

The Monthly Newsletter from your Family of Faith at Bethany

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

August 8-12, Vacation Bible School, 6 – 8:30 PM
August 11-12, Leadership Summit
August 14, VBS Celebration in Worship & Fellowship Dinner
August 21 & 28, 400th Anniversary of the King James Version
August 31, Tomato Pantry Delight, 9 AM – 3 PM

LINC

Life IN Christ

Our mission is to create the opportunity for all to make discipleship a way of life.

A Message from Pastor James

Dear friends and members of Bethany:

Hodgepodge!

Have you noticed? Drive through any sub-division where you know there are children living. Go ahead! Look for them! I'll be surprised if you see any children outside playing. (I know it's been hot recently, so wait 'til it cools off . . . and you will see the absence of children just the same.) Kids don't go outside and play in the yard or in the neighborhood anymore. Some parents keep children inside because of the ever present fear of "stranger danger." Some are inside because parents can't or won't supervise any outdoor activity. Some are inside because children are playing video games or on the computer (even kids go on Facebook now). Some are just never home because parents choose to involve them in lessons and activities that take up all their time. (Do some research on the importance of "free play" in a child's development.) Some watch TV all the time. But hardly any are outside playing.

Furthermore, children are not being brought to church for Sunday School. Parent's are sometimes caught up in the culture's anti-Christian sentiment or simply don't believe that a religious education or background are necessary for their children to embrace healthy values, good morals, or personal faith. Some parents are just plain lazy. These are the ones that say, "I won't give them any religious training when they are young. That way they can decide for themselves when they get older!" How is that for logic? How can you decide for yourself if you don't have a background to compare to other options?

What can you do to counter-balance these trends?

Every summer as a kid, I went to Vacation Bible School. I loved to learn about the stories in the Bible and sing the fun songs and be with the other kids learning about the things of God. It's so important that children get some kind of biblical and spiritual foundation for their lives. Please see to it that your children and grandchildren are part of our Vacation Bible School experience this year. Please make the effort to bless their lives, give them a grounding in the Bible and in faith, and build a spiritual foundation that will give them something to stand on all their lives.

Vacation Bible School, August 8th - 12th, from 6 – 8:30 PM. Preschool – 5th Grade. Theme: Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace. Music. Lessons. Crafts. Games. Snacks. Fun. (Adults are welcome to hang around and socialize or help.)

Make VBS a priority this year. It's one of the most important things we do as a church. Pray for God to bless the children through our Vacation Bible School.

Sermons & Scripture August, 2011

August 7 – COMMUNION SUNDAY

Theme: "VBS Sneak Peek"
Scripture: Genesis 45:16 – 47:27
Sermon: "God Gives Us a Family"

August 14 – FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Theme: VBS Celebration
Scripture: Genesis 47:28 – 50:26
Sermon: "God Gives Us a Pathway to Walk"

August 21 – 400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

Theme: Celebrating the Impact of the KJV (1611-2011)
Scripture: Romans 8:31-39
Sermon: "Do Words Make a Difference?"

August 28 – 400th ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING JAMES VERSION OF THE BIBLE

Theme: Celebrating the Impact of the KJV (1611-2011)
Scripture: Psalm 23
Sermon: "Do You Have a Shepherd?"

AUGUST 14 – FELLOWSHIP DINNER

YOU are invited to a Fellowship Dinner, immediately after Worship, on **Sunday, August 14**. Bring food to share. The Teams responsible for set-up and clean-up are: WORSHIP & TECH.

KEEPING UP WITH THE KARDASHIANS

Now, that we have your attention, please remember to be keeping up with your pledges. Your gifts of love and support enable us to do the work of ministry in the name of our Lord. Tithes and offerings are our main source of income to support our church budget. If you have gotten behind, please make an effort to “catch-up” so that we might keep current with our bills and our budget needs.



DEACONS OFFERING HEALING PRAYERS

On the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, the Pastor and Deacons will be available in the sanctuary to offer healing prayers for anyone who desires prayer for any reason. An anointing with oil will be available if desired. In **August: 8 & 22 at 12:30 PM**

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Our Deacons are offering spiritual counseling & prayer **each Sunday**, upon the conclusion of Worship. The Deacon of the Day will meet with anyone desiring personal prayer at the front of the sanctuary by the piano. Our Deacons are: **Nona Bos, Bob Hunt, & Rodger Zeller.**

VALET PARKING

We now offer Valet Parking every Sunday beginning at **10:00 AM**. Just drive up under the portico and honk your horn. A church member will come out and park your car for you. If you are interested in joining our team of valets, call **Susan Bolin** at 248-534-3799 or **Jan Rowe** at 248-338-0786. NOTE to MEMBERS: Please leave the parking spaces under the basketball hoop for valet parking.

