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## **BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

(Disciples of Christ)

*“Where Blessings Happen”*

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# **LOVING** *God.* **LIVING** *for Christ.* **LISTENING** *to God's Spirit.*

January 5, 2020

10:45 a.m.

Second Sunday after Christmas Day

## **THE GATHERING TIME**

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

## **RINGING OF THE CHIMES**

### **THE PRELUDE**

*My Tribute-Andre Croch*

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: Blessed is the one

whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered.

C: When I kept silent,

my bones wasted away

through my groaning all day long.

L: Then I acknowledged my sin to you

and did not cover up my iniquity.

C: I said, "I will confess

my transgressions to the Lord."

**And you forgave  
the guilt of my sin.**

L: Many are the woes of the wicked,  
but the Lord's unfailing love  
surrounds the one who trusts in him.

**C: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;  
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

## **† THE INVOCATION**

God, our Redeemer, blessed be Your name. Not in other human beings do we find ultimate grace. Yet, in You, the penitent and the faithful find forgiveness, love, and peace. By Your grace alone do we stand before You now to hear Your Word, to learn Your ways, and to voice Your praises. Therefore, we sing and pray hopefully, seeking Your face, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen.

## **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**† THE HYMN OF PRAISE:** Alabare No. 29(vs.1Spanish, 1 English)  
**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

### **THE CALL TO PRAYER**

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Lead Me, Lord

Bethany Choir

## **WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION**

**† THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:9-14

**THE SERMON** Unexpected Blessings for the Poor in Spirit    Pastor Bob Arnold

## 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:** Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me No.214(vs. 1,4)

## HEALING MINISTRY

## WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNION

**† THE COMMUNION**      My Jesus, I Love Thee      No. 349(all)

## † 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      *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*      No.134(2x)  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

## † THE BENEDICTION

† THE POSTLUDE      Postlude-Telemann

† *Please stand as you are able*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<b>ELDERS:</b> Don Baxter(C) Trish Baxter (B)	<b>WORSHIP LEADER:</b> Cornelia Ford
<b>GREETERS:</b> Dale Edens	<b>REFRESHMENTS:</b> Lola Mae Perry
<b>PREPARER:</b> Paula Wulff	<b>SERVING:</b> Bob & Joyce Nenni Ron & Peggy Williams

### STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

<b>SENIOR PASTOR:</b> Rev. Robert Arnold	<b>ORGANIST:</b> Ruth Crenshaw
<b>AUDIO:</b> William See	<b>MONDAY'S BIBLE STUDY:</b> Jerry De Frank
<b>OFFICE MANAGER:</b> Samantha Flores	<b>SUNDAY DAYCARE:</b> Laura Perez, Lupe Diaz
<b>PIANIST:</b> Anna Longo	<b>VIDEO:</b> Ken Blystone
<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES:</b> Chris Marquez	

### LAST SUNDAY RECAP

<b>Attendance:</b>	
<b>Tithes and Offering:</b> \$1,730.00	<b>Kitchen Remodeling:</b> \$170.00
<b>Christmas Offering:</b> \$10.00	<b>Sunday School:</b> \$20.00
<b>Reimbursements:</b> \$30.00	
<b>Total:</b> \$1,960.00	

**Pastor Bob's Bible Study** will resume on, Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday Morning Bible Study** starts at **9:30 a.m.** in the **Meeting Room.**  
January 6 - Zephaniah

January 13 - Habakkuk

January 20 - no meeting

January 27 - Obadiah

## **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, January 9th, 11:30 a.m. at Franky's, 9828 Montana**. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for those interested. Our January host is Lola Mae Perry. Hope to see you there!

## **Men's Meeting**

The Men's gathering is on **Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m., in the meeting room**. This is a pot-luck meal; bring your favorite dish and be ready for a great time of fellowship and sharing. All men are welcome.

## **Fellowship Dinner**

There will be a Fellowship Dinner on **January 12<sup>th</sup>** after morning service. Bring your favorite dish to share.

## **Board Reports**

Board reports are due on Tuesday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Baptisms**

Moring Star Church's Baptisms, **January 17, at 6:30 p.m.** at Bethany CC.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

### Week Ending January 4

David Edens  
(Dale Eden's father)

Nilda Salado  
(Jennifer Howell's friend)

### Week Ending December 28

Casey Mauldin

Rosalie Robbins

Torrie & Missy Wicker  
(Dodie Wicker's  
granddaughters)

Dodie Wicker

Eric Chilson  
(Nancy & Fred Smith's son)

John Estes

Carol Frank

Wanda Gibbons

Tanya McCollum

Pastor Bob

Gloria Holguin

Christopher Hulsey  
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's  
grandson)

Bill Baldwin  
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's  
son)

Hector Rubio  
(Margaret Lunger's brother-  
in-law)

### Week Ending December 21

Gloria Holguin

Tanya McCollum

Maricela  
(Jennifer Howell's friend)

Rev. Ben Hodge Jr.  
(Lucy Snelson's friend)

Bob & Giovanna Arnold

Rachael Mauldin

Marvin Morris

Grady Brown  
(Jerrilu Mallo's son)

Fred Smith

John Estes

Carol Frank

Wanda Gibbons

Darla Scott  
(Giovanna Arnold's friend)

Eric Chilson  
(Fred and Nancy Smith's  
son)

Christopher Hulsey

		<p>(Dennis &amp; Beatriz Ruffner's grandson) Bill Baldwin (Larry &amp; Bonnie Baldwin's son)</p> <p>Jason L'Heureux</p> <p>Dennis Tebay (Dennis Ruffner's friend)</p> <p>Dennis Ruffner</p> <p>Hector Rubio (Margaret Lunger's brother-in-law)</p> <p><b>Our Homebound and in Care Facilities:</b> Alice McBee, Marvin Morris, Carol Hollshwandner</p>



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 5-11, 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	3:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY**

Bible Study- Zephaniah	9:30 a.m.
Boy & Cub Scout Meeting	6:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY**

ACOA	7:00 p.m.
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### **WEDNESDAY**

Men's Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Gamblers Anonymous	7:00 p.m.

### **THURSDAY**

CAPERS	11:30 a.m.
Worship Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

### **SATURDAY**

Music Lessons	10:00 a.m.- 1:00p.m.
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## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:3, Luke 18:9-14

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

# **Unexpected Blessings for the Poor in Spirit**

Matthew 5:3; Luke 18:9-14

**Introduction:** The Path of Blessedness

Part One: Missing It with the Pharisee – 18:9-12

**Part Two:** Humbling Ourselves with the Tax Collector – 18:13-14a

**Part Three:** Finding It as the Poor in Spirit – 5:3

**Part Four:** Living It through Right Relationships – 18:14b

**Conclusion:** Seeking the Kingdom