

ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

HOLIDAY HOURS AND SERVICES

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS' DAY • SERVICE ONLY

Over the holiday our Sunday service will continue to meet in the Sanctuary at its normal time at 10 AM. Morning classes, King's Island and the Nursery are cancelled. CRYSTAL DINING ROOM B will be open for those with young children. Service will be broadcast live via video. Contact the Church Office, if you have additional questions (586) 264-2300.

WANTED: VIDEO & LIGHTING TECHS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN 2012

Do you have experience with stage lighting, audio/visual production or video editing? Could you donate a few hours of your time each month? All levels of experience welcome—even beginners! Do you know someone that recently graduated in this field? Would they consider interning or volunteering? Anyone with interest or questions, please contact Terry Allen in the office (ext. 147) or by email TAllen@BethesdaChristian.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 11 • GOAL OF 46 UNITS

Southeastern Michigan hospitals need 900 units of blood each and every day. Our goal is to contribute a mere 46 units. Can you help us do even better? Every donation counts and can potentially save up to three lives. Mark your calendars, join us for service and leave behind the gift of life. Learn more about this event and the importance of donating blood at www.BethesdaChristian.org.



NEW ADULT CATECHISM CLASS

STARTING WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 4 • 7 PM

Whether you are preparing to become a Bethesda member or exploring fundamental Christianity, our adult Catechism course is essential. There is a \$45 materials fee and registration is required. Please refer to our course catalog for full details.

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.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Director: Jesse Allen • Ext. 111

HEY TEENS: ARE YOU NEW TO BETHESDA?

Have you heard about TheWay? Learn everything you know about TheWay on our website or Facebook pages. The QR code here will also hook you up instantly. It would be great if you would stop by—even bring a buddy—for our mid-week or Sunday gatherings? Director Jesse Allen is always available to answer any questions. Give him a call or email JAllen@BethesdaChristian.org.



SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 30 CHRISTMAS BLITZ LOCK-IN

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Julie Visger • Ext. 117

FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH

TUESDAYS • JANUARY 24 • 7 PM

Come learn how to be a good steward of the body the Lord has given us. The First Place program is a Christ Centered weight-loss and healthy living program that emphasizes the importance of seeking the Lord first in every area of life. You must register by JANUARY 8th. Please stop at the Women's Ministry table in the foyer today to sign up or ask questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, LADIES!

THE NEXT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST IS SATURDAY, APRIL 28.

MINISTRY UPDATE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rob Susan • Ext. 135

DID YOU MISS THE KID'S PRAISE CONCERT?

Visit the Sermon section of our website and replay the entire show. You can even download your own copy.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: There will be no King's Island or Nursery services on Christmas or New Year's Day. However, Crystal Ballroom B will be simulcasting service for those with young children.

ADULT EDUCATION

Director: Rev. Pat Visger • Ext.119

NEW CLASSES BEGIN IN JANUARY

Catechism, Money Matters, GriefShare, Growing Kids God's Way are only a sample of the many classes available beginning in January. Registration is open to all; Church membership is not required. Refer to our Course Catalog for the complete listing of winter classes. Rev. Visger can also assist you with any questions you may have.

ROUTE 33

Director: Terry Allen • Ext. 147

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY—18-29 YEARS

WEDNESDAYS • 7:33 PM • AUDITORIUM

ROUTE 33 is on Facebook and Twitter. Are you following us yet? Help us grow in 2012; please share our page and event details with your friends, family, co-workers and classmates.

IMPORTANT DATES:

DECEMBER 21 - UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER PARTY

DECEMBER 28 - NO SERVICE

MEN'S MINISTRY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Gus Albrecht will have his next chemo treatment (12/29), allowing for a reprieve over Christmas.

Dolores Banks may need surgery to remove a polyp on her lung, a side effect of the smoke inhalation she endured when their home burned to the ground.

Theresa Bragg is doing well in rehabilitation, where her arm/shoulder can heal after being pulled from its socket. *Dolores Braxton* and her extended family, who now reside with her due to various challenges, seek prayers for health and improved financial security.

