



# BETHANY CHURCH

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

May 2026



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*A place to grow, serve & belong.*

## An Invitation to Belong

One of the greatest gifts God gives us is the gift of community. It is a place where we grow, serve, and walk together in faith. A place where we feel we belong! At Bethany Church, we believe that following Jesus is something we do side-by-side. We encourage one another, we learn from one another, and we discover together what it means to live as His disciples in the world.

If you have been worshipping with us or sensing that Bethany is becoming home, I want to invite you to consider taking the next step. Church membership is not about having your name on a list. It is about saying that you are committed, that you are part of this family, and that you want to grow in Christ with these people.

Our next membership class will be held on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2 PM in Bethany House (lunch will be provided). This is a relaxed and welcoming time to learn more about who we are, what we believe, and how we live out our mission together. Registration through the church office is required (or register through the link in the weekly Blast or through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App under "events"). Those who complete the class may join on any Sunday. We hope many will choose to unite with us on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, which is a beautiful day to celebrate new beginnings.

We hope you will prayerfully consider this important step, and we would be honored to walk this journey with you.

*This month's newsletter is partially sponsored in honor of Jean Herman's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 25<sup>th</sup> by her daughter and granddaughter, Sandy & Larissa Behrens.*

## May Meetings

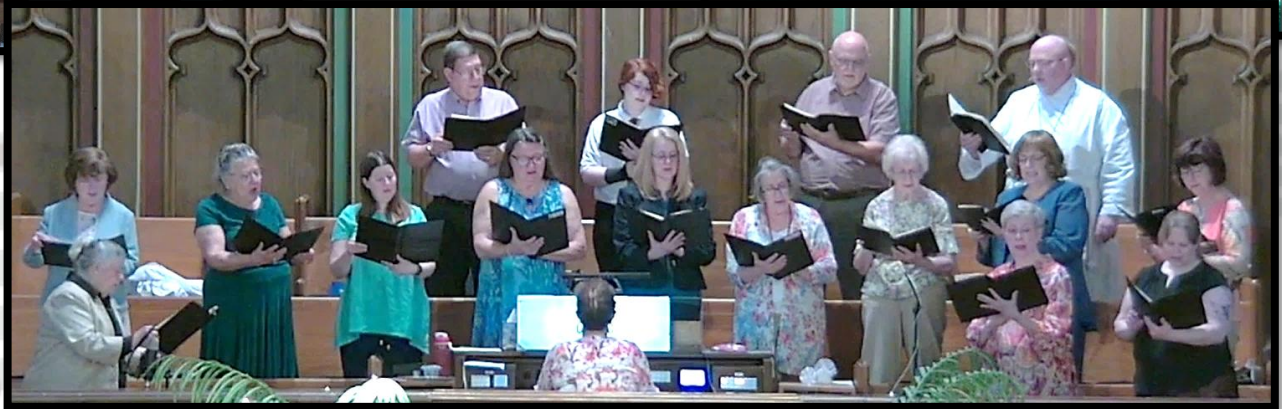
Connecting People with People Committee, Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, Social Hall

# Palm Sunday



# Easter Sunday







## When God's People Break God's Word

Bethany Family - our Easter celebration was wonderful! I so enjoyed our times of worship together. Thank you to all of you that played a part—from donating flowers, singing in the choir, helping with communion, baking a casserole for our brunch, to attending worship—it was wonderful.

In my personal preparation for Holy Week, I was reading Luke 22:1–6, and I was struck by Judas' betrayal of Jesus. Read it again:

Luke 22:1-6 (NIV 1984) <sup>1</sup> Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, called the Passover, was approaching, <sup>2</sup> and the chief priests and the teachers of the law were looking for some way to get rid of Jesus, for they were afraid of the people. <sup>3</sup> Then Satan entered Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve. <sup>4</sup> And Judas went to the chief priests and the officers of the temple guard and discussed with them how he might betray Jesus. <sup>5</sup> They were delighted and agreed to give him money. <sup>6</sup> He consented, and watched for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to them when no crowd was present.

This scriptural scene should make every follower of Jesus pause, because in these six verses, nearly every command God has given is broken.

