



BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

“Where Blessings Happen”

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THE GATHERING TIME

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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES- 10:40- a.m. Seat Arrivals (Front to Back)

THE PRELUDE Close to Thee-Moore Ruth Crenshaw

Surely Goodness and Mercy- Peterson

THE WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE Dale Edens

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

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: My heart, O God, is steadfast,
my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make music.

C: Awake, my soul!

Awake, harp and lyre!

I will awaken the dawn.

L: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations;
I will sing of you among the peoples.

**C: For great is your love, reaching to the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

L: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
let your glory be over all the earth.

C: Amen!

† THE INVOCATION

Great God,

We commit ourselves to faithfulness to You. We come to draw upon Your truth and upon Your promises. Our hearts, we will set upon Your every word. Speak to us in this hour that we might glory in You. Give us words to live by, that we might glorify You among our neighbors and wherever we may go. These things we ask through Your Word incarnate, even Jesus Christ. Amen.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: All the Way My Savior Leads Me

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Luis Meza & Vicki Myers

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

† **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ephesians 6:16 (CEV) & Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16 (CEV)

THE SERMON

The Shield of Faith

Bob Arnold

WORSHIP THROUGH DECISION AND DEDICATION

† **THE INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

MUSICAL OFFERTORY: He Leadeth Me: O Blessed

HEALING MINISTRY

WORSHIP THOUGH COMMUNION

† 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 PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All believers in Jesus, the Christ, are welcome to share in the Lord’s Supper. Please carry all used cups and wrappers out of the sanctuary. There will be two trash bins on either side of the sanctuary exit.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

† THE BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL (Back to Front)

† THE POSTLUDE Faith is the Victory-Sankey

† *Please stand as you are able*

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Robert Arnold

ORGANIST: Ruth Crenshaw

AUDIO: William See

OFFICE MANAGER: Samantha Flores

SUNDAY DAYCARE: Laura Perez, Lupe Diaz

PIANIST: Anna Longo

VIDEO: Ken Blystone

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Chris Marquez

LAST SUNDAY RECAP

Attendance: 33

Tithes and Offerings: \$896.25

Kitchen Remodeling: \$20.00

Total: \$916.25

Message from Pastor Bob

So that everyone who wishes to attend may feel safe and welcome, the cabinet of Bethany Christian Church requires that all people not leading orally in the service wear a mask while in the building. Even those leading from the chancel will put their masks on when not speaking or singing from the chancel. Please help us make this important accommodation to our fellow church participants' comfort and safety.

Bible Study Zoom Class

Pastor Bob's Zoom Bible Study class is held on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Congregational Meeting

The annual congregation meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 18** after the morning worship service. We will be voting on the nominees for church officers for 2021; the rewritten Constitution and the budget for 2021.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Week Ending September 26

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)

Gloria Holguin

Dan Blystone
(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Sibyl Rappe

Adrena Greasby

Darla Scott
(Giovanna Arnold's friend)

Eddie & Samantha Flores

Carol Beatty

Franklin Thompson
(Hazel Thompson's son)

Prayers to the Villalobos family
(Trish & Don Baxter's family)

Steinle Family
(Ken Blystones's cousins)

Ruben Martinez

Week Ending September 19

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)

Gloria Holguin

Carol Frank & Wanda Gibbons

Dan Blystone
(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Barbara Ornales
(Wanda Gibbon's sister-in-law)

Jesse Ornales
(Wanda Gibbon's brother-in-law)

Sibyl Rappe

Adrena Greasby

Carol & Brittany Sanders
(Wanda Gibbon's daughter-in-law & granddaughter)

Darla Scott
(Giovanna Arnold's friend)

Eddie Flores

Carol Beatty

Franklin Thompson
(Hazel Thompson's son)

Week Ending September 12

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)

Gloria Holguin

Carol Frank & Wanda Gibbons

Dan Blystone
(Ken & Sandra Blystone's nephew)

Mr. & Mrs. Mauldin
(Casey Mauldin's grandparents)

Barbara Ornales
(Wanda Gibbon's sister-in-law)

Jesse Ornales
(Wanda Gibbon's brother-in-law)

Sibyl Rappe

Carla Bowland

Peggy Williams

Michell Greasby

Carol & Brittany Sanders
(Wanda Gibbon's daughter-in-law & granddaughter)

<p data-bbox="131 102 396 164">Our Homebound and in Care Facilities:</p> <p data-bbox="88 173 436 245">Alice McBee, Marvin Morris, Carol Hollshwandner</p>	<p data-bbox="585 102 764 131">Casey Mauldin</p> <p data-bbox="485 173 865 245">Prayers to the Villalobos family (Trish & Don Baxter’s family)</p>	<p data-bbox="999 102 1165 131">Eddie Flores</p> <p data-bbox="999 173 1165 209">Carol Beatty</p> <p data-bbox="919 251 1245 329">Franklin Thompson (Hazel Thompson’s son)</p> <p data-bbox="985 371 1180 401">Casey Mauldin</p>
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 27-October 3, 2020

SUNDAY:

Sunday Daycare	No Meeting
Sunday School (adults)	No Meeting
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Sun City bell Ringers	No Meeting

MONDAY

Boy & Cub Scout Meeting

TUESDAY

ACOA	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY

Gamblers Anonymous	7:00 p.m.
Bible Study Zoom Meeting	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Choir Practice	No Meeting
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SATURDAY

Music Lessons	No Meeting
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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 6:16 (CEV) & Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16 (CEV)

Let your faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see. It was their faith that made our ancestors pleasing to God. Abraham had faith and obeyed God. He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his, and he left for a country he had never seen. Because Abraham had faith, he lived as a stranger in the promised land. He lived there in a tent, and so did Isaac and Jacob, who were later given the same promise. Abraham did this, because he was waiting for the eternal city that God had planned and built.

Even when Sarah was too old to have children, she had faith that God would do what he had promised, and she had a son. Her husband Abraham was almost dead, but he became the ancestor of many people. In fact, there are as many of them as there are stars in the sky or grains of sand along the beach.

Every one of those people died. But they still had faith, even though they had not received what they had been promised. They were glad just to see these things from far away, and they agreed that they were only strangers and foreigners on this earth. When people talk this way, it is clear that they are looking for a place to call their own. If they had been talking about the land where they had once lived, they could have gone back at any time. But they were looking forward to a better home in heaven. That's why God wasn't ashamed for them to call him their God. He even built a city for them.

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

The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16 (CEV) & Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-16 (CEV)

I. Introduction: Having Faith as a Shield

^{16a} Let your faith be like a shield

II. Part One: How Faith Works

¹¹ Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.

III. Part Two: How to Have Faith

⁸ Abraham had faith and obeyed God. He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his, and he left for a country he had never seen.

IV. Part Three: How Faith Extinguishes Arrows of the Evil One

^{16b} and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one. & ¹¹ Even when Sarah was too old to have children, she had faith that God would do what he had promised, and she had a son.

V. Part Four: How the Faithful Life Compares to the Faithless One

They were glad just to see these things from far away, and they agreed that they were only strangers and foreigners on this earth.

VI. Conclusion: Holding High Our Faith