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KJV - 400th Birthday Celebration

On Sundays, **August 21 & 28**, we will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible (1611 – 2011). The King James Version of the Bible is an English translation of the Bible authorized by King James of England for use in Anglican churches and by Anglican congregants. It was almost exclusively used by English speaking people until the mid-20th century when other English translations began to appear. Although written in Elizabethan English, the KJV has commanded respect among English speaking people because of its beautiful lyrical quality and the familiarity of its passages in common usage and literature. Join us as we read and reflect on the scripture from this beautiful translation which is now 400 years old. There will be a time in both services when worshippers will be asked to share their favorite KJV passages and share why these passages remain close to their hearts. We worship at 10:30 AM on Sunday. Bring your KJV's with you.

TOMATO PANTRY DELIGHT

Girlfriend's Unlimited, our Women's ministry, is hosting a tomato canning party on Wednesday, **August 31, from 9 AM – 3 PM**. Come, whether you know how to can tomatoes or not. You will learn. Bring or buy tomatoes for canning. Share in the fun and the fellowship. No tomato fights will occur.



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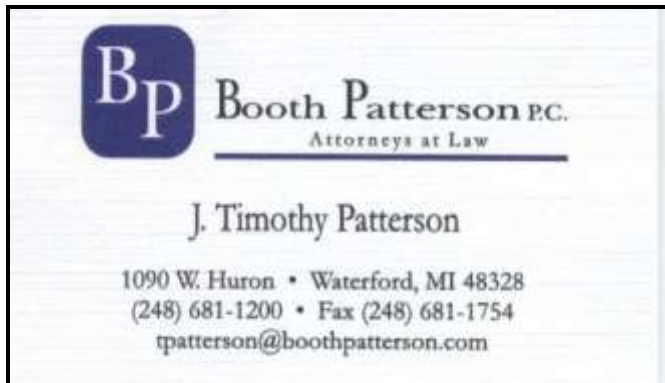
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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come enjoy the fellowship at the Men's Breakfast on Saturday, **August 20**, at Green Apple Restaurant on Cooley Lake Road, 8:30 AM. We will gather at **8:30 AM** for a hearty breakfast. There will be good conversation and a spiritual lesson from Bill Maxfield. All men are invited.



BETHANY BOOK CLUB

August's book is Samson by Tracy Morgan. This is an historical fiction account of the Biblical hero, Samson.

We read and enjoyed one of Tracy's books last year - Bathsheba. Tracy is Ferrol Haxter's niece. Tracy lives a very active life in Holly, Michigan, with her husband and two sons. She is also involved with youth ministries at her church. **Tracy will attend our discussion of Samson on August 19 at 9:15 AM** at Ferrol's home (865 Lakeside Dr. Waterford, 48328).

Samson who lived in an era where his promise to God made him an outsider. Sound familiar? Though arrogant and flawed and a maker of poor choices, Samson found that when he turned back to God there would be salvation and he would be able to finish the work God had asked him to do.

This inspiring book, Samson, can be purchased at Grand Central for \$15. You are invited to get a copy and join our group and the author on **August 19**. The discussion will be interesting and Tracy will sign your book.



MISSING BOOK

A book thief has borrowed a book titled "The Book Thief". Please check your bookshelves, end tables, etc. at home for this book.

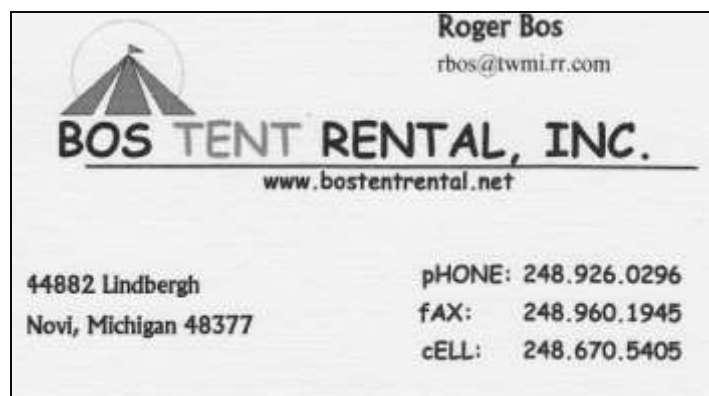
Please let Anna McGregor know if you are the thief!