Karen Lowry will complete her radiation treatments January 3.

Leander McKee will have a short reprieve over the holidays to recover from extensive oral surgeries removing 14 teeth.

Amanda Ponke (26) is recovering from heart ablation surgery (12/13).

Ron Ralph remains hospitalized, but was upgraded from critical care. His case is complex, includes MRSA and pneumonia.

Ursula Ridlon is recovering from a difficult oral surgery where several teeth were removed; pain is terrible.

Bev Worman had surgery on Friday, pray issues are resolved and for a quick recovery.

Catherine Zabrzanski fractured her hip, in a early December fall, and remains hospitalized.

FRIENDS OF BETHESDANS

Gloria Becker's brother, *Wayne Moore* is scheduled to have multiple-bypass surgery.

Iris Harkins had carotid artery surgery (11/29).

Karen Jones's sister, *Carole (Sanders) Weaver* had a heart cauterization last week to repair areas not beating properly.

Hank LeBeault's brother *Philip* recently completed treatment for cancer; doctors uncertain whether he is in remission. Now he is experiencing a new source of pain, which doctors have yet to diagnose.

Marianne Morgan's neighbor, *Rose* is receiving chemo treatments for cancer.

Jerry Nagy began chemo session to treat lymphoma.

Toni Sharpe's brother-in-law, *Ted Graham* has history of major heart issues and underwent another heart catheterization.

Debbie Sirvio for *Rodney*, who has Huntington's disease.

Mattie Woods's daughter-in-law, *Ophelia Gaines* had a defibrillator implanted (12/7) to restore normal heart rhythm.

PRAISE REPORT

Nick Chupick completed extensive chemo and radiation for colon cancer and passed all follow-up tests with flying colors.

Steve Serra pain is greatly reduced after new treatment at Cleveland Clinic; can now sit and work at his computer.

John Streber was back in Church last week; it was first time since his (11/26) quadruple bypass surgery.

"A HOLY NIGHT"

The Arts Department extends a huge THANK YOU to each and every person involved in last week's Christmas program. Your tireless hard work, support and the massive amounts of love offered up made this year's program a tremendous success! With your God-glorifying efforts, hundreds of people witnessed the power of the Lord through the Holy Spirit. We could not list each of you here in the *Voice*, as there were too many gracious artists, volunteers, staff members, congregants and friends of Bethesda to list. However, if you visit our website (www.BethesdaChristian.org) you will find the complete list of everyone involved, as well as video clips and photos of the event. With love and faithfulness in Christ, we thank you! ~Terry, Laura, Paul and the entire Arts Ministry Department

Detroit Institute of Arts Exhibition Tour on December 28

REMBRANDT and the Face of Jesus

Sign up today join our December 28 tour, either at 9:30 AM or 4 PM, for the group rate of \$12. To reserve your seat, contact instructor Linda Cadariu (586) 737-7718.

ANGEL TREE

A big thanks to everyone who helped make Christmas brighter for 132 Angel Tree kids this year! We greatly appreciate you for buying and wrapping gifts, for delivering gifts across Metro-Detroit and for those who kept these families in their prayers. We couldn't do it without you! Merry Christmas and God Bless!

~ Rev. Barry Allen, Care & Outreach Ministries

COUPLES RETREAT: "REBUILD, RESTORE & RENEW"

MARCH 2 - 4, 2011

There is still time to sign up for the 2012 Couples Retreat at Shanty Creek Resort. A \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. But hurry, space is limited. At this year's program, participants will work on:

- Rebuilding home foundations, centered on Christ
- Restoring integrity within their relationships
- Renewing the love vowed in marriage

SPEAK TO CHERYL MUTERSPAW AT OUR TABLE IN THE LOBBY THIS WEEK TO LEARN MORE.



2WordStory Book Coming SPRING 2012

Do you know someone with a powerful testimony that could impact others if shared? EACH is currently seeking individual stories that would make a compelling entry in a forthcoming book about his program.

