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Newsletter

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**Welcome!**

We are very thankful to have you with us. God has a plan and you being at Bethany is part of that. If you are a first-time guest please stop by the Welcome Center, and give us the opportunity to meet you! Your presence is welcomed and we encourage you to join us again to discover the difference God can make in your life.

Pastor Mark Reynolds

**Toddler Room Reveal**

Sunday, April 2

The Toddler Room is having a *Ribbon Cutting Ceremony* to reveal the remodeling and updates that have taken place following the 11 a.m. service. Stop by for some refreshments and see how the room has been upgraded to a clean and safe environment geared to meet the specific needs of ages 18 months to 3 years. Many thanks to Bethany's handy Trustees and Volunteers who have been able to make these updates for the young ones.

**Kids Musical**

Star Quest, April 9

On Palm Sunday at 11 a.m. Bethany Kids will be performing the musical "Star Quest." Come see our young people as they highlight the scriptures on their journey through space; emphasizing the importance of memorizing God's Word and sharing it with others. Don't miss this chance to see the children share their talents and love of Christ.

**Events This Month**

- Apr 2 Baptism Class  
Communion AM
- Apr 4 Tuesday Ladies-New Bible Study begins
- Apr 5 Men's Luncheon
- Apr 6 Single Seniors Luncheon
- Apr 9 Donut Sunday  
Kids Musical "Star Quest"
- Apr 14 Good Friday Service
- Apr 16 Easter Sunday, Baptism, Egg Hunt (K-6th)
- Apr 26 PrimeTimes Event
- Apr 28-29 Men's Conference
- Apr 30 Quarterly Business Meeting

**Friday, April 14 7 p.m.**

Continuing the Journey to the Cross

Good Friday, a time to remember and reflect upon what God did to redeem us and what Jesus went through to bring us to God. We hope that you will use this opportunity to invite your family and friends to this special remembrance as we continue our journey to the cross where Jesus died.

**Sunday, April 16 11 a.m.**

Easter, we will celebrate the Risen Savior, with a grand celebration praising the Resurrected Christ. Some people will be honoring Him that day through baptism; others will be joining the church. And there will also be an Easter Egg hunt for the children up to 6th grade.

**APRIL Memory Verse**

Jesus called out with a loud voice,

**"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."**

When he had said this, he breathed his last. Luke 23:46

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Spring Weekly Schedule

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>
9:45 a.m. Connection Classes for All Ages Nursery through Adults	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service	1:00 p.m. Quilting Time
Childcare & Kidz Konnection (Nursery to 6th grades)	<u>Wednesday</u>
6:00 p.m. Worship Service	7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Youth Groups, Moms Connect, Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m. CrossRoads (18-29 year olds)	<u>Thursday</u>
<u>Monday</u>	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	<u>Saturday</u>
	8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

Baptism

April 2 Class & April 16 Service

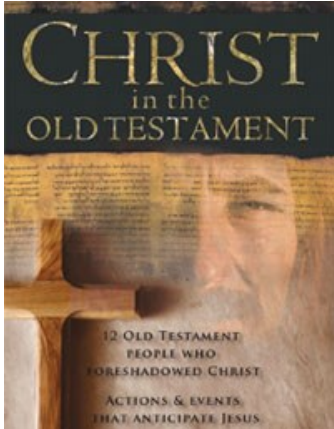
Why should I be baptized and what's the big deal about baptism? On Sunday, April 2, @ 9:45 a.m. in the conference room, a class will be held to answer all of your questions on baptism. For those who desire to be baptized, a baptismal service will take place on Easter Sunday, April 16, during the 11 a.m. service. If you have any questions or are interested in baptism, please call the church office (586) 791-1190.



Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

April 4 @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us as we begin a new study on "Christ in the Old Testament." We will explore the lives of 13 biblical people who "prefigured" Christ. Throughout the Old Testament, God provided "saviors" for the people of Israel who would foreshadow the true, eternal Savior yet to come. Understanding stories such as Joseph or Abraham and how they point to Christ helps us trust in God's provision and wisdom in all things. During this study, we will examine types, parallels, and illustrations of Jesus throughout the Old Testament, including people such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Melchizedek, Joseph, King David, and many others. When viewed through the prism of Christ's life, death and resurrection, these Old Testament characters and their roles in biblical history take on new dimensions.



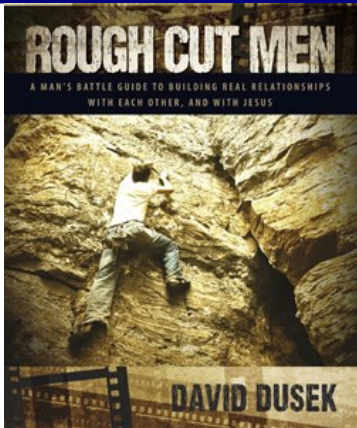
Men's Conference

April 28-29

Real Men, Real Life, Real Impact – What do NASCAR, the United States military, and churches around the world have in common? There's Christian men, and then there's Rough Cut Men!

'Rough Cut Men' is not a program or a presentation or a Bible Study. We have enough "programs" to last until Jesus comes back and we sure don't need another one. This two-day conference is for men from all walks of life: every age, color, denomination, status and region. Men will see that when they are over-committed or over-burdened their lives can come to a screeching halt as they sit captivated by the screen in front of them. They will laugh, they will cry, they ponder the similarities between the characters and their own life. When we realize that we are not alone in our own walled-in world; these walls are going to come down with the help of ROUGH CUT MEN.

Register on line for this two day event at [www.roughcutmendetroit.org](http://www.roughcutmendetroit.org) cost is \$30/\$20(veterans.)



Souled Out On Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

There is no other place that JR HI and SR HI students should be every Wednesday night because that's when Souled Out is happening! JR HI meets in the teen room while the SR HI gather in the Fireside Room. Each week is another opportunity to build relationships with each other and with the God who not only made us, but loves us so much! It is a place for friends to come and explore what life can be like when we live it Jesus' way. Each night can have some crazy games, perhaps some food, a time where we try to put together real pieces of our lives (the things we wonder about, struggle with, and need to learn more about) and bring them to the God who is writing our story each and every day. Don't miss a single week!

JR/SR HI Game Night

April 22, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Every JR & SR HI Student and their friends are invited to a night of playing two unique games: 9 Square in the Air and Gagaball. 9 Square, is a fast moving and fun combination of volleyball and the classic playground game Four Square. Gagaball, is a close quarters game of trying to keep a ball from hitting you below the waist while others swat it towards you, all contained inside 8 long tables turned on their sides to provide walls. This event is free and is a great opportunity to invite friends that may not normally come to church. All the action starts at 7 p.m. and is over by 10 p.m.

Kids Camp Volunteers

June 26-30, 9 a.m.-Noon

If you are currently in 8th grade or above, you are eligible to be a volunteer for our annual Kids Camp which takes place on June 26-30. You can help out in the tech booth running sound, assist in one of the teaching or video rooms, be a crew leader or assistant crew leader, be a part of the rec staff planning games and so much more. All you need to do is talk with any member of the Kids Camp planning team and let them know that you are willing to help. If you have any questions, see any of the Team Leaders—Kathy Tucker, Kathleen Bard, Aimee Kane, Robyn Miller or Pastor Mike.

Souled Out Online

If you are looking for information about Souled Out and the events that we are doing, you've got two great sources: Facebook and the church website. While there may be several down sides to Facebook, one of the good things is that it allows us to quickly get detailed information out to everyone about upcoming events. That same information will also always be placed on our church website. The Facebook address is [facebook.com/SouledOutBBC](https://facebook.com/SouledOutBBC) and the website address is [connect2bethany.org/#/connectbethany/teens](http://connect2bethany.org/#/connectbethany/teens). We also have an Instagram page. Just search for "souledout4.6" to find it.



