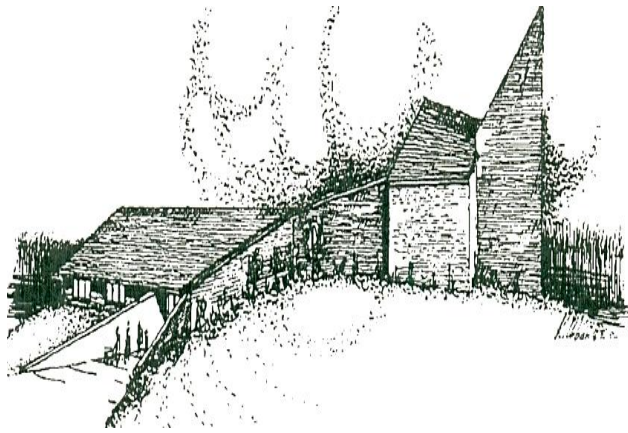


Bethany Church of God

PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, January 5, 2025



Welcome Home to God's House!

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

CALL to WORSHIP

“Down at the Cross” (191)

WELCOME and GREETINGS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Trust and Obey” (525)

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” (433)

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” (647)

COMMUNION

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

Pastor James Matt

“Divine Detours”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Faith is the Victory” (678)

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



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MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Exodus 13:17-18a

God Does Not Always Take The Shortest Path _____

Do We Trust God Along The Way? _____

Delays, Disappointments And Detours Aren't Pleasant! _____

Finally, Don't Focus On The Immediate _____



Next Sunday – “Heart, Hope and Heaven”

Read Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

LET THE LORD DETERMINE YOUR STEPS!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today – Communion Sunday

12:30 p.m. Christmas Decorations Away

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, January 8th

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, January 12th

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

CHRIST BIRTHDAY OFFERING

This special offering helps the Church of God to reach the lost around the world with the Gospel of Christ. Thank you to everyone that has given, our total for the Christ Birthday Offering is \$795!

HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE!

We can use your help **TODAY** after the 11 a.m. Worship to take the Christmas decorations down and get them put away. If you can spare even a few minutes and lend a helping hand it would be appreciated. Remember, many hands make the job easier! Thanks!

GIVING TREE

Thank you for your donations to the Giving Tree this Advent Season! **Today will be the last day to contribute!** We will begin the process of arranging for delivery of the items this next week. We appreciate you “giving and showing God’s Love” by being the hands and feet of Jesus by donating items for the **Enrich Christian Homeschool Co-Op!**

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of you for your generosity, gifts, prayers, and support during 2024. We are blessed to be working with you to help you grow God’s kingdom. We look forward with anticipation to the many things God has in store for Bethany in 2025! Blessings, Pastor Jim and Beth

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 are studying the **Book of Nahum**. All are welcome to attend – in person and/or online!

CHURCH DIRECTORY TIME

We will be updating our **Church Directory** for **2025**. To be included please help us by completing the form in your bulletin, (**even if you have been included before and there are no changes to your information ☺**) and returning it to the church office, it will help us to serve you better. The deadline for submitting your information is Sunday, January 26th. Thanks!

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.



2025 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

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Thanks!

