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The Pastor's Corner

Thanksgiving is one of those American Holidays that I enjoy the most. I know what some of you are thinking ... the food ... yes that is true ... but its much more than that!

Thanksgiving reminds me of God's blessings, it reminds me of the importance of family and it always serves as a reminder of our heritage as a nation.

While the preparation for it can be very hectic, especially for the host home, the joy of being with family makes all the prep worthwhile.

For some, its about food, football and family, but for the Christian, it's that, but much more ... God, Salvation, Service and Surrender.

While many of us will be able to enjoy a great meal on the 24th of November, many will not! Consider inviting someone less fortunate than yourself to join you for a Celebration of Thanks!!!

Sunday School Lessons
Theme: Tradition and Wisdom
Unit 2: Jesus Teaches Wisdom

November 6: "Forgiving as God's People" Matthew 5:17-26
November 13: "Loving as God's People" Matthew 5:43-48
November 20: "Praying as God's People" Matthew 6:5-15
November 27: "Facing Life Without Worry" Matthew 6:25-34

Planning for the Future

November 6 ... Harvest Sunday with a Potluck Dinner following the morning worship hour. No evening worship. This year's special offering will be used for repairs to the Church and Parsonage, which include the replacement of the roof above the vestibule at Church, Gutters on the Parsonage and a new central heating and cooling unit at the parsonage. The expected cost is approximately \$9,000 dollars. This does not include the possible replacement of duct work under the house and future needs of the replacement of walls in the parsonage due to mold buildup inside the walls, especially on the north side.

November 7 @ 7:00 p.m. @ Lynn Oak GBC Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer. All are invited to attend.

December 17 @ 8:30 a.m. till finished: WMS Cookie and Candy Sale at the Center Lobby.

December 18 @ 10:30 a.m. The Youth Christmas Program @ the Center. All are welcome to come.

Happy Birthday

November Birthdays

Table listing November birthdays: Bryan Johnson, Cindy Green, Marshall King, Jerry Owens, Annabelle Marie Olinger, Bradley Blake, Wayne Green, Jesse Medina, Bonita Faulkner, Rosalie Brown, Paul Kennedy, Bryce Johnson.

Happy Anniversary

November Anniversary

Table listing November anniversary: Jim and Claudia Vessell.

A Biblical Pop Quiz

(Lion's Pride, August 2011)

- Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth? A. Ruthless
Q. What do they call pastors in Germany? A. German Shepherds
Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible? A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.
Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible? A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a prophet.

Forgiveness

A successful Irish Boxer was converted and became a preacher. He happened to be in a new town setting up his evangelistic tent when a couple of tough thugs noticed what he was doing. Knowing nothing of his background, they made a few insulting remarks. The Irishman merely turned and looked at them. Pressing his luck, one of the bullies took a swing and struck a glancing blow on one side of the ex-boxer's face. He shook it off and said nothing as he stuck out his jaw. The fellow took another glancing blow on the other side. At that point the preacher swiftly took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, and announced, "The Lord gave me no further instructions." Whop!

—J. Vernon McGee, Matthew

"We are most like beasts when we kill. We are most like men when we judge. We are most like God when we forgive.

— William Arthur Ward, "Thoughts of a Christian Optimist"

Once President Lincoln was asked how he was going to treat the rebellious Southerners when they had finally been defeated and returned to the Union of the United States. The questioner expected that Lincoln would take a dire vengeance, but he answered, "I will treat them as if they had never been away."

— William Barclay, The Gospel of Luke

Loving Like God

IF I belittle those whom I am called to serve, talk of their weak points in contrast perhaps with what I think of as my strong points; if I adopt a superior attitude, forgetting "Who made thee to differ? And what hast thou that thou has not received?" then I know nothing of Calvary love.

IF I take offense easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

IF I feel bitterly towards those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself they would condemn me much more, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

— Amy Carmichael, IF

Our Habit of Prayer

Prayer is a Time of Refreshment. Howard Taylor says of his prayer, Hudson Taylor, "For forty years the sun never rose on China that God didn't find him on his knees."

— Howard Taylor, Hudson Taylor and the China Inland Mission

On one occasion, evangelist D. L. Moody had been the recipient of numerous, evasive answers. He was suddenly seized with the realization that his heavenly Father was showering on him almost more than he could take. Encouraged and overwhelmed, he paused to pray. With great courage he simply stated, "Stop, God!" Now that's spontaneous. It is also a beautiful change from, "Eternal, almighty, gracious Father of all good things, Thy hand hath abundantly and gloriously supplied our deepest needs. How abundantly and thankfully we are to come to Thee and declare unto Thee ..." and on and on and one, grinding into snore city. After I had told that story in one service, a fellow said to me, "I've got another one for God, "God, start! I mean, He can stop on Moody, but I want Him to start with me, I need some of that."

