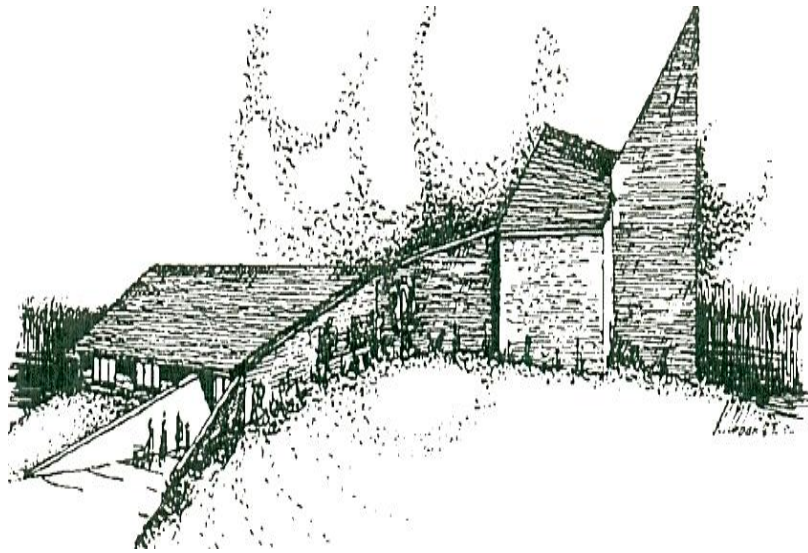


Bethany Church of God

PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 19, 2024



Welcome Home to God's House!

Come, rediscover, and find your place in a community of believers.
Come and be Blessed!

Pastor James Matt – Lead Pastor
11600 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48313
(586) 731-0030 eternallinkbethany@sbcglobal.net
Website – bethanychurchofgod.org

CALL to WORSHIP

“Glorious Day”

WELCOME and GREETINGS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Great Are You Lord”

“Firm Foundation”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

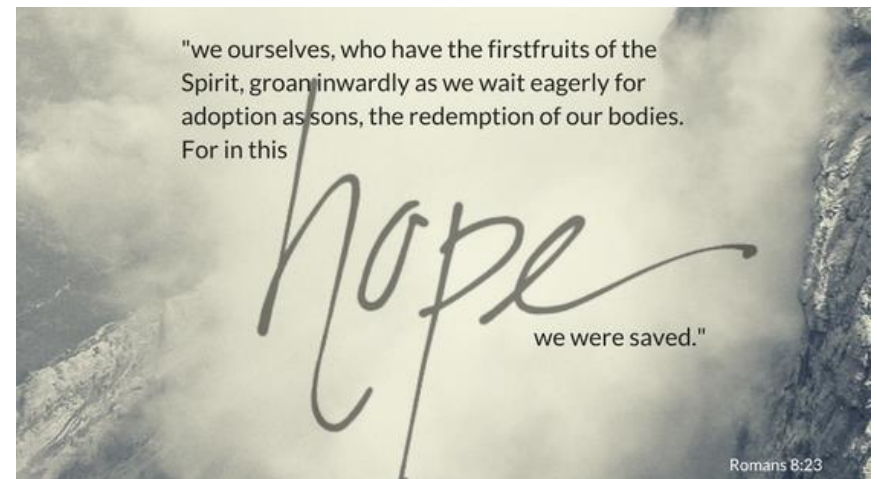
Pastor James Matt

“Groaning Pains”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Graves Into Gardens”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Romans 8:22-27

Growth Can Sometimes be Painful _____

With Growth Comes a Longing _____

Growth Can Bring Adoption and Redemption _____

Growth Brings a Union in Prayer and Spirit! _____



Next Sunday – “A Call To Each Other”

Read Isaiah 6:1-8



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

GROW IN GOD’S LOVE – AND SHARE IT!



THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today – Pentecost

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 22nd

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, May 25th

6:00 p.m. Free Concert at Hope Crossing!

Sunday, May 26th – Memorial Weekend

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship Celebration

11:00 a.m. Traditional Praise and Worship Celebration

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting



Our Vision:

Our prayer is that we are a faithful, loving people who are seeking to grow in Christ and thereby affect our world.

Our Purpose:

To Know and Share Christ



CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

THANK YOU!

A big thank you goes to everyone that came and helped with the church clean-up. You made a difference, and a lot of work was accomplished because of your dedication. Thanks!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

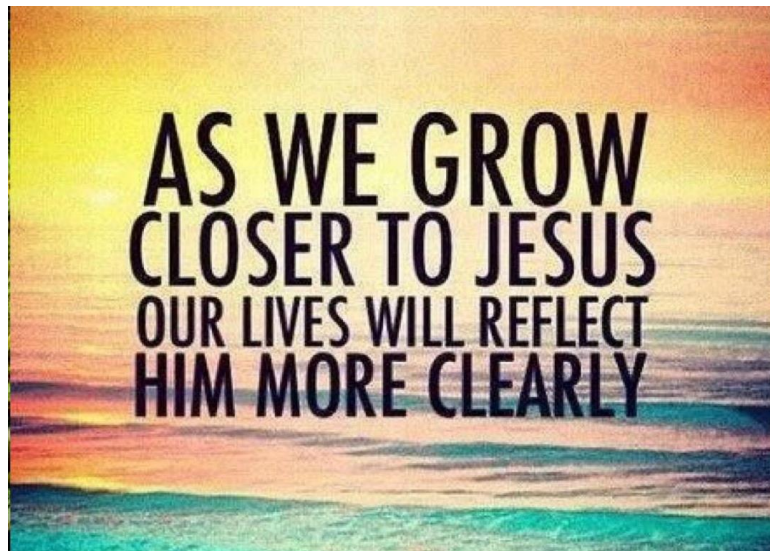
Just a reminder that the Tuesday evening Ladies Bible Study at Hope Crossing is taking a break for the summer! Watch for more information as to when it will resume.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

