

A dramatic landscape photograph featuring a dark cross standing on a dark, rocky hill. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright light source breaking through in the center, creating a strong backlighting effect and illuminating the clouds with a golden glow. The foreground shows a dark, textured surface, possibly a body of water or a field, reflecting the light from the sky.

But God proves his love
for us in that while we still
were sinners Christ died
for us.

Roman 5:8 NRSV

BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

“Where Blessings Happen”

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

March 1, 2020

10:45 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

THE GATHERING TIME

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

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE

Walk in the Light

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: Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless.

C: Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

L: All I want is Christ and to know that I belong to him.

C: All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised him to life.

L: I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven.

C: This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.

† THE INVOCATION

Our God and our Christ, we cherish and we worship You. We place You at the center of our hearts' devotions. Today, we would honor You and we would grow in Your likeness. Let all that would hinder us from a joyful audience with

You be put away forever. Bless now our worship with Your close and gracious presence. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE AND PRAYER

† **THE HYMN OF PRAISE**
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jesus Loves Me

No.113(all)

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Bethany Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH MEDITATION

† **THE SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Romans 5:6-8, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

THE SERMON

How Jesus Saves Us: Moral Influence 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** We've a Story to Tell to the Nations No.484(vs.1,4)
HEALING MINISTRY

WORSHIP THOUGH COMMUNION

† **THE COMMUNION**

The Old Rugged Cross

No.548(vs.1,4)

† **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

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

Christians, Dost Thou See Them- Dykes

† *Please stand as you are able*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ELDERS: Trish Baxter (C) Don Baxter (B)

WORSHIP LEADER: Keith Rutherford

GREETERS: Jerrilu Mallo

REFRESHMENTS: Dottie Widmer

PREPARER: Lola Mae Perry & Martha Morris

SERVING: Bob & Joyce Nenni

Ron & Peggy Williams, Luis Meza

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: 70

Tithes and Offering: \$1,916.00

Sunday School: \$5.00

Week of Compassion: \$472.00

Total: \$2,688.00

Kitchen Remodeling: \$145.00

Military Stick: \$150.00

Pastor Bob's Bible Study

The Gospel of John will wrap up on March 3, come and join us for our new session

Tuesday, March 17th at 1:30 p.m. There will be **no** Bible Study on **March 10th**.

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

March 2 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

March 9 - I Thessalonians 4:13-18

March 16 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-8

March 23 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 20-28

March 30 - 1 Corinthians 15:35-50

Deacon Chair

Bethany's new Deacon Chair is Donald Thompson.

FAITH COMES BY HEARING

The Bethany Christian Men's Fellowship is sponsoring the outreach program, "Military Bible Sticks," a small personal listening device with the Audio New Testament and selected Psalms. Again, this year we are asking for your help in purchasing Bible Sticks to be given to chaplains to give out to our troops. Whatever we provide, there is matching donor funds that can double our gifts. Each Bible stick is \$25.00. Please make

checks out to Bethany Christian Church. See Mike De Frank or Samantha if you have questions.

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, March 5th, 11:30 a.m. at Julio's, 8050 Gateway East**. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex for those interested. Our March's host is Tanya McCollum. Hope to see you there!

Men's Meeting

The Men's gathering is on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 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.

Thank You

Bethany Family,

I would like to thank you for the wonderful graduation celebration and gift, I love the devotional book! Every time I open it I think of how blessed I am to have a church family like all of you. In Christ, Jenny Rutherford

Welcome, Spring! Luncheon

On **March 22**, the Education and Evangelism Committees will host a potluck luncheon directly after worship. Please put the date on your calendar, and be sure to invite some friends as we welcome Spring in El Paso!

Board Reports & Meeting

Please turn in board reports by **Tuesday, March 10th**. Board Meeting will be held on **Sunday, March 15th** after service.

Disciples Women Meeting

The March meeting will be held on **March 17 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Meeting Room. The lesson will be on "God's Creation of Balance and Order." Bring scissors, a toilet paper or paper towel roll (without the toilet paper or paper towels) and some string. Hope to see you there!

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 February 29</u>	<u>Week Ending February 22</u>	<u>Week Ending February 15</u>
Carol Beatty	Ruben & Chris Martinez	Michelle Greasby
Lois Holt	Judy Dively	Giovanna Arnold
Dale Edens	Michelle Greasby	Wanda Gibbons
Judy Dively	Bob Snelson	Carol Frank
Michelle Greasby	Carol Frank	John Estes
Carol Frank	Wanda Gibbons	Rachael Mauldin
Wanda Gibbons	John Estes	Gloria Holguin
John Estes	Giovanna Arnold	Eric Chilson (Nancy & Fred Smith)
Virginia Moore	Rachael Mauldin	Christopher Hulsey (Dennis & Beatriz Ruffner's grandson)
Chrystal Espinosa (Dodie Wicker's granddaughter)	Gloria Holguin	Bill Baldwin (Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)
First Christian Church	Anne Angel (Giovanna Arnold's sister)	Eddie Flores (Samantha Flore's husband)
Sigrid Wertmann (Skip Rutherford's sister)	Sigrid Wertmann (Skip Rutherford's sister)	Hazel Thompson
Joey Merrifield (Lupe Diaz's nephew)	Dale Edens	Betty Peck
Terry Ladewig (Joyce & Bob Nenni's son- in-law)	David Kotter (George Myer's nephew)	Adam McNamee (Donald & Teresa Thompson's son-in-law)
Gloria Holguin	Bill Baldwin (Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)	
Bill Baldwin (Larry & Bonnie Baldwin's son)	Eric Chilson (Fred & Nancy Smith's son)	
	Christopher Hulsey	

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Sanctuary lighting
(Bob Nenni)

Don & Mare Roberts

Hazel Thompson

Virginia Moore

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Eddie Flores
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Our violent culture with its
lack of respect for the value
of life

Amber Lopez
(Dodie Wicker's granddaughter)

Carol Beatty

Judy Dively

David Kotter
(George Myer's nephew)

Samantha Flores

**Our Homebound and
in Care Facilities:**

Alice McBee, Marvin Morris,
Carol Hollshwandner,

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 1-7, 2019

SUNDAY:

Sunday Daycare	9:15 a.m.
Sunday School (adults)	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Elders Meeting	12:00 p.m.
Sun City bell Ringers	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY

Bible Study- Ecclesiastes 3:1-11	9:30 a.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

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

THURSDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

Romans 5:6-8, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 (NRSV)

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

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

How Jesus Saves Us: Moral Influence

Romans 5:6-8 & 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

I. Introduction: Christ Saves Us Through Moral Influence

II. Part One: Christ Demonstrates God's Love for Us (5:8)

III. Part Two: Christ's Love Compels Us (5:14a)

IV. Part Three: Therefore, We Die to Self-Centeredness (5:14b-15a)

V. Part Four: Then, We Live for Christ (5:15b)

VI. Conclusion: Let Us Share the Power of Christ