**Bethel Banner**

**Bring Christ into Your Home**

"He came to his own, and his own people received him not. But to all who received Him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God" John 1:11-13

I love the words written in the book of Hebrews, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever". It proclaims that in Jesus’ essential nature, he continues to be in the present what he was yesterday and that we can depend on his continuing to be tomorrow what he has been in the past and what he is now. We can extend this truth that Jesus will be the same in church as he is at our workplace but especially in our homes.

**Welcome Christ in your home in times of illness...**

Our Lord is the Great Physician! Rest assured our Lord is against disease, illness, pain and suffering. We can be assured of his desire to minister to us through family members, doctors and medicine. But we must understand that healing is through atonement, we cannot tell God how to heal us. Sometimes it’s instantly, sometimes it’s over time, with and without doctors and sometimes he allows us to be sick. In any case he promises us that his grace will be sufficient.

**Welcome Christ in your home as the divine teacher...**

Our Lord used homes as classrooms for teaching. The most effective teaching does not take place at school or church classrooms. It takes place in the home! We need more spiritual conversations around the dinner table and in the family room instead of letting television and other electronic devices monopolize family time conversations and learning.

**Welcome Christ in your home in times of sorrow...**

John 11 tells us how Jesus came into the home to comfort Mary and Martha following Lazarus’ death. “Jesus wept” is a beautiful picture of Jesus’ compassion for those that grieve. If Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever, then he weeps with us in our sorrow and suffers with us in our grief. Let Jesus into your home when sorrow touches someone in your family.

**Welcome Christ in your home in times of joy...**

Our Lord enjoyed eating and received many invitations to banquets as recorded in the gospels. He wants us to share our homes, our hearts and our lives with him in times of joy and happiness. We should thank him every day when we are enjoying health and prosperity and are able to work and serve. We should thank him for a happy marriage, the birth of a child and their growth and development and for a peaceful home.

Many of us have that picture in our minds of Jesus standing at the door, knocking, waiting to be invited into our home. I think it’s time we unlatch and open the door!

On The Journey Together!

Pastor Gary
**Bethel Baptist Upcoming Events...**

**November 5, 2017**
- Crystal & Hannah Loving

**November 12, 2017**
- Mike & Shannon Carter

**November 19, 2017**
- Mike & Shannon Carter

**November 26, 2017**
- Becky & Johnny Wright

**Children’s Church**

**November 5, 2017**
- Crystal & Hannah Loving

**November 12, 2017**
- Mike & Shannon Carter

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**November 26, 2017**
- Becky & Johnny Wright

**Counting Committee**

**November 5, 2017**
- Sandy Jett, Nancy Galyen & Bootsie Bullock

**November 12, 2017**
- Crystal Loving, Carol Jarrett & Harry Bradshaw

**November 19, 2017**
- Carla Cooper, Pennie Walker & Bobby Samuels

**November 26, 2017**
- Joanie DeShazo, Tammy DeJean & Mike Short

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**Operation Christmas Child**

Shoeboxes are available in the hallway outside the Youth Room.

Shoeboxes are due back by November 12th.

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**Family Movie Night**

Friday November 17th at 6:30 pm

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**Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Wednesday, November 22nd at 7:30 pm
Mission Opportunity

Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packaging Event
Saturday November 18th
At Ferry Farm Baptist Church at 2:00 pm

Rise Against Hunger is an international hunger relief organization that distributes ... most vulnerable, mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030. Rise Against Hunger’s meal packaging program is a volunteer-based initiative that coordinates the assembly-line packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. The program was created to give dedicated individuals and organizations — from businesses to civic clubs — the opportunity to participate in a hands-on international hunger relief program and to become educated, engaged advocates for the world’s hungry.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER ONLINE at http://Events.StopHungerNow.org/FFB2017

We will be packing 20,000 meals!
Prayer List

Hospital
Janet Cropp
Charles Fisk
Joseph Lange
Amanda Lewis
Joyce Suffel
Reba Harding Timmons

Home
Janet Cropp
Charles Fisk
Joseph Lange
Amanda Lewis
Joyce Suffel
Reba Harding Timmons

Home Continued
Mary Ann Cox
Kyle Davidson
Bubba Davis
Duane Dieter
Joyce Dempsey
Pam Errigo
Lindsey Fortune
Nancy Galyen
Florence Green
Tommy Grissom
Allen Hall
Angelia Hanson
Mary Jane Harmon-Davey
Joyce Hayden
Bessie Hefflin
Michelle Hutchinson
Linda Jamison
Jason and Brad
Rudy & Bernice Jett
Jeanne Keller
Marshall Kirtley
Jim Lewis
Tyler Limbrick
Hazel & Donald Lipscomb
Alice MaGill
Carol Marbaker
Jonathan Margrave
Rita Martin

