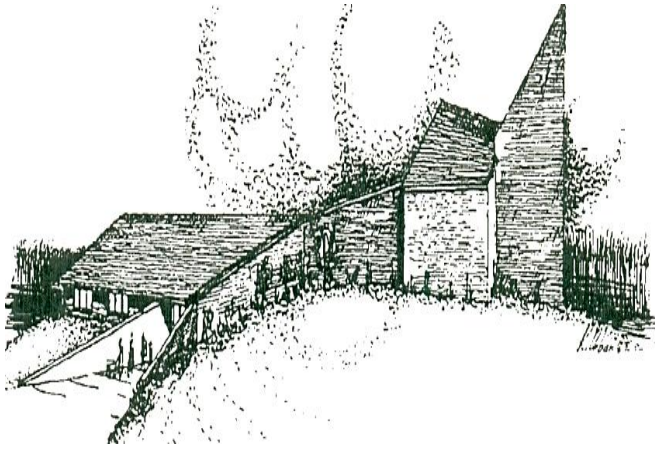


# Bethany Church of God



## 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, May 18, 2025

### CALL to WORSHIP

“10,000 Reasons”

### WELCOME and GREETINGS

### A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Your Name Is Power”

“The Solid Rock, My Hope Is Built”

### A TIME of PRAYER

### A SONG OF COMMITMENT

“Standing On The Promises”

### MESSAGE

Pastor James Matt

“Don't Hinder God!”

### SONG of RESPONSE

“Made For More”

### CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

**Acts 11:1-18**

**The Spirit of God  
reminds us who  
we were made to be**

## MESSAGE NOTES

### Scriptures

Acts 11:1-18

Receive the Word, Don't Hinder God \_\_\_\_\_

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Step Aside from Man-Made Borders, or Barriers \_\_\_\_\_

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Be Prepared to Listen, Learn and Experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Let Us Work Toward Fully Understanding \_\_\_\_\_

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Next Sunday – “The Lord Opens The Heart”

Read Acts 16:9-15



## CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**LISTEN, LEARN AND EXPERIENCE GOD –  
LET HIS SPIRIT GUIDE YOU!**



## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today

6:00 p.m. Stronghold Quartet in Concert!  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship  
6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### STRONGHOLD QUARTET IN CONCERT!

Come enjoy the music ministry of **Stronghold Quartet** TONIGHT at **6:00 p.m.!** Invite your family and friends for a wonderful night of music! A love offering will be received this evening for the group.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will be 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! All are welcome to attend!

### BAPTISM CLASS

Pastor Jim is planning a class for those that are interested in Baptism. If you are ready to take this next step in your faith walk please let Pastor Jim know so he can get you scheduled for the class.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Men – plan to get together for the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast **Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** We will be meeting at **Evanswood Church of God**, 2601 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy. Hope you'll join us for breakfast and fellowship.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

So much fun was had that Game Night is continuing! Join with us and our sister Churches 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 **Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>!** Bring a friend and your favorite game time snack!

### 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!

## CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

### 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.

### 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!

### 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 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, call (586) 339-5899 or see Sal Sinawi.



## PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

### Praises

The Spirit of God!

Springtime!

### 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

Rebecca Anderson  
Debbie Ball  
Kay Barynas  
Dave & Lisa Birtles  
Patricia Brady  
Judy Brecht  
Theresa Childress & Family  
Matt & Katy Cordell  
Pam DelMonte  
John Dzbanski  
Melissa Flaga  
Nadia Garver  
Jack & Debbie Harper  
Jean & Gary Hill  
Darla Jackson  
Louie & Suzanne Johnston  
Jamie Joy Lant  
Deborah Lindsey  
Olivia Lunetta  
Dave & Rita Nakkula  
Nome Family  
Charlotte Richards  
Amy Schultz  
Scott Stephens  
Cathy White  
Mark Wilson  
Linda Zavitz

Debbie Baab  
Janine Barrett  
Suzy Bearance  
Chris & Nedra Bork  
Jackie Brecht  
Lee Burbidge  
Shari Collins  
Kristi Cross  
Rob DiGiovanni  
Roger Everett  
Deseri Garver  
Josie Gregory  
Allison Hill  
Hannah Irvine  
Andrew (Sandy) Johnston  
Georganne Jones  
Maurice Lentini  
Roxann Lockhart  
Kayley Malugin  
Earlene Naugle  
Tony Purgatore  
Barb Richardson  
Ralph & Evelyn Schultz  
Doris Warren  
Shirley White  
Mary Anne Wrosch  
Unspoken Requests

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

May 11, 2025

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

<b>General Tithes</b> .....	\$ 2,916.79
<b>Weekly Need</b> .....	\$ 2,176.83
<b>YTD Giving</b> .....	\$ 32,364.58
<b>YTD Need</b> .....	\$ 41,359.77

