



BETHANY CHURCH

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The 29th Chapter of Acts...*The Ancient Story Continues*

October 2025

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This month's newsletter is sponsored in loving memory of my husband, Jim, by Brenda Evans.

Church Picnic



& Baptism



The Bethany Family wants to welcome our newest brothers and sisters in Christ in William and Sophia Marion. William and Sophia are the son and daughter of Paul and

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October Meetings

Stewardship & Finance – Monday, October 6th, 7 PM, Upper Room
Board of Trustees – Thursday, October 9th, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom
Administrative Council – Monday, October 13th, 7 PM, Upper Room/via Zoom

Susan Marion. Both William and Sophia play in our church orchestra, and Sophia is also a part of our choir. It was such an exciting day to hear them profess their faith in Jesus. We also recognized the baptism of Jane Love and Rodney Hake. It was absolutely wonderful to celebrate together what Jesus is doing in each of these people's lives. The food was good, the fellowship was great, and the setting was amazing! A very special thank you to Phil and Sally Roberts for their generosity and willingness to make their property along the creek available to us as a church!



BETHANY CHURCH'S FALL FUN DAY!



Saturday, October 18th

Noon – 4 PM

Showvaker's Quality Evergreens, 2020 Garrett Road, Manchester, Maryland
\$10.50/Adults; \$4 Ages 3 – 12; Free for Ages 2 and Under

Lunch and snacks will be provided at our reserved tent space. Please bring your own drinks (or purchase from one of the many available vendors at the farm).

Registration and payment are due by Sunday, October 12th. Use the sign-up form below, register through the link in the Weekly Blast, or register online through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App (under "events").



Name _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Other People Attending:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

(\$10.50/Adults; \$4 Ages 3 – 12; Free for Ages 2 and under)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Promotion Sunday



We had a joyful morning of fellowship as we celebrated all of the children's accomplishments and recognized those who were promoted to new Sunday School classes!

Bethany Church's Fall Fun Day!

Join us for Family Fun on the Farm on Saturday, October 18th!



Wednesday Night Connections

Join us on Wednesday nights as we continue our series titled "Storytime with Jesus," as we examine some of Jesus' different parables! Fellowship meal begins at 5:30 PM with Bible study beginning at 6:30 PM.



Youth Happenings



Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the Youth Room

(join us for the Fellowship Meal in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM)

Youth Group meetings have resumed for the fall! We are beginning by examining what exactly the Good News is.

Sunday Mornings

10 – 10:20 AM in the Youth Room (3rd Floor)

We'll have our brief Youth Connection to catch up and chat plus review or preview Pastor Don's sermon (depending upon which service you are attending).

Youth Bonfire



Saturday, October 11th

7 – 10 PM

13481 Vancar Lane, Stewartstown

Calling all youth and friends!!

Join us for warmth, treats, and good company.

Please RSVP to Justin Zelger.



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.



COFFEE & Donuts

Sunday Mornings in the Contemporary Worship Area at the Coffee Bar - All are welcome!

before Sunday School & the 9 AM Contemporary service; after 9 AM service & before the 10:30 AM Traditional Service



Reassembling What's Broken - Relationships

Every one of us carries the weight of a broken relationship. The pain, regret, and confusion often leave us feeling stuck—wanting healing but unsure how to begin. We think, "If they'd just see things my way, everything would be fine." So, we try to convince, convict, coerce, or control—methods we have learned from the world and methods that rarely bring unity and often deepen the divide.

The truth is, reassembling a relationship isn't intuitive. It's a learned skill rooted in scripture and Jesus' humility, not agenda. We often assume harmful intentions behind other's actions, but what if we chose to believe the best instead?

Jesus didn't wait for us to come to Him—He moved toward us. That's our model. Reconciliation isn't about forcing outcomes; it's about removing obstacles. It's about creating space for healing, even if the other person never steps into it. As far as it depends on us, let us own our part and move toward the other person in humility.

Paul's words in Philippians remind us: be like-minded, humble, and consider others above yourself. When we do this, we reflect Christ's heart. Forgiveness is only half the journey—reconciliation requires proximity, grace, and intentionality.

