

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Are you Planning?"

Suppose the thought enters your mind that you want to build a house. You sit down and make a list of all the materials you think you will need. Then you order them to be delivered to the lot where you will build. Everything is piled in the center of the lot, and the next day the bulldozer comes to excavate the basement and everything is in the way. It's sitting just where he has to dig.....Why?

### A failure to plan.

Without some rudimentary planning you probably won't have anything to eat when you get up in the morning. And without some detailed planning no one can build a house, let alone a skyscraper or shopping mall or city. If producing shelter and food and clothing and transportation is valuable, then planning is valuable. Nothing but the simplest impulses gets accomplished without some forethought which we call a plan.

All of us know this and practice it in relation to the basic physical necessities of life. We take steps to see that we have enough to eat and clothes to keep us warm. But do we take our spiritual needs that seriously? Do we apply the same earnestness in planning to maximize our ministry as we do in planning to make a living?

What I would like to do here is to try to persuade you to set aside time each week in the coming year to plan—and specifically to plan your life of prayer and devotion and ministry. The bulldozer of God's Spirit often arrives at the scene of our heart ready to begin some great work of building, and he finds that due to poor planning there are piles of disordered things in his way. We're not ready for him.

### The Planning of the Apostle Paul

We will take just one example of Paul's planning from the many that we could take from Acts and from his letters. Romans 15:20-28,

*I make it my ambition (i.e., my plan) to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on another man's foundation . . . But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be sped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a little. At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem with aid for the saints . . . When therefore I have completed this, and have delivered to them*

*what has been raised, I shall go on by way of you to Spain."*

Here is a typical example of how the apostle Paul carried out his mission. And I think we should learn from him that planning is essential to a productive ministry. Very specifically my plea to you this new year is that you take time to plan the most important things in your life.

### Plan for the Most Important Things in Your Life

Plan how you are going to spend time with your spouse to deepen and strengthen the relationship. Plan how you are going to spend time playing with and teaching the children. Plan how you are going to get the amount of exercise you need to stay healthy. Plan how you are going to get enough sleep. Plan how much you should eat and how you are going to limit yourself. Plan your vacation so that it really gives rest and spiritual renewal.

And most important, plan how prayer and meditation on the Word are going to be significant parts of your life. Without a plan these most important things always get pushed aside by urgent pressures.

### Make Planning a Regular Part of Your Life

But it won't work just to plan something tonight or tomorrow. Planning must be a regular part of your life. I expect that the pastoral staff at Bethel Baptist Church will take a full day each month away from the church office just to pray and plan their ministry. This is in addition to the time I expect we are all taking each week to plan our week's work.

So my plea to you is that you set aside time each week to plan, especially to plan your life of prayer and Bible study. For example, since Sunday is the first day of the week (not the last day of the weekend!) and belongs to the Lord, take ten or fifteen minutes each Sunday and think through when you will pray and what you will study that week. Give some thought how God might want to use you that week in a special way. Plan the letters you need to write, the Bible verses you want to teach your children, the visit you want to make, the book you want to read, the neighbor you want to talk to, etc.

The greatest missionary who ever lived was a planner. God is a God who does all things according to His plan..and He planned for our joy; we ought to plan for his glory!

On the Journey Together!  
Pastor Gary

## January Events

- 1/1 **New Year's Day-Office Closed**
- 1/5 **Lord's Supper**
- 1/8 **All Wednesday Activities Resume-**  
  - 5:45pm Fellowship Meal
  - 6:30pm AWANA
  - 6:45pm Youth Group-The Gathering
  - 7:00pm Prayer Meeting
  - 7:45pm Choir Rehearsal
- 1/12 **Family Roller Skating-After 11am Worship-See Shannon Carter for details.**
- 1/13 **Church Council Meeting-7:00pm-Old Fellowship Hall**
- 1/15 **Bi-Monthly Business Meeting-7:00pm**
- 1/20 **CARE Visits-10:30am-Outreach Center**
- 1/20 **Martin Luther King Day**
- 1/26 **Car Show Organizational Meeting-All Interested should attend! After 11am Worship Service**
- 1/27 **WOM Monthly meeting**

## ATTENTION

All Crafters and Vendors  
Announcing

*Bethel Baptist*

*Spring Craft Show*

*Saturday, March 21st, 2020*

*9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

Bethel Baptist Church is located at  
1193 White Oak Road in Fredericksburg, VA.

*Snack Bar and Door Prizes*

*Lots of Handcrafted Items!*

If you are interested in participating as a crafter or vendor,  
Please contact Carol Samuels for an application at

[carol@rdselectric.net](mailto:carol@rdselectric.net)  
or 540-371-5724

Please Note!

We will not have two of the same direct selling consultants.  
Participants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.





