

2011 CHURCH PICNIC



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Miles of Smiles
Bethesda's 2011
Picnic



In Loving Memory Of

Lillian D. Burnett, age 86, September 7, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Douglas. Dear mother of Judith (Richard) Graham, William and Lori (Ed) Winczner. Proud grandmother of Lori (Dean) Meress, Sunday (Troy) Dell, Jennifer (Andrew) Moll and Kellie (Randy) Marion. Great-grandmother of Clay, Michael, Shawn, Daniel, Lily and Summer. Her funeral was held at Bethesda Christian Church. She volunteered for the March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Fr. Murray Nursing Home, Nightingale Nursing Home, Haitian Relief, MDA and UNICEF. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memories shared at www.bcfh.com.

Irma Marie Hush passed away at the age 95. A resident of Clinton Township, she went to be with the Lord on Tuesday September 6, 2011. She was the wife of the late Emerson E. Hush. Survived by children Emerson "Dick" (Judy) Hush and Sandi (Rob) Munger. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Her funeral was held Saturday September 10, 2011 at Resurrection Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to American Stroke Association 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674

Mrs. Helen G. Renaud, age 90 passed away September 5, 2011. She was born February 9, 1921. She worked for many years as a cashier in a grocery store. She is survived by her daughter Janet (Charlie) Brown, seven grandchildren, and many great grandchildren. Her husband Paul and her daughter Ann predeceased her. Her memorial service was held at Bethesda Christian Church.

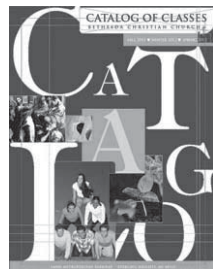
William Oscar Mossburg passed away at the age of 82 on September 3, 2011. He was born on May 7, 1929. His two children, Michael and Mary, survive him. He graduated from Ball State University with both Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees. After finishing his Master's degree he landed at Lake Orion High School where he taught physical education and served as the freshman football coach. During this time he met Betty Jane Williams from Marion, who also taught physical education and served as the girls cheer coach. They married in 1955 and moved to Detroit. William assumed another teaching position at Craft Elementary School for two years. He moved on to teach for the next 46 years at Mallova Elementary in the Davison area.

Mossburg also served in the United States Army during the Korean War and had a very dangerous job as a food escort to the soldiers on the front lines.

The Mossburg family came to Bethesda Missionary Temple in the mid 1960s, both graduated from Bethesda Ministry Candidate School and exemplified the Faith at Home principles. William spent 40 years in the children's department serving multiple roles.

William's hobbies included running bike riding, racquetball, tennis and any sports his children played. He was an avid reader—especially his Bible. He is known for his love of classic cartoons, his love for his fellow man, and most of all his love for his family. He gave unselfishly and unabashedly of his time to his family, making sure he attended all of their games and events.

Make church part of your mid-week schedule!



DISCOVERY
INSTRUCTOR: REV. BARRY ALLEN
ROOM 101
Discover your spiritual gifts, personal style, and God-given passion for serving in the Church in an interactive environment involving instruction, practical exercises, and group discussion. Material fee: \$10.

ROUTE 33
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Come test drive this new mid-week ministry, aimed at post high school, collegiates, and early career adults. Let our team inspire, enlighten, energize and entertain you. Join us, bring a friend and together we'll hit the road---to Righteousness.

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INSTRUCTORS: PASTOR ANALEE DUNN &
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CRYSTAL A

Examine the fascinating relationship between law and grace that will challenge you as you study the character of God, His grace and the application of God's law in the every day life of Christians. The law/grace conundrum which has confronted so many Christians will be reconciled so you can fill in the blank and confidently complete the statement: "I live under...!"

THE SMART STEPFAMILY
FACILITATORS: JOHN & SHARRON RUTT
ROOM 114

A biblically-based, practical guide for blended families is an all out necessity. The Smart Stepfamily empowers remarried couples and stepfamilies for successful family living. You will benefit from follow up discussions with knowledgeable facilitators. Applicable for married, dating and engaged couples.

7 GATES: TO ACCESSING & ACCOMPLISHING YOUR GOD

GIVEN ASSIGNMENT
INSTRUCTOR: WINFERD BAILEY IN CRYSTAL C
Spiritual growth requires something from each of us. Careful study of God's Word likens this progression to passing through a variety of gateways. Come and learn obedience, praise and other portals that can change the life of every Christian believer.

PURITY SERIES FOR PARENTS
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To enhance the Purity Series we are running for teens, we invite parents, with children of all ages, to meet us in Crystal B to explore the principles of faith and a Christian lifestyle in the home. Please join us as we strive to be exemplary parents before God.