Let's be the first to move. Not to win, but to love. Not to fix, but to open the door. So that one day, reconciliation might happen—and we'll have no regrets.

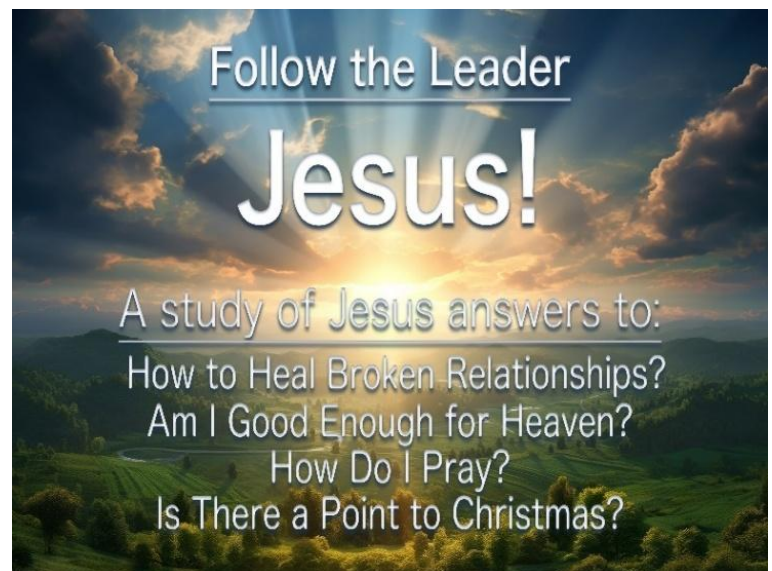
It's good to be your Pastor!

Blessings,

Pastor Don

**Sermon Series
through December 24th
Follow the Leader—
and That Leader Is Jesus
A Real-Life Guide to Healing, Hope,
Discipleship, and Joy**

Let's be honest—life can feel like a chaotic game of "follow the leader," with everyone chasing something. But what if the Leader worth following is the One who brings healing to broken relationships, answers the deepest question—"Am I good enough for heaven?"—and invites us into a life of powerful prayer and peace? This series is your invitation to walk in step with Jesus, the Leader who doesn't just point the way—He walks it with us. And as Christmas approaches, we'll discover how His love rewrites our stories with grace, joy, and purpose. Come ready to laugh, reflect, and be transformed. It's time to follow the Leader—and that Leader is Jesus.





Sunday, October 26th at Noon (meet in the Social Hall)

Join us for a Prayer Walk as we journey through the heart of Red Lion together. This is a wonderful opportunity for Bethany to connect with our community and uplift our town in prayer.

If you're new to this, don't worry! We will provide clear instructions and guidance to ensure you feel comfortable and engaged through the walk.

For those with mobility issues, there will be the option to participate from your car, so everyone can join the prayerful fellowship. All ages are warmly invited to be part of this special event! We will meet in the Social Hall after the Traditional worship service. Water will be provided as well. (This is the same day as the Missions Committee's Grab 'n Go sub/sandwich pick-up if you want lunch before we head out!)



All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2nd during the 9 AM Contemporary and 10:30 AM Traditional worship services. If you have lost a loved one in the last year (from November 3, 2024 – October 2025), whether they are a member or friend of Bethany or not, we want to remember them and read their name during worship this day. Please submit their name, date of passing, and a photo to Jen in the Church Office by Sunday, October 26th. During the service, their name will be read, and a bell will toll. You are invited to stand when your loved one's or friend's name is read. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Don.



CHURCH

Conference

**Sunday, October 5th
2 PM**

in the Sanctuary

**All are welcome to attend,
but only church members in attendance will have voting privileges.**

Praying Hands Day

**3rd Sunday of Each Month
(October 19th)**

Before & After Services



table located outside the church office

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.

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!



