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## **BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

(Disciples of Christ)

*"Where Blessings Happen"*

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## **THE GATHERING TIME**

"Please enter the sanctuary in reverence and prayer and leave it with joy and fellowship."

### **RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

#### **THE PRELUDE**

Deep River- Spiritual/Thygerson

Ruth Crenshaw

### **BRINGING IN THE LIGHT AND HOLY SCRIPTURES**

### **THE WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

Please fill out the welcome sheet and place in the offering plate when passed.

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **† THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

**C: for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.**

L: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

**C: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.**

L: They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.

**C: Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

## **† THE INVOCATION**

God, in your mercy receive our prayers and our praise. We would be renewed in You, restored in our resolve to maintain clean hands and pure hearts. May we gain in Your presence the courage of our convictions, the determination to stand boldly with You and Your way, even if we must stand alone. Abide with us this hour, that we might learn to abide with You forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER**

### **† THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Faith of Our Fathers

No. 635(vs.1,3)

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **THE CALL TO PRAYER**

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Festive Praise

Bethany Choir

## **WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION**

### **† THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Daniel 6:3-7, 9-12, 16, 19-23

### **THE SERMON**

Godly Disobedience

Pastor Bob Arnold

(Christians are called to disobey ungodly laws, and only ungodly laws. Even then, we are called to affirm the rule of law.)

## **WORSHIP THROUGH DECISION AND DEDICATION**

### **† THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

*(If you desire to make a public profession of belief in Jesus Christ or to transfer your membership to Bethany Christian Church, please come forward as we sing this hymn.)*

**† THE INVITATION HYMN**  
**HEALING MINISTRY**

Where He Leads Me

No.346(vs.1,3)

**WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNION**

**† THE COMMUNION**

I Have Decided Jesus

No.344(1,3,4)

**† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

In unison: “I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and my Savior.”

**THE COMMUNION MEDITATION**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE COMMUNION PRAYERS**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

(All believers in Jesus, the Christ, are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper. Please receive the bread and the cup as they are distributed and return the empty cup to the tray.)

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

**THE RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**† THE DOXOLOGY**

No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**† THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**† THE HYMN OF SENDING**

On Eagle’s Wings

No. 77(2x)

“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand.”

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE POSTLUDE      Postlude in G Minor-Ritter

† *Please stand as you are able*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

**ELDERS:** Carol Frank (C) Dale Edens (B)

**GREETERS:** Linda & Bob Adams

**PREPARER:** Martha Morris

**WORSHIP LEADER:** George Myers

**REFRESHMENTS:** Bodine Porter

**SERVING:** Dolores Conner, Cornelia Ford,  
Martha Morris, Jennifer Howell

### STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

**SENIOR PASTOR:** Rev. Robert Arnold

**AUDIO:** William See

**OFFICE MANAGER:** Samantha Flores

**PIANIST:** Anna Longo

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:** Chris Marquez

**ORGANIST:** Ruth Crenshaw

**MONDAY'S BIBLE STUDY:** Jerry De Frank

**SUNDAY DAYCARE:** Laura Perez, Lupe Diaz

**VIDEO:** Ken Blystone

### LAST SUNDAY RECAP

**Attendance:** 66

**Tithes and Offerings:** \$2,143.50

**Sunday School Offering:** \$7.00

**Total:** \$2,970.50

**Kitchen Remodeling:** \$820.00

**Pastor Bob's Bible Study** is on **Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room.** The topic to be discussed is the Gospel of John.

**Monday Morning Bible Study** starts at **9:30 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room.**

October 21 - Philippians 4:14-23

October 28 - Amos



## Advent Devotional Book by Bethanyites



For the past two weeks we have published the guidelines for the Advent Devotional Book that we are going to create this year. The guidelines will be printed in the October and November newsletters but they are just guidelines. The definition of advent is “A season observed in many Christian

churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming.” All of us have wonderful memories of Christmas and we want you to share those with us. Even though Christmas is almost four months away, you know how busy fall can get. Take some time to sit down and share a memory, a thought, a hope, an anticipation that we can share during this holiday season. Your submissions should be turned into the **church office by November 17.**



### Did You Miss it?

Did you miss the singing, the crafts, the lost sheep games, the storytelling?

