 

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World  $(18028) - May 20^{th} - 24^{th}$ 

The Lord's Prayer Explained (22357) -May 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

# PRAYER REQUESTS

can be made on the Connections Card in your weekly bulletin, through the links in the Weekly Blast and on our website, or call Jen in the church office 717-244-7624. Watch your email for a special "Prayer Blast" on Tuesdays!

Holy Hike

Adventure Exploring

God's Creation



Saturday, May 18th at 9 AM **Location: Spring Valley Park, York County** (Parking area at intersection of Potosi Road and Blymire Hollow Road)

> We will start the day with a brief teaching at the main parking area at 9 AM.

Choose from a variety of trails, including easier maintenance road trails for those who prefer smoother terrain. Enjoy fishing in the serene waters of Spring Valley Park. There's space in the creek for children to splash and play.

Complimentary water provided!

For additional information, please contact Justin Zelger 717-244-7624.

#### **Change of Address**

If you are moving, are planning to move, or if the Post Office is changing your address, please notify the church office as soon as possible. The church must pay for all incorrect addresses. We also

need the correct mailing addresses of all college students and those attending other schools of higher learning. Thank you!



Looking for original paintings, drawings, sculptures, pottery, photographs, or whatever artistic medium you work in centered around the theme of

Summer to use in the DF Coffee Corner. Please contact Pastor Mark to submit your work.



#### **ATTENDANCE**

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship	Good Friday	Night of Worship
March 31st	48	365	95	-
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	58	149	-	-
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	59	158	-	54
April 21st	42	137	-	-

**Bible Quiz** 

What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates



Answer: D & F (See Genesis 2:10-14.)

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS MAY

1. Jesus and the Father are one John 14:8-14 2. Shout with joy to God Psalm 98 3. God shows no partiality Acts 10:34-43

4. Take to heart the command of God Deuteronomy 32:44-47

5. Christ, the friend and lover 6. God reigns above the floods

7. Keep the commandments until Christ comes

8. Teach God's words to your children

9. Christ present in all times and places

10. A vision of the risen Christ

11. Jesus will send the Advocate 12. Christ's prayer for his disciples

13. God's blessings on the chosen ones

14. Jesus calls the Twelve

15. Sorrow turned to joy

16. Our help and our shield

17. The dead will be raised

18. Praying with the Spirit

19. Christ sends the Spirit of truth

20. Renewing the face of the earth

21. Many members, one body of Christ 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

22. Life to dry bones

23. Worship God in holiness

24. The Spirit dwells in you

25. Testify in the face of persecution

26. Entering the reign of God

27. The name of God

28.God's wisdom revealed through

the Spirit 29. Aaronic blessing

30. Raise a loud shout to the God

of Jacob 31. Mary greets Elizabeth

John 15:9-17 Psalm 93

1 Timothy 6:13-16 Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Luke 24:44-53 Revelation 1:9-18

John 16:4-11

John 17:6-19

Psalm 115 Luke 6:12-16

John 16:16-24 Psalm 33:12-22

1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Romans 8:14-17; 22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 29 Romans 8:9-11

John 15:18-20, 26-27

John 3:1-17

Psalm 20

1 Corinthians 2:1-10 Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 81:1-10 Luke 1:39-57

The Transportation Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to help with transportation to church, appointments,



and grocery shopping for those who are unable to drive. If you are willing to be on our availability list, please contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624.

Articles for the June Newsletter are due in the Church Office by May 15th.





In December, Pastor Mark launched his new website

**notsurprised.org**. This website is dedicated to the presentation of the hope we have found in

Jesus through a variety of mediums. This website includes a daily devotional written by Pastor Mark for each day of the year; access to Pastor Mark's blogs, books, and articles; and a direct link to his SoundCloud site and YouTube channel where you can find his



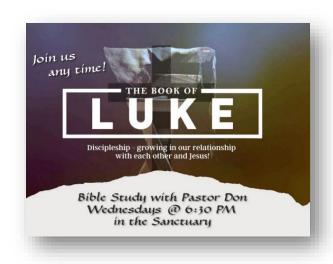
music videos and recordings of his new music. New content will be released each month. Check it out today and subscribe to his daily devotional!