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Trunk n' Treat

Sunday,
October 30
2-5 p.m.



A Tailgate party with candy, games, inflatable, food, and hay rides!
•Volunteers are needed to decorate cars
•Please donate candy to lobby barrels
•Contact Rob Susan for details

THEWAY HARVEST PARTY October 22

We're having a Harvest Party! Great food, great people, amazing cider and donuts at Rochester Cider Mill. We'll have a great time! Check Facebook for full details, or call Jesse Allen at the Church Office.



Come test drive this new mid-week ministry, aimed at young adults. Let our team inspire, enlighten, energize and encourage you. Join us, bring a friend and together we'll hit the road--to Righteousness.

NEWSBOYS BORN AGAIN

In Concert at BCC
Friday, Oct. 14
7:30 pm

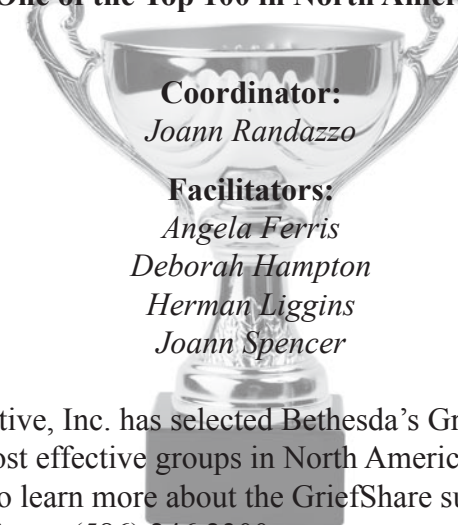
Bethesda is thrilled to host a one-night only concert event featuring Christian Pop band NEWSBOYS—The Born Again Experience Tour. On Friday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. BCC welcome's the Grammy and Dove Award winning group along with Manic Drive and the Museum.

Tickets are going fast..reserve your space now!!!!
Order online at www.thealmsproject.org or call (586) 264.2300 or email James Dunn, jdunn@bethesdachristian.org

Ticket prices are as follows:
\$30 Reserved Seating
\$20 General Admission
\$10 Economy / Upper Balcony
\$10 General Admission for parties of 15 or more



Congratulations & Thank You! Bethesda Christian's GriefShare Group has been ranked One of the Top 100 in North America!



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The Church Initiative, Inc. has selected Bethesda's GriefShare team as one of the Top 100 most effective groups in North America. We are so proud of their efforts. To learn more about the GriefShare support meetings, please call the office at (586) 246.2300.

In Loving Memory Of

Walter Jackowski passed from this world peacefully in his sleep on August 4, 2011. He was 90 years old. He suffered from COPD. He left behind his wife of 14 years, Olga Trescher-Jackowski of Sterling Heights. He also left two daughters, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter Rose Mary Kapo; his wife of nearly 50 years, Helen Speakman-Jackowski; and his parents, Teofil Jackowski and Helena Romanowski-Jackowski of Hamtramck. Walter was born on May 19, 1921 at home in Hamtramck. He was raised as an only child for his older sister had died in infancy. As one can imagine, he was the center of his mother's world and a bit spoiled. He went to Hamtramck High School where he was a star athlete and a competitive swimmer. He stayed physically fit through his life, walking and lifting weights into his late eighties.

His parents never did come to an agreement to what his name would be. Every document says something different. His mother insisted on calling him Ladislav, which is Polish for Walter. His father insisted on Jan/John. All his boyhood friends knew him as Jake. His name was not the only source of uncertainty in his life. His mother was a Polish Jew. Though raised Catholic for the most part, he was given a Bar Mitzvah. This was done silently as anti-Semitism was so strong in his commitment at the time. He struggled with many inner conflicts. He never got over the death of his grandmother in the Warsaw Ghetto was particularly painful. He was close to her and she lived with them for many years before she returned to Poland.

After high school he enlisted in the Marine Corp during WWII. He served in numerous locations including the Philippines and Guantanamo Bay. He was severely wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal in the South Pacific. He was frequently in pain and carried the shrapnel in his back for the rest of his life. He was a highly skilled marksman. Although he never displayed any of them, he received numerous awards, ribbons and stars. It was during the war that he met and married his first wife, Helen; she served in the Women's Army Corp. He retired in 1985 from the Marine Corp, as a foreman.

Walter was quite the storyteller and he liked to joke. He was known for his love of greasy foods such as kielbasa and pork chops, as well as an insatiable sweet tooth. His grandkids always knew where to find his stash of candy and snacks that he would hide throughout his life.