## Nursery

January 5, 2020  
TBD

January 12, 2020  
TBD

January 17, 2020  
TBD

January 26, 2020  
TBD



## Children's Church

January 5, 2020  
Jennifer Hamm

January 12, 2020  
Missy and Bruce Sullivan

January 19, 2020  
Crystal and Hannah Loving

January 26, 2020  
Becky and Johnny Wright



## Counting Committee

January 5, 2020  
Sandy Jett, Nancy Galyen  
& Tina Lynn

January 12, 2020  
Crystal Loving, Carol Jarrett  
& Harry Bradshaw

January 19, 2020  
Carla Cooper, Pennie  
Walker & Bobby Samuels

January 26, 2020  
Joanie DeShazo, Tammy  
DeJean & Mike Short

## FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

### Hello Bethel!

Happy New Year!

It's time to cash in some of those New Year's resolutions! Want to try something new this year? There is no better time to join the music ministry than the first of the year! We'll be working up new pieces to present in service and of course, now that Christmas is over, we're already looking toward the Easter Season! I encourage anyone who's ever had an interest in music to join us, whether it be singing in the choir, adding your voice or instrumental skills to the Praise Band, or lending your technical experience to our audio/visual team! Not a musician but still want to get involved? Don't worry! We will find a spot for you somewhere! Also, keep an eye out for more opportunities within the music ministry for the children and youth of the church as we move forward.

Again, I'd like to remind my brothers and sisters in Christ, that no prior experience or particular skill is needed to join the music ministry. Only a desire and passion to praise and worship our Lord, Jesus Christ, in song.

Let's continue to "Make A Joyful Noise!"

**Allyson McCormick**  
Director of Music



## FROM THE YOUTH ROOM



### Parents and Friends of our Bethel Youth,

With 2020 rapidly coming into focus the youth and myself are looking forward to the New Year. Already we are looking ahead to some of our biggest events coming up for the year of 2020, for example it's already been decided that the youth will be travelling to the Eastern Shore for our Impact VA trip this summer. As you probably noticed, the youth have been selling ties in museum each Sunday morning or Wednesday evening for \$5 each. All of the ties were donated by Mrs. Marcom and they all come from Jack Marcom's extensive collection. Lastly every dollar spent on a tie will be used to fund the youth program itself. So if you didn't get a chance to buy one, or at least ask the youth to show you how to tie one, they will be selling them again in time for Easter! As always continue to pray for the youth as they go about their days at school so that they may shine God's light throughout their classrooms and that God would use them as witnesses for their peers.

**Nick Short**

**Youth Ministry Intern**  
**Bethel Baptist Church**

January, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4
5 Lord's Supper	6	7	8 All Wed Night Activities Resume	9	10	11
12 Family Roller Skating- After 11am Worship	13 Church Council Mtg- 7:00pm	14	15 Business Mtg AWANA PJ-Night	16	17	18
19	20 CARE Visits Martin Luther King Day	21	22	23	24	25
26 Car Show Mtg- After 11am Worship	27 WOM Mtg	28	29	30	31	

FROM THE CHILDREN'S CORNER **Bethel Baptist Church**



**Hello Bethel Families!!**

Greetings from the children's ministry!!

Happy New Year!!! I hope you all had an amazing holiday season celebrating the birth of our Lord!! Coming up in January, on Sunday, 1/12, we are having a family roller skating event right after church. See me for details. On Wednesday, 1/15, it is Awana Pajama Night. Wear your favorite PJ's and earn Awana bucks!! Looking forward to a great new year with some new children's events and service opportunities coming soon. Many blessings,

Shannon W. Carter

Director of Children's Ministry  
Bethel Baptist Church



- January 5, 2020**  
Charles "CJ" Jones  
912-409-7199
- January 12, 2020**  
Steve Smith  
540-429-6289
- January 19, 2020**  
Bruce Sullivan  
540-907-8696
- January 26, 2020**  
Alex Barlas  
540-847-1070



**January 5, 2020**

- Alex Barlas | Lucas Ritenour
- Mike Short | Chris Lynn

**January 12, 2020**

- Chuck Ross | William Hicks
- Wardlow Trainor | Mike Virts
- Steve Smith

**January 19, 2020**

- Rudy Griffith | "CJ" Jones
- Keegan McIntyre | Jerry Reed
- Mike Weimer

**January 26, 2020**

- Bruce Sullivan | Buzz Green
- Brian Pellegrino | John Lightner
- David Carpenter

# Bethel

THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER

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## FELLOWSHIP MEAL MENU

1/8 Soup and  
Sandwich



1/15 Fried Chicken



1/22 Chicken  
Pot-Pie



1/29 Lasagna



Adults \$4.00/ Children \$3.00/Children under 3-\*FREE\*  
(\$20 Family Limit)

## Bethel

THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

- 9:00 AM Early Service (**NEW**)
- 9:45 AM Coffee Fellowship
- 10:00 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service

#### Wednesday

- 5:45 PM Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 PM AWANA
- 6:45 PM Youth Group
- 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting-Sanctuary
- 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary