

features nine different classes for adults, two classes for youth, three classes for children, and a nursery. We invite you to come back to Bethany and get to know us better!

Please sign the registration pads when they are passed around on your pew. This will give us a record on your visit with us.

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.

Annual Bible Buddies Christmas Dinner Party Today, December 19, 5:30-7:00 - hosted by Miss Kris and Miss Jane. Wear your spiffy red and green, and please bring a dessert to share, and a wrapped ornament to exchange. We'll be jingling all the way!

Christmas Party - Today, December 19

5:00 p.m. - ?? at the home of Pastor Art and Vicki Wolz 7545 Tyndall Drive, Gloucester Point. All Middle and High School youth are invited to join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!! Please bring a covered dish to share. You are guaranteed a Merry Good Time!!!!

December 24, Christmas Eve Services at Bethany UMC: 7:00 p.m. a Family Candlelight Communion Service and at **11:00 p.m.** a Candlelight Communion Service

December 26 - Only one service today at 11:00 a.m.

Thank You

Thank you to the Bethany children for a wonderful Christmas performance. Everyone did a fabulous job. I think all in attendance had a laugh, smile, and a reminder of the true meaning of the season. Thanks to Sandy Fox, Kris Kent, Polly and Gloria for a job well done! - Steve and Dawn McDade

Bishop:	Reverend Charlene Payne Kammerer
Disrict Superintendent:	Reverend Joseph D. Carson
Minister:	Reverend Arthur L. Wolz, Jr.
Pastor in Residence:	Chaplain Carol Johnson
Lay Leader:	Archie Leigh
Associate Lay Leader:	Roy Bauschatz
Youth Leader:	Sondra Colbert
Children's Ministry:	Kris Kent
Director of Music:	Sandra Fox
Organist:	Rudy Shackelford
Acolytes:	11:00 Trip Vaughan
Greeters:	Lonnie and Sandy Byrd
Altar Guild for December	Pat Hasty and Peggy Burton

This Week at Bethany

Today	9:00	Church wide Breakfast
	10:00	Chancel Choir Cantata "Festival of Lessons and Carols"
	5:00	MYF Christmas Party at Pastor Art and Vicki Wolz
	5:30	Bible Buddies Christmas Party
Monday	5:00	Weight Watchers
	7:00	Men's/Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:30	Sanders Nursing Home
Wednesday	7:00	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00	Main Event - Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
Friday	7:00	Family Candlelight Communion Service
	11:00	Candlelight Communion Service
Next Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	11:00	One Worship Service Today

Attendance:

Worship:	
11:00	223

Sunday School		93
Adults	63	63
Children	11	
Youth	19	

Nursery: 6

Counting Teams Schedule

December 19 Sid Dixon, Ann Hogge, Ann LeMay

December 26 Jean Heywood, Merle Luther, Doris Luther

The Jail is Full

So we need to move the date for the Pastor Lock-Up to Sunday, January 2, 2011

Pastor Art will be placed in our jail after the 8:30 service and will be let out for worship and then returned after the 11:00 a.m. worship service if the bail money has not been raised. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you, The Management

Note of Appreciation

Words can't be enough for all the love, prayers, cards and phone calls I received in the last month. I am so proud to be a member of Bethany United Methodist Church. We send our love and good wishes for a healthy 2011. We are doing much better and I hope to be able to walk better when we see you. – Deannie McKendree

A donation to the Salvation Army has been made by the Men's Bible Class in memory of Warren Belvin.

Share Your Talents

On December 26 we will have one service only at 11:00 a.m. At that time we will have a "Share Your Talents" day. Be thinking about some talent you have and consider sharing it with the congregation.

NOTE ON DUPRÉ'S VARIATIONS ON A NOËL

French organists seem to have a knack for composing brilliant variations on popular Christmas carols. On December 5th we heard Louis Claude Daquin's vivacious setting of a carol from Provence, written to exploit the scintillating sounds of the 18th century classical organ. Today we offer the *Variations on a Noël composed in 1922 by Marcel Dupré* for the lush tonal palette of the romantic orchestral organ.