First, instead of preparing themselves for Passover with by consecration and humility (Exodus 19:10–11), the religious leaders are preparing a plot. They break the sixth commandment by seeking a way to kill Jesus (Exodus 20:13). Fear of the crowds drives them, even though God repeatedly tells His people not to fear man (Proverbs 29:25).

Their conversations turn toward betrayal, ignoring God's call to loyalty and righteousness (Proverbs 3:29). Money becomes a motivating force, though Scripture warns us not to set our hearts on it (1 Timothy 6:10). Judas accepts a bribe, violating God's clear command not to pervert justice for personal gain (Exodus 23:8).

Instead of resisting the enemy, Judas opens the door to Satan's influence (James 4:7). Instead of rejecting the counsel of the wicked, he aligns himself with those plotting evil (Psalm 1:1). The entire scheme is carried out in darkness, though God calls His people to walk in the light (Ephesians 5:11). And finally, they hide their actions in secret, even though Jesus teaches that only good deeds—not evil ones—belong in secret (Matthew 6:4).

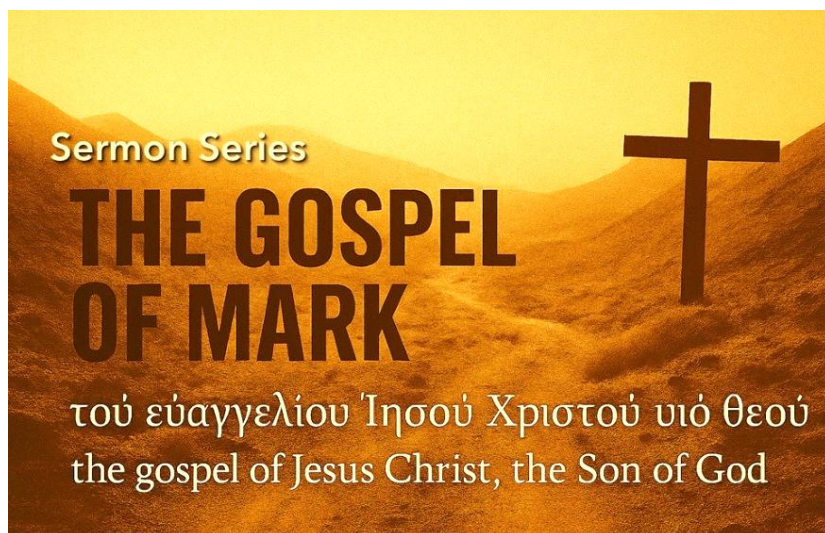
This passage is more than history. It is a mirror. It reminds us how easy it is for us to drift away from God when we entertain the very things God tells us to avoid! Things like fear, desire, pride, bribery, or secrecy. IF..... Judas or the religious leaders had simply followed one of God's commands, it would have prevented Jesus' death. Now don't hear what I am not saying. I know that Jesus had to die to pay the price for our sins. However, the lesson for us is still the same. God has something to say about every aspect of our lives. If we would apply rather than ignore or excuse, a lot of heartache and sin sickness would never happen. In six verses, ten of God's commands were broken. Evil won that moment; Jesus paid the price for our sin. It struck me as I prepared for Easter how many commands were broken in just these six verses. It was a reminder to me, to stay close to God! I hope it serves you in a similar way as well!

It's good to be your Pastor my Bethany Family! I love you!

*Pastor Don*

## Sermon Series The Gospel of Mark

Discover the fast-paced, action-filled account of Jesus' life and ministry in the Gospel of Mark. This series invites us to encounter Christ's power, compassion, and call to discipleship. Through vivid stories and profound truths, we'll learn what it means to follow Him wholeheartedly in a world that needs hope.



### *Welcome Baby Frear!*

*Pastor Justin and his wife, Sarah, welcomed an addition to their family early on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Logan Ray Frear. Both baby and Mom are doing well. Cards for Pastor Justin and Sarah may be dropped off in the church office. Please pray for their family as they adjust to a new baby and moving to Red Lion!*

## Are You *Graduating?*

**We want to recognize Bethany's high school and college graduates. Please provide the following information to Jen in the Church Office by Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>: Your school's name, your future plans, and a graduation or recent picture. Graduates will be recognized in worship on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.**



### *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 24<sup>th</sup>. Please provide us with a picture of your loved one and pertinent information by Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Email pictures to Jen in the church office or stop in, and she can scan your picture. No need to send in if you have submitted in the past.**



