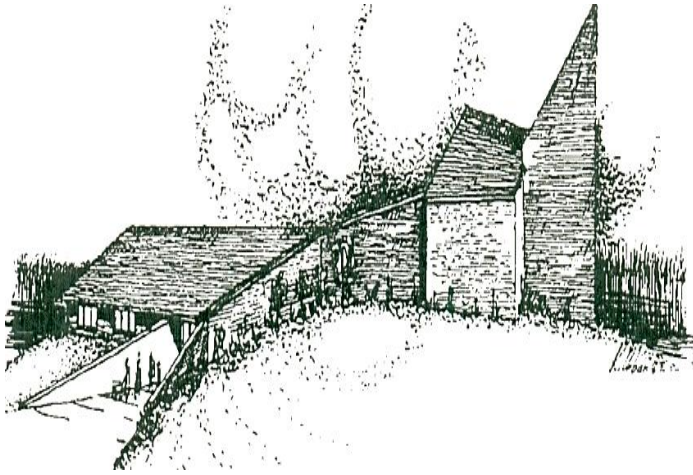


Bethany Church of God



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, September 20, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP

“Great Things”

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Firm Foundation (He Won't)”
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

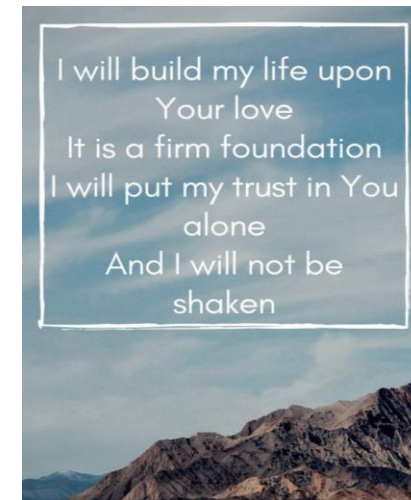
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“Pressure Cooker Syndrome”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Build My Life”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Philippians 1:21-30

The Ultimate Safety Value _____

Shifting from Pressure to Purpose _____

Standing Tall Under the Steam _____

Embracing the Heat Treat _____



Next Sunday – “What Are You So Mad About?”

Read Exodus 17:1-7



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

LIVE YOUR LIFE ON GOD’S FIRM FOUNDATION!



THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today – Back-to-Church Sunday!

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 23rd – First Full Day of Autumn!

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday, September 26th

10:00 a.m. Warrior Women in Christ @ Chippewa Valley CoG

Sunday, September 27th

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

360 MINISTRY CONFERENCE

The theme for this year – **Uncommon | HOLINESS & UNITY**. **Uncommon** is a movement of believers set apart for more. Rooted in holiness and unified in purpose, we exist to reflect Jesus in a world that needs Him. Our main sessions speaker this year is the Interim Director of Church of God Ministries, **Rev. Monte` Dillard**. There will be exciting **breakout sessions** that expand on the theme of the event from several perspectives – Church Leadership, NextGen, Worship, Young Adults, Prayer, Technology, Home/Family, Workplace, Singleness/Divorced/Widowed, Neighbor. Cost is \$25 per person and includes lunch. **As in the past, Bethany will pick up the cost of the conference**, and it will be well worth the investment of your time! You can expect a day full of inspiration, practical tools, Spirit-led vision, and connection with others who share your heart for the Gospel. Here is the basic information and what you need to know: **Saturday, October 3rd, 8 a.m. (breakfast and registration), Conference starts at 9 a.m.** (Lunch included!) **to about 4:30 p.m. at Pennway Church of God**, 1101 E. Cavanaugh Rd., Lansing, MI. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. We encourage you to take advantage of this amazing opportunity! We will carpool again this year! **We will be leaving the Church parking lot by 6:30 a.m.!** Please see Pastor Jim if you have any questions. **So, whether you're in a position of leading a team, serving quietly in the background, or just living life – your role matters! Come ready to be challenged, encouraged, and empowered! Please sign-up at the Welcome Center so we can get registered by September 27th!**

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, enjoy a time of feeding your body and soul! We are studying the book of **Acts**. 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 this **Saturday, September 26th** 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 again for breakfast on **Saturday, October 17th 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

JUST A REMINDER!

Starting Sunday, October 4th our 11 a.m. Morning Worship Service will be a combined service with Hope Crossing at Hope Crossing, 37845 Dodge Park Dr., Sterling Heights. For the time being, Wednesday night activities will still be here at Bethany. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jim or give him a call.

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

Back-to-Church!	Amy
Andre`	Dave Bryum
Lucas	Megan

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	
Chelsea	Christopher
Gino	Ken A.
Maria	Marsha
Simon	Jeff Bailey
Kay Barynas	Chris & Nedra Bork
Jackie Brecht	Judy Brecht
Jerry Brown	Jean Corvet
Maddy Cunningham	Pam DelMonte
Angelina Dominguez	Destiny Dominguez
Tony Dominguez, Jr.	Tony Dominguez, Sr.
Josie Gregory	Jack & Debbie Harper
J. Keith & Joey Harper	Dr. Suzanne Hawley
Todd Herbert	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	Tim Nakkula
Gaspar Pipitone	Charlotte Richards
Barb Richardson	Amy & Tim Schultz
John Selvidge	Sal Sinawi
Cathy White	Shirley White
Linda Zavitz	Unspoken Requests

Our Stewardship

September 13, 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	\$ 1,444.73
Weekly Need	\$ 2,019.23
YTD Giving	\$ 52,168.40
YTD Need	\$ 74,711.51

