

Bethany United Methodist Church

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Worship services: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



LARGE PRINT Hymnals and Bulletins are available for your use – request one from an usher
LISTENING DEVICES are available from the ushers for the hearing impaired.

Gathering

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to use this time to welcome and visit with others in the congregation.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let the chiming of the hour be a call to silent prayer and meditation.

PRELUDE

Chorale Fantasy on "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Dietrich Buxtehude (ca. 1637-1707)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING CHORUS

UMH, No. 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus!

Look full in his wonderful face!

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim

in the light of his glory and grace!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 5:8,10,14

Wake up, O sleeper, and rise from the dead!

And Christ will shine on you!

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.

Live as children of light and try to find out what pleases the Lord.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

UMH, No. 247

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Worship

Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world.

Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may

shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. May Christ be known, worshiped,

and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and forever. Amen.

*CHORAL RESPONSE

TFWS, No. 2173 (refrain)

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory!

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire!

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy!

Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

ANTHEM (11:00)

A Lord Built House

Roger Lentz

arr. Craig Courtney based on Psalm 127

Proclamation of the Word

BAPTISM AND THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (11:00)

UMH, No. 34-35, 37-38

*Jennifer Ruth Barber
Micheal Dean Barber
Chasity Marie Barber
Nakita Rose Barber
Lucinda Mae Barber
Christiana Joy Sasser
Jackson N. Sasser, Jr.
Bonnie Faye Lewis*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children pre-school through third grade are dismissed to go to children's church (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scripture is read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Pew Bible OT, page 662

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Galatians 1:11-23

Pew Bible, NT, page 176

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

The Man with the Plan

Rev. Steve Young

Response to the Word

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

The Summons

TFWS, No. 2130

During the singing of this hymn, members of the congregation are welcome to come forward and kneel at the Communion rail to pray, to make a new commitment to Christ, or to otherwise respond to God's Word.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH, No. 895

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Venetian Gondola Song No. 3, from "Songs without Words"

Felix Mendelssohn (born 3 February 1809)

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH, No. 95

*CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH, No. 593

*BENEDICTION

*DISMISSAL CHORUS

TFWS, No. 2129

I have decided to follow

Jesus!

I have decided to follow Jesus!

I have decided to follow Jesus,

No turning back, no turning back.

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso e vivace, from Sonata No. 2 in C Minor

Felix Mendelssohn

*Congregation to Stand

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are delighted to have you in our congregation today. We invite you to participate as fully in our worship service as you feel comfortable. Bethany Church offers a full range of study and fellowship opportunities for children, youth, young adults, and older adults. Sunday School, in session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each Sunday morning, features nine different classes for adults, one class for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery. We invite you to come back to Bethany and get to know us better!

Our Nursery

For the convenience of parents of small children a nursery is provided during both worship services and also during the Sunday School hour. The maximum suggested age for the nursery is four years old. Please ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Flowers for the Altar

Many vacancies exist on the 2010 flower calendar. If you would like to sign up for a given Sunday the chart is located in the back hallway near the church office.

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer	
District Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson	
Minister:	Reverend Stephen E. Young	
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain L. Lawson Byrd	
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain Carol Johnson	
Lay Leader:	Archie Leigh	
Associate Lay Leader:	Roy Bauschatz	
Youth Leader:	Sondra Colbert	
Assistant Youth Leader;	Jackson Sasser	
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent	
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox	
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford	
Soloist:	8:30	Meg Reich
Acolytes:	8:30	Hannah Wilburn 11:00 Colleen LeMay
Lay Reader:	8:30	Loretta Leigh 11:00 Richard Parkes
Greeters:	Narthex: The Glaze Family Side: Carol Schultz	
Altar Guild for January:	Charla Barnard and Lavalie Wilson	
Altar Guild for February:	Nerine Hickman and Diane Simmons	