GIRLFRIEND'S UNLIMITED

After a week of temperatures in the high 90's, last Friday turned out to be a perfect summer evening for s'mores, songs and stories around the campfire. Those who attended had a really great time and would like to repeat this next summer. Many, many thanks to Louise Amberoid (a terrific story teller), Marci Davis (for leading us in our favorite camp songs - and others), Amy Nelson (who is a great camp fire builder), Ruth Hanson (for pitching a tent and all her many talents she shares so willingly), and to all those who helped by bringing food. Thank you!

In these difficult economic times, we are always looking for ways to s-t-r-e-t-c-h our dollar and still eat nutritionally. Girlfriends Unlimited has come up with one fun way to do so. Ruth Hanson has offered to teach a class called "Tomato Pantry Delights" on **Wednesday, August 31 at 9:00 AM** at church. This will be a tomato based canning class and we may can things spaghetti sauce, salsa, chili sauce or whatever else we creatively decide to do. Plan to bring a sack lunch and if you have canning equipment (or even tomatoes) bring them along. Next February when you open that jar of spaghetti sauce, you will remember the great time you had preparing that with friends.

A new Bible Study will begin on **Wednesday, September 7 at 1:00 PM** at the Maxfields'. This eight-week study is entitled "Passport to Prayer." We will learn about such countries as Uganda, India, Haiti, Thailand, and Afghanistan. Each Wednesday, Amy Nelson will prepare us a special treat from that country. This study will last through November 9. **November 11 and 12**, we will have our Wonder Full World women's retreat right here at Bethany. Here we will study the seven continents of the world.



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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 8-12 from 6:00-8:30 PM

Travel to Egypt and experience the culture while learning the story of Joseph. Visit the VBS table to:

- ▲ Register Your Child
- ▲ Purchase a CD
- ▲ Donate an Item



Volunteers are needed to make this week amazing. Please contact Michelle McGregor if interested in helping.

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Corrections?

On the enclosed birthday and anniversary lists, should you notice a correction that needs to be made, please contact Dorothy Maman at 248-681-2130 or office@bethanywaterford.org

September 11 Adult Sunday School

(for all adults and teens)

3 Week Class on
"The Secrets of Dealing with Children"
Led by Sandy Lewis

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

- September 11 – Sunday School resumes (all ages)
- September 11 – Rally (back to church) Day!
- September 11 – Grandparent's Day
- September 11 – Fellowship Dinner
- September 15 – Senior Picnic @ Crites, 12 PM

NOTES OF THANKS & PRAISE



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your donation of 319 pounds of food. This will go quite a ways in providing for our families. If it were not for the generosity of you and our other donors, there is little we could accomplish. Thank you for your continued support of our mission to help others throughout our community.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon A. Josephson
Executive Director, Open Door



Dear Bethany,

Thank you for the graduation gift and reception.

Samantha Bolin



Bethany Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous graduation gift. Also, thank you for being my second home for all my life. Helping me with my faith is the best gift ever.

Lots of love, *Morgan Grainer*



Thank you for all you do for our moms and kids. We are truly blessed by your generosity. Thanks again for everything.

MOMS Group of Waterford South

(Enclosed with this note was a check for \$125 that the MOM'S Club raised for Bethany with a bake sale.)



Thank you so much for the gift bag and the check. I really appreciate everything you've done for me.

Love, *Angela Socotch*



To all my dear Bethany friends,

I want to thank you for all the ways you showed your love to me during my severe heart attack. Whether you sent a card or 2, or sent food, or called on the phone, or sent an email, or paid a visit to me, or prayed for me -- it all touched me deeply and made the journey easier! I shall never forget it. I love you all!

Your prayers paid off. The cardiologist told me this week that my heart is like a heart that never had a heart attack. There is zero blockage. He said I have a miracle heart. God is good and God does answer prayers!

Joyce Hice

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We welcome your contributions to the **LINC**. The **September** LINC deadline is **Sunday, August 21**. Email articles to *Christine Keener* at BethanyLINC@hotmail.com or put them in the tray in the Church Office. Please get articles in by the deadline. Thank you!

LINC Deadlines

Please note the following deadlines for the LINC for 2011:

September – August 21
October – September 25

November – October 23
December – November 20

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
- **Anna McGregor:** (248) 673-8361 or
- **Church Office:** (248) 681-2130

Outreach Matchmakers

If you need special assistance (housekeeping, meals, emergency childcare, etc.), call:

- **Susan Bolin:** (248) 534-3799
- **Jan Rowe:** (248) 338-0786
- **James Bolin:** (248) 722-4516

Tender People for Tough Times

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

Church Office: (248) 681-2130

Fax: (248) 681-9798

Email: Office@bethanywaterford.org

Rev. James Bolin at home: (248) 722-4516

Deacon Nona Bos: (248) 886-8615

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