

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### POINSETTIA & WREATH PICK UP

TODAY • AFTER SERVICE

Thank you for supporting the Bethesda Arts Ministry with your orders! After this morning's service, please drive around to the garage, located adjacent to the Chapel parking lot, to claim your poinsettia and wreath orders.

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"A HOLY NIGHT" ★ DECEMBER 16 & 17 ★ 7 PM

The 2011 Christmas program "A Holy Night" promises to be an extraordinary event. The Arts Ministry team has gathered an exceptional group of artisans to tell the story of Christmas, in wonderful and unexpected ways.

- ★ Sand Painting
- ★ Silhouette Dance
- ★ Choral & Orchestral Performances
- ★ Surprise Special Guests!

Don't miss this amazing performance! Let the Spirit of Christmas awaken your inner child and fill your soul with wonder and hope. Performances are at 7 PM on DECEMBER 16 & 17.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT ALL INFORMATION COUNTERS.

### NOT A FAN: THE MOVIE

SPECIAL SHOWING WEDNESDAY NIGHT

WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 30 • With most mid-week classes coming to a close or breaking for the holidays, we will be showing the feature film "Not A Fan: A Followers Story." A follow up Q&A session is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7.

Follow the journey of Eric Nelson, a man leading a compartmentalized triple life as a pleasure-seeking rebel, a cutthroat corporate executive, and a nominal Christian. But when confronted with a near death experience, Eric embarks on a spiritual journey that transforms his commitment to Jesus Christ and tests the faith of his friends and family.

### ANGEL TREE MINISTRY

ANGELS ARE ON THE TREE TODAY

Be a child's angel this year with a gift or a donation of your time. Volunteer opportunities are available. For more information, speak with Cammie Finley today, at the Angle Tree display in the foyer.



## MINISTRY UPDATE

### ARTS MINISTRY

Director: Terry Allen • Ext. 147

#### YOU ARE THE VERY BEST GIFT

Your gift and talent is still needed for the two-night Christmas spectacular "A Holy Night."

- Singers
- 10-12 Stage Hands
- General Volunteers to lend a hand

Join us at our next Christmas Choir rehearsal scheduled for TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 at 7 PM. To volunteer or for more information, contact Paul Tosch at ptosch@BethesdaChristian.org or in the office ext. 169.

### MEN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Pat Visger • Ext.119

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
MONDAY • JANUARY 9 • 2012 • A new basketball season begins and the league has room for (4) four new teams. Come out and enjoy some great competition and fellowship. Contact John Kurtz for more information johnkurtz777@att.net or call (248) 388-1833.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Julie Visger • Ext. 117

#### HEART 2 HEART

Are you looking for someone to talk with, encourage you and relate to you in a specific area of your life? Call Rev. Julie and ask about Heart 2 Heart.

#### "SISTERS" MEETING REMINDER

The "Sisters" group does not meet in December.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rob Susan • Ext. 135

DECEMBER 11—Join us in the Sanctuary for the Kids' Praise Christmas performance.

### ROUTE 33

Director: Terry Allen • Ext. 147

#### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY • 18-29 YEARS

Route 33 offers captivating worship and compelling, compassionate words for adults 18-29. Won't you help lead someone down the right road via Route 33?

R33 MEETS • WEDNESDAYS • 7:33 PM • AUDITORIUM



### SINGLES MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Julie Visger • Ext. 117

#### NOW MEETING IN ROOM 102

Through December 11, the Singles Ministry will be temporarily meeting in Room 102 on SUNDAYS at 9 AM.



### STUDENT MINISTRIES

Director: Jesse Allen • Ext. 111

#### SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERIES

DECEMBER 4, 11 and 18—Jeanne Frazee will present a holiday series on the Magi (a.k.a. the Wisemen) and discuss what we really should be thinking about this Christmas season. Come and discover how powerful the story of the Magi is--even today--and learn what God has planned for us. We start at 9 AM sharp! See you there.



THEWAYMOVEMENT



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Dan Adams suffered a Transient Ischemic attack (TIA) but is back home now.

Dolores Braxton is undergoing home therapy for her hands and neck.

Bob Chupick was discharged from hospital after congestive heart failure (11/19); pray for a quick recovery.

