

**August, 2009**

*Aug. 3-7 - Vacation Bible School, 6 PM*

*Aug. 6-7 - Leadership Summit/Kensington Church in Troy*

*Aug. 8 - Women's Potluck at Nona Bos', 10:30 AM*

*Aug. 16 - Men's Group Breakfast/Study, Maxfield's, 8:30 AM*

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***A Message from Pastor James...***

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Bethany:

Happy August! August is the only month without some kind of holiday or national observance! How did that happen? Still, lots of people take time off to recoup or rest before the busy days of September arrive.

August is our 8th month. But for the Romans it was their 6th, so they called it Sextilis (sixth). A few years before Jesus was born, the Romans changed the month of Sextilis to August in commemoration of the Roman Emperor Augustus Caesar (Octavian). It has been called August ever since.

For me, August is a month of preparation for the fall when things get really hectic. I make it a point to doing some serious praying and spiritual reflection in August so that my heart will be calm and focused come September.

Why don't you try doing a little spiritual reflection during August? If you are not in the habit of praying and reflecting, try taking 10 minutes in the morning while you are drinking your coffee or juice to read a story from the Gospels (use Mark 3:1-6; or Mark 4:1-9; or Mark 4:35-41 to get started). Go ahead! I challenge you! Try it and see if it makes a difference. 10 minutes of reflection and prayer to start the day . . . connects you with God and keeps the devil away!

Odds and ends that you might want to be aware of:

- Have you seen the Memorial Garden at the Office Entrance? It is in memory of Winnie Dovre. We will be dedicating the garden on Sunday, August 30th during our worship service.
- Did you know that Joyce Hice, Ida McCutcheon, and Louise Aebersold are tending our several gardens this summer? Tim & Julie Patterson have also donated time and effort to keep our grounds beautiful. Bill Thatcher, Ron Joyner, Lon Fall, Gordie Fall, Steve Croff, and Bill Upleger have all helped in outdoor projects. It is important that our grounds be inviting. Also, attractive grounds are a way of giving glory to God.



If you would like to help, we have other projects in mind. Call me at 248-722-4516 or Lon Fall at 248-682-6507 to find out how you can help.

- Attention MEN. On Saturday, August 15 - you are invited to Bill Maxfield's home, 8164 Vanden Drive, White Lake (off Williams Lake Road) for a Men's Breakfast followed by a Men's Bible Study & Prayer. Not only will you get a delicious breakfast, but we will spend a little time as a group with praying for each other and reflecting on the scripture together. We will also talk about future plans and projects concerning the Men of our church.
- I am really excited about our plans for the fall which include a Family Worship Service on September 13 with a surprise guest speaker. Our service will be inter-generational and family friendly. We are also making plans for a fund-raising comedy event on Saturday, September 26.

May the month of August be a time for family, fun, and fellowship with God. Make it so.

**Scripture and Sermon Titles for August**

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| 08/02 | COMMUNION<br>Scripture: Romans 1:16<br>Sermon: "God's Love is Worth Sharing" |
| 08/09 | FELLOWSHIP DINNER AFTER WORSHIP<br>Sermon: "What I've Learned"               |
| 08/16 | Sermon: "Ask Any Question You Like"  |
| 08/23 | Sermon: "Musings With Micah: Part I"   |
| 08/30 | Sermon: "Musings With Micah: Part II"  |

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

- September 13 - Rally Back to Sunday School, 9:30 AM*  
*September 13 - FAMILY SUNDAY; Fellowship Dinner*  
*September 17 - Senior Picnic at Crites', 12:00 PM*  
*September 26 - Comedy Night at Bethany, 7 PM*

## Leadership Summit, August 6-7

You are invited to an inspirational/educational event called the Leadership Summit on August 6-7. Pastor Bolin and other church leaders will be going to hear top leadership speakers who will encourage your faith and open your heart. Insights for leadership and ministry will be presented by a number of church, business, and political leaders. This year we will hear from former British Prime Minister Tony Blair; David Gergen, political consultant to three Presidents; leadership guru Patrick Lencioni; Pastor Bill Hybels; Small Group expert Henry Cloud; and many others. The event will also include a videocast with singer Bono. We have scholarships for Bethany people to attend the live satellite event at Kensington Church in Troy. The event is open to all who wish to go. Please contact Pastor Bolin at 248-722-4516 if you have an interest in going or pick up literature on the event in the church office or at Grand Central.

## Mission News

By Lottie Jespersen

\* **A Reminder** – during these summer days, your food donations are needed more than ever. Families that are already struggling must provide more food for their children who are not benefiting from school breakfast and lunch programs. **Here's a "Holy Habit: suggestion** - pick up an item(s) for others each time you shop for yourself.