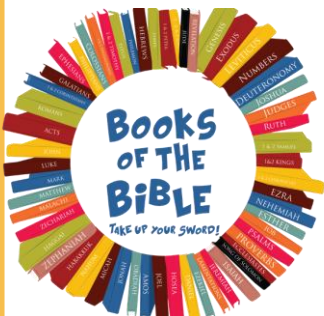
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTIONS

**Fellowship Meal**  
at 5:30 PM

**Children's Bible Study**  
at 6:30 PM in the  
Children's Department!



## BEE-COME A VOLUNTEER!

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in the Nursery and 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade classrooms on Sunday mornings at 9 AM. If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Rachel Zelger in the Children's Department!



# RAINFOREST FALLS 2026

## VBS Registration Form

Bethany United Methodist Church

June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 – 8 PM

Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Family Night!!

This year's Bible School theme focuses on exploring the nature of God! We will be offering a program for preschoolers (ages 3 – 5), as well as grade school children (completed Kindergarten – completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade). We will have four nights of traditional Bible School, followed by a family night on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, where we will invite all family members to join us for a cookout and for a chance for the children to share some of what they learned during the week. A light meal will be provided as part of the schedule each evening. Please complete the registration form in its entirety.

Questions can be directed to our Children's Ministry Director at

[children@bethanyredlion.com](mailto:children@bethanyredlion.com).



1. Child(ren) Name(s) ~ First/Last	Date of Birth	Age	Grade Completed
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2. Parent/Guardian Name (first & last) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

4. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

5. Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

6. Emergency Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

7. Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

8. Emergency Contact Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

9. Child's Medical Condition/Medications ~ Please describe what any medication they may take is used for.

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10. Child's Allergies (food, medications, other?) Does the child have an Epi Pen for any of these allergies?

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11. T-shirt size (Each registered student will receive a Rainforest Falls VBS t-shirt) ✓ size needed or write number needed for different sizes if registering more than one child.

Youth XS  Youth S  Youth M  Youth L   
Youth XL  Adult S  Adult M  Adult L   
Adult XL

12. Number of people who will be attending our Family Night on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>? (This is NOT a drop-off event! Children must have an adult present with them on this night).

Number Attending? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you agree to allow photos of your child to be used in a church presentation/church website/church promotional materials? (Mark only one oval)

Yes  No

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the above referenced child(ren), hereby give permission for my student(s) to participate in Bethany Church RAINFOREST FALLS VBS. I understand there are risks of injury, and the staff are not liable for any accidents. I permit staff to administer initial treatment and arrange emergency transport if needed.

Yes  No

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Signature



**Vacation Bible School ~ RAINFOREST FALLS ~ June 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 – 8 PM**  
**(A light meal will be provided each night for children and volunteers)**

**Family Night on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM**

**(Family Night is not a drop-off event; an adult must be present)**



**Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM**  
**in the Youth Room through May 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for the Fellowship Meal in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM.  
Youth are encouraged to participate in Feed the Hungry on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday Mornings**

10 – 10:20 AM in the Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Please encourage your youth to stop in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings to chat about the sermon they just heard or are about to hear and make connections to their daily lives.

**Confirmation Class Schedule**

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM – Noon in the Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

After the classwork has been completed, you will have all the information you need to make an informed decision about whether or not you wish to join the church as a member. If you choose to do so, then Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>—Pentecost—will be the day you join the church at one of our regularly scheduled worship services of your choosing.



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

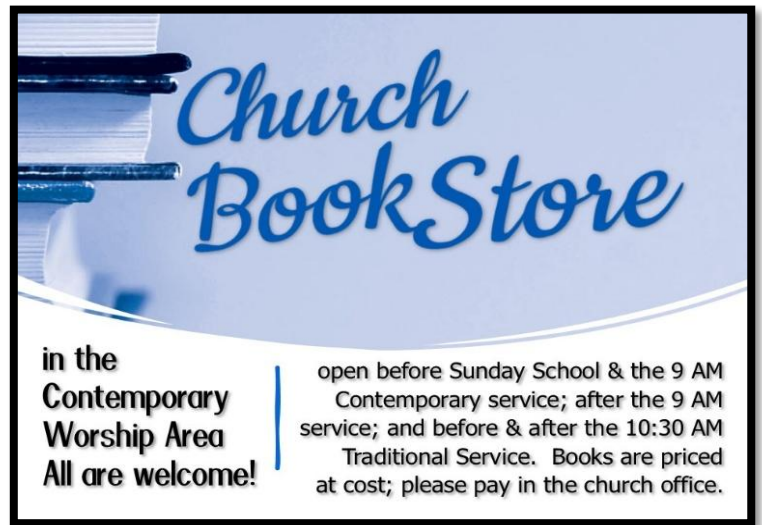
**Shine the Light of Jesus** (62835)  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>

