

The Bethany Blueprint



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And they said, "Let us rise up and build."
So they strengthened their hands
for the good work (Nehemiah 2:18).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, November 14

6:30 p.m.-Nursery/
Mission Friends/BSM
(Bethany Student Ministry)
6:30-Prayer Mtg.

Thursday, November 15

8 a.m.-Men's Bible Study
(Church Parlor)
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-
Mother's Day Out (MDO)
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.-Bethany
Friendship Quilters

Sunday, November 18

8:45 a.m.-Prayer at the Altar
9:15-Sunday School
10:30-Morning Worship
12:30 p.m.-Korean Church
4:15-6:15-Adult Worship
Choir Practice
6:30-Quarterly Member
Business Mtg.,
with budget vote

Tuesday, November 20

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-MDO

Wednesday, November 21

(No p.m. meetings
or activities)

Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23

(All church offices closed
for the Thanksgiving
holidays)

Sunday, November 25

8:45 a.m.-Prayer at the Altar
9:15-Sunday School
10:30-Morning Worship
12:30 p.m.-Korean Church

Tuesday, November 27

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-MDO

Wednesday, November 28

6:30 p.m.-Nursery/
Mission Friends/BSM
6:30-Prayer Mtg.
7:40-Adult Worship
Choir Practice

Thursday, November 29

8 a.m.-Men's Bible Study
9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-MDO
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.-Quilters

Sunday, December 2

8:45 a.m.-Prayer at the Altar
9:15-Sunday School
10:30-Morning Worship
12:30 p.m.-Korean Church
4:15-Adult Worship
Choir Practice

(Disciple-Connect Groups
meet at various times
throughout the month.)

Ken's Pen

Dear Bethany Family,

I am thankful for all that took place during our International Missions Festival this past weekend. The reports we heard should prompt us to faithful action. Our first action should be praise to God. We should praise Him for the great work He is doing through gospel soldiers He has sent to the nations. We should praise Him for the pastors around the world who are receiving theological training in places where they had none. We should praise Him for the advancement of His kingdom in this world.



Along with praise to God, our action should be glad obedience to send and/or go as gospel soldiers to the end of the earth. Our Lord's Great Commission to us is clear. We are to make disciples of all nations. That word, all, means we are called to reach the nations in our land and the nations on the other side of the globe. Obedience means taking the gospel to our own community. There should be no unreached people in our own communities because we are here with the gospel. But there are unreached people in so many other places around the world who have zero access to the gospel. No one is among them to tell them about Jesus. Obedience means a glad sacrifice on our part to change that reality!

Prayer is the foremost work to be done. We must persevere in prayer for the Lord of the harvest to send out workers to empower the ministry of our missionary partners on the field. We must then be willing to be used by God in His answer to our prayer—to send more missionaries by giving sacrificially. **The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is one of the primary ways that we can do so. One hundred percent of that offering goes to send and equip Southern Baptist missionaries to reach the unreached.** Here are some examples of what your gifts through Lottie Moon can do:

Give \$2,000 to cover a missionary's vaccinations in preparation for the field.
Give \$600 to cover a two-week intensive language study for a missionary.

Give \$60 to purchase Bible-study materials for new-believer classes.

Give \$2,500 to cover one year of homeschool supplies for missionary kids.

Give \$500 to buy leader-training manuals for local believers.

Give \$39 to buy one week of meals for a refugee family.

Give \$3,000 to cover the production of a gospel film in a new language.

Three years ago, Bethany gave \$16,604 to the Lottie Moon Offering. Two years ago: \$16,681. Last year, we gave \$17,435. **Our church goal again this year is this: obedience and sacrifice.** What will we give, church family? What will we sacrifice to send more gospel soldiers? Let's be devoted together to pray and obey. And may our precious Savior be made known to all nations.

Until the whole world hears, *Ken*

NEWS + NOTES =

•We are greatly increasing the emphasis on our Christmas Celebration event as an evangelism tool, and need your assistance!

—We need everyone to participate in distributing fliers to friends and neighbors. These will be available each Sunday following the morning service.

—We are using Facebook and Twitter to help get the word out. Please "Share" the Facebook posting on your page, and re-Tweet! (For Facebook, click on "Share," and select "Share as Post.") Also, please choose "Interested" and "Going."

—The banner we have erected at the street should attract a great many viewings due to the high traffic volume.

—We are in the process of notifying other churches and inviting their people to come. Please ask how you can help.

•Our ushers, greeters, and their alternates will meet—immediately after our Morning Worship service—in the Fellowship Hall for approximately fifteen minutes this coming Sunday, November 18.

•Copies of Bethany's proposed 2019 budget are on the table across from the office. We will consider this budget and vote on it at our upcoming quarterly member business meeting at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday, November 18.

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AT A GLANCE

<i>Weekly Budget Needs</i>	\$ 4,557.69
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018:	
Weekly Budget Offering	\$11,834.00
Designated Offering	\$ 1,030.90
<i>Attendance: Sunday School 54 / Morning Worship 71</i>	
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018:	
Weekly Budget Offering	\$2,971.00
Designated Offering	\$ 745.15
<i>Attendance: Sunday School 48 / Morning Worship 86</i>	
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Given to "I Love Bethany"	\$ 100.00
"I Love Bethany" Fund Balance	\$9,602.72

Our purpose is to *worship God*
as we *grow as disciples of Jesus Christ*
who live on mission
in all the world.

Make sure that you sign up on the bulletin-board sheet in Bethany's second-floor hall, or call our office at 452-2681—by Sunday, December 9—to order red Sanctuary poinsettias at \$12 apiece. Please indicate the donor(s) and for whom each plant is intended to be either a memorial or an honorary gift.



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