\* **An Experiment** – Bethany's own fresh produce market called **Bethany's Bounty** will be open on Sunday mornings before and after church. Here's how it will work:

- Gardeners with excess vegetables should bring those items to church and place them on the Bethany's Bounty market table in Grand Central.
- Shoppers can select items from the table and leave a free-will donation in the basket provided. The money received will provide additional monies for a mission concern.

For the month of August, we will be collecting back-to-school supplies for Open Door. Items as big as plain backpacks or smaller items such as folders, files, notebooks, pencils, glue, scissors etc. are all needed. Watch the Target & Wal-Mart flyers – they will be having some big savings on these items (Buy Scrip cards to pay for them!). A box will be provided for these school supplies in Grand Central.



Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance.

- St. Francis of Assisi



## Bicycles for Humanity

The Clarkston Farmer's market is helping collect Bicycles for Humanity. Bring your old bike any Saturday through October 10 to the market located in Depot Park, downtown Clarkston between the hours of 8 AM and 12 noon. The bicycles will be sent to Ghana to help villagers there.

## Vacation Bible School

By Michelle McGregor

VBS takes place August 3rd thru 7th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. It is for ages Preschool through 5th Grade.

Vacation Bible School is a vital children's ministry and community outreach. It is a week of showing God's love and Jesus' teachings to precious little ones. Would you like to be part of this? Look below for ways you can participate:

- Family Leader – Lead 6-8 multi-age kids throughout the VBS program, as well as, lead family devotions.
- Kitchen Leader or Helper – Organize snacks and lead devotions with family groups or help the leader.
- Game Leader or Assistant - Organize games each night and lead devotions or help the leader.
- Shopkeeper - Volunteer one or more nights to work the marketplace helping kids experience Rome markets. Choose what interests you:
  - Leatherworking - help kids make leather wristbands
  - Carpentry - assist kids in making wooden tops and experience building
  - Wreathmaking - help kids make head wreaths
  - Metalworking - help kids make metal necklaces
  - Scribe - help kids experience writing in ancient Rome
  - Food Shop - help kids experience tastes of ancient Rome
- Drama actor – Participate in Bible dramas one or more evenings.
- Set Up - Stay after church Sunday, August 2nd or come in during the day Monday, August 3rd to help set up "Rome"
- Clean Up - Stay after Friday, August 7th or come in the next morning to help take down "Rome"

Please contact Michelle McGregor if you want to be part of this amazing ministry!!!

## Thank You

To our dear friends at Bethany Church:

We want to thank you for all your kindness expressed to us during Betty's illness. We especially wish to thank you for the beautiful cards and the loving prayers.

Yours in Christ – Betty and Les Frisch

## Winnie Dovre Memorial Garden

By Julie Patterson

The perennial garden at the west entrance to Bethany is planted in memory of Winnifred M. (Riley) Dovre. Winnie joined Bethany Baptist Church when her family moved to Pontiac in 1926. At the time of her death, January 27, 2008, she had been a part of the Bethany family for 82 years, longer than any other member.

In her active years she and husband Harold raised three children in the church, Julie, Pat and Gary, getting them to Sunday School every Sunday. Winnie served as a deaconess, ran a Bethany Red Cross Blood Bank for many years, and organized and delivered worship service tapes to shut-ins.

In her later less active years, she treasured the cards and visits from Pastor James and other members and enjoyed the carolers at Christmas. Her shepherds, Maryann and R.G. Crites, faithfully remembered her over many years with notes, calls, special gifts and frequent visits. Winnie and her family were always grateful for these acts of kindness.

A garden seemed the most appropriate way to honor her with the memorial gifts that had been contributed to Bethany. Winnie had been born on a farm and throughout her life loved the out of doors and a beautiful yard. She planted and tended magnificent vegetable and flower gardens at each place she lived.

Once several drainage issues were resolved with grade changes and a new cement sidewalk, there emerged a perfect area for a new Bethany garden! Thanks to Dave Zuehlke for his expertise and guidance in this part of the project.

The garden construction, design and direction were in the extremely gifted hands of Bill Thatcher, Bethany member and long-time landscape architect. His willing, capable and hard-working crew members were Steve Croff, Lon and Gordie Fall, and Bill Upleger. Winnie's daughters, Julie Patterson and Patricia Grybel, along with son-in-law, Tim Patterson assisted with plant purchases, watering, and planting the smaller specimens.

Winnie's family gathered on July 18, 2009 to see the finished garden and have a family dedication service, led by Pastor James.



### Bethany Cyclists

Bob Hunt is inviting all teens and adults with bicycles to join him for the second ride of the season, after our Fellowship

Dinner on **Sunday, August 9.**

## Scrip is handy!

By Amy Nelson

Whether it is going out to dinner, renting a movie or fixing up your home, scrip can help. A great idea is to purchase a scrip card from time to time to keep on hand for those spur of the moment outings. If your family of 4 were to eat dinner at Panera twice a month our church would receive \$4.50 of the money spent. If we had 10 families of 4 do that twice a month that would easily be \$45.00 in Bethany's account.