Nick Chupick scheduled for CT scan (11/28) to check status of colon cancer, after completing chemo and radiation.

Irene Dunkley has irregular heartbeat that required an increase in medication.

Jim Dunkley struggling with chronic acid reflux and indigestion.

Vivian Edwards was re-admitted to hospital with colitis.

Sylvia Geerdink has pain from neuropathy; underwent tests this week.

Lillian Grayewski hospitalized with irregular heartbeat; transferred (11/15) to Clinton-Aire Health Center.

Karen Harris is still having complications after multiple surgical procedures to help her breathe. Pray no more surgery will be required.

Lloyd Lindman, 90, has osteoporosis and is homebound with back pain.

Leander McKee undergoing surgical treatments for gum disease.

Rev. Phyl Nelson is still suffering with neuropathy, after foot and ankle reconstruction surgery.

Fannia O'Meara had tests to determine corrective options for carpal tunnel syndrome.

Brenda Parker has permission to start walking in a surgical boot 11 weeks after surgery. A leg brace comes next.

Doug Rich is hospitalized (11/18) with a slight fever, recurring infection and possible surgery.

Ursula Ridlon recovering from complicated oral surgery (11/16).

Mary Shonts has made Evangelical Nursing Home her residence, as she is no longer able to live alone.

Mary Jane Smith suffering with pain in her lower back from arthritis.

Steve Wanamaker had rotator cuff surgery.

## FRIENDS OF BETHESDANS

Dolores Braxton's grandson/wife were at home when a homemade bomb came through the window. They escaped, but their home was burned to the ground.

## PRAISE REPORT

Margaret Geerdink has started walking daily, and has no more back pain.

Helen Malek finished therapy for pain in her shoulder and arm and is doing fine.

Nick Mangiapane started out-patient therapy (11/15) after his hip replacement. Feeling much better; no real pain.

John Streber is upbeat in rehab and expects to be home this weekend (11/26).

Ruth Whittaker is recovering and able to teach her class "Life & Works of Christ," at the Bethesda Bible Institute.



### First Sunday of Advent

Today marks the beginning of Advent, which has become a tradition of anticipation among children in many Christian families leading to Christmas Day. This abiding legacy of hope can be a beacon for all during this busy season.

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in His first Advent and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in His second Advent. For this reason, Advent is far more than recognition of a 2,000-year-old event. Advent also symbolizes the

spiritual journey of believers as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today and that He will come again in power.

The Advent Wreath serves as a symbolic, but very poignant, reminder for Christians throughout the four weeks of Advent. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of renewal and of eternal life. Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

The first candle is traditionally considered the candle of Hope. With hope and anticipation, God's people sought the coming of an Anointed One, a Messiah, whose foretold coming is weaved like a golden thread through Old Testament history. As God's people were abused by power hungry kings, led astray by self-centered prophets and lulled into apathy by half-hearted religious leaders, they yearned for a return of God's dynamic presence in their midst.

God revealed to some of the prophets that He would not leave His people without a true Shepherd. While they expected a new earthly king, their expectations were instead met by God's revelation of Himself in Christ. The world is not yet fully redeemed, as we all know. So, during Advent, it is with hope that we await the second Advent. It is in this expectation that we believe God will again reveal Himself to the world.



## HOLIDAY SPECIALS

30% OFF FALL ITEMS

Need Christmas gift ideas? Stop by and explore the wholesome gift selection, perfect for the holidays. Remember all proceeds benefit Bethesda ministries.

- ANNALIECE JEWELRY 20% OFF
- TOYS, BOOKS & DOLLS
- NATIVITY SETS
- ORNAMENTS
- 2012 CALENDARS & PLANNERS



## REGISTER FOR JANUARY CLASSES

### SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### ADULT CATECHISM

Jan 8 - Jun 20 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

#### BEYOND MALIGNANT RELIGION

Jan 10 - Apr 3 • Tuesdays • 9 AM

### DEEPER STUDY

#### LIVING UNDER...

Jan 11 - Mar 28 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

#### RENOVATING OUR HOMES

Jan 11 - Mar 28 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

#### SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Jan 24 - Mar 13 • Tuesdays • 7 PM

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### GROWING TOGETHER (MARRIAGE PREP)

Jan 8 - Mar 25 • Sundays • 9 AM

#### GROWING KIDS GOD'S WAY

Jan 11 - May 2 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

#### DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE

Feb 12 - May 13 • Sundays • 6 PM

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### GRIEF SHARE

Jan 11 - Apr 25 • Wednesdays • 7 PM

#### FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH

Jan 24 • 7 PM • Tuesdays • Space Limited

MANY YEAR-LONG COURSES ALSO OPEN.  
SEE COURSE CATALOG FOR FULL DETAILS.

