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"Christianity in Action"

"...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." ---Jesus, in Matthew 5:16

A Pew Research Center survey found that between 2001 and 2016 the percentage of Americans who think that religion plays an important role in solving social problems fell from 75% to 58%. Another survey found that half of Americans think that the government could replace religious organizations with no problems and nothing lost. Indeed some of the headlines and news stories--- not all--- might give the impression that the federal government is primarily responsible for the relief and recovery efforts taking place in Texas and Florida and Puerto Rico and the American Virgin Islands.

The National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) is an umbrella group for disaster relief organizations. The CEO, Greg Forrester, says, "About 80% of all recovery happens because of non-profits, and the majority of them are faith-based." The vast majority of those are Christian. These organizations work in conjunction with FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, but the organizations provide volunteers, food and practical assistance.

Seventh Day Adventists specialize in disaster "warehousing." Bottled water, diapers, clothes and other materials will probably pass through their hands before they reach the people in need. The Convoy of Hope specializes in providing food, water and sanitary supplies. Samaritan's Purse has crews and trucks that deal with debris removal and cleaning up houses. It also has contracting services which help the needy to rebuild their homes. Samaritan's Purse has already responded to 20 disasters this year.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is known for its expertise in "case management." The organization has work crews that clean houses and have trained volunteers who help families deal with FEMA assistance, state aid programs and private insurance. The Southern Baptists are strong in the regions affected by the recent hurricanes. They have 1550 mobile units, many of which have been tasked to these areas. These units provide feeding, chain-saws, mud-out, command, communication, childcare, shower, laundry, water purification, repair/rebuild, and power generation. The Salvation Army is also engaged. The Billy Graham organization has sent many of its 2300 crisis-trained chaplains to provide emotional and spiritual support to the victims of the hurricanes.

We evangelicals can be proud that Christians are shining their lights in these places affected by natural disaster. Christians are making a positive contribution to a hurting world in practical ways. Perhaps some of you would like to make a financial contribution to one of these relief agencies. Perhaps someone would also like to offer their time and talent to one of these groups. - Pastor Kurt



We are preparing to bless our community with a 4th Annual Family Fun Fest on Friday, the 27th. It takes hard work from many people to make this night successful, but the effort is well worth it. Last year we had over 300 people in attendance! This would not be possible without many helping hands, and there are many opportunities where you can help! The biggest need for volunteers during the event is in manning the game booths, which are simple to run (promise!). We will also need help with set up the day before and the day of the event, serving the food and various other support

tasks. If you are looking for a less hands-on opportunity, there will be donation slips listing needed supplies in the church lobby (as well as a volunteer sign up sheet) starting October 1st. You can also call the church office or email Don at don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com for more information or to volunteer. Most importantly, we need PRAYER! Please pray that God would plant and water seeds again this year as we faithfully serve Him as a church.

October Birthdays

2nd Valerie Legler
9th Janie Tibbs
13th Ethel Scarborough
15th Pam Carstensen
20th Ken Braithwaite
23rd Carol Tyson
25th Bill Belknap
26th Tom Beck
27th Lomalee Rapp
29th MaryJo Scott
31st George Fletcher

October Anniversaries

1st Terry & Janie Tibbs
26th Jim & Carol Tyson

November Missionary Birthdays

6th Marvin Cowan
10th Joyce Falconer
26th Malia Winston
28th Joy Dellinger
Nissy Cannon



Join The Choir
If you love to sing and you love the Lord
We meet on Sunday Nights at 5 p.m.
Make Beautiful Music Together
Let your light shine through your voice...



Children's Ministry Help needed:

Volunteers needed during Worship hour:
Nursery –2 volunteers needed
Pre-K - 1 teacher needed
K-2nd grade: 2 helpers needed
3rd – 5th grade: 2 helpers needed
Gym Supervisors (man) - (11:00-11:20 Sunday mornings)
To take the children to & from the game area & to supervise them

Van Chaperones Needed:

To ride along with Jay
And the children
On the way to church
Or on the way back home

XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Thursday, the 19th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM event. Stay for the event that will take place following the meal. It's a time of fun and fellowship!


Bethany's 2017 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$24,224.36 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$193,794.88. Year to date giving, through August, totaled \$178,202.08. The difference was (\$15,592.80). Bethany's 2017 general budget, through August, was underspent by \$4,798.17.

FALL HIKE - Join us on Saturday, October 21st at 7:15 AM at Emmaus as we meet to take a morning hike. Everyone is welcome to participate. We try not to undertake a hike in the beautiful outdoors that is not more difficult than anyone can handle.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Ladies Bible Study 9am and 6pm	4 Prayer Time 7:30 am Praise Team 5:30p	5	6	7 Men 7am Deaconess' Meet 9:30am, Care Center Visit 9:45am
8 CE Meet- ing 12:15 pm Choir 5p Bible 6p	9 Columbus Day Church Office Closed	10 Ladies Bible Study 9am and 6pm	11 Prayer Time 7:30 am Praise Team 5:30p	12	13 Women's Retreat Seaside Escape 	14 Men 7am Women's Retreat Continued
15 Deacon's Meeting 11:15 Choir 5p Bible 6p	16	17 Ladies Bible Study 9am and 6pm	18 Prayer Time 7:30 am Praise Team 5:30p	19 XYZ Potluck 5PM	20	21 Men 7am Fall Hike @ 7:15 am
22 Choir 5p Bible 6p	23	24 Ladies Bible Study 9am and 6pm	25 Prayer Time 7:30 am Praise Team 5:30p	26	27 Fall Family Fun Fest 5:30 pm 	28 Men 7am Elders' Meeting 8:30 am
29 Choir 5p Bible 6p	30	31 Ladies Bible Study 9am and 6pm				

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
Choir Practice - 5:00 p.m.
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study - 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Praise Team Practice - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.



CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 7th. Meet at 9:45 AM. Come share some time and sing some songs with the residents.

Spend a small amount of time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



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- *Jack Taylor, Chairman*

Board of Deacons

- *Michael Holiday, Chairman*

Board of Deaconesses

- *Patti Childress, Chairwoman*

Christian Education Board

- *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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