New Church Directories (July 2025) are located at various locations around the church and can be picked up at your convenience. Please doublecheck your information and let Jen in the church office know if there are corrections/additions (address, cell phone, email, etc.) that need to be made.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS OCTOBER

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| 1. I have gained wealth for myself | Hosea 12:2-14 |
| 2. Commit your way to the Lord | Psalms 37:1-9 |
| 3. God saves the people | 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37 |
| 4. Mercy on persistent blind men | Matthew 20:29-34 |
| 5. Faith the size of a mustard seed | Luke 17:5-10 |
| 6. Deliverance comes from God | Psalms 3 |
| 7. Faith overcomes the world | 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21 |
| 8. Knowledge of the glory of God | Habakkuk 2:12-20 |
| 9. I give thanks with my whole heart | Psalms 111 |
| 10. A census and the exclusion of lepers | Numbers 4:34 - 5:4 |
| 11. A leper healed | Luke 5:12-16 |
| 12. One leper gives thanks to God | Luke 17:11-19 |
| 13. Prayer for a long life | Psalms 61 |
| 14. An ambassador in chains | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| 15. Cure without payment | Matthew 10:5-15 |
| 16. My help is from the Lord | Psalms 121 |
| 17. About the Christian life | 2 Timothy 2:14-26 |
| 18. Luke witnesses to the ministry of Jesus | Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53 |
| 19. A widow begs for justice | Luke 18:1-8 |
| 20. Vindication from God | Psalms 57 |
| 21. The Judge standing at the doors | James 5:7-12 |
| 22. Jesus prays for life | Luke 22:39-46 |
| 23. Happy are they whose strength is in you | Psalms 84:1-7 |
| 24. Israel uncircumcised in heart | Jeremiah 9:17-26 |
| 25. A drought portends destruction | Jeremiah 14:1-6 |
| 26. A Pharisee and tax collector pray | Luke 18:9-14 |
| 27. A doorkeeper in God's house | Psalms 84:8-12 |
| 28. Those who love Jesus will keep his word | John 14:21-27 |
| 29. Faith of tax collectors and prostitutes | Matthew 21:28-32 |
| 30. Praying in time of trouble | Psalms 32:1-7 |
| 31. Justified by God's grace as a gift | Romans 3:19-28 |

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



**Music Director
for
Contemporary
Worship**
15 - 20
Hours/Week

See Pastor Don if you are interested in this position
717-244-7624 or drowe@bethanyredlion.com

ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
August 24 th	32	99
August 31 st	23	94
September 7 th	35	96
September 14 th	36	104
September 21 st	37	125

Articles for the November Newsletter are due in the Church Office by October 15th.



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5, 2025



Bethany's Christmas Shopping Bus Trip

Saturday, December 13th

Leaving for Lititz, PA at 9 AM from the church parking lot (arriving 10:15 AM)

Leave Lititz at 3 PM

(arriving back at the church by 4:15 PM)

Cost - \$25/person

Register now to hold your spot.

Payment is due with registration.

Enjoy fellowship, shopping, and food!

Registration deadline is

Sunday, November 9th

(minimum of 30 registrants needed)

Use this form or register online at the Giving

Kiosk or Giving App (under "events"), or

through the link in the weekly Blast.

Name: _____

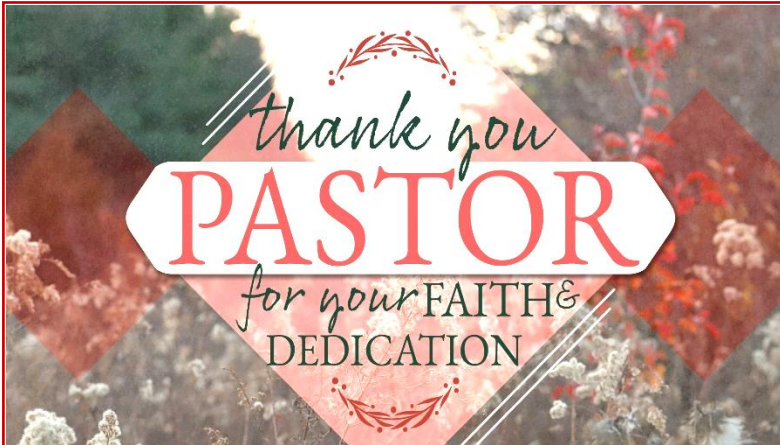
Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Please reserve _____ seats on the bus.