**God, Here** (67062)  
May 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>

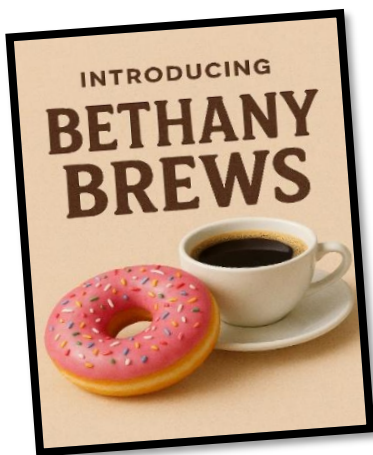
**In a Boat in the Middle of a Lake**  
(21528) May 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Grace – Simple. Profound.** (13287)  
May 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

**Letters to the Church** (12511)  
May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup>



On May 17<sup>th</sup>, please come early to your services or stop by afterward to join us in committing to focused prayer for one another. You'll find our table located outside the church office. 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.



We are so excited to announce that our coffee bar has a new location! It's been moved to a more convenient spot (outside the east sanctuary doors at the Ramp entrance), creating a welcoming space for fellowship and connection. Now, you can enjoy your favorite coffee and treats while connecting with fellow members before and after services. We invite you to start a new tradition or rekindle an old one and stop by the new coffee bar area, grab a cup, and enjoy the warmth of time spent with your church family! The coffee will be "make your own" using Keurig coffee makers. Tea is also available for non-coffee drinkers. All we ask is for a \$1 donation. If you have any questions about the coffee area or any suggestions, please contact Rachel Zelger, Julie Beard, or Ron Nickey. Be sure to check out the new sign and backdrop for the Coffee area!

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### MAY

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|--|-----------------------|
| 1. The Son and the Father are one          | John 14:8-14          |
| 2. A prophet of the Lord persecuted        | Jeremiah 26:20-24     |
| 3. Christ the way, truth, life             | John 14:1-14          |
| 4. Prayer for deliverance                  | Psalms 102:1-17       |
| 5. God, the truth and life                 | Proverbs 3:5-12       |
| 6. Jesus, the truth of God                 | John 8:31-38          |
| 7. Be joyful in God, all you lands         | Psalms 66:8-20        |
| 8. The great flood                         | Genesis 7:1-24        |
| 9. Peace I leave with you                  | John 14:27-29         |
| 10. Christ our advocate                    | John 14:15-21         |
| 11. God reigns above the floods            | Psalms 93             |
| 12. We are God's sheep                     | 1 Peter 3:8-12        |
| 13. A little while, and you shall see      | John 16:16-24         |
| 14. Christ present in all times and places | Luke 24:44-53         |
| 15. Jesus calls the Twelve                 | Luke 6:12-16          |
| 16. The spirit rests on Elisha             | 2 Kings 2:13-15       |
| 17. Christ's prayer for his disciples      | John 17:1-11          |
| 18. Priests and people praise God          | Psalms 99             |
| 19. Be good stewards of grace              | 1 Peter 4:7-11        |
| 20. Solomon offers sacrifice               | 1 Kings 8:54-65       |
| 21. Our help and our shield                | Psalms 33:12-22       |
| 22. Led by the Spirit of God               | Romans 8:14-17        |
| 23. Jesus, the true living water           | John 7:37-39          |
| 24. The Spirit poured out                  | John 20:19-23         |
| 25. Renewing the face of the earth         | Psalms 104:24-34, 35b |
| 26. Praying in the Spirit                  | Romans 8:26-27        |
| 27. The spirit rests on Israel's elders    | Numbers 11:24-30      |
| 28. How exalted is your name               | Psalms 8              |
| 29. The treasure of the triune God         | 2 Timothy 1:12b-14    |
| 30. Father, Son, Spirit                    | John 14:15-17         |
| 31. Living in the community of the Trinity | Matthew 28:16-20      |

## 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!



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.