Visit www.EachToday.com/2wordstory to see samples.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered, contact Rev. Barry Allen at (596) 264-2300 ext. 114 or email: BAllen@BethesdaChristian.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

REFINERS FIRE UPDATE

Last Sunday the congregation turned in over 5 lbs 11 oz of rings, bracelets, computer chips and other gold containing items. All this has been shipped to our refining partners.

TODAY is the last scheduled Sunday on which you can add to this amount. Please bring the donation packet to the "treasure chest" located in the main foyer by the staircase. All donations of scrap gold will receive a tax deductible statement in time for the 2011 tax filing.

Packets are with the ushers and at the Information Desks. If you forgot your donation packet (containing instructions on how to prepare your donation) please contact James Dunn (ext. 104) in the Church Office to make arrangements to meet our deadline for 2011 donations.

Thank you for your enthusiasm in this project meant to address some of our urgent building needs. We will give you a report on the total received in a few weeks.



NEW JANUARY CLASSES

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

ADULT CATECHISM
Jan 4 - 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

MONEY MATTERS
Jan 8 - Feb 19 • Sundays • 9 AM

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 CLASSES AVAILABLE
SEE CATALOG FOR DETAILS!

BETHESDA BOOK CLUB

Our BCC Book Club is still meeting the second Sunday of each month after church in the Daystar Gift Shoppe. Open to readers of all ages. Our next featured book kicks off on JANUARY 8 with:

BONHOEFFER: PASTOR, MARTYR, PROPHET, SPY.
by Eric Metaxas

See a preview on Amazon.com

DECEMBER-JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
18 9 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together 10 AM Service & Children's Church	19 OFFICE CLOSED LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 99.5 WYCD DETROIT'S COUNTRY	20 No Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • DivorceCare4Kids	21 NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT SERVICE 7 PM TheWay Student Ministries 7:33 PM ROUTE 33 UGLY SWEATER PARTY	22 NO SERVICES OFFICE CLOSED IN THE AFTERNOON	23 OFFICE CLOSED BUILDING CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED BUILDING CLOSED
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! 10 AM Service ONLY Crystal B will simulcast for families with babies No Classes No Nursery No King's Island	26 OFFICE CLOSED LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 99.5 WYCD DETROIT'S COUNTRY	27 No Bible Study 7 PM • 12 Step (meeting will be held offsite)	28 NO WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES	29 NO SERVICES	30 OFFICE CLOSED 7 PM - 8 AM THEWAY CHRISTMAS BLITZ LOCK-IN	31 OFFICE CLOSED
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR! 10 AM Service ONLY Crystal B will simulcast for families with babies No Classes No Nursery No King's Island COMMUNION	2 OFFICE CLOSED BUILDING CLOSED LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 99.5 WYCD DETROIT'S COUNTRY	3 No Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7 PM • 12 Step • BBI Class • DivorceCare • DivorceCare4Kids	4 6:30 TheWay Cafe 7 PM • Mid-week Service • Adult Catechism • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry 7:33 PM ROUTE 33	5 10 AM Service (Chapel)	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 OFFICE CLOSED
8 9 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together • Money Matters 10 AM Service & Children's Church BETHESDA BOOK CLUB BEGINS	9 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS 99.5 WYCD DETROIT'S COUNTRY	10 Bible Study Resumes 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • DivorceCare4Kids • ToastMasters • Overcomers	11 6:30 TheWay Cafe 7 PM • Mid-week Service • Adult Catechism • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry • GriefShare • Growing Kids God Way • Christian Home 7:33 PM ROUTE 33	12 10 AM Service (Chapel)	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 OFFICE CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