This Week at Bethany

Today	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday school for all ages
	12:15-2:00	JR and SR MYF
Monday	2:00	Stewardship Committee meeting
	1:00	Abingdon Women's Club board meeting
	1:00	Worship Planning meeting
	5:00	Weight Watchers
Tuesday	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
	10:00	ETC Bazaar Workshop
	6:30	Tiger Cubs use educational classroom
Wednesday	7:00	JOY Circle
	11:00-5:00	AARP Tax Help
	6:30	Focused Prayer: Scouting Ministries
Thursday	7:00	Chancel Choir
	9:00	The Main Event
	6:30	Emmaus
	7:30	Religions of the World: Master Udom of the Buddhist Faith

Friday	6:30	Den 4 Scouts use educational classroom
	11:00pm	MYF Bowling lock-in at Village Lanes
Next Sun.	8:25 & 10:55	Prayer time – Mary Lotsey Classroom
	9:45	Sunday School for all ages
	12:15-2:00	Bible Buddies

Attendance:

Worship:		268
8:30	55	
11:00	193	

Sunday School:		107
Adults	65	
Children	22	
Youth	20	

Counting Teams Schedule

January 31 Jackie Hampton, Jane Niethamer, Charlotte Cecil
 February 7 Clyde Burton, Peggy Burton, Pat Hasty

Audit Time!

All class and other organization treasurers are asked to turn in their books for audit. You may leave them in the office or get in touch with Ellen Leigh (642-4549) or Barbara Dunston (642-5267).

Hospitality Committee Request

The Hospitality Committee has decided, effective immediately, that Bethany will serve only finger food at the receptions following funeral services (small sandwiches, ham biscuits, raw veggies, sliced fruit & cheese, etc.) Cakes, cupcakes, brownies and cookies are needed, however, NO pies. Small plates will be used to serve this food.

Charlotte Cecil will continue to notify the congregation about these receptions.
 Thanks for your help. Hospitality Committee, Judy Hudgins, Chair

A Note of Thanks

I want to express my deep appreciation to my Bethany family for your loving and caring support, and especially your prayers for me during the past year. I know that many prayers offered on my behalf were answered as I underwent chemotherapy, radiation and surgeries. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I will continue to receive preventative medications, for the next few months. May our Lord bless each of you as he has so richly blessed me. Ellen Leigh

AARP Tax Help

AARP Tax-Aide Foundation sponsors a program that provides free tax counseling, preparation, and electronic filing for all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. No AARP membership or age requirements. Tax services are available from February 3 through April 14 from 11:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. on a walk-in basis.

Teddy Bear Brigade

QUESTION:

What is the thread of commonality between homeless veterans, seriously injured war veterans returning from Iraq, and the poor orphans that are the product of drug related parents in the third world countries around the world?

ANSWER:

The Teddy Bear Brigade. Gleaning for the World (GFTW) is a 501 (c)(3) humanitarian organization located in Concord, Virginia that was founded by Reverend Ronald Davidson and his wife Jackie (former Pastor of Bellamy UMC, Gloucester, VA). Ron discovered, through trial period, that a simple thing like a Teddy Bear/stuffed animal was a major contributor to the successful therapy of those people listed above. Consequently, GFTW has sent thousands of trailer loads of animals to

organizations involved with working with veterans groups or to third world countries for use in dealing with the orphans of drug related parents. There is an ever-increasing need for help in collecting Teddy Bear/stuffed animals for this invaluable therapy. The Friendship Class has elected to head up a drive for Bethany Church in this effort.

The Teddy Bear Brigade will kick off on Sunday, February 14 and run through April 18 at which time the stuffed animals will be dedicated. Rev. Davidson will be with us on Feb. 14 to tell you more about this project. New or nearly new small to medium bears or stuffed animals will be accepted. They shouldn't contain any electronic parts or be battery operated. There will be baskets located in the narthex, office entrance or fellowship hall for your donations. Our goal is to gather 100 bears/stuffed animals for this ministry. Be an active participant and help us reach our goal.

Budget and List of Officers for 2010 Available Today

Every family is encouraged to pick up a copy of our Officers and Committees for 2010 and a copy of our 2010 budget. Copies will be available at both sanctuary entrances throughout the month of January.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

Bethany will come together on Ash Wednesday, February 17, for a soup supper, which begins in the WBFH at 6:00 p.m. Following supper we will gather in the sanctuary (7:00) for a worship service and the imposition of ashes. All are invited to participate in the very meaningful way to begin the season of Lent.