Home Continued
David Meade
David & Sandy Meggs
Stacy Mowry
Helen & Carl Neff
D.P. Newton
David & Donna Norford
Joshua Pann
Austin Payne, Jr.
Jennifer Poole
Diane Portner
Sandy Poynter
Pete Puffenbarger
Jim Reagan
Riley
Larry Roberson
Brian Scott
Sarah Seaman
Calvin Seay
Harold Shelton
Scarlett Shelton
Dickie Sullivan
Brian Thompson
Jeanette Taylor
Kathy Bradshaw Truslow
Wilma Tuttle
Freddie Vess
Arlene Weimer
Shelby White

Evangelism
Alfred Arocho
Douglas Family
Randy Pinneta

Shut-Ins
Robert & Anne Catlett
Norman Frost
Leila Loving
Gerry Stewart – Hospice
Stanley Walker
Vernon Wilson

Nursing Home
Sandy Buchanan – Woodmont
Nannie Dobson – Hughes Home
Peggy McGann – Greenfields #2
Annette Samuel – Golden Living
Jean Trainor – Woodmont

You can purchase “Candles” to be hung on the Christmas tree in *Memory* of or in *Honor* of individuals. Order forms are available in the Outreach Center and in the back of the Sanctuary. The deadline for submitting an order form is November 19th.

Angel Tree Gifts
Nov. 19th – Dec. 10th
Gift tags will be available starting Nov. 19th.
Gifts need to be returned to church with the tag attached to the gift by December 10th.

Be an Angel
Give a Gift

Tree of Lights Celebration
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## November Church Calendar

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### On the Menu for November:
- **11/1** Taco Bar
- **11/8** Thanksgiving Dinner
- **11/15** Soup
- **11/22** No Meal
- **11/29** Sausage Sandwiches and Baked Beans. (like hot dogs, but sausage)
Hello Bethel Families!!

October has FLOWN by!! I want to say a special thank you to all of the people that volunteered time to help with the trip to the pumpkin patch and fall festival. You are all appreciated and we couldn’t do it without you! We had a whole lot of fun last month and November is looking to be just as busy!

We will be learning all about being thankful this month in Children’s Church. The children will also be learning/practicing a play that they will perform in December! More to come on that!!

Friday, November 17 will be a family movie night in the Youth Room at 6:30 pm. There will be food, drinks and snacks. All are welcome!

Looking forward to another awesome month!

Blessings and Love,
Shannon Carter
Christmas Program
December 17th at 11:00 am

Once again it's that time of year, when aspiring young vocal groups from all around the country make their way to JINGLE BELL BEACH for the famous Jingle Sing competition. Hosts Sandy and Sonny Pepperminter welcome the final contestants for this year's competition: the Snowflakes, the Starfish, and the Electrons!

When a storm ruins the contestants' plans for getting home in time for Christmas, things heat up to tidal wave proportions! The result? The announcement of a rare "Reindeer Rumble"...a spontaneous, on-the-spot song competition to determine the winner of this year's event. In their eagerness to win the contest, it becomes clear that one of the contestants is struggling with his understanding of the meaning of Christmas. As the others share the story of Jesus, the spirit of competition quickly transforms into the wonderful spirit of Christmas! We are reminded that Christmas is about Emmanuel - God with us - and the Good News that Jesus came to be our Savior.

The children have begun working on their production of JINGLE BELL BEACH and they need your help! If you are available to help with costumes, decorations, or even to help the children run lines, choreograph dances or learn their music, please see me! The children are an absolute joy to work with and I'm excited for you to see their performance come together! Elena

Happy November Youth Families!!!

We had an exciting October! We attended Cows-n-Corn and had a super fun time.

We also did our first giveaway on who had the most points in the Youth Group. Lana Payne won and received a McDonald's gift card. So Youth keep up with your points so you could be the next winner!!

Parents the Youth Group will be providing Wednesday Dinner on November 8th. Please sign up ASAP on the Youth Bulletin Board.

We will also going to Richmond to do the Bethlehem Walk on November 30th. We need to be at the Church by 4:00 pm.

I have been using Remind to text the youth group students and parents without sharing their personal phone number. You have to try it! It saves time, students and parents love it and it is free! Here is the link: https://www.remind.com/?rid=71736&utm_medium=web&utm_source=email&amp;utm_campaign=teacher_share

Many Blessing!! Beth

Christmas Poinsettias

For the month of December, we will be decorating our sanctuary with Red poinsettias.
Cost: $12.50 each. Order forms are in the Sanctuary & Museum Areas.
All orders must be turned in to Shannon Carter or Lore Beard by November 19th.
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Please make sure to get your information in to the church office by the 21st!