Family Last Name(s): _____

Address: _____

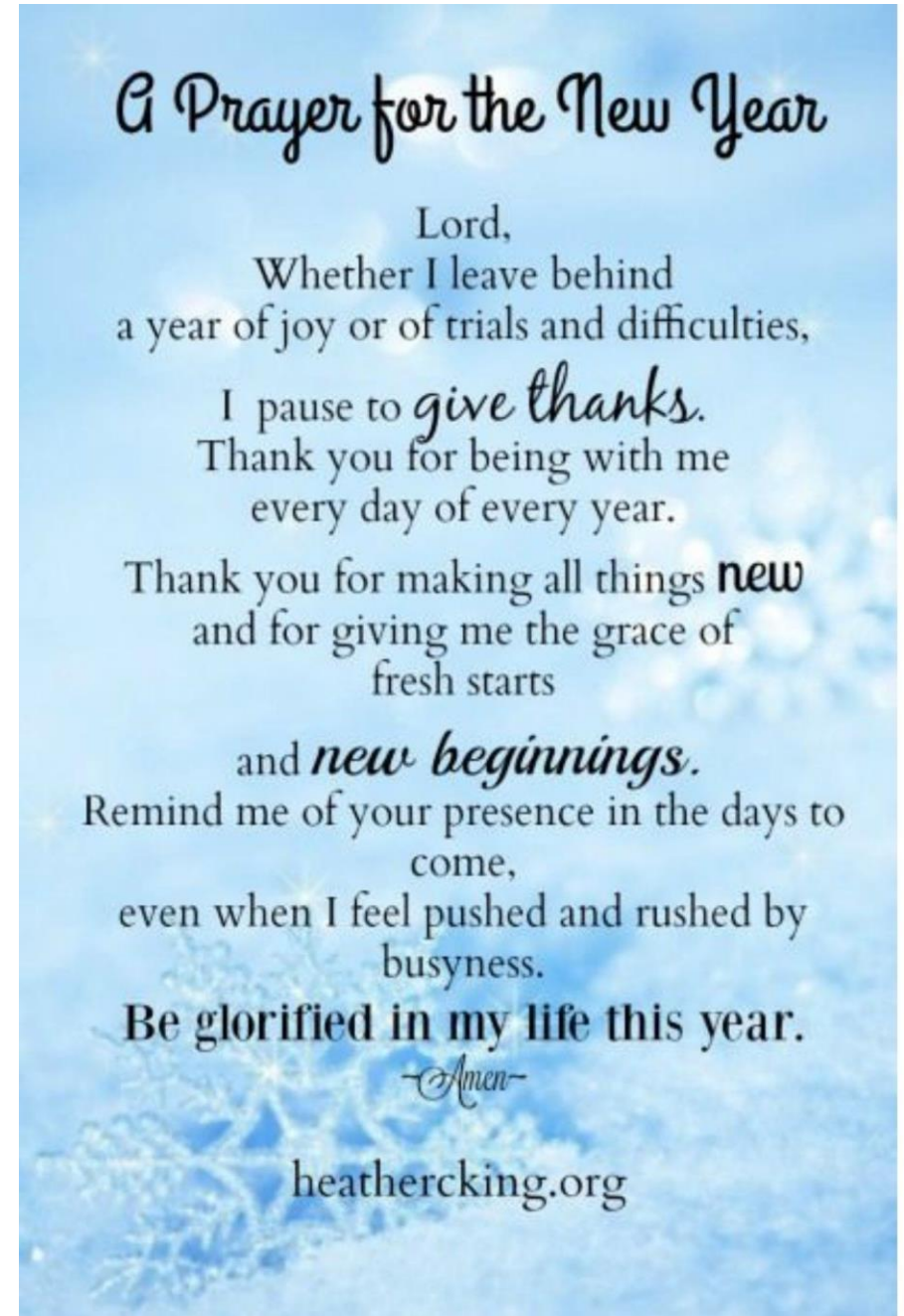
Phone number(s): _____

Email address(es): _____

First Names and Birthdates of those attending Bethany:

Anniversary date if applicable: _____

Thanks for taking the time to help us to get to know you better!



A Prayer for the New Year

Lord,
Whether I leave behind
a year of joy or of trials and difficulties,

I pause to *give thanks*.
Thank you for being with me
every day of every year.

Thank you for making all things **new**
and for giving me the grace of
fresh starts

and *new beginnings*.
Remind me of your presence in the days to
come,
even when I feel pushed and rushed by
busyness.

Be glorified in my life this year.

Amen

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PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS



Praises

A New Year!

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
- Steven Acker
- Janine Barrett
- Chris & Nedra Bork
- Jackie Brecht
- Lee Burbidge
- Larry Carrico
- Thomas Collins
- Kristi Cross
- Rob DiGiovanni
- Roger Everett
- Jack & Debbie Harper
- Mary Howard
- Evelyn Johnson
- Louie & Suzanne Johnston
- Roxann Lockhart
- Krissy McCall
- Dave & Rita Nakkula
- Niki Nome
- James Pardon
- Tony Purgatore
- Barb Richardson
- Harold Selvidge Family
- Doris Warren
- Shirley White
- Linda Zavitz
- Mary Bader
- Dave & Lisa Birtles
- Patricia Brady
- Judy Brecht
- Saunja Caddell
- Collins Family
- Matt & Katy Cordell
- John Dzbanski
- David & Sue Dye
- Josie Gregory
- Jean & Gary Hill
- Darla Jackson
- Andrew (Sandy) Johnston
- DeBorah Lindsey
- Yvonne Martin
- Deanna Morian
- Earlene Naugle
- Wade Owens
- Butch Patrico
- Charlotte Richards
- Ralph & Evelyn Schultz
- Scott Stephens
- Cathy White
- Mark Wilson
- Unspoken Requests

Our Stewardship

December 29, 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	\$ 1,863.47
Weekly Need	\$ 2,153.00
YTD Giving	\$ 90,583.49
YTD Need	\$111,956.00



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