Join us for **Dinner and Bible Study** this **Wednesday** evening; **5:00 p.m.** for dinner and **6:00 p.m.** for Bible Study. Come and enjoy a time of feeding your body and soul! We will be starting the study of the **Book of Jonah**. All are welcome to attend – in person and/or online!

SAVE THE DATE!

We have been invited to join **Hope Crossing**, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights, for the “**Community Under the Tent Event**”, Memorial Weekend, Saturday, May 25th – Monday, May 27th! There will be a free concert on Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 p.m. outside under the tent, and then on Monday is the Memorial Day Parade – serving hotdogs, water, chips, etc. and games, music, and activities too! Plan to join in on the fun!



CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

MALU'S WOMEN OF WISDOM

Malu's Women of Wisdom invite all women to come and see their simulcast with Priscilla Shirer and Anthony Evans. Join as they live stream “**Going Beyond**” on **Saturday, August 24th** from **9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.** at **Metropolitan Church of God**, 13400 Schaefer Hwy., Detroit. The schedule will be **8 a.m.** – Doors open, **9 a.m.** – Worship and Teaching Session One, **11 a.m.** – Lunch, **12:25 p.m.** – Worship and Teaching Session Two, **2 p.m.** – Break, **2:30 p.m.** – Worship and Teaching Session Three, **3:45 p.m.** – Event Concludes. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.tickettailor.com/events/malu/1226286. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sister Tonja Henry at (313) 300-6530.

BABYLON – DANIEL'S COURAGE IN CAPTIVITY

We are joining together with several of our Community Churches Wednesday, June 19th – Saturday, June 22nd, for the VBS program, “**Babylon – Daniel's Courage in Captivity**”! We are in need of volunteers to help on those days, as well as those who would like to help by being prayer partners or by contributing supplies or a scholarship for a child/ren. Please consider helping so we can reach the children of our communities for Jesus! Please see Beth Matt for more information on how you can be a part of this great outreach!

THE PANTRY

The Pantry is an on-going project here at the church. We can help those in need because of your donations. We welcome the donations of non-perishable food items (**Please Remember to Check Expiration Dates!**), personal toiletry items, Kleenex, paper towels and toilet paper at any time for this Community Outreach. Thanks!

STAYING CONNECTED!

Whether you are not feeling well, travelling, working, or just getting up late, it is important to stay connected to your Church family! You can still be a part of everything by connecting with us on Facebook or our website, bethanychurchofgod.org. You can watch Sunday Morning Worship, Wednesday night Bible Study or keep up to date on all things Bethany! It is a wonderful way to stay connected with us when you can't be here!

SPEED LIMIT DRIVING SCHOOL

This is a Driving School in the Sterling Heights Community that will be meeting here at Bethany during the week. If you know of someone who is ready to start driving, please encourage them to gather more information about this school. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, you can call (586) 339-5899 or see Sal Sinawi.

PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS



Praises

Fellowship
Working Together!

Riley Matt

Prayer Concerns

Pastor Jim, Pastors, and Church Leaders
Church Health – Local, Regional, National
World Health
Disaster, Homeless & Violence Victims
Fire, Police, EMT & Military Personnel
Healthcare and Essential Workers
Henry Ford II High School and Students
Our Country, Communities & Their Leaders
MALU – Ministers and Laity United
All Schools and Students
Speed Limit Driving School & Students

Dom B.	Janine Barrett
Margaret Billings	Chris & Nedra Bork
Jackie Brecht	Judy Brecht
Brian	Lee Burbidge
Callow Family	Cangialiaosi Family
Reenu Chacko	Shari Collins
Rob DiGiovanni	Kristi Cross
Debbie Dye	Levi Friedlund
Friedlund Family	Greer Family
Josie Gregory	Jack & Debbie Harper
Jean & Gary Hill	Mary Howard & Family
Louie & Suzanne Johnston	Kilp Family
Lia Family	DeBorah Lindsey
Tammy Lochridge	Nolan Lockhart
Roxann Lockhart	Yvonne Martin
Chris & Christine Moore	Angie Nakkula
Dave & Rita Nakkula	Earlene Naugle
Niki Nome	James Pardon
Tony Purgatore	Charlotte Richards
Barb Richardson	Ralph & Evelyn Schultz
Edna Sparkman	Pastor Ryan Walker
Doris Warren	Cathy White
Shirley White	Mark Wilson
Linda Zavitz	Unspoken Requests

Our Stewardship

May 12, 2024

To fulfill our General Budget, an average weekly offering is necessary.
Please tithe in faith and as your response to God’s blessings.

General Tithes	\$ 2,316.68
Weekly Need	\$ 2,153.00
YTD Giving	\$36,842.28
YTD Need	\$40,907.00



Please fill out a Prayer slip or contact Pastor Jim or the Church Office if you need a Praise or Prayer Concern listed above.