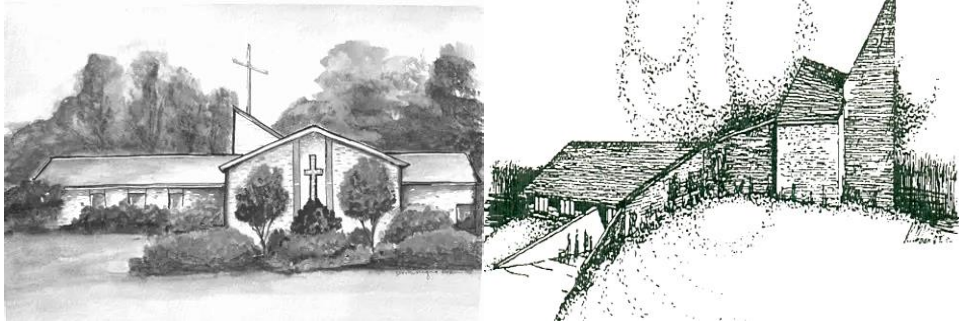


Hope Crossing and Bethany Church of God



Two Churches – One Faith
United through God

Welcome Home to God's House!

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PRAISE and WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 25, 2026

CALL to WORSHIP and PRAISE

“My Life Is in You Lord”

PRAYER of WELCOME

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A TIME of PRAISE

“Oceans Will Part”

“Hymn of Heaven”

“It Is Well With My Soul”

A TIME of PRAYER

MESSAGE

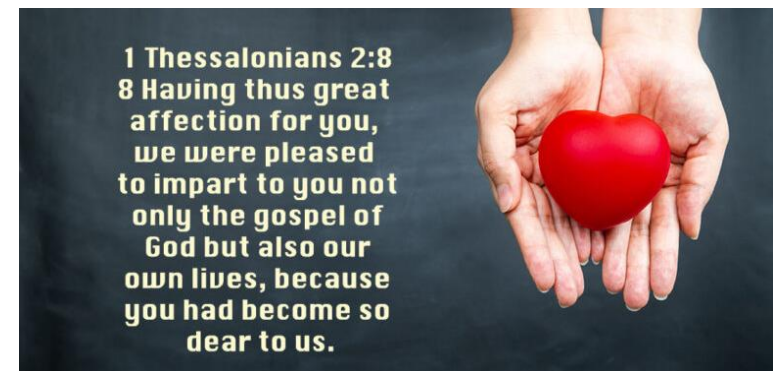
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“The Heart – Both Firm and Kind”

SONG of RESPONSE

“Let's Just Praise the Lord”

CLOSING PRAYER and BENEDICTION



1 Thessalonians 2:8
8 Having thus great
affection for you,
we were pleased
to impart to you not
only the gospel of
God but also our
own lives, because
you had become so
dear to us.

MESSAGE NOTES

Scriptures

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The Firm Heart – Anchored in God’s Truth _____

The Power that Creates a Sanctuary _____

A Kind Heart – Poured Out of Love _____

Drawing on Some Self-Reflections _____



Next Sunday – “Communion”

Read Matthew 26:26-29



THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES

Today

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

Wednesday, October 28th

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

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

Saturday, October 31st – Happy Halloween!

**Don’t forget to change your clocks before you go to bed –
Daylight Saving Time is Ending!**

Sunday, November 1st – Communion & All Saints Day

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

12:30 p.m. **Town Hall Meeting for Hope Crossing**

8:00 p.m. AA Meeting @ Bethany



**Being a Christian is
like being a Pumpkin:**



God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)
Then He washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.
(Romans 6:6)

He carves you a new smiling face.
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts his light inside of you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF GOD

Metropolitan Church of God, 13400 Schaefer Hwy., Detroit, has invited us to join them on **Friday, October 30th** to come walk thru and experience “Pages From The Bible” in the Lord’s House. Showing begins at **6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

IT’S TIME AGAIN!

It’s Autumn and that means it’s time to fall back and change our clocks. Don’t forget to change your clocks before you go to bed this **NEXT** Saturday evening – Daylight Saving Time is ending! Yeah – we gain an hour of sleep!

TOWN HALL MEETING FOR HOPE CROSSING

There will be a Town Hall meeting for Hope Crossing members next **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.

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 **Saturday, November 14th** and they meet at **Chippewa Valley Church**, 41411 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Township. Come join the fun! All women are welcome to attend!

SAMARITAN’S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan’s Purse is a non-denominational evangelical Christian organization that was started in 1970 by evangelist Bob Pierce after visiting suffering children on a Korean island. Their mission is to follow the example in Luke 10:30-37 of the Good Samaritan to “go and do likewise” – to follow the example of Jesus by helping those in need and telling of the Hope of the Gospel. We can help Samaritan’s Purse send gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please consider taking a shoebox and filling it for a child this Christmas. Boxes are due back by **Sunday, November 15th (along with \$10 to help cover shipping)**. Boxes are available in the foyer or please see Denice. **Shoebox gift suggestions are also available in the foyer.** Thanks for being a blessing!

CHURCH LIFE OPPORTUNITIES

STRONGHOLD QUARTET

Come enjoy the music ministry of **Stronghold Quartet, Sunday, November 15th** during our morning worship! Make sure to invite your family and friends to hear this Gospel music group dedicated to sharing the message of faith, hope, and salvation through the timeless power of four-part harmony! Their ministry is rooted in Scripture, with a focus on uplifting worship and encouragement. A love offering will be received for the group. For more information see Pastor Jim.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOR HOPE CROSSING

The annual business meeting for Hope Crossing members will be **Sunday, November 15th** 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.

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, 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!

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 in the foyer. For more information, call (586) 339-5899.

PRAISE and PRAYER CONCERNS

Praises

Pastor Jim, and All Those Serving in Ministry!
God's Love! Keith
Chocolate and Candy!

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 Tony
Ken A. Chad B. Chris & Nedra B.
Dave B. Jackie B. Judy B.
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.
Tammy L. Roxann L. Samuel M.
Dave & Rita N. Tim N. Tony N.
Cherie P. Gasper P. Barb R.
Charlotte R. Judith S. Cathy W.
Shirley W. Linda Z. Unspoken Requests



CHALLENGE for the WEEK

The Challenge for this week:

**SHARE WITH OTHERS WHAT GOD HAS
BLESSED YOU WITH – YOUR FAITH AND HIS LOVE!**

Our Stewardship – Bethany CoG

October 18, 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	\$ 1,845.00
Weekly Need	\$ 2,019.23
YTD Giving	\$ 58,289.38
YTD Need	\$ 84,807.66