## 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!

### ATTENDANCE

Date	Sunday School	Sunday Worship	Good Friday
March 29 <sup>th</sup>	41	120	85
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	52	189	-
April 12 <sup>th</sup>	40	110	-
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	37	96	-
April 26 <sup>th</sup>	40	112	-

Articles for the June Newsletter are due in the Church Office by May 15<sup>th</sup>.



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.

## Open Flower Date

If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers in Traditional worship on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jen in the church office 717-244-7624.





**Join us on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** as we take time to thank **Pastor Don and Sarah** for all the ways they've blessed and enriched our lives during their time at **Bethany Church**.

We'll gather for a **combined worship service at 10 AM in the Sanctuary** and then head to the **Social Hall for a delicious luncheon** together.



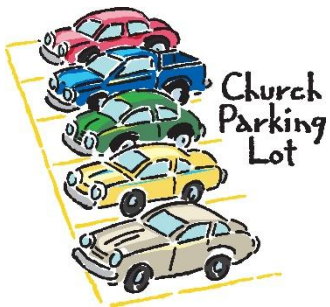
## YouVersion



Download the YouVersion Bible app (or go to our website under "Believe," "Discipleship Tools," and click on the "Holy Bible" picture) 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.



**Does stretching your muscles while slowing down your breath sound like a great way to relax after a tough week? Join us for Yoga on Saturday mornings!**



## A Spring Season of Improvements

*We began construction on our parking lot on April 15<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank you for your spiritual gifts, patience, and grace. These next several weeks may bring a few inconveniences, but they will also bring real improvements that will serve our church family for years to come. When the work is complete, the lot will be safer, better organized, include new lighting and will be easier to navigate. It will also become a gate-controlled space that helps us care for our property and keep it available for ministry. The lot will be scheduled to be open for all church activities. If you need access at other times, simply contact the church office for a code. Thank you for your grace and understanding as we move through this season of renewal together.*

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.



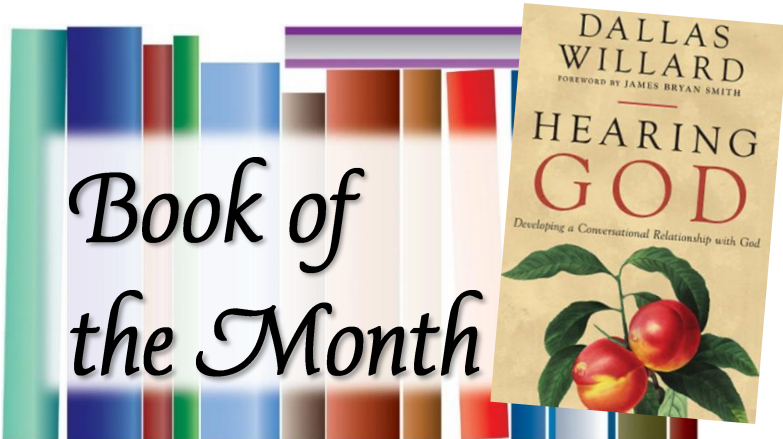
The Bells of Bethany are looking for some ringers... no experience necessary!



Questions? See Julie Beard

# Special Music ~ May 31<sup>st</sup>

Miss Renee Salvo and Mrs. Julie Matthews will share the gift of music with Bethany on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 AM Traditional worship service. This mother/daughter team will fill the sanctuary with lovely harmonies, as they give their glory to God through their gifts.



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. May's Book-of-the-Month is *Hearing God* by Dallas Willard. Willard's beloved classic is

designed to help you deepen your relationship with God by understanding how to communicate with Him. If you have any suggestions to add to our list, please let Justin Zelger know (717-244-7624).

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 in the Giving App (under "events"), or call Jen in the church office. Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last Fellowship Meal before taking a break for the summer.

