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Bethany Beacon

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Our Mission: To equip people to be fully devoted to Jesus Christ through relevant and practical ministries.

St. Bridget Pantry Donations 1st Sunday of Every Month



August 2 – The Shearrow's August 9 – The Hewitt's August 16 – The Bailey's August 23 – The Buske's August 30 – The Munger's As Bethany's PNC continues our search for our new pastor, we continually remind ourselves that we operate on God's timeline, not ours. We have experienced both exhilaration and frustration during our search. There have been two or three candidates that have gone into the finally interviewing stages who seemed to be great matches for Bethany, and that all of the pieces were falling into place only to change within days. Every time this happens, God shows us an even better candidate. So we continue our work, knowing that we are exactly where God intends us to be.

Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee

Currently, we have one candidate that is in the interviewing process that we are very interested in and a second candidate in which we have just started the interviewing process with.

In the meantime, we have faith that God has brought us the music and worship ministry of Tim Krug, inspiriting messages from Pastor Joe and church leaders to guide us through this time of transition and that He will reveal His plan to us in His time. We ask for your continued prayers as we fervently continue our search for the right person to lead Bethany.

"And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jeremiah 3:15

Tom Smith Co-Chair, PNC



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Bethany Youth Group Celebrating a Safe Homecoming!

BYG has returned from its July Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA. Praise God for their safe return and the work they accomplished in Louisiana! Thank you to the leaders, Melissa McCormick, Dave Bock and Kayla Chandler, for their inspiration and dedication to God and our young adults!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This June, we had the privilege of ministering to 30 local children during our vacation Bible school program. Children learned about the story of Moses through God's Great Vacation Club! Who wouldn't want to spend 40 years in the wilderness with all your family and friends? We sang songs, told stories, played outside, ate snacks (including Jello frogs and gummy serpents - if you're talking Moses, you'd be remiss not to mention the plagues in Egypt), and learned several Bible verses. Thank you to Mr. John Elliot at Dairy Depot for his continued generosity to our VBS. We enjoyed ice cream day immensely!! Join us August 23 as our VBS kids sing "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" during the 10:15 service!





Last year Session put forth a challenge to the Congregation to raise enough money to replace one of our two boilers that had failed and could not be repaired due to its age.

The Congregation came through in spectacular fashion, contributing enough money to cover the cost of our new boiler with a little to spare. That allowed us to skip going to the bank for another loan.

At the time the new boiler was being installed, Session was warned that our second boiler was also going to fail soon. With that warning, Session began setting money aside in anticipation of replacing the second boiler. Unfortunately, the second boiler failed sooner than expected, and as warned, it cannot be repaired; only replaced.

God has already blessed Bethany with over half the needed funds, so we are asking for our congregation's help in raising the other half, which is roughly \$6,000.

With that in mind, we are calling this the "Half Off Offering Sale!", as we only need half the money that was needed for the first boiler. Please consider donating HALF of what you donated for the first boiler. If the congregation does that, then we will raise enough money to cover the rest of the cost of the second boiler.

Much is asked of Bethany's congregation, and you usually come through. Please consider donating to our 2^{nd} boiler fund. Please use the blank line on your regular offering envelopes and write in "Boiler Fund", or there are extra offering envelopes at the welcome center marked "2nd Boiler Fund" for you to use.

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The Bible Said it First!

In the book of Ephesians 4:26 (written in 60 A.D.), it reads: "Be you angry and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

In the book of Job 5:2 (written B.C.), it reads: "For wrath killeth the foolish man....."

On July 7, 1951, the journal of the American Medical Association had an article that stated that flare-ups of mucous colitis would continue when people kept their anger inside.

Also, the pyscosomatic reports that researchers have collected data and have found that about 50% of people that did not keep their anger inside were less likely to have a non-fatal heart attack and 58% of people who did not keep their anger inside were less likely to have a stroke.

Isn't it interesting that this was written thousands of years before in the Bible?