Did you miss the fruit kabobs with yogurt dip, shepherd staff breadsticks, Egyptian lemonata (beverage), pecan cookies and shepherd pie?

Did you miss the fellowship and fun?

Well, you're in luck because Week 2 of Vespers is this afternoon from 4:00-6:00.

Come on out – we missed you!

## Annual Congregational Business Meeting

The annual congregational business meeting will be today, **October 20** after the morning service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect the new church officers and to approve the church budget for 2020. Please make plans to attend.



## **CAPERS**

CAPERS is a time when we gather for fellowship around the table and enjoy some fun and laughter. This month's gathering will meet on **Thursday, November 7th, 11:30 a.m., at Denny's, 11045 Gateway Blvd. West (head down on Lomaland)**. AARP discount cards are accepted. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for those interested. Our November's hosts are Earl & Dolores Conner. Hope to see you there!

## **Grandma's Attic**

**On October 28<sup>th</sup>**, Bethany CC will start accepting donation to sell for Grandma's Attic. We ask there be no medical equipment, old televisions or any electronic equipment that do not work. Please donate items during office hours **Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. December 1** will be the last day to bring in items.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*"If one member suffers, we all suffer together. If one member is honored, we all rejoice together."  
(1Corinthians 12:26)*

### Week Ending October 19

Flora Smith

Sandra Blystone

Carol Frank

Christopher Hulsey  
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's  
grandson)

Bill Baldwin  
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's  
son)

Jo Hill  
(Beatriz Ruffner's friend)

Gloria Holguin

Virginia Moore

Jamie Brennard  
(Sibyl Rappe's friend)

Our Nation/World

Giovanna Arnold

Wayne Salguero

### Week Ending October 12

Flora Smith

Sandra Blystone

Carol Frank

Christopher Hulsey  
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's  
grandson)

Bill Baldwin  
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's  
son)

Giovanna Arnold

Virginia Moore

Amy Canales  
(Dodie Wicker's daughter)

Ron Williams

Jo Hill  
(Beatriz Ruffner's friend)

Soon Ok Waldron  
(Doug Waldron's wife)

Giovanna  
(Bill See's co-worker)

Gloria Holguin

### Week Ending October 5

Flora Smith

Virginia Moore

Skip Rutherford

Alice McBee

Prayers to the family of  
David Johnson  
(Carol Beatty's Neighbor)

Carol Frank

Christopher Hulsey  
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's  
grandson)

Bill Baldwin  
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's  
son)

Sibyl Rappe

Sandra Blystone



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

October 20-26, 2019

### **SUNDAY:**

Sunday Daycare	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School (adults)	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Sun City bell Ringers	1:30 p.m.
Vespers	4:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY**

Bible Study-Philippians 4:14-23	9:30 p.m.
Boy & Cub Scout Meeting	6:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY**

Pastor Bob's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.
ACOA	7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY:**

Gamblers Anonymous	7:00 p.m.
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### **THURSDAY**

Choir	6:30 p.m.
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## Scripture Lesson

Daniel 6:3-7, 9-12, 16, 19-23

Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den.

So King Darius put the decree in writing.

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next

thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions' den?"

The king answered, "The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed."

So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

**L: The Word of the Lord.** C: Thanks be to God.

## **Godly Disobedience**

Daniel 6: 3-7, 9-12, 16, 19-23

**Illustration:** Are We Called to Be Good Citizens or to Denounce Evil?

**Part One:** Despite Dutiful Integrity, Sometimes Law and Faithfulness Collide (v. 3-7, 9)

**Part Two:** The Christian Must Remain Faithful Despite the Law (v. 10-12, 16)

**Part Three:** Even So, the Christian Also Remains Respectful and Christ-like (v. 19-22)

**Part Four:** Such a Christian Emerges Essentially Unwounded (v. 23)

**Conclusion:** Let Us Courageously Walk the Line for Jesus