# Wednesday Connections

5:30 PM Fellowship Dinner in the Social Hall

6:30 PM Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study meets in the Social Hall Annex

*(Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks)*

Men's Bible Study meets in the Contemporary Worship Area East Corner

*(Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table)*

Bible Study with Pastor Don meets in Bethany House *(the Gospel of Mark)*

Youth Connections meets in the Youth Room (3rd Floor)

Kid's Connections meets in the Children's Chapel

Wednesday activities conclude on May 20<sup>th</sup> as we take a break for the summer. Activities will resume in the fall. Pastor Don's Bible Study ONLY will not meet on May 13<sup>th</sup>.



## GriefShare

**the current session will conclude on May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Thursdays @ 1:30 PM in the Social Hall Annex

The journey of grief is a difficult process and is a unique experience for each person. It is a journey that you don't have to walk alone. Weekly GriefShare gatherings provide support and encouragement from a variety of video presenters with grief experiences, Biblical truths, sharing from within the group, and a helpful workbook for each participant. Participants can attend any time during the sessions, but regular attendance is most helpful. Pass this invitation on to others who can benefit from our gatherings. Walk-ins are welcome, but it is very helpful to know the approximate number of participants so that we can have a workbook for each person. For more information, contact Pastor Larry at 717-244-7624, Ext. 102.

## 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.



## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Thursdays | 6:30pm

**Dinner at 6 PM**

**BETHANY'S VISITATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!**

LET OUR SHUT-INS KNOW THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? CONTACT PASTOR LARRY (717) 244-7624.

# Missions

## 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!!

### We're Collecting:

#### Cell Phones

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

#### Aluminum Tabs

(for Ronald McDonald House)  
Contact:  
Jane Wiertel  
(717) 244-7624

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.

## Knitting & Crochet Ministry

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays  
2:30 - 4 PM  
in Bethany House

## Gift Cards

are not just for GIFTS





## Subs & Sandwiches Sponsored by the Missions Committee

link in the Weekly Blast. Orders may also be placed through the Giving Kiosk or Giving App (under "events"). Pick up and pay in the Kitchen as you leave church on the fourth Sunday of the month, Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Pick up is also offered on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 AM - Noon in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Cinny Attig (717) 244-7624. Benefits the missions of Bethany Church!

*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!)

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, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Order forms will be located throughout the church, order in the church office, or order through the



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, Ext. 102.



## 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.



## Feed the Hungry

May 24, 2026

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. Monetary donations may be made through the Kiosk or online giving.

Questions?

Please contact Jared Olsen at 717-244-7624





# Operation Christmas Child News



## JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR FATHER'S DAY GIFT!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry Fundraiser ~

Family Bowling Passes - Lion Bowling Center (Red Lion) ~ Enjoy a fun family outing while supporting Operation Christmas Child!



### Bowling Pass Includes:

- 1½ hours of bowling
- Shoe rental
- One large pizza
- Soda for the family

### Details:

- Valid for **one** visit between **May 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>**
- Pass covers a family of up to five members
- **\*\*Pizza not available on Mondays\*\***
- **Cost: \$65 per pass**

### How to Purchase & Use:

- Purchase your pass in the church office
- Call **Lion Bowling Center** to make your reservation: **717-244-6215**



Elena

Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child shoebox in my life...



### It's All About Jesus!

**Date:** Monday, May 4, 2026  
**Time:** 10 – 11:30 AM  
**Place:** Genesis Church  
 1405 Seven Valleys Road  
 York, PA 17408

**Details/Contact:** [occyork@gmail.com](mailto:occyork@gmail.com)



Our first OCC WORKDAY is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Social Hall. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Elena was 8 years old when she and her sister were moved from an abusive, poverty-stricken home into an orphanage in the Former Soviet Union. At a time when she was feeling unloved, she was handed an OCC shoebox gift. It was the first gift she had ever received. Along with her shoebox gift, Elena was given The Greatest Gift booklet, which seemed like an unbelievable fairy tale. It said the Creator of the universe loved her. She began to pray, hoping for a family for her and her sister—a prayer that was answered in 2004 by a loving family in the United States. To hear about God's love in her life, please join us for a special time of Elena sharing her testimony.

Please support OCC's Bake Sale on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> ((includes those delicious cookie plates we've had in the past). New this year....a craft for Mother's Day and maybe more....



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*Blanket Sunday - Sunday, May 10<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.

## CARING MINISTRIES



Want to be involved?

Contact Pastor Larry Parlett (717) 244-7624