The work is based upon *Noël Nouvelet*, a traditional French carol translated into English as "Sing We Now of Christmas." *Noël* meaning "news" refers to the good news of Christ's birth. The ten variations alternate between free treatments of the tune and strict canons, an organization patterned on the "*Goldberg*" *Variations* by Johann Sebastian Bach. It is no surprise that Dupré, who performed all of Bach's organ music from memory, displays a sovereign mastery of counterpoint. Particularly impressive is the finale, Variation No. 10, where at one point the fugue subject derived from the carol tune is played at three different speeds simultaneously. With the rapturous effect of a long awaited sunrise, the medieval Dorian mode gives way to modern D Major as cascading peals of bells herald Christ's arrival with "Glad tidings of great joy!" - Rudy Shackelford

HOMEBOUND MINISTRIES

We delivered 26 meals to our shut-ins or those recovering from surgery or illness. Girl Scout Troop 1076 provided Christmas goody bags for each person. Members of the troop participating in this project were McKenzie Hasty, Kayleigh Brown, Emma Cirillo, Emma Ziegenfus, Katie McSweeney and Jillian Simpkins. Those cooking preparing, delivering or contributing monetarily included Joni and George Neal, Mike Andersen, Linda Hall, Elizabeth Brown, Charlotte Cecil, Ellen Leigh, Jane Niethamer, Ann Hogge, Donna Lane, Debbie and Bernard Robins, and Judy and Al Burner. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this ministry this year. This was a new project started this year and will be continued next year. Our next date for delivery is Thursday, January 13th.

Envelopes for 2011

Envelopes for 2011 may be picked up in the narthex. Please make certain that you pick up the box with your name on it. If you were not assigned numbered envelopes for 2011, you may request them by contacting Bernard Robins (642-6412). Non-members who regularly attend Bethany may also request numbered envelopes.

Please do not use 2010 envelopes after Sunday, December 26, 2010, and do not use 2011 envelopes before Sunday, January 2, 2011.

Donations are recorded by the Financial Secretary according to the date of the Sunday received; therefore, donations must be received no later than Sunday, December 26, 2010, in order to be credited for 2010.



Poinsettias placed in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season are given as follows:

In Loving Memory of

Bernard & Betty Glass, my parents, by Sue Morecock

Robert S. Cluts "Bob" by Dawn L. Cluts

Gene Albert Leigh by Ellen Leigh, and Rebecca Teagle and family

Our parents, Christine & Herman Harris, by Nan Leigh and Jimmy Harris

Evelyn & Leslie Lewis by Marshall, Bonnie, Carolyn, Melissa and families

Donald G. Broadwell by Carolyn, Graham, Suzanne, Frances, and grandchildren

Garland & Myrtle Lewis by Marshall, Bonnie, Carolyn, Melissa and
great grandchildren

Tom & Edith Emory by Don Sandridge

Ella Grey & David Burke by Roger and Nancy Heflin

Sally Hayden Nardozzi by Bob Nardozzi and family

William F. & Ida May Cameron by Judy Vaughan

Barbara & Jessica Downey by Judy Vaughan

Louise & Rudolph Shackelford by Rudy Shackelford

Constance Vacca by Denise Campbell

Mr. & Mrs. Val Hopkins, and Mr. & Mrs. Frank Harrell, by Gene and Jeannie Harrell

Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Jordan by Harold and Katherine Fenstermacher

Mr. & Mr. E. S. Fenstermacher by Harold and Katherine Fenstermacher

Their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Noah C. Thomas by M.E., Brenda, and Donnie

Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Shackelford, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Shackelford, and

Mr. & Mrs. Carlton Shackelford by Tony and Joan Fecondo

James Robert Williams by Agnes, Andrea, and Alicia

Mr. & Mrs. William Irving Lewis by Agnes, Andrea, and Alicia

Dr. & Mrs. W. J. Hagood, Nancy Orth's parents, by Nancy and Robert Orth

Mr. & Mrs. William C. Orth, Robert Orth's parents, by Nancy and Robert Orth

William & Grace Lee Rowe by V.C. and Melissa Sutton and family

Our Parents by Betty and Jim Durette

J. Douglas Hall by Susanna Hogge

Mrs. J. Ellis Hall by Susannah Hogge

Walter Sullivan & Hilda Kemp by Teresa and Ken Sullivan
Ervy "Mike" & Josephine Hudgins, and Willie Brooks, Sr., by Willie and
Mary Linda Brooks
Dr. William J. Hargis, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. David Irvin
Dr. William Hargis, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Richard King
Our grandparents, Benjamin and Stella Foster, and Joe and Buena Jordan by
Lionel and Audrey Jordan and family
J. Lionel & Marie Jordan, Judith and Ray Jordan, by Lionel and Audrey Jordan and family
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Foster by Nerine Hickman
Mr. & Mrs. Claud Hickman by Nerine Hickman
Roger McKendree by his parents, Jerry and Deannie McKendree
Mr. & Mrs. John Huff and Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Fletcher by Linda and Wendell Fletcher

In Honor of . . .

