

# Newsletter



## Welcome!

We are very thankful for all of you and want you to know that God has a plan for each of us, and we feel that you being here at Bethany is part of that plan. Your presence is welcomed and we encourage you to continue to join us. We also are praying that together each one will REACH to the challenge and 'grow deeper to reach further.' When you are willing to be a part, it will not only help you produce fruit in your own life, but it makes an impact on others. Let's all show others as we serve that we can make an impact and difference where God leads us. Please continue the journey with us!

Pastor Mark Reynolds

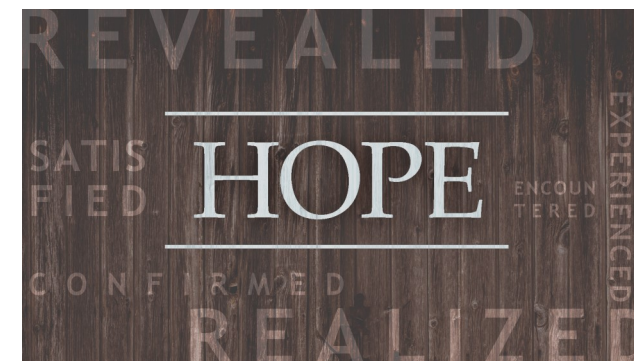
## Psalm 119:48-52

48 I reach out for your commands, which I love, that I may meditate on your decrees.  
49 Remember your word to your servant, for you have given me hope.  
50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.  
51 The arrogant mock me unmercifully, but I do not turn from your law.  
52 I remember, LORD, your ancient laws, and I find comfort in them.

## April Sermon Series

### HOPE

Hope, at a time when the world greatly needs it, Jesus provides it. Far beyond sickness and disease, all the way to death, Jesus brings hope to a desperate world. A world so focused on itself that it doesn't realize its need for Christ. This Easter season we share Hope through the words of Christ on the cross and how his words touched the hearts and lives of those who listen. We want to encourage you to join us each week as we stream the messages live at [www.connect2bethany.org](http://www.connect2bethany.org). If you miss one or would like to share it with someone else, they can also watch previous messages online. While we do want you to stay safe and stop the spread of the corona virus, we want to encourage you to spread the good news of Easter and the hope that we have because of Christ.



## Good Friday Service

We will be Live Streaming our Good Friday Service on Friday, April 10 at 6:00 pm. During this service, we will be having individuals and families partaking of communion in their homes. The service will also include videos from the Skit Guys that go along with our Easter series on Hope. Let others know about this great opportunity to remember Christ's sacrificial love for us on Good Friday.

## Prayer Chain/Updates

If you would like to get regular updates and prayer requests, join Bethany's prayer chain! It is a great way to get involved and stay informed. The church uses this to send out prayer requests from our members and regular attenders. Not only that, but there are Daily Hope emails, reminders, updates, and invites that go out periodically as well. Here are some ways to sign up...

- Go to Bethany's webpage: [www.connect2bethany.org](http://www.connect2bethany.org)
- Call the church office: 586-791-1190

PRAYER & UPDATES

## Tithes & Offering

Those who are on a fixed or steady income we encourage you to continue to give to the Lord, either by mailing in your tithes and offerings or dropping them off at the church during business hours, Monday – Friday, 10 am – 2 pm.

**Electronic giving** is also available through the website [here](#).

**Text to give**, simply text the amount you would like to give to the number 84321 and it will direct you on how you can give to Bethany through a text message. A short video is available at [this link](#). If you have any problems signing up electronically, don't hesitate to contact the church office at 586-791-1190.

## April Birthdays

- 1 Robert Schmidt
- 2 Barbara Bauman, [Dan M.](#)
- 3 Ruth Bruder, Sharon Maher
- 4 [Bob Walsh](#)
- 5 Tyler Reed
- 9 James Dolan
- 11 [Kathleen Silverthorn](#)
- 12 Linda Abbate
- 14 [Lucy J.](#)
- 15 [Rhys J.](#), [Karis J.](#), Sylvia Laws, Shirley MacPhee
- 17 Beth Dolan, [Rhys J Jr.](#)

- 18 Monica Loving
- 20 Ella Baker
- 22 [Leona Brown](#), Jan McLaughlin
- 23 Patty Geoddeke
- 24 Sandy Aune
- 25 Michael Clauson, April Robbins, Terri White
- 26 Shirley Deacon, Betty Reagan, Chris Winter
- 28 Wendy Washburn
- 29 Nathan Garcia, [Lois Walsh](#)
- 30 [Marge Crumley](#), Dawn Wolf, Janet Zilafro

