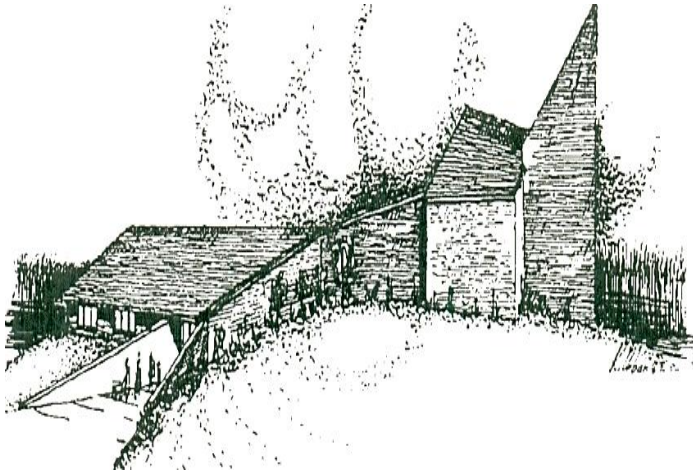


Bethany Church of God



Welcome Home to God's House!

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

PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, August 23, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP

“Holy Forever”

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“What a Beautiful Name”

“The Solid Rock”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

Pastor James Matt

“Who's Got Your Ear?”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION

Ears to Hear
God



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MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Isaiah 51:1-6

The Reality of Selective Hearing _____

Remember Your Active DNA _____

Listen and Reimagine the True Voice _____

Weighing the Lifespan of Failed Noise _____



Next Sunday – “Tripped Up By Comfort”

Read Matthew 16:21-28



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**LISTEN FOR GOD’S DIRECTIONS –
HE WILL LEAD YOU!**



THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 26th

5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Evanswood

6:00 p.m. Bethany online Bible Study

Sunday, August 30th

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

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

12:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

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 **NEXT 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.** Light snacks will be provided. 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!

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 12th.** 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

Gasper Pipitone

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

Gino

Simon

Rowan Anderson

Jeff Bailey

Pastor Brent & Heather Beggs

Jackie Brecht

Jerry Brown

Pastor Mark Coffman & Family

Maddy Cunningham

Destiny Dominguez

Tony Dominguez, Sr.

Jack & Debbie Harper

Dr. Suzanne Hawley

Gary & Jean Hill

Louie Johnston

Lisa Lemont

Roxann Lockhart

Jennifer Marriott-Davis

Jackson Misiuda

Dave & Rita Nakkula

Charlotte Richards

Amy Schultz

Sal Sinawi

Cathy White

Mark Wilson

Linda Zavitz

Jason

Ken A.

Pastor Tom & Mary Bader

Kay Barynas

Chris & Nedra Bork

Judy Brecht

Megan Brown Family

Jean Corvet

Angelina Dominguez

Tony Dominguez, Jr.

Josie Gregory

J. Keith & Joey Harper

Allison Hill

Jason Hill

Fred & Georganne Jones

DeBorah Lindsey

Kayley Malugin

Samuel Matt

Deanna Morian

Gasper Pipitone

Barb Richardson

John Selvidge

Pam Washeleski

Shirley White

Mary Anne Wrosch

Unspoken Requests

Our Stewardship

August 16, 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\$ 3,043.73

Weekly Need\$ 2,019.23

YTD Giving\$ 46,502.45

YTD Need\$ 66,634.59