Bethany Youth by Dawn L. Cluts
Mary Kaylor and Jean Heywood by Don Sandridge
Marcia Hargis by Ruth Yoder
Doris and Merle Luther by Ruth Yoder
Those who serve, those who have fallen, and their families by George Neal
Luella Biermann by Jerry Biermann
Alice, Jerri and Ray Doggett by Rudy Shackelford
Ed & Susan Conner by Patrick Kiley
Lorraine & Eugene Brown, and Bettie Sue and Jerry Varner, by Debbie and Bernard Robins
Kayla and Cole McDade by Granny (Doris McDade)
Steven & Dawn McDade by Doris McDade
Isaac Joseph West, Nancy & Robert Orth's new grandson, by Robert and Nancy Orth
Christophé Veillon, Nancy and Robert Orth's new son-in-law, by Robert and Nancy Orth
Joyce Witt by Jerry and Deannie McKendree
Our grandchildren, Carson, Connor and Cyler Brooks, and Keagan and Aubrey Lynn Chase

ELEVENTH LESSON – Matthew 2:13-18

An angel warns Joseph to take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt.

13. *"Coventry Carol"*

TWELFTH LESSON – John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

14. *"Joy to the World"* (Choir and congregation)

(Stanza 1: Choir and congregation)

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room; and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing. and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.*

(Stanza 2: Choir and congregation)

*Joy to the world, the Savior reigns. Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy. Repeat the sounding joy*

Choral Interlude

(Stanza 3: Choir and congregation)

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove.

The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,

and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

***Closing Prayers**

The Collect

Amen

The Blessing

Bethany Chancel Choir

Organist and Pianist: Rudy Shackelford

Percussion: Jeremy Nardozzi

Handbell Ringers: Cheyenne Taylor

Michael Johnson

Dakota Sharpe

Jordan Cluts

Stephanie Wood

Readers: Betty Neikirk and Clair Hillard

Music Director: Sandy Fox

Festival of Lessons and Carols

By Hal Hopson and John Leavitt

Performed by Bethany Chancel Choir and Organist, Rudy Shackelford
with Choir, Organ, Percussion, Handbells, and Reader's

1. Carol Prelude

***A Bidding Prayer**

2. "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (Choir and congregation)

(Stanza 1: Choir and congregation)

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant

Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

come and behold him born the King of angels;

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

(Stanza 2: Choir and congregation)

True God of true God, light of light eternal

Lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;

Son of the Father, begotten not created:

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,

O come let us adore him Christ the Lord.

(Stanza 3: Choir only)

(Stanza 4: Choir and congregation)

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 3:8-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God.

3. “*God Walked in Eden’s Garden Fair*”

SECOND LESSON – Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to faithful Abraham that his descendants will be a blessing to all the nations of the earth.

4. “*The God of Abr’am Praise*” (Choir and congregation)

(Stanza 1: Choir and congregation)

*The God of Abr’am praise, sing praises to God’s name,
Who was and is and is to be, for e’er the same!
The one eternal God, before what now appears;
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!*

(Stanza 2: Choir and congregation)

*God’s spirit freely flows, high surging where it will;
God spoke of old in prophet’s word; that word speaks still.
Established is God’s law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep written on the human heart, in every land.*

(Stanza 3: Choir and congregation)

*God has eternal life implanted in the soul;
God’s love shall be our strength and stay, While ages roll.
All praise the living God! All laud that hallowed name,
who was, and is, and every shall be still the same!*

THIRD LESSON – Isaiah 9:2,6,7

Christ’s birth and rule of peace and justice are foretold by Isaiah.

5. “*Comfort, Comfort, O My People*”

FOURTH LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

6. “*Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming*”

FIFTH LESSON – Luke 1:26-35,38

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will be the mother of Jesus.

7. “*There Is No Rose*”

SIXTH LESSON – Matthew 1:18-23

Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus.

8. “*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*” (Choir and congregation)

(Stanza 1: Choir and congregation)

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

(Stanza 2: Choir only)

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

SEVENTH LESSON – Luke 2:1-7

Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem to register for the census and Mary gives birth to Jesus.

9. *“O How Joyfully”*

EIGHTH LESSON – Luke 2:8-12

The angels tell the shepherds about the birth of Jesus.

10. *“Ding Dong! Merrily on High”*

NINTH LESSON – Luke 2:13-18

The shepherds go to Bethlehem.

11. *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* (Choir and congregation)

(Stanza 1: Choir and congregation)

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

(Stanzas 2 and 3: Choir only)

(Stanza 4: Choir and congregation)

*See Him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

TENTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

12. *“From a Distant Home”*