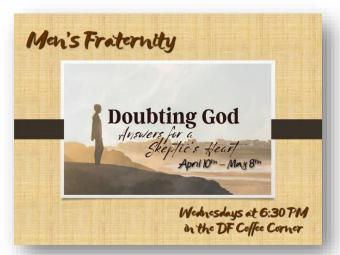


Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership and volunteers and providing on-going Bible Study materials. What is really exciting is that the whole congregation (members, attendees, and anyone associated with Bethany) will have access to the RightNow Media website. There are literally more than 10,000 videos to choose from. It works much like Netflix, and there is no additional

cost to you. Some of what it includes: training videos, children's TV programs, Bible Studies, Christian Conferences, Leadership Material, and so much more. We can use these online Bible Study courses here at the church; and if a person misses a class, they can view it at home any time they want. You can also use the Bible Studies as an individual, couple, family, or Bible Study group in your own home. Please visit <a href="https://www.rightnowmedia.org/">https://www.rightnowmedia.org/</a> Account/Invite/BETHANYUMC and complete your profile to sign up. You can also text "BETHANYUMC" to 49775 to register. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Join us for Bible Study with Pastor Don in the main Sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM. The Book of Luke study will focus on our verse-by-verse method of study and will supplement our Sunday morning sermon in the Traditions service. As disciples, we are to grow in our Christlikeness each and every day. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we peel off layers of this world and we put on the mind of Jesus. Our study of Luke will be just that, an exposure of our worldliness and the call to be more like Jesus. Please bring your Bibles and something to write with. (Will not meet on May 29th; please attend the Wednesday Night Picnic instead. This study will be on a summer break from June 5th through August 21st.)



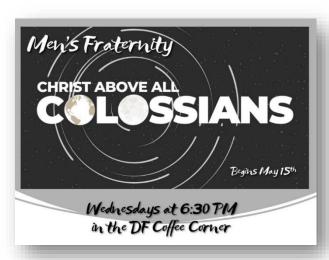


## Men's Fraternity Doubting God ~ Answers for a Skeptic's Heart

During the sermon series "Doubting God," we will gather on Wednesday nights to discuss the messages that are presented on Sunday mornings in our Downtown Fellowship service.

#### Men's Fraternity Colossians: Christ Above All

In May, during the sermon series "Colossians: Christ Above All," we will gather on Wednesday nights to discuss the messages that are presented on Sunday mornings in our Downtown Fellowship service. (will not meet on May 29<sup>th</sup>; please attend the Wednesday Night Picnic instead)



# What Happens When Women Walk in Faith: Trusting God Takes You to Amazing Places Join us any week any week Social Hall Annex Led by Terry Moran

# Women on Wednesday What Happens When Women Walk in Faith

What if the next big step God wants you to take is actually small? Stepping into the assignments the Lord has for us and pursuing the dreams He's placed in our hearts can feel overwhelming and exhilarating all at the same time. But walking in His will begins with our daily obedience to Him. Lysa TerKeurst knows what it means to walk by faith and encourages you to discover the deeply personal truths of God's Word for your calling. What Happens When Women Walk in Faith is filled with stories and Scripture that will help you apply practical, Biblical truths to your life and equip you to: discover five phases of your faith walk and embrace the direction

that the Lord is leading you; identify one area where you can draw a line in the sand and take a step toward something new; and be prepared for God to use your small steps of faith to unleash His work and wonder in your life. No matter what God has called you to, you can take this first step! (will not meet on May 29<sup>th</sup>; please attend the Wednesday Night Picnic instead)

#### **GriefShare**

Grief is a long and troublesome journey. But a journey you don't need to walk alone. We would like to invite you to GriefShare held here at Bethany Church on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM (through May 14<sup>th</sup>). Anyone is welcome who is going through a grief journey. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624. Please let Pastor Larry know if you will be attending so that enough materials will be available. There will be another session this fall. Date TBD.



#### Is Celebrate Recovery for me or someone I know?

Living in a broken world, we all deal with life's hurts, hang-ups, and habits. No one has the ability, nor should they attempt to face their hurts on their own. Celebrate Recovery is a beautiful

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays 6:30 PM Dinner at 6 PM

community of strugglers that courageously enter this safe and beautiful space to get honest about our pain, and the negative ways

we may see ourselves, God, and others. In this process, we come to accept that some of the habits we may have developed to escape our pain have caused destruction in our life and those close to us. Celebrate Recovery is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to our hurts. It guides us toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits as we repair our broken relationships. Join more than seven million hurting people across the globe who now walk in freedom through the power of Jesus Christ as we walk through the eight principles of Celebrate Recovery based on the Beatitudes in Matthew 5. These are some of the issues people find freedom from in Celebrate Recovery: Anger ~ Codependency ~

Eating Disorder ~ Love & Relationship Addiction ~ Physical, Sexual, and/or Sing along with us on Emotional Abuse ~ Drug Addiction ~ Alcoholism ~ Sexual Addiction ~ Gambling Addiction ~ Grief ~ Mental Health ~ and many other issues we may struggle with.