**VOLUNTEER CORNER:  
SNOW CREW**  
(A.K.A. ANTI-SNOW PRAYER TEAM)

Help Bethesdians get to church safely by clearing/salting the church walkways on Saturday or Sundays after a snowfall. Please drop this completed form at the Church Office or put it in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**BETHESDA'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT NOW AVAILABLE**



Bethesda Members can now pick up BCC's latest financial report in the office. Feel free to contact either David Mutschler (ext. 164) or David Ondra (ext. 113) with any questions you may have.

Church Office (586) 264-2300

**Volunteer Corner**

King's Island needs Nursery & "Island Hopper" volunteers for crowd control, greeting, snack distribution and more! If you can volunteer one Sunday each month please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate, or contact Rob Susan at the Church Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27 9 AM • Youth & Adult • Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together  10 AM Service & Children's Church	28 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS  99.5 WYCD	29 9 AM Bible Study: Galatians 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg  7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • BBI Class • DivorceCare4Kids • Christmas Choir Practice (RM 213)  not a fan.  7:33 PM ROUTE 33	30 7 PM • Adult Ministries • Student Ministry • Children's Ministry  MOVIE NIGHT  not a fan.  7:33 PM ROUTE 33	DECEMBER 1 10 AM Service (Chapel)	2	3
4 9 AM • Youth & Adult • Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together  10 AM Service & Children's Church  Pick Up WREATHS / POINSETTIAS (GARAGE)	5 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS  99.5 WYCD	6 9 AM Bible Study: Galatians 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg  7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • BBI Class • DivorceCare4Kids	7 7 PM • Adult Ministries • Student Ministry • Children's Ministry  MOVIE NIGHT FOLLOW UP Q&A  7:33 PM ROUTE 33	8 10 AM Service (Chapel)	9	10 9 AM-12 PM  Christmas Rehearsal
11 9 AM • Youth & Adult • Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together  10 AM Service & Children's Church	12 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS  99.5 WYCD	13 9 AM Bible Study: Galatians 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM Toastmasters  7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • BBI Class • DivorceCare4Kids	14 7 PM  "A HOLY NIGHT" DRESS REHEARSAL  ROUTE 33 & THEWAY ANGLE TREE DELIVERIES	15 10 AM Service (Chapel)  7 PM Men's Ministry; Iron Sharpens Iron	16 7 PM  "A HOLY NIGHT" CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  ❄️	17 7 PM  "A HOLY NIGHT" CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  ❄️
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**MID-WEEK SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**Nov. 30** 7 PM **Movie Night**  
"Not a Fan" (Crystal Room A)

**Dec. 7** **Movie Night Question & Answer Session**

**Dec. 14** **"A Holy Night" Rehearsal**  
**TheWay & Route 33 Angle Tree Gift Distribution**

**Dec. 21 & 28** **No Mid-Week Services**

Bethesda Christian Church  
A Worshipping Community since 1934  
NOVEMBER 27, 2011

*A Holy Night*

FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
FRI • DEC. 16 • 7 PM  
SAT • DEC. 17 • 7 PM

ORDER OF SERVICE	SERMON NOTES
Worship ..... Worship Choir	_____
Welcome/Opening Prayer ..... Rev. Barry Allen	_____
Music ..... Terry Allen	_____
<b>You Are Good</b>	_____
<b>Blessed Be Your Name</b>	_____
<b>Mighty To Save</b>	_____
<b>Great Are You Lord</b>	_____
Prayer Needs/Announcements ..... Rev. Barry Allen	_____
Offering ..... Pastor Analee Dunn	_____
Message ..... Pastor Analee Dunn	_____
<b>THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME</b>	_____
"A Norman Rockwell Christmas"	_____

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