

SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

“Where Blessings Happen”

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

September 1, 2019

10:45 a.m.

Twelfth 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

I Would See Jesus-Broughton

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: Is not this the kind of fasting the Lord has chosen:

to loose the chains of injustice

and untie the cords of the yoke,

to set the oppressed free

and break every yoke?

C: Is it not to share our food with the hungry

and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—

when we see the naked, to clothe them,

and not to turn away from our own flesh and blood?

L: Then our light will break forth like the dawn,

and our healing will quickly appear;

then our righteousness will go before us,
and the glory of the LORD will be our rear guard.

C: The LORD will guide us always;

**he will satisfy our needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen our frame.**

**We will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.**

† THE INVOCATION

God, our God, You are light and love. We come before You now to be renewed in our service to You. We would lift up Your name in this place and Your Word in our hearts, that Your light might glow from within us. Visit us, now, and fill us. Make us resplendent with Your light that we might shine hope and love and vision into the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER

† THE HYMN OF PRAISE *The Light of the World Is Jesus*

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin- The Light of the world is Jesus; Like sunshine at noon-day His glory shone in- The Light of the world is Jesus.

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee! Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me; Once I was blind, but now I can see- The Light of the world is Jesus.

No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're told- The Light of that world is Jesus; The Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold- The Light of that world is Jesus.

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee! Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me; Once I was blind, but now I can see- The Light of the world is Jesus.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Bethany Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

† THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

THE SERMON

Lighting Up the World

Pastor Bob Arnold

(When we have fully embraced discipleship, we will give
off a natural light that will draw others to Christ.)

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

Here I Am, Lord

No. 452(vs. 1,3)

HEALING MINISTRY

WORSHIP THOUGH COMMUNION

† THE COMMUNION

In This Very Room

No. 295(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

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

Let the Whole Creation Cry-Hintz/Bach

† *Please stand as you are able*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ELDERS: Bodine Porter (C) Mike Harmon (B) **WORSHIP LEADER:** Keith Rutherford

GREETERS: Jennifer Howell

REFRESHMENTS: Dedication of the new Kitchen
George Myers and Kitchen Committee

PREPARER: Dottie Widmer

SERVING: Joyce & Bob Nenni
Ron & Peggy Williams

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

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES: Chris Marquez

PIANIST: Anna Longo

VIDEO: Ken Blystone

LAST SUNDAY RECAP

Attendance: 71

Tithes and Offerings: \$6,032.50

Noah's Nook's Rent: \$4,498.54

Build Rent: \$250.00

Total: \$12,716.04

Kitchen Remodeling: \$1,885.00

School Supplies TLC: \$20.00

Sunday School Offering: \$30.00

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.**

September 2 - no meeting

September 9 -Philippians 3:17-21

September 16 - Philippians 4:1-5

September 23 - Philippians 4:6-7

September 30 - Philippians 4:8-9



Thank God for Educators

On **Sunday, September 8th**, we will be having a special worship service devoted to honoring those who work in the education field. If you ever have worked in education or if you work in education now, we want this Sunday to be a very special day for you. We also encourage members to bring friends or associates who have served in education to worship with us on that day. Working in education is a great service to God, and we want to lift all who have served and are serving into the presence of God.

We also want to put a list in the bulletin for that Sunday of the educators present. If you could make sure that Samantha has your name, and when and where you have

served or are serving, we will make every effort to get a complete list in the bulletin. **Also, if you are bringing friend or associate educators, we want their information as well.** We don't want anyone to miss out on being honored. It's going to be a great day!

Bethany CC New Kitchen Capital Campaign Fund Drive

Today, will be “dedication Sunday”, when Pastor Bob will bless the pledge cards in our **new kitchen**, and refreshment will be served.

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, September 5, 11:30 a.m. at Peking Garden, 1810 Trawood.** A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for those interested. Our September's hosts are Dale Edens and Cornelia Ford. Hope to see you there!

Men's Meeting

The Men's gathering is on **Wednesday, September 4, 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.

Board Reports

Please get your board reports in by **Tuesday, September 10th.**

Advent Devotional Book Created by Bethany



Several years ago, members of Bethany wrote Advent devotions. These were collected and published in a booklet and they added greatly to a meaningful Advent Season. I still have my book. It's time to repeat that activity. Please take this opportunity to share your thoughts with the rest of us.

Jerry De Frank

Guide for Writing an Advent Devotion

The theme for our 2019 advent devotional is "Emmanuel: God is With Us" based on Matthew 1: 22-23.

