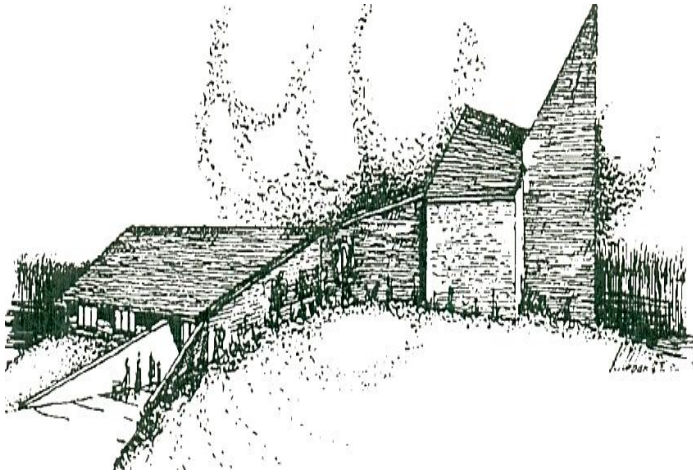


Bethany Church of God



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 30, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Lord, I Need You”

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

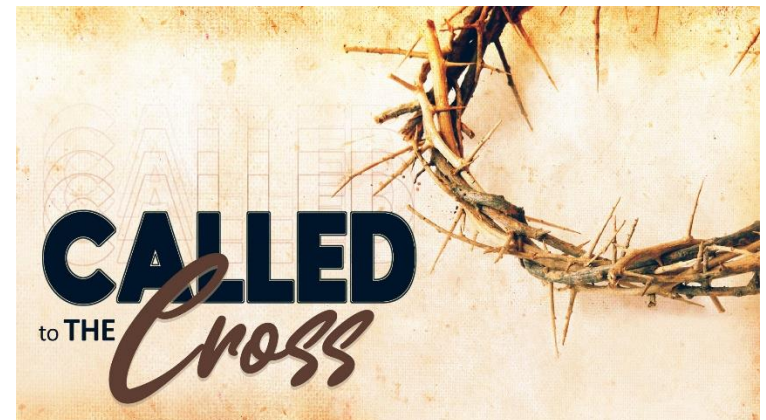
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“Tripped Up By Comfort”

SONG of RESPONSE

“I Will Follow”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Matthew 16:21-28

The Comfort that Blinds Us _____

The Compromise that Redirects Us _____

The Kingdom that Revalues Us _____

The Cross that Calls Us _____



Next Sunday – “Dressing For The Right Job”

Read Romans 13:8-14



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**DON'T LET THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD TRIP YOU UP!
KEEP YOUR EYES FOCUSED ON JESUS!**



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 2nd

5:30 p.m. Bible Study @ Evanswood

6:00 p.m. Bethany online Bible Study

Sunday, September 6th – Communion 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

TOWN HALL MEETING

We will be having a Town Hall meeting **TODAY** after the 11 a.m. Morning Worship. **Please plan to stay and 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.** The next one is **Saturday, September 12th** and they meet at **Chippewa Valley Church**, 41411 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Township. Come join the fun! All women are welcome to attend!

MEN'S STOREHOUSE

This Men's Fellowship meets monthly for breakfast, and at other times for fellowship opportunities and service projects. They will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 a.m.,** at **Metropolitan Church of God**, 13400 Schaefer Hwy., Detroit. **There will be a group leaving from Evanswood Church of God at 8 a.m. if you would like to carpool.** 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! **They would like to have a count of how many people to plan for – a sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center, please add your name to the list if you plan to attend so we can let them know by September 5th!**

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

Kay Barynas

Back-to-School!

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

Jason

Ken A.

Marsha

Simon

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, Jr.

Tony Dominguez, Sr.

Josie Gregory

Jack & Debbie Harper

J. Keith & Joey Harper

Dr. Suzanne Hawley

Allison Hill

Gary & Jean Hill

Jason Hill

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

Gaspar Pipitone

Charlotte Richards

Barb Richardson

Londa Roberts & Family

Amy Schultz

John Selvidge

Sal Sinawi

Pam Washeleski

Cathy White

Shirley White

Mark Wilson

Mary Anne Wrosch

Linda Zavitz

Unspoken Requests

Our Stewardship

August 23, 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\$ 1,036.79

Weekly Need\$ 2,019.23

YTD Giving\$ 47,539.24

YTD Need\$ 68,653.82