Dates To Save

Spring and summer events that are right around the corner and will be here before you know it. Make sure to jot them down in your calendars so you won't miss a single event!

May 13 – SR HI Event  
June 11 – Graduation Sunday 11AM  
June 22 – SR HI & College Cedar Point  
June 26-30 - Kids Camp Week  
July/Aug 2017 – Manitoulin Island  
Mission Trip (date TBD)

July 19-24 – SR HI & College Alive  
Music Festival  
Aug 7-8 – JR HI Michigan Adventure  
Aug 15-17 – SR HI Summer Games



## Upcoming Events

### May 2017

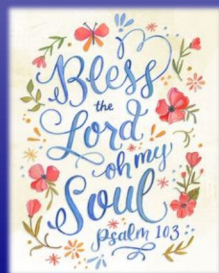
- 3 Men's Luncheon
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 7 Choir Concert AM  
Communion PM
- 11 Single Seniors Luncheon
- 14 Mother's Day  
Donut Sunday
- 17 PrimeTimers
- 29 Memorial Day

### June 2017

- 4 Communion AM
- 7 Men's Luncheon
- 8 Single Seniors Luncheon
- 11 Graduation Sunday  
Donut Sunday  
Summer Film Fest PM
- 17 Gleaners Outreach
- 18 Father's Day
- 20 PrimeTimers
- 21 26-30Kids Camp/Five Day  
Frenzy

### July 2017

- 2 Communion AM
- 5 Men's Luncheon
- 6 Single Seniors Luncheon
- 9 Donut Sunday
- 16 Summer Film Fest PM
- 19 Teen Alive Music Festival  
PrimeTimers Annual Picnic
- 30 Quarterly Business Meeting



## April Birthdays

- 1 Robert Schmidt
- 2 Barbara Bauman, **Dan M**, Ty Voigt
- 3 Ruth Bruder, Sharon Maher
- 4 **Bob Walsh**
- 9 Christine Arbitter, Joan Bonk,  
James Dolan
- 10 Alisha Manzella
- 11 **Kathleen Silverthorn**
- 12 Linda Abbate
- 14 **Lucy J.**, Jay Sumner
- 15 **Rhys J.**, **Karis J.**, Sylvia Laws,  
Shirley MacPhee
- 17 Beth Dolan, **Rhys J Jr.**
- 18 Kathy Lattanzi, Monica Loving
- 22 Leona Brown, Jan McLaughlin
- 24 Sandy Aune
- 25 Mike Clauson, April Vander Veen, Terri White
- 26 Shirley Deacon, Betty Reagan
- 28 Wendy Washburn
- 29 **Lois Walsh**
- 30 **Marge Crumley**, Dawn Wolf, Janet Zilafro



### COLOR CODE

**Child of Missionary** **Missionary** **Shut-In**

To ensure those whose names are color-coded receive their cards, please use the postal service.

## April Anniversaries

- 4 William & Ann Swanson 1953
- 5 **Tim & Katie Cole** 1980
- 15 **James & Wilma Harmon** 1950
- 16 Brian & Lillie Ball 1994
- 22 Scott & Marlene Bruder 1995
- 26 Doug & Fransie Crouch 1969,  
Bill & Shirley MacPhee 1947



## The Coin Toss

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend.

"Well, I had to toss it 35 times."



## Missionary of the week, April 2017

**Apr 2 – Ben & Elizabeth Hagerup** – Ben is the COO, Director of Campus Ministry, Director of Pioneering working with DiscipleMakers (DM) in Pennsylvania. DM is working on several college campuses and is looking to add even more campuses as God provides staff. Elizabeth is home schooling six children (two in high school, one autistic, one with ADHD and a toddler.) Please pray for the Hagerups.