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please list all people included in your registration:



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication, and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

TO PASTOR DON AND PASTOR LARRY:

We are grateful to have you as teachers, counselors, comforters, and the ones who unselfishly serve God's Kingdom here on earth. Thank you for praying for us, guiding us, and caring for us both physically and emotionally.

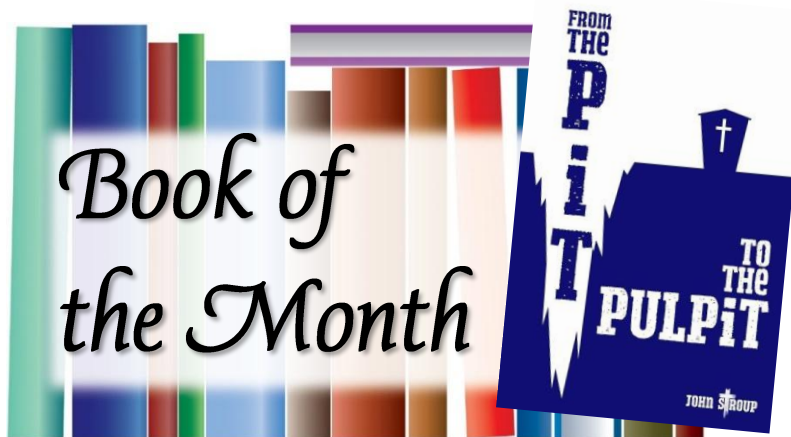
TO OUR CONGREGATION:

So, go ahead and find your special way to say thanks. It will go a long way to build up those who serve us so wonderfully! One suggestion is to pray for our pastors. Another is to creatively communicate words of encouragement to our pastors for their service to God and our Church.

Thank them in person, send them a note of encouragement, send them a gift!

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching."

(1 Timothy 5:17)



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. This month's Book-of-the-Month (recommended by Nancy Keeperts) is *From the Pit to the*

Pulpit by John Stroup. It is the story of how God can use totally broken people for their good and His Glory. John's love affair with the Lord began in solitary confinement in prison through pamphlets smuggled to him through a cellmate. Instead of craving drugs, John craved The Word and his craving has led John to introduce countless broken people to Christ and to discipleship. Each chapter in the book begins with several Bible verses. The one that best characterizes John's remarkable journey is 1 Timothy 1:15—"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know.



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:

Judge Not (57559)
Thru October 4th

Reconciliation (35906)
October 5th – 7th

Not Good Enough (29747)
October 12th – 14th

Good News (52808)
October 19th – 23rd

Christ Came for All (19161)
October 26th – 29th

From Knowing to Becoming

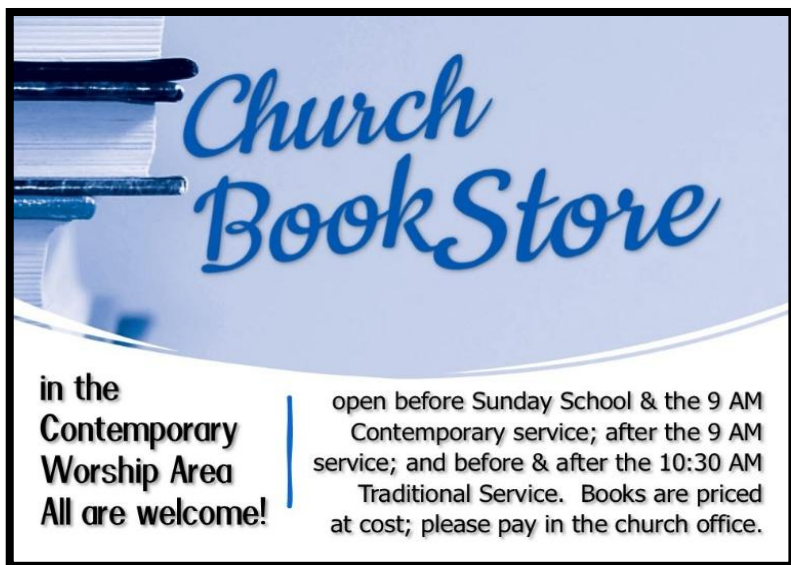
Get to know Jesus well because the more you know him, the more you'll love him. And the more you love him, the more you'll want to follow him. And the more you follow him, the more you'll become like him. And the more you become like him, the more you become yourself.