From time to time we each have a major appliance breakdown. If you are in immediate need of scrip give Amy Nelson or Pastor James a call. If the amount is large enough we can put in a special order for your large purchase and sometimes have it as quick as the next day.



We depend on our income from scrip. Sales have fallen and have affected our income. We know that everyone still buys gas and groceries. If our congregation would just **buy scrip for gas and groceries** we would have a big source of income to meet our budgetary needs. Please buy your gas scrip from the church. Also, **Kroger changed their rules.** You now have to **re-register** for the church to benefit from your shopping at Kroger—see Amy Nelson, Joyce Hice or Julie Patterson if you have any questions.

Please help us. Churches now have to seek other sources of income to continue their ministries. This scrip program has the potential to benefit us greatly. Thanks!

## Gather and Grow Dates

From minutes of Louise Aebersold

Here are some important dates for Gather and Grow, our Women's Team:

- Annual Potluck Brunch – August 8 at 10:30 AM – Nona Bos' home.
- Progress Dinner – September 12
- Bad Hair Day Breakfast – October 10
- Pasty Dinner Fundraiser – November 6
- Women's Winter Retreat – January 29-30, 2010

For more information, contact Nancy Maxfield, Nona Bos, Amy Nelson or Louise Aebersold.

## Book Club

You are invited to join those reading the book Gifted Hands by Dr. Ben Carson, **August 14 at 9:15 AM.** We will be meeting @ Nona Bos' home, 1026 Oak Point, Waterford (248-886-8615). You'll need to pick up a copy of the book at the library or bookstore. Louise Aebersold will be leading us in a spirited discussion. Join us.

## Annual Potluck at Crites

(For All Seniors and Others Interested!)  
from Mary Ann & R. G. Crites

The annual potluck luncheon will be at the Crites' home on Thursday, September 17. It will begin at 12 noon and those attending are welcome to stay as long as they'd like. Table service and beverages will be furnished. Your choice of a salad, vegetable, casserole or dessert would be appreciated. Please join us for fellowship, food and fun!

## Men's Group

Men's Breakfast is back at Green Apple on July 18. On **August 15**, all the men of the church are invited to Bill Maxfield's home (8164 Vanden Dr., While Lake) for breakfast at 8:30 AM. It will be followed by study & prayer. Plans for a Men's Group in the fall will be discussed.



### With a Twist

By LINC Editor Ellen Whitehead

I've always thought that gardens are holy places where God's handiwork is really on display. From the delicate purple crocus that peeks through the snow in April to the deep and juicy redness of a tomato in late August—the glory and wonder of a garden in bloom provides us a window into the beauty of heaven! There are many beautiful gardens to explore close to home and Bethany:

- ❖ The Winnie Dovre Memorial Garden – Have you seen it yet? It is right outside the church office door. What a beautiful place to sit, relax and contemplate God's goodness; and remember a lovely woman who truly exemplified Christianity.
- ❖ The Garden of Healing & Renewal at McLaren Health Care Village – Located on Sashabaw Road near I-75 in Independence Township, this garden blends gorgeous flowers, shrubs and trees with fountains, sculptures and a labyrinth (JoAnn Shulte would love it!). I walk it at least two to three times a week, always finishing with the labyrinth where I say special prayers for others (well, sometimes for me too).  
Web link: <https://www.mclaren.org/body.cfm?id=305>
- ❖ Any garden center like Bordine's or WoJo's
- ❖ U-Pick farms where you can pick strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, apples and more.



The next time you feel the need to experience God's goodness or simply spend time in meditation or reflection, just visit a garden—the sights, smells and sounds truly soothe the soul.

## Children in Church – Joke Corner

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."



One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



One particular four-year old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."



A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam 's suit".



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*We welcome your contributions to the LINC. The September LINC deadline is Sunday, August 23. Email articles to Ellen Whitehead at [twinlakede@comcast.net](mailto:twinlakede@comcast.net) or put them in the tray in the Church Office. Please get articles in by the deadline.*

## ✝ Bethany Prayer Chain ✝

To activate the Bethany Prayer Chain, call one of the following individuals:

- ✓ Joyce Hice – (248) 335-9026
- ✓ Joann Shulte – (248) 682-1109 or
- ✓ Church Office – (248) 681-2130

## ♥ Tender People for Tough Times ♥

When you need Bethany's Pastoral Staff, for any reason at all, just call:

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Email: [Office@bethanywaterford.org](mailto:Office@bethanywaterford.org)  
**Rev. James Bolin at home:** 248-722-4516

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