— Charles R. Swindoll, Strengthening Your Grip

Worry's Weariness

Corrie Ten Boom, for the last two year of her life, spent it in our congregation in Fullerton, California. It was a wonderful experience to have this godly woman in our midst during that expended period of time as we literally watched her die. She said on one occasion, "Worry does not empty tomorrow of sorrow; it empties today of strength."

— Charles R. Swindoll

Nine Out Of Ten

There is no disputing the fact that, nine times out of ten, worrying about a thing does more damage to those who worry than the actual thing itself.

Modern medical research has proved that worry breaks down resistance to disease. More than that, it actually diseases the nervous system—particularly that of the digestive organs and of the heart. Add to this the toll in unhappiness of sleepless nights and days void of internal sunshine, and you have a glimpse of the work this monster does in destroying the effectiveness of the human body.

It is plain common sense that worry has no rightful place in the lives of most of us.

—Ken Anderson

General Baptist 2012 Focus

Year of Evangelism: The Church Taking a Stand.

In 2011, the emphasis was on Prayer, Fasting and Reconciliation. Now we move to step two of a five year plan.

2012, The Year of Evangelism. Sharing the gospel story effectively to the world around us. The Church Taking a Stand.

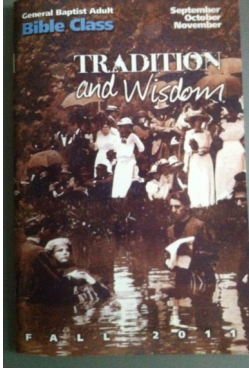


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Romans Road to Salvation

What separates you from God and His love? SIN
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

What is the result of sin? DEATH
Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..."

What does God desire for you? LIFE
Romans 6:23b "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

What did Jesus do for you? DIED in YOUR place
Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

What must you do to be saved? BELIEVE & CONFESS
Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Who can be saved? EVERYONE who believes in Jesus
Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

What does faith in Jesus give you? PEACE
Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

NO CONDEMNATION
Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

ETERNAL LOVE
Romans 8:38-39 "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Prayer of Faith

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Youth Night

We continue our study in the Book of Acts throughout the month of November. We started the month in Acts 22 and will continue to progress through the Book each Wednesday Night ...

Harvest Sunday 2011

November 6, 2011

We have a busy day on schedule for this year's harvest Sunday.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Celebration of God's Blessings in 2011 ...

⇒ Retirement of U.S. Flag & Christian Flag after nearly 51 years in service.

⇒ Recognition of those who have served Bethany well for many years.

⇒ W.M.S. have a Time Capsule ready to be put away for five (5) years to be re-opened on Harvest Sunday 2016.

⇒ Congregational Picture will be taken of all those who attend the morning worship service.

⇒ Potluck Dinner afterwards.

⇒ No Evening Services

SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

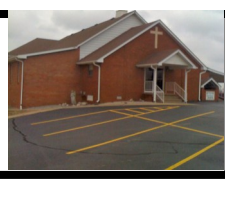
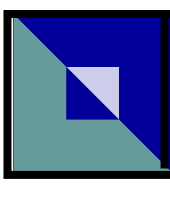
Starting in the Month of January, we will be offering Self Defense Classes at the Center. It will be limited in number allowed per class and the day and time will be announced next month. If interested, contact the Pastor and we will pass along the details

NEW CHRISTIAN'S CLASS

The Pastor is developing a series of lessons in bite size portions, so a new Christian can just go online, anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and learn how to grow in his/her faith in Jesus Christ.

If you are a new Christian, you will soon be able to go ONLINE and watch the lessons and start applying the truths to you life and allow Christ to make you the person, He created you to be!

We hope to have it up and running by the first of the year.



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RECIPES FROM THE CHURCH COOKBOOK

CHICKEN CHIMICHANGAS by Angie Greene

Mix soup, cheese and peppers and meat. Put 1 tablespoon of mixture into each tortilla shell and seal with water, fording in top and sides of shell. Deep fry about 3 minutes or until golden brown at 375 degrees.

- 4 chicken breast, cooked, skinned and chopped (roast beef may be substituted)
1 pkg. of 10 tortilla shells
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 pkg. shredded Mozzarella cheese
1/4 c. chopped jalapeno peppers (optional)

HONEY CHICKEN BREAST by Geane Loafman

- 6-8 breast halves
1/4 c. each honey, oil and salad dressing
2 tsp. each mustard and Worcestershire Sauce
1/2 tsp. onion powder

Mix sauce, pour over breast. Bake 350 degrees for 30 minutes or tender.

