



*Blessed are they which do hunger
and thirst after righteousness: for
they shall be filled.
Matthew 5:6*

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

“Where Blessings Happen”

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

January 26, 2020

10:45 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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 Father's World-Sheppard

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 LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,

C: a stronghold in times of trouble.

L: Those who know Your name trust in You,

C: for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

L: Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion;

C: proclaim among the nations what God has done.

† THE INVOCATION

God, You are our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though all the affairs of life go awry. Instead, we place our faith and our hope in You, trusting in Your unfailing love. Even

amidst the trials and hungers of this life, we will sing Your praises. Come to us, now, and bless our worship, as we remain committed to worshipping You, now and forevermore. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER

† **THE HYMN OF PRAISE** Christians, We Have Met to Worship No. 277(vs.1,3)
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

What a Voice of Singing

Bethany Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

† **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 5:6, Psalms 63:1-11
THE SERMON Unexpected Blessings for Those Who Hunger and
Thirst for Righteousness 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** God of Grace and God of Glory No. 464(vs.1,5)
HEALING MINISTRY

WORSHIP THOUGH COMMUNION

† **THE COMMUNION** Fill My Cup, Lord No. 351(vs.1,3)
† **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

Blest Be Tie That Binds

No. 433(vs.1,2)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

† THE BENEDICTION

† THE POSTLUDE

Oh God of Righteousness and Grace-Handel

† *Please stand as you are able*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ELDERS: Sandra Blystone(C) Cornelia Ford(B)

WORSHIP LEADER: Mike Harmon

GREETERS: Wanda & Carol Frank

REFRESHMENTS: Vicki Myers & Virginia Moore

PREPARER: Joyce & Bob Nenni

SERVING: Lucy Snelson, Donald Thompson,
Mike De Frank, Luis Meza

STAFF & VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR PASTOR: Rev. Robert Arnold

ORGANIST: Ruth Crenshaw

AUDIO: William See

MONDAY'S BIBLE STUDY: Jerry De Frank

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: 74

Tithes and Offering: \$2917.50

Kitchen Remodeling: \$120.00

Sunday School: \$5.00

Noah's Nook Rent: \$3,778.30

Reimbursements: \$150.00

Total: \$6,970.80

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**.

January 27 - Obadiah

February 3 - Haggai

February 10 - Zechariah 1-4

February 17 - Zechariah 5-8

February 24 - Zechariah 9-11

"EHS Math Team TOGO Dinner"

Fundraising to send the Team to the TMSCA State Meet.

\$10.00 Meal Includes:

Green Chili Enchiladas (2) Chicken or Cheese (onions optional),
Charro Beans, Spanish Rice & A Quart of Iced Tea.

And/or

Queso & Chips: Quart & 12 oz bag of tostadas for \$11.00

Pint & Quart Bag of tostadas for \$6.00

To Go Dinners to be picked up **Saturday, February 8, 2020**

@ Bethany Christian Church, 10453 Springwood Drive From 4 to 7 pm (Door sales @ 6 pm)

2020 Nominating Committee

We need to form the nominating committee for 2020. The committee is made up of 1 elder, 2 deacons, the financial secretary and 1 member from the congregation who is not an official board member. If you would like to serve on the committee, please let Jerry De Frank know. Unless there is an unforeseen circumstance, our work starts in the summer.



Lent Challenge – 40 Day Challenge of Preparing Your Heart for Easter



Lent this year is from February 26 to April 11. *Spiritually Hungry* has developed this challenge focusing on six unique spiritual practices that will help you connect and reflect on God. The purpose of a weekly spiritual practice is to align your heart on a single spiritual discipline for the entire week. The six practices are prayer, fasting, scripture saturation, journaling, identifying with Jesus' pain and silence. If you are interested in participating in this challenge (or just checking it out first), contact Jerry De Frank at jdefrank@elp.rr.com and it will be emailed to you.

Disciples Women

The February meeting of the Disciples Women will be held on February 18 at **9:30 a.m.** in the Meeting Room. We are busy making church banners and we welcome any helping hands. Bring your scissors and come out for some crafting and fellowship.