—Ned Erickson



**YOUVERSION
BIBLE APP**

Download the YouVersion Bible app (or go to our website and click the link on the home 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 Lion, and send the friend request. Once accepted, you're ready to go. Contact Justin Zelger or Pastor Don with any questions or for additional details.



OPEN FLOWER DATE

If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers in Traditional Worship on Sunday, November 2nd, please see Jen in the church office.



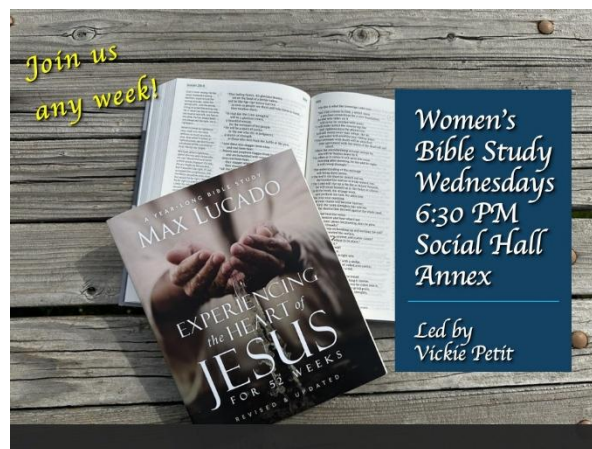
Bethany Church has purchased a subscription for RightNow Media for the purpose of training leadership and volunteers and providing on-going Bible Study materials. What is really exciting is that the whole congregation (members, attendees, and anyone associated with Bethany) will have access to the RightNow 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 <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/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.

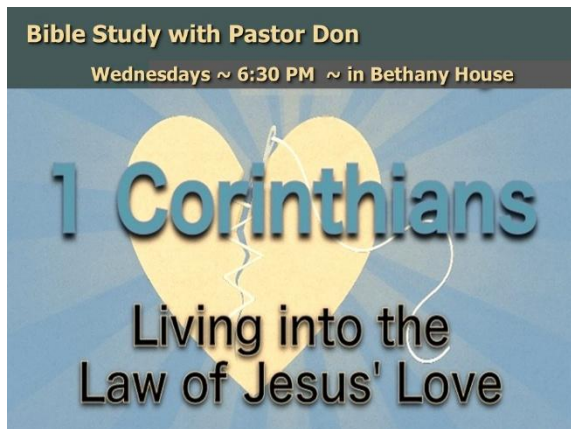


Women's Bible Study Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
in the Social Hall Annex

Although Jesus is familiar, and we know details of his life, could we consider him a companion or dear friend? Do His mannerisms and habits rub off on us because we spend so much time with Him? This study is about walking with Jesus so closely that we become like Him, that we imitate Him. You will step into Jesus' presence over the course of a year and experience the grace, forgiveness, power, love, and prayer of Jesus. The study is designed that you can start it at any point in the year. It will help you experience Him in fresh and deeper ways, drawing you into the company of our Lord. All you need to do is call on Him, spend time with Him, and you will be changed.





Bible Study with Pastor Don – 1 Corinthians – Living into the Law of Jesus' Love

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
in Bethany House

This is a story of a journey of Discipleship in a divided world. Join us as we follow Paul and Silas and Timothy into the busy, diverse, and thoroughly Greek city of Corinth. This will be a deep dive into

one of the most raw, relevant, and revolutionary letters in the New Testament.

