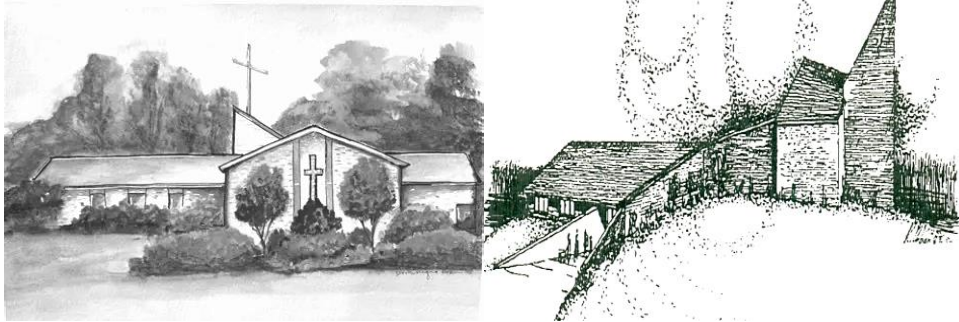


Hope Crossing and Bethany Church of God



Two Churches – One Faith
United through God

Welcome Home to God's House!

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PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 18, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP and PRAISE

“Sing to The King”
“Our God”
“New Doxology”

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of PRAISE

“Goodness of God”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

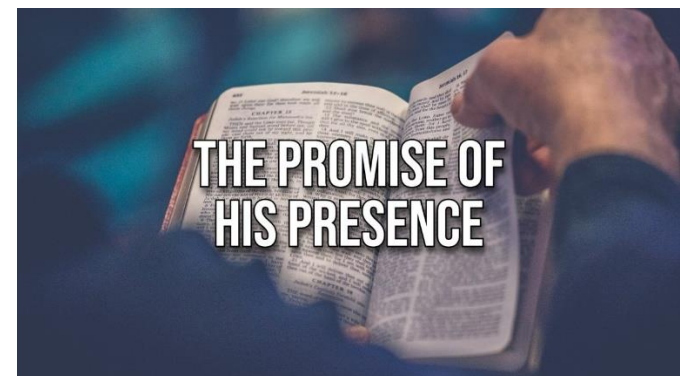
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“The Promised Presence”

SONG of RESPONSE

“No Other Name”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

Exodus 33:12-23

The Burden of Lonely Leadership _____

Cashing In On God's Guarantees _____

The Gift of "Face Time" _____

Drawing the Line – His Promised Presence _____



Next Sunday – "The Heart – Both Firm and Kind"

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

WALK ALONGSIDE JESUS THIS WEEK!



THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today – World Mission Sunday

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany CoG

Wednesday, October 21st

5:00 p.m. Dinner and Fellowship @ Bethany CoG

6:00 p.m. Bible Study @ Bethany CoG

Saturday, October 24th

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

Sunday, October 25th

9:15 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship
Celebration @ Bethany CoG

10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School @ Hope Crossing

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

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany



CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

TOWN HALL MEETING FOR HOPE CROSSING

There will be a Town Hall meeting for Hope Crossing members on **Sunday, November 1st** 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.** If you have any questions, please see a member of the Leadership Team.

OCTOBER IS . . . PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

Please remember Pastor Jim in your prayers as he continues to serve God's church. If you have the opportunity, please share with him how much you appreciate all that he does.

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. **Currently, we are still meeting at Bethany CoG!** Come and enjoy a time of feeding your body and soul! We are studying the book of **Acts**. All are welcome to attend!

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, October 24th** 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 this **Saturday, November 21st** 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.

THE PANTRY

The Pantry is an on-going project at Bethany. 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 for this Community Outreach. **Donations can be made on Wednesday evenings!** If you know of someone who is in need, please contact Pastor Jim or the Church office! Thank you for helping with this Community Outreach!

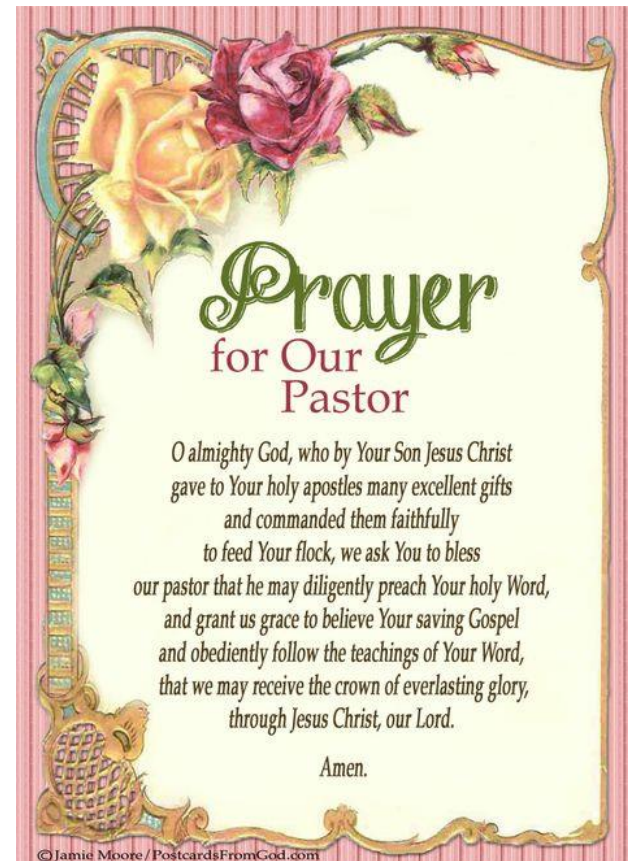
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STAYING CONNECTED!

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 one of our websites, bethanychurchofgod.org, hopecrossing.church or on Facebook. You can watch Sunday Morning Worship, Wednesday night Bible Study and keep up to date on all the things that are happening! 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 meets at **Bethany CoG** 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

Pastor Jim, and All Those Serving in Ministry!
Dave Gary
Kay's Family

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 – **M**inisters **a**nd **L**aity **U**nited
All Schools and Students
Speed Limit Driving School & Students
Chelsea Chris Gino
Keith Maria Marsha
Simon Sherri Ken A.
Chad B. Chris & Nedra B. Jackie B.
Judy B. Coombe Family Jean C.
Pam D. Josie G. Allison H.
Dawn H. Gary & Jean H. Jack & Debbie H.
Jason H. J. Keith & Joey H. Dr. Suzanne H.
Leniece J. Louie J. Roxann L.
Samuel M. Dave & Rita N. Tim N.
Tony N. Cherie P. Gasper P.
Barb R. Charlotte R. Cathy W.
Shirley W. Linda Z.
Unspoken Requests

Our Stewardship – Bethany CoG

October 11, 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	\$ 1,121.62
Weekly Need	\$ 2,019.23
YTD Giving	\$ 56,444.38
YTD Need	\$ 82,788.43