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him, Emmanuel,' which means, "God is with us."

Was there a time when you had a special feeling that God was with you? Have you met some serious challenges along life's way that only could have been met with God's help and your faith? And what about the coming of Christ, the Christmas event, as a sign that God is with us all?

Please consider writing a short devotion and through it, to connect your Advent/Christmas experience to knowing that God is with you.

A devotion is simply a little sharing from the heart with a connection to a scripture passage. It is written for the purpose of inspiring us to have hope for each day through our faith in Christ. It begins with a scripture passage of one or two verses. In the body of the devotional, you can tell a story that relates to the passage and end it with the point you are wishing to make. A short prayer that is related to the story comes at the end.

Be yourself in writing a devotional. No need to be deeply theological or intellectual unless that is your style. Keep it short and to the point. And think about your friends at Bethany reading this and how they might benefit from it.

Please relate the writing to the season. Advent is the season of preparing for the coming of Christ. It begins Sunday December 1 and ends on December 22.

Your submissions should be turned in to the church office by November 17.

Below you will find some scripture passages often read on the Sundays during advent. Feel free to use one or part of one or better yet, find one on your own.

Advent Scripture Passages: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-36; 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13;

Luke 3: 1-6; Colossians 3: 12-17; Zephaniah 3: 14-20; Luke 3: 7-18; Philippians 4: 4-7;

Christmas Eve Passages: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-20

The office will be close **on Monday, September 2** in observance of Labor Day, regular buisness hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3.



Ladies, join us in the Meeting Room at **9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17**, for a planning session for our monthly meetings. Bring your ideas, suggestions, wishes and talents so we can plan an exciting year of worship and study together. See you on the 17th!

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Week Ending August 31

Melissa Wicker
(Dodie Wicker's
granddaughter)

Dodie Wicker

Christopher Hulsey
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's
grandson)

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's
son)

Sandra Blystone

Flora Smith

Carol Frank

Via Harmon
(Mike Harmon's mother)

Jason LHeureux

Glenda Koenigsberg

Dodie Wicker

Week Ending August 24

Christopher Hulsey
(Dennis & Beatriz
Ruffner's grandson)

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's
son)

Sandra Blystone

Rev. Kim Fields Haley
(Disciple Regional
Minister)

Sigrid Wertmann
(Skip Rutherford's sister)

Prayer to the family of Lea
Franklin

Gia Arnold

Carol Beatty

Sibyl Rappe

Missy Wicker
(Dodie Wicker's
granddaughter)

Carol Frank

First Christian Church

Luis Meza

Week Ending August 17

Scarlett Conner
(Dolores and Earl Conner's
granddaughter)

Jesse Canales
(Dodie Wicker's grandson)

Zachary Ruffner
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's
son)

Sandra Blystone

Christopher Marquez

Steve Nenni
(Bob & Joyce Nenni's son)

Lucy Snelson

Giovanna Arnold

Jo Hill
(Beatriz Ruffner's friend)

Christopher Hulsey
(Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's
grandson)

Bill Baldwin
(Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's
son)

Carol Frank

	<p>Lucy Snelson</p> <p>Rosalie Robbins</p> <p>Wes Morgan (Bob and Gia Arnold's friend)</p>	<p>Our Homebound and in Care Facilities:</p> <p>Alice McBee, Marvin Morris, Carol Hollshwandner</p> <p>Debbie Brooks (Dale Eden's friend)</p> <p>Gloria Holguin</p> <p>Sigrid Wertmann (Skip Rutherford's sister)</p> <p>Eddie Flores (Samantha Flores husband)</p> <p>Prayer to the family of Lea Franklin</p> <p>Kim (Paula Wulff's friend)</p> <p>Jose Lopez (Jennifer Howell's friend)</p> <p>Jennifer Howell</p>
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

September 1-7, 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

Office Closed	
Bible Study- No Meeting	
Boy & Cub Scout Meeting	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY

CAPERS	11:30 a.m.
Choir	6:30 p.m.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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

Lighting Up the World

Matthew 5:13-16

Introduction: What Are We to Do About a World Awash in Darkness?

Part One: We Ourselves Are Called to Give Off the Light of Christ

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world.

Part Two: True Disciples Cannot Help Shining Winsome Light

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Part Three: Too Many Hide the Light Under a basket

¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

Part Four: We Want to Be Intentional About Shining for God

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Conclusion: Let Us Shine the Light into the Darkness