Walter was laid to rest at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Battle Creek.



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Updates on our Home-Bound Friends

Communion is available to Bethesda members who are in the hospital, homebound, or in nursing care. You must contact Rev. Barry Allen at the church office at least 2 weeks before the first Sunday of the month to be on the schedule. The recipient must be available on the first Sunday afternoon of the month to be served, unless other arrangements are made with the church or Elder/Deacon assigned to this duty. You can reach Rev. Barry Allen at (586) 264-2300, Ext. 114 or email him at ballen@bethesdachristian.org.

Betty Grasl greeted us at the door as usual with a big smile and hug. We sat and talked about the service that day and the wonderful praise, and she recalled the Latter Rain days at Bethesda with its rich and unending praise. She shared the miracle the Lord had performed for her when she was diagnosed with cancer. She believes the Lord healed her. We blessed and shared the Communion supper with her, singing and praising our Lord for His grace and mercy. As we prayed for Betty she said she still has difficulty walking and is retaining fluids. She'll be seeing the doctor Tuesday so we prayed for a good report. She wanted to thank the "Body of Christ" for their prayerful support over the years.

John & Sharron Rutt

Eleanor Stewart is doing well, still has trouble with carpal tunnel syndrome but is in good spirits. She has a wonderful Christian roommate (100 yrs old) and they have good fellowship. (Her roommate prayed for a Christian woman to fill the empty bed across the room and Eleanor was placed there). They are a blessing to one another. We talked about her family, how they came to Bethesda and how much she enjoyed Sister Beall's ministry. We prayed for God to sharpen her memory, keep her in peace and safety and continue to use her while she is in this facility. It was a blessing to be with her today. This was one of those times when we went to minister and ended up being ministered to!! **Michael & Deborah Quire**

Visited **Elly Idyle** after service on Sunday. Met her son-in-law and his brother (James). We all had a good discussion about God and his character and the Bible. I brought Elly some soft chocolates (she likes

them without nuts, nothing too hard), as she likes to eat them at bed time while she reads her Bible. After our discussion all four of us received communion. When I left her son-in-law and brother walked with me and were very interested in Bethesda. Seems they're looking for a church. Amazing the things that happen on a communion visit! **Jamie & Lisa Gentile**

We sang, prayed and enjoyed Communion with **Isabelle Ferianc. Richard & Jeri Eix**

Anna Dikin was eagerly waiting for us and gave Gus a sign for her door that said, "privacy requested, having visitors." With the door closed we were able to fellowship, share, serve communion and pray without any distractions. Anna is doing well with the exception of no strength in her legs. She had been able to walk before going to the hospital but now her legs won't hold her. She is in therapy every day with the hope of being able to walk again. Anna misses her home but has become God's little missionary there at Medilodge. She was given the privilege of being the liaison between staff and other patients. She also appreciates a phone call to keep in touch. **Gus & Judi Albrecht**

Joan Strumbos asked about her friends, Richard/Anna Younis who arrived in Texas 7/24! Their daughter, Tammy Wells, drove to MI, miraculously sold their St. Clair Shores home in one day, and is now their caregiver. Anna, who has cancer, was flown to TX. Richard accompanied Tammy on their car trip to his new home. Bob/Phyl Nelson had fun sharing with Joan that it was their daughter, Jan Dorman, who, with the Lord's help, found a buyer

who knew the neighborhood, and bought the house unseen—for cash! Joan was feeling dizzy than usual, so we prayed that the Lord would touch her. **Bob & Phyllis Nelson**

Sylvia Fitton was radiant and just "beaming" with excitement...she had family "in" from several states to celebrate her 94th birthday. We served communion to Sylvia and her daughter. She is doing well since her fall and surgery, but still requires a walker to assist her. She hopes, with re-hab, she'll eventually return home. **Don & Gail Toth**

Mable McKee's joy bubbles over and she always has a great word of encouragement for us. During communion she fervently prays and always ends with a song to our Lord. She has a beautiful singing voice and sings the song of the redeemed with gratitude. She said that Leander came home on Sunday, and he was extremely glad to be there. Continue to pray for comfort and peace. Also pray for continued safety for her and Leander in their respective homes. **Steve & Robin Malek**

David & Sharon Richards served **Dorothy Howton**. Dorothy was full of laughs, jokes and giggles, as is typical for her. She's been feeling quite well, but had a stomach ache the morning we visited. Dorothy is so proud of her continued weight loss, and even stood up out of her wheel chair to demonstrate how much stronger her legs had become.

