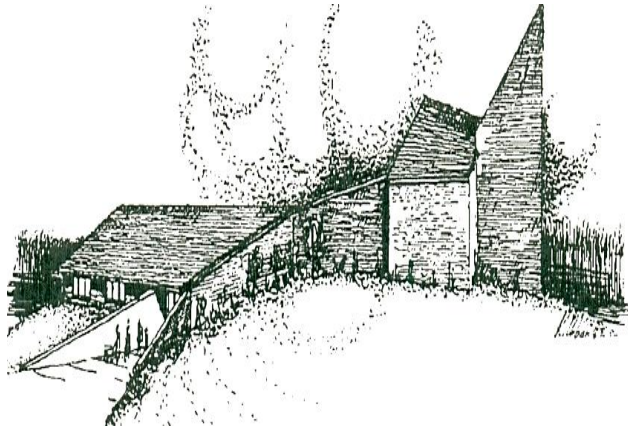


Bethany Church of God

PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 6, 2025



Welcome Home to God's House!

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

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CALL to WORSHIP

“10,000 Reasons”

WELCOME and GREETINGS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“God of This Place”
“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

A TIME of PRAYER

COMMUNION

MESSAGE

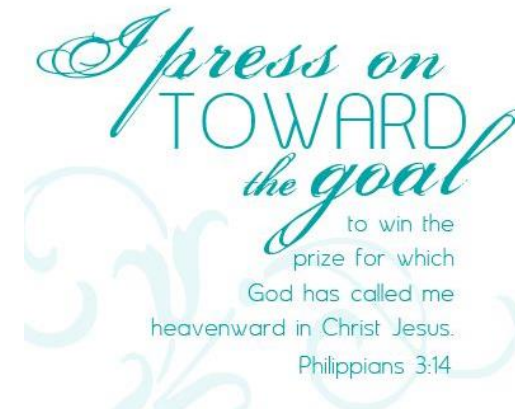
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“Reaching Goals”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Victory In Jesus”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Philippians 3:4-14

Are You a Forward Thinker, or a Past Dweller? _____

We Need SMART Goals _____

What Is In Your Bucket List? _____

Finally, Our Goals Must Have Substance _____



Next Sunday – “Empty Yourself”

Read Philippians 2:5-11



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**DON'T QUIT PRESSING ON TOWARD THE
GOAL THAT GOD HAS CALLED YOU TO!**



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today – Communion Sunday

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th

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

Wednesday, April 9th

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, April 12th

5:00 p.m. Seder Meal

Sunday, April 13th – Palm 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

LENT

This time of Lent is meant to be a time of spiritual preparation for Easter and an opportunity to grow closer to God. Spend time reflecting on Jesus – His Life, His Sacrifice, His Death and most importantly His Resurrection and what He means to you – and don't forget to share Him with others!

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. **We look forward to studying the Word together!**

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!

SEDER MEAL

Come celebrate Passover with us with a Seder Meal led by Shon Cunningham **THIS Saturday, April 12th** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** This event will be held here at **Bethany** and is being hosted by both Bethany Church of God and Hope Crossing. **Please sign-up at the Welcome Center as we need to know how many to prepare for.** This event is open to the public, please feel free to invite your friends and family, just make sure to add them to the sign-up list!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

We will be having a Baptism service here at Bethany during our 11 a.m. Worship **NEXT Sunday, April 13th**. If you would like to take part, it isn't too late! Just let Pastor Jim know! It isn't too late to make your statement of faith!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Men – come get together for the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast **Saturday, April 19th** at **9:00 a.m.** We will be meeting this month at **Evanswood Church of God**, 2601 E. Square Lake, Troy. Hope you'll join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Volunteers needed! We are helping with a Community Egg Hunt at **Evanswood Church of God**, 2601 E. Square Lake, Troy, on **Saturday, April 19th** from **12 noon to 2:00 p.m.** They will have bounce houses, food, live DJ, photo booth, local vendors and more! We will have a table at the event to share information about Bethany, our worship services details, the driving school, and other valuable information for the community. **If you can hop on over and help volunteer at our table, please see Beth Matt! Thanks for helping to reach our community!**

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

UPDATE

Shirley White has an updated address and phone for those that would like to visit with her. She is now at 4850 North Field Pkwy., Troy, MI 48098 and her phone number is (586) 604-1689.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT CONTINUES!