**Apr 9 – Dawn Strauss** – Now retired, Dawn lives in California. Previously, she and her late husband Harvey worked at Alaska Bible College. Later, they were area representatives and recruiters for SEND, International, where her son, Scott, is a missionary with SEND, International.

**Apr 16 – Rhys & Becky John** – Rhys oversees the DiscipleMakers ministries on the main Penn State campus and one branch campus. He trains and discipless student leaders. There are about 30 weekly Bible Studies, and 100+ students involved in their weekly group meeting, which involves many international students. Rhys and Becky have four children (ages 4 to 10). They are asking for prayer for their family as they point their children to Christ and parent them wisely. Pray also that they will remain faithful to the Lord and not be distracted by the world.

**Apr 23 – Barbara Blackburn** – Has worked for many years with the Blaen tribe in the Philippines translating the Bible and many churches have been planted as a result of that work. She is rejoicing that the Blaen Bible has been reprinted and is now working on a Bible Dictionary. Barb and her partner, Mary Rhea (ray) continue to work, even though both are in poor health and live in NC near the SIL International Headquarters.

**Apr 30 – Marge Crumley** – Bethany has supported her since 1969. She and her late husband, Glenn, ministered in the Congo for several decades until their retirement in 1990. Marge is now in poor health and lives with a friend in Madison Heights. She appreciates your cards and prayers.

### Bethany's Mission Team Goal

... to equip and enable members and friends of Bethany to be personally involved in obeying the Great Commission  
... to provide a support system for our missions families who are following the Lord in reaching out into the world.

## Greetings from Tuscany...

Missionaries, Phil and Cati Deacon

Since the last time we wrote, God has multiplied our ministry greatly. THANK YOU for your prayers and intercession as we fight for God's will to be done here, as it is in His kingdom! We are studying the book of Acts and after reading the powerful explanation of Peter, when the Holy Spirit united the first church, I thought of you giving what you have to those family members in need (Acts 2:44-47). "Bethany sent \$2200 in assistance."

Pray as we search for a new place to meet as our present one is too small!! God has called our church to start a youth club in town called ROCK SOLID which meets twice a month. We've also joined a national Evangelical Scouts ministry that meets once a month and has grown to 27 kids, ages 7-14, from around the area. Caty has most weekends full until July, cooking at the Christian camp for groups that join us in reaching Italy for Christ. In two weeks, a short term mission team from Arkansas will join us going into the public schools, with the excuse of English and cultural exchange, to share the Gospel. Guests from Italy and around the world continually join us around the table!

As far as the loft, God has faithfully provided!!! A friend of the family will be building it for us in the next couple months! Thank you for your prayers, intercession, patience and financial support! We are excited to finally see this project get off the ground and take form!

Again, we hope to host you some day when you feel the need to unplug. You can reach us, Phil and Cati Deacon at: [mrfilega76@gmail.com](mailto:mrfilega76@gmail.com) 1 Peter 2:11-17





## Ministry Opportunities

The Missions Team is excited to announce ministry options for the whole family. In March, we began collecting for *Operation Christmas Child* 2017. Coming up in June, families can sign-up to help at the *Gleaners Food Bank*. The challenge is to be involved in new missions and outreaches to the local community. It is thrilling that so many families, groups, and individuals can take part in these endeavors. See the Welcome Center or web page for more information.



## Kids Camp 2017

June 26-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors, discovering they're lovingly crafted by God and made for a purpose. Kids will get to be inventors and engage in experiments in the Imagination Station. They'll discover other kids who are living out their faith in real ways each day. But most importantly, kids will learn how God has designed each one of them for a unique purpose. Look for our pre-registration, which will be starting soon.



Adults, imagine being a part of that too! Parents and volunteers are needed to make Kids Camp a success. Please see Kathy Tucker or Pastor Mike Miller to volunteer for 2017 Kids Camp.