Bible Expressions:

This should be a real comfort to everyone. "Be not afraid" is mentioned 365 times in the Bible. Just think! The Bible gives us reminders - for every day of the year -We don't need to be afraid!

Church Bulletin Bloopers:

The sermon this morning: "When Jesus walks on water."

The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

Created in God's Image

Genesis 1: 24 : And God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind----" Genesis 1:25 : And God made the beast of the earth after its kind---and everything that creepeth on the earth after its kind.

Genesis 1:26: And God said, "Let us make man in our image."

Genesis 1:27: So God created man in His own image. Isn't God's creation, wonderful?

Sadly, man has taken to believe in evolution. Remember hearing about Joseph Stalin? He was an evolutionist. He wanted to build a bigger and better "Red Army", so he decided that man could cross humans with apes! Stalin wanted to make an invincible human being, who would resistant and be insensitive to pain and didn't care about the quality of food that they would eat. Ilya Ivanov was the top breeding animal scientist at that time. He was a veterinary researcher at that time. He was the first to perfect artificial insemination at that time. This made it possible for one stallion to fertilize up to 500 mares, so Stalin approached him on this assignment.

The Politburo in Moscow then sent a request to build a living war machine on to their Academy of Sciences. The academy engaged Ivanov to do this and sent him to West Africa so that he could conduct experiments by using artificial insemination on chimpanzees. The Academy also set up a Centre in Georgia (Stalin's birthplace) where the apes could then be raised.

These tests completely failed - and they even tried to inseminate humans with ape sperm but this failed also. This disgraced Ivanov and he was sent to spend five years in jail at Kazakhstan. Ivanov was also an avowed atheist and evolutionist. However, he would not use his sperm for these tests. Nor would he use the sperm from his son who worked closely with him.

Isn't it sad that man would sink this low?

I am so thankful that God did create us (Man) in His own image aren't you?

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AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

August 2 – "The Witness" featuring the New Testament Singers

August 12 – Harlem Schools Resume Classes

August 16 – Contemporary Service @ 5pm

August 23 – Primary and Youth Sunday School Classes Resume

Rally Sunday Coming Soon (Watch for Details)

Adult Bible Study Continues on September 6.

Confirmation Class Coming Soon!

PAPER ANGEL CLOSET



Bethany's Deacons served several families in the month of July with paper products, cleaning aids and prayer. Items that will be needed to serve families in the month of August are: bleach, laundry soap, toilet bowl cleaner and other cleaning aids, band aids, bar soap, hand soap with pumps, shampoo, dryer sheets, shaving cream, sponges, and tooth brushes. Two-quart ice cream pails with handles make very good cleaning buckets as well. Thank you and God bless all of you who give generously to make possible this ongoing mission.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

August's Mission of the Month is Stateline Youth for Christ

Stateline Youth For Christ works alongside churches, schools, and organizations to reach at-risk youth through mentoring and tutoring, and helps students improve their social, academic, and spiritual health. Their goal is to be a transformational ministry, seeing God do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

A representative from YFC will be with us on Sunday, August 9, to share with us all that is currently happening with this organization as it reaches out to at risk youth in our area. YFC provides tutoring in 7 different church sponsored clubs. The combined clubs have 130 to150 members. combined. Adult tutoring and mentoring are a part of what happens. Helping students to improve their reading and math skills, reaching the next generation of children and youth "one at a time" to serve and follow Jesus Christ for a lifetime. I pray that we will generously help YFC to become even more fruitful in the coming year.

For nine years, Bob Griffin served as Campus Pastor at Taylor University and has served in a number of church positions--including Youth Pastor and Senior Pastor. Bob stepped aside from the leadership of Rockford Renewal Ministries to join the Stateline YFC staff as parttime Interim Executive Director which led to his becoming part-time Executive Director in April, 2013. He's led a capitol campaign which will allow Stateline YFC to add Tutoring Clubs and extend its impact into middle and high schools through Campus Life Clubs.

May Bethany continue to open our hearts in prayer and financial support for this very vital work for our Lord.