1 Corinthians isn't just ancient wisdom—it's a blueprint for living as disciples of Jesus in a world that often pulls us in every direction but His. In this study, we'll explore how Paul challenges the church in Corinth—and us today—to move beyond division, pride, and spiritual confusion, and instead live into the radical love of Jesus. This isn't just about knowing the right theology; it's about embodying the love that transforms communities, relationships, and hearts. Discipleship isn't passive. It's active, bold, and sometimes messy. Through Paul's words, we'll learn what it means to be shaped by the cross, led by the Spirit, and grounded in love that doesn't quit. So, whether you're new to the faith or have walked with Jesus for years, this study invites you to grow deeper, live louder, and love stronger—just like Jesus.

Men's Bible Study The Case for Christ

(through October 22nd)

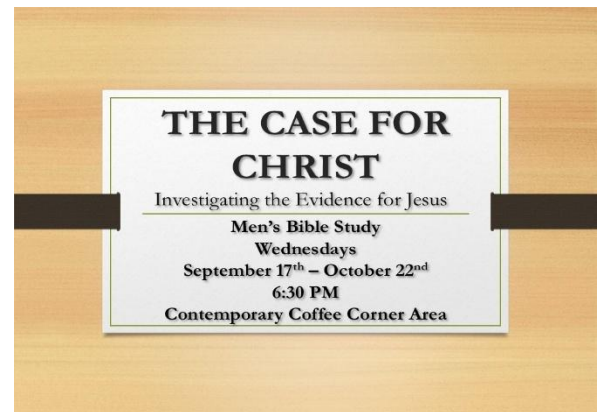
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

in the Contemporary Worship Area Coffee Corner

Is there credible proof that Jesus of Nazareth really is the Son of God? In *The Case for Christ*, Lee Strobel, former legal editor of the *Chicago*

Tribune and *New York Times* bestselling author,

retraces his own spiritual journey from atheism to faith and builds a captivating case for Christ's divinity. In his comprehensive investigation, Strobel doesn't shy away from challenging questions, including: How reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is Jesus who he said he was? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event? What does all of the evidence point to—and what does it mean today? Strobel's thorough examination flows like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it's not fiction: it's a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure.





CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays | 6:30 PM
Dinner at 6 PM

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 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 Emotional Abuse ~ Drug Addiction ~ Alcoholism ~ Sexual Addiction ~ Gambling Addiction ~ Grief ~ Mental Health ~ and many other issues we may struggle with.



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?

Meal Ministry

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.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to drive for others in need. People with a ride need, or who would like to volunteer to transport folks, can call the church office or call or email Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624.





Check out our options!

9" (\$4.50) & 12" (\$5.50) Subs
 Italian, American, Turkey, & Roast Beef
 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, & Sweet Bologna (NEW!)

Subs & Sandwiches Sponsored by the Missions 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 third Sunday of the month, Sunday, October 19th.

Order forms will be located throughout the church, order in the church office, or order through the link in the Weekly Blast. Orders may also be placed through the Giving Kiosk and Giving App (under "events"). Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the fourth Sunday of the month, Sunday, October 26th. Pick up also offered on Saturday, October 25th from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!



Is it time to replace your Dishcloths (\$4), Scrubbies (\$1.50), or Wool Dryer Balls (\$6/each or 3/\$15)?

A portion of the proceeds benefits Bethany's Missions Committee.

Contact Becky Hickey to order
 717/244-7624

LifePath Christian Ministries offers a great missions opportunity.

Corners of Your Field is a partnership opportunity between local churches and LifePath Christian Ministries. Corners of Your Field encourages attendees of our partner churches to be intentional about selecting their gently used household items as a donation to LifePath Thrift Stores. The stores then return a portion of the value of these items in the form of gift cards to your church to help those directly in your care.

LIFEPATH
 Christian Ministries

This statement is taken from the LifePath website. When you make a donation of gently used items to their thrift stores, you can link your name to Bethany UMC, Red Lion. By doing that, the donations, etc. are kept track of, and LifePath gift cards will be sent to the church quarterly. These can then be given to those in need of clothing, etc. Bethany Church information is already in their system. Just ask them to link your donation to Bethany Church, Red Lion. What a great and straightforward way to help our community. Questions? Contact Jen in the Church Office.