Brian & Lorie Swarts served **Vernon "Uncle Bill" Thompson** communion and found him in his usual good spirited self. Linda Cadariu was there as well, as she had just returned home from the hospital where her husband Joe had been



Sylvia Fitton
Happy Belated Birthday!
--From Bethesda
Christian Church



A group of ladies were privileged to visit our dear friend, Sylvia Fitton, at her beautiful Bellbrook facility in Rochester to celebrate with her on her 94th birthday, September 2, 2011. We had such a delightful time and, as always, Sylvia blessed us with her love for God, her joy and contentment, sweet smile and gratitude for our coming to share her special day with her. It was easy to see why her nurses have "adopted" her as their own.

Those attending her party were (Left to Right): Ursula Ridlon, Lena Hobbs, Olga Jackowski, Lillian Fortuna, Mary Alice Fitton (wife of her son, Bob from VA), and Kathie Ruegsegger.

We came away, thanking God for His blessings on Sylvia, and the beautiful light she is there, as well as wishing we could all be so "young at heart" as she is at 94! God bless you, Sylvia: we love you. --Submitted by Kathie Ruegsegger

admitted the previous night. We fellowshiped with them both and reminisced about the goodness of the Lord in our everyday situations and how He is more than able to meet those needs and supply all of our comfort through His Holy Spirit. We were given a tour of their new home and its beautiful landscape that includes a "small" water feature that the whole community enjoys. Uncle Bill enjoys his new surroundings.

On the first Sunday of the month Josie and I set out after church to serve communion to **Hattie Turner**. Pulling out of the church property the weather looked ominous, as we worked our way west and south toward our appointment with the aforementioned Hattie Turner. The wind was down but the sky was a purplish gray and the clouds were nearly touching the tops of the trees. Josie turned to me as we drove.

"It looks a bit frightening don't you think?" she asked with concern welling up in her voice. "Don't worry honey," I said while steering around the fallen trees which stretched across the road in front of us. "Keep trying Hattie's number its not like her to let the phone ring." After a pause Josie responded, "I can't reach her, matter of fact the phone seems to be dead." We finally found the entrance to Hattie's complex and eased the car's front tires against the curb stone in a parking spot near the side door.

"Sorry sir but the complex is closed to visitors today because we have lost all power," said a pleasant man who sat just inside the front door. We left with a mixture of relief, because the phone was not disconnected just out of power and disappointment as we were unable to meet Hattie. On our next visit we were able to visit her. Hattie is a joy, even at 91 years old. She is as lovely as a picture. We learned about her family all long departed from this world. Hattie is outgoing and has many friends who take her all over the place shopping, driving around, stopping for treats, and making appointments. She plans to get to church from time to time when the weather is good. **Arnold & Josie Jones**

Jerry Marino was in much pain due to disintegrated discs in his spine. He was scheduled for surgery on the morning of Tuesday, September 6 and in such pain that he and his wife Cheryl were not in church the Sunday prior for communion. Arrangements were made to serve Jerry and Cheryl after the surgery. Exactly one week after the surgery I made my way to the Marino home in Macomb Township. As I drove I recalled my visit with Jerry in the hospital the prior week. He was still somewhat affected by the anesthesia one day after his surgery, but was well on his way to being his old self. He had made a point to get the names of all the attending doctors, nurses

and technicians, and was quite feisty with "one liners" flowing unabated.

I had spoke with Jerry on the phone a day prior to our visit and he said he felt like a dog in a kennel. He badly wanted to be outside walking but his good wife was making sure he remained within the confines of the house to ensure no falls would hamper his recovery. I pulled into the driveway at the handsome home on Nola Drive. As I strode around the garage to the front walk I was surprised to be met by Cheryl, who invited me in their home. As I looked through the door wall I saw Jerry walking in circles around his patio. He stepped lively into their great room. Amazed that I was seeing him walk without a walker or any assistance, I said, "Jerry, I thought you were restricted from going outside." "The warden let me out in the yard but I couldn't walk off the patio. I was going stir crazy and needed to get out," he replied.

After a surgery on the back involving screws, pins and various other hardware, it was startling to see such a rapid return to upright walking. Jerry attributed it to the prayers of all of Bethesda, and Cheryl and I agreed. He was quick to show his appreciation to all who said a prayer on his behalf. On the heels of those words of appreciation for answered prayer, we commenced with a communion service with prayers of thankfulness to Jesus for all he has done for us and prayers of blessing over the bread and the cup. **Rev. Patrick Visger**