Family Life Ministries is asking everyone to bring their favorite soup to share. Bread, crackers, beverages and desserts will be provided.

New membership Class Begins Next Sunday

Pastor Steve is beginning a new membership class next Sunday during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.). Next Sunday's topic is "What It Means to be a Christian". We will meet in the children's video room. Any interested person is invited to attend.

Church and Society

We are still collecting non-perishable food items, household products, and personal hygiene items. Your help with any of these items is most appreciated. A box for these items is located next to the church office.

Mission Committee Needs . . .

The Bethany Mission Committee is seeking new members. The Missions Committee meets bi-monthly and helps plan and coordinate hands-on, people-to-people, missions activities throughout the year. Last year some of our mission projects included home deck repairs with the Gloucester Housing Partnership, mission trips to Georgia and Mississippi to repair tornado and hurricane damage, corn gleaning, Helping Hands Mission Camp for middle and high school youth, and Nor'east storm recovery assistance in Gloucester. If this sounds like something you'd like to be involved with, we would love to have you. Please contact Kevin Kiley, 642-6047.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The United Methodist Women have been asked to participate in the donation of prayer shawls and baby blankets, for the 2010 UMW assembly. These items will be distributed throughout the five jurisdictions to health related organizations, institutions and prison ministries that impact women and children. Anyone who knits, crochets or sews is encouraged to participate in this project. Please turn in these items to Janet Chapin, 642-6822, by the February 21, 2010 deadline.

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Welcome to our New Members

This morning at our 11 o'clock service we welcome five new members into our church family. We welcome the Barber family, who reside at 7373 Joseph Lewis Rd. (694-9670). **Mike and Jennifer Barber** are joining by Profession of Faith, and Jennifer is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. Their three daughters, **Chasity** (9), **Nakita** (8), and **Lucinda** (6), are also being baptized. **Jackson and C.J. Sasser** are transferring their membership to Bethany. Jackson is transferring from

Memorial Baptist Church in Baytown, Texas, while C. J. is transferring from St. Francis United Methodist Church in Cary, N.C. The Sassers live at 110 Oak Ridge Ct. in Williamsburg (757-345-0055). **Bonnie Lewis**, wife of Bethany member Marshall Lewis, is transferring her membership from Providence Baptist Church in Hayes. The Lewises live at 2072 E. Snug Harbor Dr. in Hayes (642-4911).

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the Altar this morning are given by Yeardley and Robert Blackwell in honor of those volunteering their help in Haiti.

HUGS FOR HAITI

Bethany Bible Buddies are diligently working on a project that was conceptualized on January 10th. Jane, C. J. and I were organizing a mission project for the kids, similar to last year's Snowflake Cupcake Sale. It was to be a "Heart to Heart Bake Sale" to be held on Valentine's Day, February 14th in the Warren Belvin Fellowship Hall. The children were to seek donations of baked goods, make gift tags to go along with the desserts and in turn all proceeds from their bake sale were to go to a "good cause with God's blessing."

That "good cause" became an obvious one only two days later on January 12. We now know that all proceeds from the bake sale will benefit UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief) and will go directly to relief efforts in Haiti.

Please save the date of February 14! We ask that everyone plan to get busy and bake your favorite goodies by the 13th and bring to the fellowship hall from 9:30am -12noon. Then come to the fellowship hall from 8:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday to purchase a sweet for your sweetie on the 14th. By the way, the Bible Buddies Bake Sale is now called "HUGS FOR HAITI."
-Kris Kent, Children's Ministry

Choir Take Note

Starting next Wednesday, Feb. 3, choir rehearsals will begin at 7 p.m. I am also looking for singers. All parts are needed! Please consider joining your voice with ours.

Sandy Fox, Music Director

Religions of the World

Come out the first Thursday in February and learn about Buddhism from Master Udom

Date: February 4, 2101

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Bethany United Methodist Church