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in the weekly Blast for creating a Spotify account and for 'Bethany Media'









Love. Grow. Serve.

Are you or a loved one experiencing a short-term illness, injury, or convalescence and are in need of a piece of medical equipment? The Medical Equipment Warehouse continues to be of service to Red Lion and surrounding areas. The Lord has helped us to serve others by lending out Wheelchairs, Scooters, Walkers, Rollators, Canes, Crutches, and other items for long or short-term use. Just contact Brian Overmiller with your medical equipment needs.

## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LENDING** WAREHOUSE

Would you like to feel the joy of serving both your church family and your community while taking only a small amount of your time? Please consider joining our group. To learn more, contact Brian Overmiller (717) 244-7624.



#### Check out our options!

9" (\$4.50) & 12" (\$5.50) Subs Italian, American, Turkey, Roast Beef, & Sweet Bologna (9"only) Pretzel Sandwiches - \$4.50 Ham & Cheese, Sweet Bologna, Roast Beef, Turkey, & Chicken Salad Kaiser Roll Sandwiches - \$3.75 Turkey, Roast Beef, Chicken Salad, Ham Salad, Egg Salad, & Tuna Salad

# Subs a Sandwiches Sponsored by the Wissions Committee

Make Sundays less hectic as you head out of church for the day. If you like to "eat out" after church, then grab a sandwich for supper. The fixings are wrapped separately; no soggy sandwiches! Place your order by

the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month (Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>). Order forms will be located throughout the church, order in the church office, or order at the Giving Kiosk. Orders may also be placed online at

https://app.easytithe.com/App/Form/cb21b65c-d829-4b3f-9ce1-b0b57e78f8a2 or use the link in the Weekly Blast to order. Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month (May 26<sup>th</sup>). Pick up also offered on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the Kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

\*\*\*There will not be a June Grab in Go Sale.\*\*\*

# Visitation Program

Bethany Church's Visitation Program is just one way of staying connected to members who have difficulty getting to services but still want to be a part of the Bethany family. By visiting them, we let them know they are not forgotten and that as God cares, we care. To do this, though, we need faithful visitors who are willing to commit to one visit or contact a month. If this is something you feel called to do, please contact Carol Urey (717) 244-7624. It is with grateful hearts that we thank both visitors and those being visited for this ongoing ministry.

# Meal Ministry



Did you know that Bethany's Meal Ministry consists of a group of volunteers who pitch in to help our fellow parishioners during challenging times?

If you are in a situation that could be eased by having a meal prepared, please contact us for help.

If you are looking for a way to help serve the church and spread the faith, we invite you to join our ministry.

Please know our meals do not require "top chef" quality but rather your favorite recipe for someone to enjoy from your kitchen.

Questions? Please contact Jill Thompson at 717/244-7624.



Bethany Church collects items for the following organizations. Collection containers are located outside the church office and inside the back door. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

#### **Cell Phones**

(for ACCESS-York) Contact: Jessica Castle (717) 244-7624

#### (with undamaged printheads) for Bethany Youth Contact: Jen Daugherty (717) 244-7624

**Inkjet Cartridges** 

**Aluminum Cans** 

#### **Aluminum Tabs**

(717) 244-7624

(for Ronald McDonald House) Contact: Jane Wiertel

(for Together We Can Make a Difference) Contact: Pastor Mark (717) 244-7624

of the Social Hall by Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Supervisory District's goal is 1,000 hand towels!



# Blanket Sunday Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Offering envelopes are available in your quarterly offering envelopes, in various locations around the church, or monetary donations may be made in the office, through the Giving Kiosk, or on-line giving.



#### SHINE YOUR LIGHT

Hey Bethany, show us where you are "shining your light." You've shared great photos of your vacations and summer fun, now we'd like to see where and how you are impacting our community. Please send in pictures (to Jen in the church office) and share a bit about the organizations where you shine!! Can't wait to see where the light of Christ is shining!! -Sally Roberts







Dear Bethany Family, Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and messages of encouragement during my recent hip replacement surgery. A special thank you to Jill Thompson and Sue Kochenour for your delicious soups and visits. Also, thank you to Brian Overmiller for helping me with getting the medical equipment I needed. —Sandy Behrensen



Dear Members of Bethany, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and the memories that mom had with the congregation and the fellowship. Sincerely, Brad Striebig & Lisa Manifold