BASTING FOR TURKEY by Delilah Loafman

- 1 c. oleo
4 tsp. parsley
4 tsp. sage
4 tsp. rosemary
4 tsp. thyme
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

PUMPKIN PIE by Mrs M. L. Payton

- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 (#303) can pumpkin
3/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. cinnamon
1 2/3 c. milk
1 (9 in.) unbaked pie shell

Mix ingredients in order given. Pour into pastry shell. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees) 15 minutes. Reduce temperature to moderate (350 degrees) and continue baking 45 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

ALMOND CHICKEN by Sandy Rubritius

- 2 raw boned chicken breasts
3/4 c. toasted almonds, finely chopped

Batter

- 1 c. flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. oil
3/4 c. cold water
1/4 c. toasted almonds.

Gravy

- 1 c. chicken stock
2 tsp. soy sauce
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 Tbsp. cold water

Cut the boned chicken breasts into fillets. Mix together batter ingredients. Dip the fillets into batter. Deep fry in oil at 350 degrees until brown. Cut into serving slices and arrange on platter. Mix the chicken stock and soy sauce together for the gravy. Heat to thicken. Pour on chicken and sprinkle almonds over gravy. Can be served on a bed of shredded lettuce. Service 4 to 6.

Suggestions for Cooking
(The Cookbook's Companion by Dr. Myles H. Bader)

Pumpkin Pie

- Place a layer of mini marshmallows on top of the bottom crust before pouring the filling in. As the pie bakes, the air will expand inside the marshmallows and they will rise to the top providing a beautiful layer of browned marshmallows.
Frozen pumpkin pies should be baked without thawing at 400°F for just under 2 hours, then reduce the heat to 325°F until done.
To be sure the pie is baked, insert a skewer into the center and if it comes out clean the pie is done.
The cracking in the pie custard is caused by over baking.

Apple Pie

- Different varieties of apples can be used to provide different flavors and textures.
Slice the apples thin so that they will be able to lie close together. Thick slices create too much air space.
Thick apple slices usually drop to the bottom creating a space between the apples and the top crust.

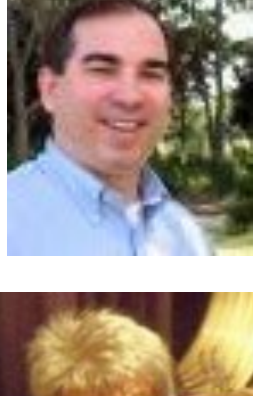
The best apples for pies are Granny Smith, Pippin, Cortland, Jonathan and Stayman-Winesap.

- Granny Smith apples are the most popular when preparing the pie in the winter months.
If you spray the exposed surfaces with a solution of powdered vitamin C and water it, it will keep the powder from browning too soon.
For a milder cinnamon flavor, reduce your recipe to 1/2 to 1-teaspoon.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you found it helpful, please forward it to others who may be interested in what's going on at the Bethany Church.

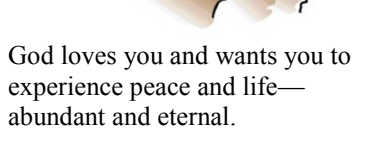
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Step One God's Purpose: Peace and Life



God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life—abundant and eternal.

The Bible says...

"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

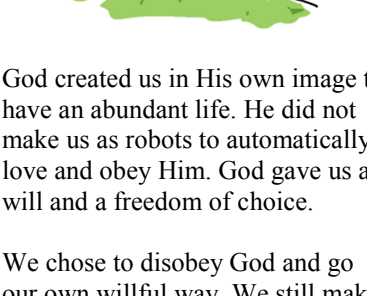
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

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Step Two The Problem: Our Separation



God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice.

We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

The Bible says...

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23
"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Our Attempts to Reach God
People have tried in many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God...

The Bible says...

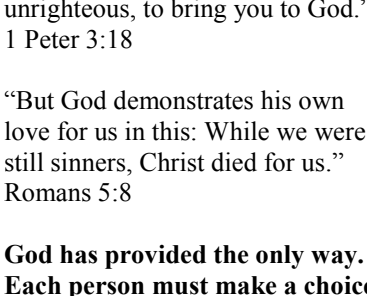
"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2

No bridge reaches God ... except one.

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Step Three God's Bridge: The Cross



Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

The Bible says...

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ." 1 Timothy 2:5

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God has provided the only way. Each person must make a choice.

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Step Four Our Response: Receive Christ

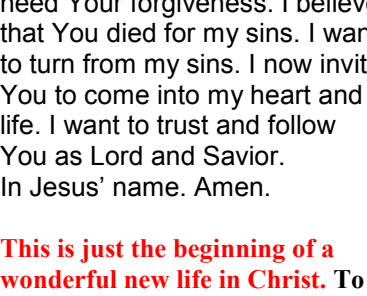
We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.

The Bible says...

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9



Where are you? Here? or Here?

Will you receive Jesus Christ right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

- 1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).
2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as Lord and Savior.) Each person must make a choice.

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The Sinner's Prayer

How to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship you should:
1. Read your Bible everyday to know Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Tell others about Christ.
4. Worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached.
5. As Christ's representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.