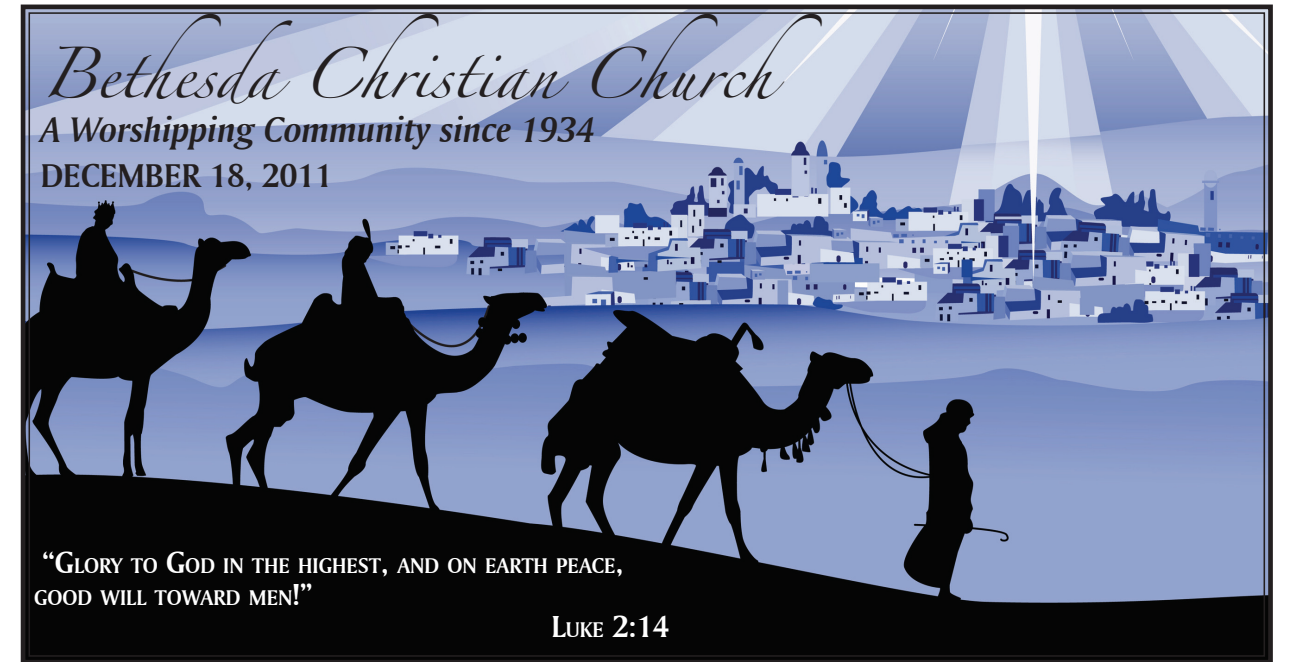


In this final week of Advent we celebrate and reflect on the theme of peace. In these troubled times, it is easy to regard peace as an impossible dream. Recognize that peace is something deeper and more profound than the absence of external conflict. These weeks of Advent remind us just how much hope, joy, love and peace surround us, provided you are in a covenant relationship with God, by His son Jesus. This Christmas season, when you see images of a precious little baby in the manger think not about the sweetness of a tiny infant. Try instead to think:

This is our King who will soon end the greatest war that ever was. His reign will be that of, a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world. Jesus Christ is our peace. And, in that name all oppression will cease.

As we near the final days of the Advent season, reflect on the peace we have to look forward to. Like the light of the advent candles themselves, allow the anticipation of His second coming to become your personal beacon of peace for all who live in darkness to see.

"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace." (Psalm 29:11)



ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Worship Worship Team

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Welcome/Opening Prayer Rev. Barry Allen

Worship Terry Allen

Angles We Have Heard On High

Doxology

How Great Is Our God

O Come All Ye Faithful

Announcements/Offering Rev. Barry Allen

Solo Kelly Valenza

O Holy Night

Message Pastor Analee Dunn

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME

"SONGS OF THE SEASON"

PASTOR DUNN'S
SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

LUKE 1:46-55, 67-69
LUKE 2:14, 28:32



If you're visiting us today, we'd love to meet you at the Visitor Welcome Center in the lobby following the morning service. There we can answer your questions and provide you with additional information about Bethesda Christian Church.

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