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.

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

CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624



The Newsletter Team could use a few extra hands preparing the monthly Newsletter for mailing. We meet the last Wednesday of the month at 8 AM in the Kitchen. We are usually done by 9 AM. Come when you can. All help is appreciated!



See Pastor Don if you are interested in being part of Bethany's Praise Team



Everyone is welcome!

The Sanctuary Choir is hopeful you will join us for some wonderful singing opportunities during the 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service.

We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in the Music Room.

Come see what it is all about! Questions? See Julie Beard.

More Red Lion Street Fair Pics



Operation Christmas Child News

- 1) LYDA GIEDD, a shoebox recipient, who grew up in Cambodia, will be speaking on Saturday, October 4th at Grace Fellowship Church in Shrewsbury. The program is from 6 - 7:30 PM. Grace Fellowship is located at 74 E. Forrest Avenue. Lyda will touch your heart with her Christian journey story. Hope you will plan to attend this program.



- 2) Sunday, October 12th: *Our Cookie Plate and Bake Sale*: Plan now to show your support: Buy for a neighbor, friend, or yourself!

- 3) FACTS: 232 Million shoeboxes delivered since 1993

11.9 Million shoeboxes collected in 2024

118,000+ Outreach events were led by trained local church leaders

The Greatest Gift Gospel Story booklet has been translated into 118 languages with ten new languages planned for 2025....and for 2025: translation into Braille!

More than 100 countries receive shoebox gifts for boys and girls.

11 Nations collected shoeboxes in 2024: Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the USA.

**** York County's Goal for packed shoeboxes for 2024: 16,801 and 16,803 came in, with one church reporting that they dropped off their boxes in Columbia, as it was convenient, but Lancaster County got the credit. 2025 Goal for York County: 19,001!**

From the Pennsylvania - New Jersey region: 668,933 shoeboxes were collected, filling 91 sea containers. This region's 2025 goal: 736,801. The "1" at the end is because there is always another child who can be reached for Jesus.

- 4) \$10 "shipping" is Not just for shipping! These funds also are spent to train volunteers to be teachers; to print The Greatest Gift story booklet in their languages, such as "Kiribati" in the South Pacific, a geographically hard place to get to with this ministry. It also helps with the traveling expenses from our trucks to overseas...rough roads and rivers. Sometimes, shoeboxes must travel through one country to get to a destination within another country.

- 5) WORKDAY scheduled for Tuesday, October 14th at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. All are welcome!

- 6) PRAYERS: Please support Bethany's Shoebox Ministry with your prayers!



GriefShare

(through December 4th)

Thursdays @ 1:30 PM
in the Social Hall Annex

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Anyone who is dealing with the loss of a loved one is welcome—no matter how long it has been since the loss. Please register online at griefshare.org/findagroup or contact Pastor Larry to register or for more information (717-880-2359 or lpargett@bethanyredlion.com) so that we can have enough participant books available. Walk-ins are welcome for any of the sessions.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

set your clocks back an hour

Providence and Pastries

After starting a new diet, I altered my drive to work to avoid passing my favorite bakery. I accidentally drove by the bakery this morning and there in the window was a host of goodies. I felt this was no accident, so I prayed, "Lord, it is up to you. If you want me to have any of those delicious baked goods, create a parking place for me directly in front of the bakery."

And sure enough, God answered my prayer! On the eighth time round the block, there it was!

Our Mobile App for Giving Has Changed

Our easyTithe Giving App has been replaced with the "My Church Home" app by Ministry Brands Amplify (see below). Once you download the App, search for zip code, 17356, and Bethany UMC should pop up. Choose as your church. Unfortunately, we've been told, you will have to enter all your information again to register on the app. Online Giving, Text, and the Giving Kiosk saw no change. If you have any questions, please see Jen in the church office.



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*Bethany Church is Christ's love in action,
a beacon to the community,
empowering all people to live in
extraordinary ways for Christ*