So much fun was had that Game Night is continuing! Join with us and our sister Church's at **Evanswood Church of God**, 2601 E. Square Lake, Troy, for **Game Night now on every 4th Friday** of the Month at **6 p.m.** The next one is on **Friday, April 25th! Bring a friend and your favorite game time snack!**

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!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING BRUNCH

The event will be held this year at **Evanswood Church of God**, 2601 E. Square Lake, Troy, on **Saturday, May 10th** from **9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** The guest speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Melissa Pratt. Tickets are \$22.50 and are available at Eventbrite. For more information, please contact Pastor Brent Beggs at brentbeggs@hopecrossing.church

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 17th** 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



CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

STRONGHOLD QUARTET IN CONCERT!

Come enjoy the music ministry of Stronghold Quartet on **Sunday, May 18th** at **6:00 p.m.** here at **Bethany!** A love offering will be received that evening for the group. For more information you can call Pastor Jim (586) 731-0030 or the group at (989) 723-1288

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 2nd** at **5:30 p.m.** and again on **Sunday, August 3rd** 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.

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.

EASTER WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Hope Crossing, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights, will be hosting the **Maundy Thursday Service** this year on **April 17th** at **7:00 p.m.** Please join us for a time of Worship with Scriptural Journey of Foot Washing and Communion.

GOOD FRIDAY

Please join us for a special **Community Service** that is planned for **Good Friday, April 18th** at **2:00 p.m.** at **Hope Crossing**, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights, Our guest speaker is Rev. Dr. Arnetta McNeese Bailey. Come and plan to be blessed by the opportunity to share in fellowship with others on this incredibly special day as we remember what Jesus did for us all!

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Please join us on **Easter Sunday, April 20th** as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We will start the morning off with our **“SonRise”** service at **8:30 a.m.** (in the garden – weather permitting – otherwise in the Sanctuary), followed by a **light breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall at **9:15 a.m.** That will be followed by our **Morning Worship** at **11:00 a.m.** This is an opportunity for you to invite someone to come and see why we celebrate Easter! Don't miss the chance to share Jesus with someone who needs to know Him! **Please note – There will not be a 9:15 a.m. Worship Service on this day!**

EASTER WEEK SERVICE TIMES

Saturday, April 12th

Come and celebrate Passover with us with a Seder Meal here at Bethany Church of God
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday – April 13th

Morning Worship Times – **9:15 a.m.** and **11:00 a.m.**

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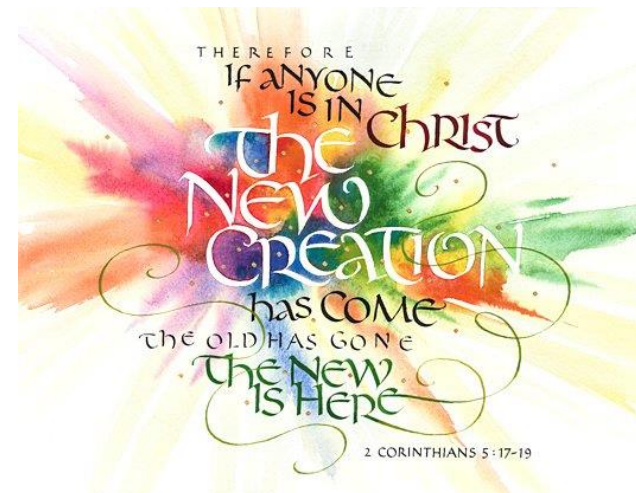
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PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises

Lent – Preparing for Easter!

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
- Toby Coffman
- Shari Collins
- Kristi Cross
- Rob DiGiovanni
- Greer Family
- Jack & Debbie Harper
- Jean & Gary Hill
- Evelyn Johnson
- Louie & Suzanne Johnston
- Maurice Lentini
- Roxann Lockhart
- Yvonne Martin
- Deanna Morian
- Dave & Rita Nakkula
- Nome Family
- 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
- Mike Collins
- Matt & Katy Cordell
- John Dzbanski
- Roger Everett
- Josie Gregory
- Allison Hill
- Darla Jackson
- Andrew (Sandy) Johnston
- Georganne Jones
- DeBorah Lindsey
- Olivia Lunetta
- Mitchem Family
- Gayle Munnette
- Earlene Naugle
- Butch Patrico
- Charlotte Richards
- Amy Schultz
- Scott Stephens
- Cathy White
- Mark Wilson
- Linda Zavitz



Our Stewardship

March 30, 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	\$ 1,030.00
Weekly Need	\$ 2,176.83
YTD Giving	\$ 19,549.96
YTD Need	\$ 28,298.79



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