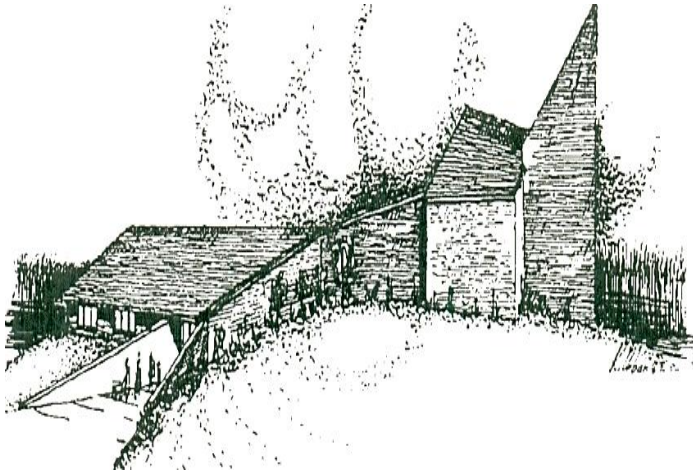


Bethany Church of God



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, August 16, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP

“10,000 Reasons”

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

Pastor James Matt

“Rejected? By Whom? Not God!”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Your Grace is Enough”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Rejected? Not By the Father Who Chose You _____

Rejected? Not By the Grace that Called You _____

Rejected? Not By the Plan that Includes You _____

Rejected? Not By the Mercy that Rescues You _____



Next Sunday – “Who’s Got Your Ear?”

Read Isaiah 51:1-6



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**KNOW THAT WHEN YOU BELIEVE AND FOLLOW JESUS
THERE IS NO REJECTION OR CONDEMNATION –
ONLY GRACE AND MERCY!**



THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 19th

5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Evanswood

6:00 p.m. Bethany online Bible Study

Saturday, August 22nd

10:00 a.m. MALU Women of Wisdom – Priscilla Shirer
at Lighthouse Church of God, Redford

Sunday, August 23rd

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

TOWN HALL MEETING

We will be having a Town Hall meeting on **Sunday, August 30th** after the 11 a.m. Morning Worship. **Please mark your calendars and plan to attend as we take care of the business of the church and discuss the upcoming construction in front of the church.** If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jim.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER AND BIBLE STUDY

We will be taking a break for the months of July and August from our in-person Bible Study and Dinner so everyone can enjoy the summer and the many activities that come with it! **We will resume on Wednesday, September 16th with in-person Bible Study.** Have a safe, healthy, and great summer – **BUT** don't forget to still read your Bible! **Pastor Jim will be offering a Bible Study online, Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. if you are interested in watching!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT EVANSWOOD

Evanswood, 2601 E. Square Lake Rd., Troy will be resuming their Wednesday night Bible Study for the summer. If you are interested in attending an in-person study, please join them. They will read a chapter and then discuss it. They are reading in 2 Samuel. They start at **5:30 p.m.** with fellowship and prayer and start reading at **6:00 p.m.** All are welcome!

MALU WOMEN OF WISDOM – THIS SATURDAY!

MALU Women of Wisdom invite all women to the simulcast with Priscilla Shirer. Come join us as we livestream, this **Saturday, August 22, 2026**, at **Lighthouse Church of God**, 26212 W. Six Mile Road, Redford. The registration fee is \$35 per person and can be paid at the door. Doors will open at 8 a.m.; Conference is 9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

WARRIOR WOMEN IN CHRIST

This Women's Life Group meets on the **2nd** and **4th Saturday** of the month at **10 a.m.** They meet at **Chippewa Valley Church**, 41411 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Township. **They are taking a break until Saturday, September 13th.** Come join the fun! All women are welcome to come!

MEN'S STOREHOUSE

This Men's Fellowship meets monthly for breakfast, and for other fellowship opportunities and service projects. They will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 a.m.**; watch for more details as to the location! Hope you'll join us for breakfast and a time of fellowship. All men are welcome to attend! If you have questions about **Men's Storehouse**, please contact Glenn Hartshorn at (248) 318-3020.

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

MALU FAMILY GATHERING

We are excited to announce that **MALU (Ministers and Laity United)** are once again hosting the **Annual Family Gathering!** This year, the event will be held on **Saturday, September 12th**, at **New Creation Church of God**, 3472 Lennon Rd., Flint. The event will start at **11 a.m.** with food being served at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited and there will be something for all ages. This gathering will include worship, **FREE** food, fun, and fellowship! An exciting day of fun and fellowship for the entire family has been prepared. Let's celebrate and fellowship with other believers and show our love for each other to those around us! We look forward to seeing you there and spending time together!

THE PANTRY

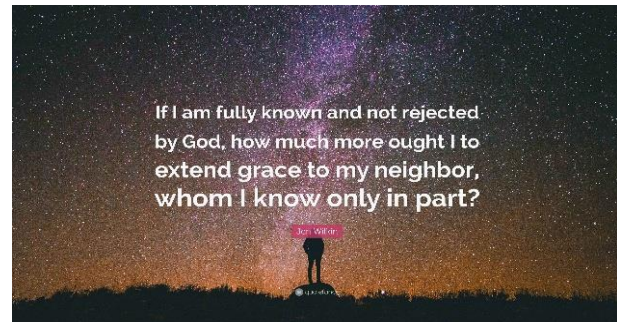
The Pantry is an on-going project here at the church. We can help those in need because of your donations. We welcome the donations of non-perishable food items (**Please Remember to Check Expiration Dates!**), personal toiletry items, Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper at any time for this Community Outreach. If you know of someone who needs pantry items, please contact Pastor Jim or the Church office! Thank you for helping with 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 our website, bethanychurchofgod.org or Facebook. 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 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 Revival of God's People!

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	
Edgar	Gino
Jason	Olivia
Simon	Stella
Ken A.	Rowan Anderson
Pastor Tom & Mary Bader	Jeff Bailey
Kay Barynas	Pastor Brent & Heather Beggs
Chris & Nedra Bork	Jackie Brecht
Judy Brecht	Jerry Brown
Megan Brown Family	Jean Corvet
Pastor Mark Coffman & Family	Maddy Cunningham
Angelina Dominguez	Destiny Dominguez
Tony Dominguez, Sr.	Tony Dominguez, Jr.
Josie Gregory	Jack & Debbie Harper
J. Keith & Joey Harper	Dr. Suzanne Hawley
Allison Hill	Gary & Jean Hill
Jason Hill	Darla Jackson
Louie Johnston	Fred & Georganne Jones
Lisa Lemont	Deborah Lindsey
Roxann Lockhart	Kayley Malugin
Jennifer Marriott-Davis	Samuel Matt
Jackson Misiuda	Deanna Morian
Dave & Rita Nakkula	James Pardon
Gasper Pipitone	Charlotte Richards
Barb Richardson	Amy Schultz
Schultz Family	John Selvidge
Sal Sinawi	Cathy White
Shirley White	Mark Wilson
Mary Anne Wrosch	Linda Zavitz

Our Stewardship

August 9, 2026

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	\$ 1,092.29
Weekly Need	\$ 2,019.23
YTD Giving	\$ 43,458.72
YTD Need	\$ 64,615.36