## Five Day Frenzy



Five Day Frenzy is a daily week long event focused on 6th & 7th grade students. The goal of FDF is to create a fun and engaging environment for students to grow spiritually with God and relationally with each other.

Cost is \$10 for the week or \$3 each day. This includes snacks, transportation and daily supplies. Each day students receive points that could earn them a free overnight trip to Michigan's Adventure theme park in August.

## Time to Register for CAMP!

It's time to start planning for summer events. Bethany will be taking young people in grades 3-9 the week of August 13-18 to Center Lake Bible Camp. Registration is now open, and if you register early, your camper will receive extra spending money at the 'Camp Store.'

Young people have also been able to earn scholarship money towards Summer Camp from Bethany (maximum amount of \$150). They can still earn money by attending Sundays and Wednesday night clubs, bringing their Bible, and memorizing verses thru April 2017.

The scholarship dollars can be used toward any of the following four camps or Alive Music Festival:

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| 1. Center Lake Bible Camp ( <a href="http://www.centerlake.org">www.centerlake.org</a> )  | 4. Camp Kaskitowa ( <a href="http://www.campK.net">www.campK.net</a> ). |
| 2. Barakel ( <a href="http://www.campbarakel.org">www.campbarakel.org</a> )               | 5. Alive Music Festival   |
| 3. Camp CedarRidge ( <a href="http://www.campcedarridge.org">www.campcedarridge.org</a> ) | (July 19-24 Teens only; see Pastor Mike for more info)                  |

## PrimeTimers April Event (ages 50+)

April 26

The afternoon begins with lunch at Fuddruckers, and then on to Meadow Brook Theatre for the musical play featuring music by Irving Berlin 'I LOVE A PIANO.'

Sign up and pay Sheryl MacPhee at the Welcome Center. After March 26, tickets will be subject to availability. If you want to ride the bus for this event, be at the church by 11:15 am.



# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> 8am Men's Bible Study	
	<b>2</b> 9:45am - Baptism Class Connection Classes 11am-Worship Service Communion 3:30pm CE Committee Meeting 6pm-Evening Service 7pm-CrossRoads	<b>3</b> 7pm Celebrate Recovery Missions Team Meeting	<b>4</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Quilting Time	<b>5</b> 11:30am Men's Luncheon 6pm Kids Rehearsal Actors Only 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Wednesday Programs	<b>6</b> 12:30 pm Single Senior Lunch 7pm Choir Practice	<b>8</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 9-11am Kids Complete Cast/ Dress Rehearsal
<b>9</b> Palm Sunday 9am-Donut Sunday 9:45am- Connection Classes 11am-Kids Musical 3:30pm-Youth Discipleship Team Meeting 6pm-Evening Service 7pm-CrossRoads	<b>10</b> 7pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>11</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Quilting Time 6pm Prayer for the Nation 7pm Deacons Meeting	<b>12</b> 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Wednesday Programs	<b>13</b> 7pm Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 7pm Good Friday Service	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Easter Sunday 9:45am- Connection Classes 11am-Worship Service Baptism No Evening Service	<b>17</b> 7pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>18</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Quilting Time	<b>19</b> 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Wednesday Programs	<b>20</b> 7pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8am Men's Bible Study 9am Trustee Work Day
<b>23</b> 9:45am- Connection Classes 11am-Worship Service 6pm-Evening Service 7pm-CrossRoads	<b>24</b> 7pm Celebrate Recovery	<b>25</b> 9:30am Ladies Bible Study 1pm Quilting Time 6pm Prayer for the Nation 7pm Trustees Meeting	<b>26</b> 11:15am PrimeTimers Trip to Meadow Brook Theatre 7pm Bible Study & Prayer, Wednesday Programs	<b>27</b> 7pm Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:45am- Connection Classes 11am-Worship Service 6pm-Evening Service CrossRoads 7pm-Quarterly Business Meeting						