

Bethany Newscast—August 2023



August Birthdays

7th	Nala Austin	16th	Dan Heard
8th	Brian Meyer	21st	Ann Buckert
9th	Sheri Cox	22nd	Ben Stern
10th	Sue Heard	27th	Nancy Boner
14th	Keagan Rundle	29th	Mike Thomason, Jr.

August Anniversaries

11th	Betty & Ralph Barchet
14th	Travis & Danielle Russell
27th	John & Amie Rich

Serving in Worship



August 6

Liturgist: Danielle Russell
 Elder: Steve Appel
 CW&W (lead/asst): Danielle Russell/Barb Hester

August 13

Liturgist: Sue King
 Elder: Barb Hester
 CW&W (lead/asst): Whitney Wagler/Sheri Cox

August 20

Liturgist: John Rich
 Elder: Chris Gibson
 CW&W (lead/asst): Vanessa Wagler/Luke Wagler

August 27

Liturgist: Jean Page
 Elder: Tandy Jones
 CW&W (lead/asst): Barb Hester/Connie Helm

Bethany Christian Prayer List

Below are the people and families currently on the Bethany Christian Church prayer list. If you have prayer requests or would like to add or remove people from the list, email bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com or contact Bethany's secretary and bookkeeper, Dana Johnson, in the church office from 8:30a-12:30p.

Amber Adams & Family, Caroline Ashby, Stacy Baier, John Bunner, Stevie Chivlare, Bonnie Clancy, Dave Cox, Steve Cox, Ron Dennis, Family of Eilina Fox, Michelle Gilles, Pat Griffin, Cale Harper, Mary Jane Hunt, Katie Kelly, Ruth & Joe Lenko, Jeff Main, Shelly Main, Nancy McGuyer, Debbie Miller, Wes & JoAnn Mitchell, Ruth Paterson, Nancy Slaton, Sheila Smith, Peter Thorp, Myra Woolsey

Want to be a Bethany Pray-er?

If you would like to receive prayer concerns as they come in so you can pray about them before Sunday, please email Pastor Michelle at revmichellebrown@gmail.com or bethanychristianprayers@gmail.com.



learn the **word**
 live the **grace**
 share the **love**

Bethany Christian Church (DOC)
 601 E. Mill Rd, Evansville, IN 47711
 812-422-5439 (office)
 317-372-3926 / 812-909-8975 (pastor)
ahbethanycc@sige.com.net (office)
revmichellebrown@gmail.com (pastor)

Fellowship & Outreach Events

August 4, 6:00-9:00pmMatt Rundle & The Refugees Concert @ Patchwork Central
August 11, 6:00-10:00pmBoard Game Night
August 14 & 15, 6:30pmGreater Evansville Youth (BCC Snacks) @ Patchwork Central
August 24, 11:30amKeenagers

Vision & Mission—Building Bethany's Future with God



Those who know me well are familiar with my various passions. As a result of my experiences as a foster parent and church camp counselor, I feel strongly called to build supportive communities for at-risk children that continue to support them as adults. Bethany's drive to become an open and affirming congregation combined with the social justice environment of the United States has made me into an active ally for the LGBTQ+ community. The relationships I've built with people who have been traumatized by organized religion and judgmental theology have helped me to understand that the Church must fight the systems that have damaged so many people and turned them away from faith. These are the biggies for me, but I am only one person, and I can only hear God's call through my own ears. God speaks to all people, however, and Disciples of Christ theology upholds the idea of the priesthood of all believers. This means that for Bethany Christian Church to fulfill God's calling to its fullest extent, all members of the congregation must allow God to speak through them. During the July board meeting, the attendees voted to provide a "suggestion box" that will enable members of Bethany CC to share what they believe is Bethany's call from God. This "box" will also be accessible by email. The Strategic Planning Committee will read what the members offer and enter a prayerful discernment process to design a plan for accepting the mission God is setting before our congregation. I encourage you to pray for God to show you what to write so that Bethany will be able to envision and embrace the part of its mission seen through your eyes. Throughout the month of August, there will be times during worship when people will have opportunities to write a word (or words) that describe Bethany's calling and place these visions into a box. This box will also be available during church office hours, weekdays 8:30a-12:30p. You can also email the wisdom God has given to you to ctgibso@gmail.com.

Thank you and bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle".

Pastor Michelle



Candy Donations for Trunk or Treat

We're collecting candy from now until October 29 for this year's Trunk or Treat. Look for sales and buy in bulk! Our goal is 10,000 pieces for the kids of the community. Cash donations are also much appreciated! Thank you!

Bible Study Resumes in September

Beginning September 6, the church's study on Adam Hamilton's book *Making Sense of the Bible* will begin meeting at 10:00a and 7:30p each Wednesday. Discussion questions will be available online a week before each class and hardcopies will be available in the narthex on the Sunday prior to each class. Hope to see you there!!

Get ready! September is Stewardship Month!