## April Anniversaries

- 4 William & Ann Swanson 1953
- 5 [Tim & Katie Cole](#) 1980
- 22 Scott & Marlene Bruder 1995
- 26 Doug & Fransie Crouch 1969, Bill & Shirley MacPhee 1947

### COLOR CODE

[Missionary](#) [Child of Missionary](#) [Shut-In](#)

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

## Bunches of Lunches Update

### Rainbow Elementary

Thank you for all who contributed in our outreach to Rainbow Elementary. Whether you donated food or money, moved or sorted food, packed bags, delivered lunches, or prayed, you played a huge part in all of this coming together so well. We also want to give praise and glory to God, who continues to show Himself to us and go before us. We were able to pack and deliver two weeks' worth of meals to 73 children and their families. Please continue to pray for everyone in our community, especially during this time.



## Daily Bread, Tracts, and Bibles

We have resources available for you at Bethany. If you would like Our Daily Bread booklet, a Bible, Easter tracts and/or regular tracts, we have some available for you at the church Welcome Center. You can pick one up during our office hours: Monday – Friday, 10 pm – 2 pm.



## Royal Ambassadors Live Stream on Wednesdays

The Royal Ambassadors are Live Streaming their Wednesday Night youth groups every Wednesday! They have a Facebook group called Royal Ambassadors - Bethany Church, Clinton Township, MI. They do a Live Stream every Wednesday at 6:00 pm. This is for all boys in 1st-6th grade. To find this Facebook group, do a search for "Royal Ambassadors Clinton Township" and it should pop up.



## RightNow Media

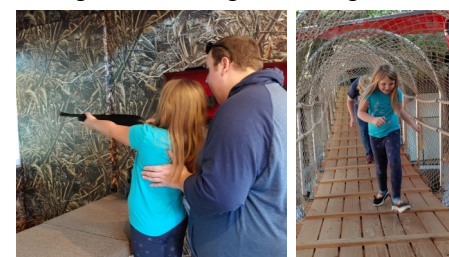
RightNow Media has a huge library with thousands of video sessions that people can access anytime and anywhere. Their creative team films and produces RightNow Media Originals featuring teachings from respected teachers and pastors. They have 10,000+ Bible Study videos and resources from over 150 leading Christian publishers and ministries. As a member of Bethany, you can access this precious resource. To gain access, contact the church office at 586-791-1190, or email [makenna@connect2bethany.org](mailto:makenna@connect2bethany.org) for an email invite. Then proceed to follow the steps online, and you will have this valued information at your fingertips.



## Youth Trips

### Center Lake Bible Camp

Our 4th-6th graders had a chance to spend a weekend in February deepening their relationships with God at Center Lake Bible Camp, along with being blessed by the Word of God. Both groups from GEMS and RA enjoyed building forts, cross country skiing, snow ball fights, tubing, and much more!



### GEMS Guys and Gals Event

GEMS had a chance to spend time with their dads at the Michigan Outdoors Adventure in Detroit for our annual Guys and Gals event. The girls and their dads had a great time together, even though the numbers were low. They climbed trees, learned about slimy creatures, and saw a real plane in the trees! It was a great way to spend a few hours on that Saturday. Thanks for all who were able to enjoy!

## Missions

### Samaritan's Purse

Last week we received a phone call from Denise Jewel, the Church Relations Coordinator for the Operation Christmas Child division of Samaritan's Purse. Denise coordinates the Operation Christmas Child activities for the counties of Macomb, Oakland, Genesee, and Shiawassee. She called to thank us for the 385 boxes we packed last year. She said that as a result of our generosity and that of the churches in the four county area 36,660 shoeboxes were sent worldwide, contributing to 10.5 million gospel opportunities. We are excited that we have the opportunity to reach boys and girls for Jesus in this way. Thank you for your support of this ministry.



## PrimeTimer's

### Update

I hope you all are enjoying your time at home. As you may have figured out by now, the PrimeTimers DIA outing for April has been canceled. At this time, we have no idea when our monthly activities will resume. We have talked to Diamond Tours and our September trip to Branson is still on the calendar. Your PT committee is carefully monitoring things and will report to you, via our website, when activities are able to continue. Our website is [www.bethanyprimetimers.com](http://www.bethanyprimetimers.com). Who knows, if we can figure out how to do it, we just may invite you to participate in a video conference type Yahtzee game. Stay safe until then and God bless all of you.



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Bethany has been established on the corner of 15 Mile Road and Beaconsfield since **1956**, and has a rich heritage that involves Christ followers who are devoted to seeking the will of God. We know it is no accident that we have been placed on this corner and we strive to reach out to our community with the love of Christ.