

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 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

CALL to WORSHIP

“Hosanna in the Highest”

WELCOME and GREETINGS

A TIME of WORSHIP

“The King Is In The Room”

BAPTISM

A TIME of PRAISE

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

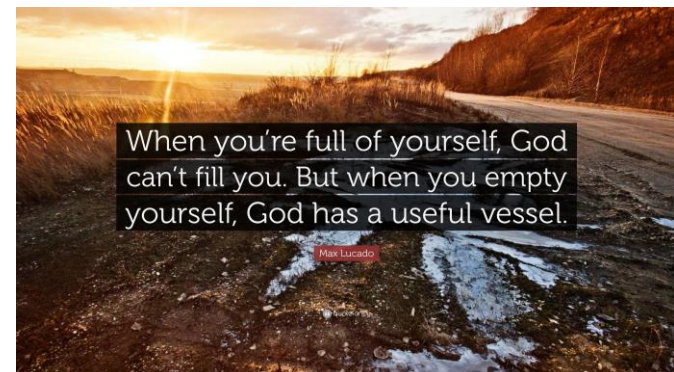
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“Empty Yourself”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Jesus Messiah”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Philippians 2:5-11

Empty Yourself – Begins With Deep Cleansing _____

Empty Yourself – Is a Self-Attitude Change _____

Empty Yourself – Is a God Exalted Place _____

Finally, His Name Will Be Confessed _____



Next Sunday – Easter Sunday

SonRise Service – 8:30 a.m. – “Don’t Hold Back”

Read John 20:1-18

Morning Worship – 11:00 a.m. – “It’s Not An Idle Tale!”

Read Luke 24:1-12



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!



THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today – Palm Sunday

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, April 8th

No Women’s Bible Study this week!

Wednesday, April 9th

No Dinner or Bible Study this week!

Thursday, April 17th – Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Footwashing & Communion @ Hope Crossing

Friday, April 18th – Good Friday

2:00 p.m. Community Service @ Hope Crossing

Saturday, April 19th

9:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast @ Evanswood Church of God

Noon-2:00 p.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt @ Evanswood

Sunday, April 20th – Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. SonRise Service

9:15 a.m. Light Breakfast

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, due to all the other activities this week, the Women's Bible Study will be taking a break this week. Please plan to join them the following week on **Tuesday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** at our sister church, **Hope Crossing**, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT – CHANGE IN SCHEDULE!

There will be no Dinner or Bible Study this week. Please plan to participate in one of the other fellowship opportunities that are planned for this Holy Week. We will return the following **Wednesday** evening, **April 23rd at 5:00 p.m.** for Dinner and **6:00 p.m.** for Bible Study.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Hope Crossing, 37845 Dodge Park Rd., Sterling Heights, will be hosting the **Maundy Thursday Service** this **Thursday, 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!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Men – come get together for the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast **THIS 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

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!**

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 the last 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!

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 1st**, 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.

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.

The Beautiful flowers adorning our Sanctuary this Easter Season are possible because of your generous donations.

Thank you!



Given in Memory of

Tony & Niki	by Kay Barynas
Mary O. Williams – Mother	by DeBorah Lindsey
Fred & Viola Baade and Gene Richards	by Charlotte Richards
Parents and Grandparents	by Linda Zavitz



Given in Honor of

Tyrone G. Washington – Brother	by DeBorah Lindsey
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Given in Celebration of

Life	by Kay Barynas
Audrey & Anthony Thorpe – Sister & Brother-in-law	by DeBorah Lindsey
Our family, those that are with us and those that are no longer with us but are ALWAYS in our hearts!	by Pastor Jim and Beth Matt
Our Risen Savior	by Linda Zavitz

PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises

The Arrival of King Jesus – His Triumphal Entry!
Holy Week John Kolar

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	Debbie Ball
Janine Barrett	Kay Barynas
Dave & Lisa Birtles	Chris & Nedra Bork
Patricia Brady	Jackie Brecht
Judy Brecht	Lee Burbidge
Mike Collins	Shari Collins
Matt & Katy Cordell	Kristi Cross
John Dzbanski	Rob DiGiovanni
Roger Everett	Greer Family
Josie Gregory	Jack & Debbie Harper
Allison Hill	Jean & Gary Hill
Darla Jackson	Evelyn Johnson
Andrew (Sandy) Johnston	Louie & Suzanne Johnston
Georganne Jones	Maurice Lentini
DeBorah Lindsey	Roxann Lockhart
Olivia Lunetta	Yvonne Martin
Deanna Morian	Gayle Munnette
Dave & Rita Nakkula	Earlene Naugle
Nome Family	Butch Patrico
Tony Purgatore	Charlotte Richards
Barb Richardson	Amy Schultz
Ralph & Evelyn Schultz	Scott Stephens
Doris Warren	Cathy White
Shirley White	Mark Wilson
Mary Anne Wrosch	Linda Zavitz

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



Our Stewardship

April 6, 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	\$ 1,162.06
Weekly Need	\$ 2,176.83
YTD Giving	\$ 20,712.02
YTD Need	\$ 30,475.62