August 2023

July '23							September '23						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1							1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
30	31												

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
30	10:30a - Worship (Rev. Sircnic preaching)	31		1		2		3		4		5	
			General Assembly - Pastor & others in Louisville			6p - Strategic Planning Meeting 7:45p - O & A Meeting		11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs		11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs		6-9p - Matt Rundle & the Refugees Concert (Patchwork)	
6	10:30a - Worship FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY Elder's Meeting (after worship)	7		8	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	9	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	10	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	11	9a-12p - Pastor Office Hrs	12	
13	10:30a - Worship	14	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	15	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	16	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	17	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	18	9a-12p - Pastor Office Hrs	19	
			6:30p - Greater Evansville Youth (BCC Snacks)		6:30p - Greater Evansville Youth (BCC Snacks)		6:30p - Choir Practice		6p - Pastoral Relations Committee Mtng		6-10p - Board Game Night		
20	10:30a - Worship B-DAY & ANNIV. SUNDAY 12p - Board Meeting (brown-bag lunch)	21		22	2-4p - Pastor Office Hrs	23	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs 6:30p - Choir Practice	24	11:30a - Keenagers 2-4p - Pastor Office Hrs	25	9a-12p - Pastor Office Hrs	26	
27	10:30a - Worship	28		29	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	30	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs 6:30p - Choir Practice	31	11a-2p - Pastor Office Hrs	1	9a-12p - Pastor Office Hrs	2	
3	10:30a - Worship FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY	4			Notes								

Searching for Stewardship

ABLE
 ABILITY
 ASSET
 BENEFIT
 BLESSING
 CALLING
 CAPABLE
 CHOICES
 COMMUNITY
 CONTRIBUTION
 ENOUGH
 FAITH
 FAITHFULNESS
 FUTURE
 GENEROSITY
 GIFT
 GIVING
 GRACE
 HOPE
 HOPEFUL
 LOVING
 MINISTRY
 MISSION
 MULTIPLY
 OFFERING
 OPTIONS
 PLANNING
 PLENTY
 PREPARATION
 PRIORITIES
 RESOURCES
 SACRIFICE
 SALVATION
 STEWARDSHIP
 THANKSGIVING
 TITHE
 TOGETHER
 TRUST
 VISION

E	A	R	I	O	T	N	S	A	E	O	I	G	T	S	N	I	A	E	C	N
S	T	N	A	S	S	E	T	R	T	R	I	L	O	S	E	C	I	O	H	C
O	N	C	E	R	E	S	L	C	R	V	S	O	T	P	I	H	S	R	O	W
E	T	L	I	I	U	R	A	O	I	L	N	L	G	C	E	L	O	N	I	R
A	H	I	A	R	T	I	C	N	O	I	T	A	R	A	P	E	R	P	E	S
N	A	R	T	S	L	E	G	T	A	L	X	I	A	S	T	E	N	R	E	W
S	N	M	U	L	T	I	P	L	Y	S	I	A	C	R	L	H	R	I	O	E
T	K	E	C	A	P	A	B	L	E	C	P	I	E	S	T	T	E	O	R	L
E	S	C	N	O	E	O	A	L	E	I	O	N	I	E	O	I	R	R	O	L
I	G	R	C	T	N	I	V	E	I	N	T	L	G	N	G	T	L	I	S	N
N	I	O	O	S	A	T	E	N	A	O	T	O	N	Y	E	S	O	T	N	E
S	V	I	G	E	N	E	R	O	S	I	T	Y	T	C	T	R	C	I	C	S
E	I	E	I	A	R	N	E	I	N	A	C	I	E	I	H	S	L	E	A	S
T	N	A	F	I	C	O	A	S	B	A	N	S	R	O	E	C	L	S	N	E
L	G	O	T	P	T	U	R	S	O	U	S	A	S	F	R	O	T	S	I	C
N	O	I	S	I	V	G	N	I	M	E	T	C	A	R	T	L	I	A	E	R
L	N	O	L	H	I	H	T	M	N	A	B	I	L	I	T	Y	O	E	I	U
U	O	Y	T	S	R	L	O	E	I	S	T	R	O	S	R	A	P	N	T	O
F	C	S	L	D	E	C	L	O	A	H	S	C	L	N	E	L	T	A	N	S
E	L	B	A	R	T	O	N	I	F	U	T	U	R	E	A	S	I	V	L	E
P	T	E	O	A	H	E	S	U	T	O	L	R	T	N	I	T	O	A	O	R
O	A	N	R	W	S	A	L	V	A	T	I	O	N	S	C	T	N	T	I	N
H	A	C	L	E	A	N	C	E	C	Y	E	I	V	V	N	X	S	I	A	E
E	T	L	E	T	E	I	O	A	R	O	N	E	S	I	T	R	T	F	R	I
B	L	E	S	S	I	N	G	T	R	G	C	A	E	S	N	S	M	E	E	S
A	O	S	S	O	L	C	S	A	E	I	F	A	E	S	L	G	T	N	N	A
S	R	N	O	E	A	I	N	Z	N	S	A	C	R	I	F	I	C	E	A	C
C	A	L	L	I	N	G	N	L	N	E	I	R	N	O	I	T	R	B	R	S
O	C	G	N	I	R	E	F	F	O	L	T	E	O	N	S	E	O	I	N	L
L	I	L	M	C	T	S	C	S	A	R	H	T	A	E	L	R	O	O	I	E

WELLNESS

WHOLENESS

WORSHIP