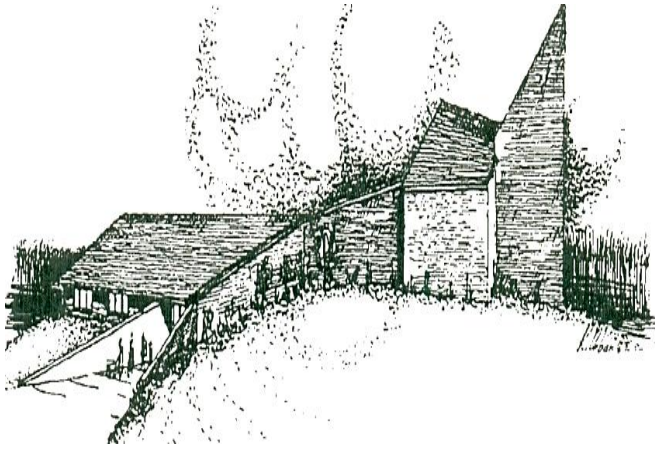


# Bethany Church of God



## Welcome Home to God's House!

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

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## PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 27, 2025

### CALL to WORSHIP

“Shout to the Lord”

### WELCOME and GREETINGS

### A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Sanctuary”

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

### A TIME of PRAYER

### MESSAGE

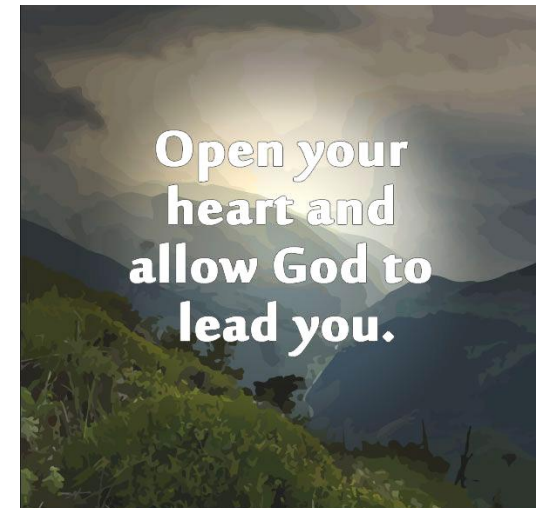
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“Unlock The Doors”

### SONG of RESPONSE

“God of This Place”

### CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



## MESSAGE NOTES

### Scriptures

John 20:19-31

What Doors in Your Life are Locked? \_\_\_\_\_

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One Way to Unlock the Doors is Through Peace \_\_\_\_\_

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Another Way is Through the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_

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The Final Way is Through Faith and Believing \_\_\_\_\_

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Next Sunday – “An Instrument For God”

Read Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)



## CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**UNLOCK THE DOOR OF YOUR HEART AND LET JESUS  
WORK IN AND THROUGH YOU!**



## THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study @ Hope Crossing

Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday

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

11:00 a.m. Traditional/Blended Praise & 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

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, mark your calendar for **Tuesday** evenings at **6:30 p.m.**, for a Women's Bible Study at our sister church, **Hope Crossing**, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights. They are studying the **Women of the Bible**. All ladies are welcome to attend. Bring your Bible, pen, and a journal.

### 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! All are welcome to attend – in person and/or online!

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The **National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 1, 2025**, celebrates another year of Prayer for America! How wonderful it is to live in a nation where, every year on the first Thursday of May, the President proclaims a day of Prayer for our Nation. Join with us, and millions of believers across the nation on **Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, as we pray this year's theme "**Pour Out To The God of Hope And Be Filled**". The theme is taken from Romans 15:13, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Praying is the most important thing we can do. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to pray too.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Men – come get together for the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at **9:00 a.m.** We will be meeting this month at **Metropolitan Church**, 13400 Schaefer Hwy., Detroit. Hope you'll join us for breakfast and fellowship.

### LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Ladies wear your best tea hat and bring your favorite teacup and saucer for an afternoon of tea! This event is at **Evanswood Church of God**, 2601 E. Square Lake, Troy, on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Guest speaker Angela Rayford from Just Love Ministries will be sharing. The cost is \$35 per person. Please bring donations on Visa gift card, all donations will be given to Just Love Ministries to be used for the families that they are supporting. For tickets or any questions please reach out to Tonja Henry at (313) 300-6530

### STRONGHOLD QUARTET IN CONCERT!

Come enjoy the music ministry of **Stronghold Quartet** on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** at **6:00 p.m.** here at **Bethany**! A love offering will be received that evening for the group. For more information see Pastor Jim.

## CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

### MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION!

We have been invited to join with **Hope Crossing**, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights, for the **Sterling Heights Memorial Day Parade** and "**Community Under the Tent Event**", on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>** at **10 a.m.**! For this Community Outreach we will be helping to serve hotdogs, water, chips, etc. to the Community and there will be games, music, and activities too! Plan to join in on the fun!

### THE PANTRY and COAT CLOSET

The Pantry and Coat Closet are on-going projects here at the church. We can help those in need because of your donations. For The Pantry 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. We are partnering with Hope Crossing to gather coats for those in need in our community. New or gently used coats in all sizes are welcome for drop-off at any time. If you know of someone who needs pantry items or coats, please contact the Church office!

### NEW DESTINY QUARTET IN CONCERT!

Plan to join us for two special concerts with New Destiny Quartet! They will be appearing here at Bethany on **Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **5:30 p.m.** and again on **Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** at **11 a.m.** Admission is a **NEW Backpack** or a **New/Gently Used Coat** to help those in our local community! Monetary Donations will be accepted too for this Outreach in place of a backpack or a coat! This event is being sponsored by Bethany Church of God and Hope Crossing.

### 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 our website, [bethanychurchofgod.org](http://bethanychurchofgod.org), Facebook or YouTube. You can watch Sunday Morning Worships, 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, call (586) 339-5899 or see Sal Sinawi.

## PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

### Praises

Jackie Brecht

Josie Gregory

### 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

Debbie Baab

Janine Barrett

Dave & Lisa Birtles

Patricia Brady

Judy Brecht

Mike Collins

Matt & Katy Cordell

Pam DelMonte

John Dzbanski

Deseri Garver

Josie Gregory

Allison Hill

Hannah Irvine

Evelyn Johnson

Louie & Suzanne Johnston

Maurice Lentini

Roxann Lockhart

Yvonne Martin

Earlene Naugle

Tony Purgatore

Barb Richardson

Ralph & Evelyn Schultz

Doris Warren

Shirley White

Mary Anne Wrosch

Debbie Ball

Kay Barynas

Chris & Nedra Bork

Jackie Brecht

Lee Burbidge

Shari Collins

Kristi Cross

Rob DiGiovanni

Roger Everett

Nadia Garver

Jack & Debbie Harper

Jean & Gary Hill

Darla Jackson

Andrew (Sandy) Johnston

Georganne Jones

DeBorah Lindsey

Olivia Lunetta

Dave & Rita Nakkula

Nome Family

Charlotte Richards

Amy Schultz

Scott Stephens

Cathy White

Mark Wilson

Linda Zavitz



### Our Stewardship

April 20, 2025

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** .....\$ 1,668.73

**Weekly Need** .....\$ 2,176.83

**YTD Giving** .....\$ 26,240.43

**YTD Need** .....\$ 34,829.28



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