Bethany Calendar – August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Weekly	6	7	8
10:15am – "The Witness" – The New		7pm: PNC	Bulletin deadline 3:30pm: Julie			
Testament Singers		7pm: AA	Badowski			
		7pm: Al-Anon	6pm: Praise Team	7pm: Al-Anon	4:30pm:Julie Badowski	
		7pm: Al-Ateen	7pm: Chancel			
9	10	11	Choir 12 Weekly	13	14	15
•			Bulletin deadline			
10:15am: Worship Celebration	6pm Mission & Outreach	7pm: PNC	3:30pm: Julie Badowski	6pm: Parents Prayer Group	4:30pm:Julie Badowski	
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			Choir			
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Celebration	5:45pm Paper	7pm: PNC	3:30pm: Julie		Articles	
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contemporary thing "	7pm: Christian Education	7pm: Al-Anon	Team		4:30pm:Julie	
Service and Food	Education	7pm: Al-Ateen	7pm: Chancel Choir		Badowski	
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9am: Primary, Youth Sunday Sch Resumes		7pm: PNC	Weekly Bulletin deadline			
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FINANCIAL REPORT – MISSION OF THE MONTH Thru July 26, 2015

Mission Of The Month Giving*				
Jan	Bethany Youth Group	\$1050		
Feb	Love Inc	\$355		
Mar	Pregnancy Care Center	\$455.20		
Apr	Rockford Rescue Mission	\$260		
May	Bethany Youth Group	\$640		
June	St Bridget's Pantry	\$170		
July	Christ The Cornerstone	\$435		
Aug	Stateline Youth for Christ	\$15		
Sept	Rockford Reachout Jail Ministry			
Oct	Rock House Kids			
Nov	Carpenter's Place			
Dec	Baskets of Hope	\$15		
	*Monies received that are not a mission of Bethany will to toward the mission of the month in the month they are re			

Capital Loar	Offering*
January	\$535
February	\$675
March	\$825
April	\$655
May	\$685
June	\$590
July	\$545
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• July 2	26, 2015

Capital Improvement Loan				
Loan Balance as of 5.15.15	Monthly Amount Needed			
\$6,394.21	\$606.44			

Session's Goal is to pay off the Capital Improvement Loan in 2015! Please continue to give toward this goal. When we have extra money not being used to pay for facility repairs, we pay ahead on the loan.

CONFIRMATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Confirmation Class will resume on August 30. If you have not already spoken to Chris Franklin (<u>christine@the-franklins.net</u>) about your child being involved in Confirmation Class, please do so as soon as possible so that sufficient materials are purchased.

Sunday School will resume on August 23! We will be singing "Pharaoh Pharaoh" during the 10:15 service to kick off our Rally Month! During the month, we are encouraging our children to come to Sunday School with prizes and activities. On September 13, we will be celebrating with our Rally Picnic! Details will be announced in church and in next month's Beacon. We look forward to seeing you there. Adult Sunday School will resume on September 6 at 9:00 a.m. with a new study on the Book of John.

HAPPY AUGUST BL	<u>RTHDAY</u>
Cheryl Eickman	August 3
Marilyn Buske	August 7
Sterling Hecox	August 7
Megan Gianquinto	August 8
April Moore	August 9
Sherry Zahorik	August 11
Ashlee Smith	August 12
Jenner Hecox	August 13
Amanda Komisky	August 17
Eric Anderson	August 18
Nikye (Mitchell) Weston	August 18
Stephany Bock	August 19
Mike Miley	August 19
Aubrey Mohr	August 19
Dolores Deitrick	August 21
Amy Anderson	August 26
Cheryl Olson	August 26
Cadence Hecox	August 27
Keyara Bailey	August 30
Bruce Wyatt	August 31

THANK YOU TO AUGUST NURSERY HELPERS

August 2 – Jodi and Arianna Mohr August 9 – Dan & Stephanie Bock August 16 – Becky & Autumn Moore August 23 – The Munger Family August 30 – The McCormick Family