Constitution Revision

It's time to revise the church constitution. If you would be interested in serving on that committee, please let Jerry De Frank know by February 9.



Donation Records



Church donation records for tax purposes will be printed on an as-needed basis this year. If you would like a copy of your donations for 2019, please contact Samantha in the church office.

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, February 6th, 11:30 a.m. at Applebee's, 1350 George Dieter**. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for those interested. Our February host is Martha Morris. Hope to see you there!

Men's Meeting

The Men's gathering is on **Wednesday, February 5th 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

<u>Week Ending January 18</u>	<u>Week Ending January 18</u>	<u>Week Ending January 11</u>
Vicki Myers	Noah Perez	Eric Chilson (Nancy & Fred Smith)
Amy Canales (Dodie Wicker's daughter)	Carol Frank	Prayers to the Bassuk family (Dodie Wickers family)
Juliana Halsey (Dennis Ruffner's daughter)	Wanda Gibbons	John Estes
Mando Juarez (Wayne Salguero's friend)	John Estes	Casey & Rachael Mauldin
Carol Beatty	Casey & Rachael Mauldin	Jerrilu Mallo
Carol Frank	Jerrilu Mallo	Gloria Holguin
Wanda Gibbons	Gloria Holguin	Sal Nigro (Jenny & Keith Rutherford's friend)
John Estes	Sal Nigro	Christopher Hulsey (Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's grandson)
Jerrilu Mallo	(Jenny & Keith Rutherford's friend)	Bill Baldwin (Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)
Rachael & Casey Mauldin	Christopher Hulsey (Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's grandson)	Prayers to the family of Hector Rubio (Margaret Lunger's brother-in-law)
Gloria Holguin	Bill Baldwin (Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)	Darla Scott (Giovanna Arnold's friend)
Eric Chilson (Nancy & Fred Smith's son)	Prayers to the family of Hector Rubio (Margaret Lunger's brother- in-law)	Jenny & Keith Rutherford
Darla Scott (Giovanna Arnold's friend)	Darla Scott (Giovanna Arnold's friend)	Margarita Paz (Donna Buckman's friend)
Prayers to the Rea family (Pastor Bob & Gia Arnold's friend)	Eric Chilson (Nancy & Fred Smith)	Sal Nigro (Jenny & Keith Rutherford's friend)
Lucy Snelson	Prayers to the Bassuk family	
Christopher Hulsey		

(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's
grandson)

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's
son)

Prayers to the Chavira
family

Cheryl Gorena
(Dina Gorena's sister, handbell
choir member)

Laura Martinez

Prayers for Carol Beatty and
her family

(Dodie Wicker's family)

Mando Juarez
(Wayne Salguero's friend)

Erika Jackson
(Bill See's boss)

Amy Canales
(Dodie Wicker's daughter)

Carol Beatty

**Our Homebound and
in Care Facilities:**
Alice McBee, Marvin Morris,
Carol Hollshwandner, Flora
Smith

WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 26- February 1, 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- Obadiah	9:30 a.m.
Boy & Cub Scout Meeting	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

YISD Retired Teacher	9:30 a.m.
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 Practice	6:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY

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

Matthew 5:6 (NIV), Psalms 63:1-11 (NLT)

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

A psalm of David, regarding a time when David was in the wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you.

My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you

in this parched and weary land where there is no water.

I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory.

Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you!

I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.

I lie awake thinking of you, meditating on you through the night.

Because you are my helper, I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings.

I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.

But those plotting to destroy me will come to ruin.

They will go down into the depths of the earth.

They will die by the sword and become the food of jackals.

But the king will rejoice in God.

All who swear to tell the truth will praise him, while liars will be silenced.

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

Unexpected Blessings for Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

Matthew 5:6 (NIV) and Psalms 63:1-11 (NLT)

Introduction: Godly People Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness –63:1

Part One: Satisfaction for Our Hunger Begins in Worship – 63:2-5

Part Two: Clinging Close to God Furthers Satisfaction – 63:6-8

Part Three: Appreciating the True Fate of the Unrighteous Matters – 63:9-10

Part Four: The Ultimate Fate of the Righteously Hungry Is Full Satisfaction – 63:11

Conclusion: Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness – 5:6