

## ACTIVITIES & HIGHLIGHTS

### CHECK THE CALENDAR

**MEETING LOCATIONS, TIMES, SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
Be sure to check the calendar over the next couple of weeks to keep track of your favorite programs and services. Over the holidays many meetings have been cancelled or are being held off-site. Building access and Office hours will also be adjusted accordingly. Please contact the Church Office, if you have any questions.

### NEW TO BETHESDA?

**CATECHISM BEGINS • WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 4 • 7 PM**  
Are you or someone you know new to Bethesda? Consider taking our catechism class. A new session kicks off WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 at 7 PM. Even if you completed catechism as a child or are an established Christian, you will enjoy revisiting the foundational principals that Bethesda is built upon. Please refer to our course catalog for full details or contact Rev. Pat Visger at PVisger@BethesdaChristian.org.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**JOIN US WEDNESDAY • JANUARY 11**  
Southeastern Michigan hospitals need 900 units of blood each and every day. To make even a small dent in their daily needs, we have a donation goal of at least 50 units. Every donation can potentially save up to three lives. How can you pass up an opportunity like that? Learn more about this event and the importance of donating blood at [www.BethesdaChristian.org](http://www.BethesdaChristian.org).

### 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.

## MINISTRY UPDATE

### 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 full details. Rev. Visger can also assist with any questions you may have.

### ROUTE 33

Director: Terry Allen • Ext. 147

#### SERVICES RESUME JANUARY 4

ROUTE 33 will not meet this week; but we welcome you back at our regularly scheduled time WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4. Don't miss all the excitement. "Like Us" on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



### STUDENT MINISTRIES

Director: Jesse Allen • Ext. 111

#### SUPER•AWESOME•MEGA•WICKED•CHRISTMAS BLITZ

Let DECEMBER 30 be the most amazing night of your break, TheWay's Christmas Blitz is the place to be!

- Slammin' Dodgeball Tournament
- Great Grub
- Buzzin' Beverages (Energy/Caffeine Only)
- Mega Movies & More



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 7 PM - 8 AM SATURDAY. \$15 at the door. No charge for new-comers. Plus, save \$5 for every first-time visitor you bring. RSVP on Facebook @ TheWay Student Ministries page or contact Jesse Allen.

### 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.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Director: Rob Susan • Ext. 135

#### CRYSTAL B AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY SERVICES

There are no King's Island or Nursery services today or New Year's Day. Regular schedules resume WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4.

CRYSTAL ROOM B WILL SIMULCAST SERVICE FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.

### 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](mailto:johnkurtz777@att.net) or call (248) 388-1833.

### SINGLES MINISTRY

Director: Rev. Julie Visger • Ext. 117

#### SUNDAYS • 9 AM • CRYSTAL ROOM A

Join other singles for interactive discussion and events that take place throughout the year. Stop in soon; we look forward to meeting you!

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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#### FIRST PLACE FOR HEALTH

TUESDAYS • JANUARY 24 • 7 PM

Learn to be a good steward of your body as the Lord requires in our First Place For Health program. Register for this Christ-Centered weight-loss and healthy living program that emphasizes the importance of seeking the Lord first in every area of life. Register no later than JANUARY 8. Visit the Women's Ministry table in the foyer to sign up or ask questions.

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS

*Gina Ban* has a bone infection in her upper jaw.

*Patty Brzustowicz* has a severe cold and is in therapy for degenerative discs in her lower back.

*Vivian Edwards'* colitis is flaring up again and neuropathy in her hands is still a problem.

*Jamie Gentile* is recovering nicely after successful rotor cuff surgery (12/19).

*Lana Lawor* still hospitalized, underwent heart catheterization (12/22). Surgery to remove infection from her knee was successful.

*Amanda Ponke*, 26, is home doing a little better after (12/13) heart ablation surgery.

*Ron Ralph* remains hospitalized. He lost vision in his right eye when it was injected with antibiotics for his MRSA infection.

*Clarence Tylkowski* had an emergency heart catheterization to treat on-going issues. Due to high-risk status, corrective surgery is not an option.

*Bev Worman* recovering at home from major surgery (12/16); feeling pretty good.

*Erin Worman*, 17, had her wisdom teeth removed Thursday.

## FRIENDS OF BETHESDANS

*Hank LeBeault's* brother, *Philip*, struggling with multiple GI issues and undergoing tests.

*Roy Criss* for *Lucciana Rumi*, 3-year-old boy who has been hospitalized with bacterial infection & high fever.

*Marianne Morgan's* cousin, *Gwen*, has been ill for 18 months.

*Jerry Nagy* will receive second chemo treatment for liver & lymph node cancer (12/26).

*Shelly Raab's* mother is in hospice. Pray for strength and understanding among family members.

## PRAISE REPORT

*Fannia O'Meara* was well enough after asthma attack to attend "A Holy Night."

*Steve Serra* had a good week.

*Shirley Werner* finds the help she needs in caring for her mother, age 101, at the Caregiver Support Group, led by Sue Bulat.

*Mattie Woods* reports her dizziness is gone. She also thanks Bethesdans for cards and well wishes.

## 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.

### Detroit Institute of Arts Exhibition Tour on December 28

#### REMBRANDT and the Face of Jesus

Don't miss this incredible opportunity! Sign up for a December 28 tour ( 9:30 AM or 4 PM). It's only \$12! Call Linda Cadariu (586) 737-7718 for reservations.

### HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST OR PRAISE REPORT?

Please submit it to Rev. Phyllis Nelson at the Visitor Desk in the Main Foyer on Sundays -or-

Contact Rev. Barry Allen by email or submit your request online on our website [www.BethesdaChristian.org](http://www.BethesdaChristian.org)



### 2WORDSTORY BOOK COMING SPRING 2012

Do you know someone with a powerful testimony that could impact others? EACH is currently seeking individual stories that would make a compelling entry in a forthcoming book about this program. Visit [www.EachToday.com/2wordstory](http://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](mailto:BAllen@BethesdaChristian.org).

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### THANK YOU BETHESDANS!

Your response to Refiners Fire Gold collection program was incredible. Over 11 pounds of items containing gold content was submitted in just two short weeks. We will learn the actual value shortly. Once received, we will give you a full report.

Thank you, also, for sharing the stories of how some of these pieces were acquired. We are grateful for your willingness to help us maintain our buildings--today and for future generations.



## SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.

Join us Wed.  
January 4  
7PM



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### Volunteer Corner

#### KING'S ISLAND URGENTLY NEEDS NURSERY VOLUNTEERS!

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 (586) 264-2300 at ext. 135.

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

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

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

**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

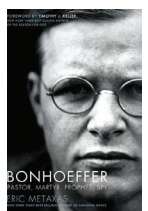
**DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE**  
 FEB 12 - MAY 13 • SUNDAYS • 6 PM

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**GRIEFSHARE**  
 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
25 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b> 10 AM Service ONLY Crystal B will simulcast for families with babies No Classes No Nursery No King's Island	26 <b>OFFICE CLOSED BUILDING CLOSED</b> LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS <b>99.5 WYCD</b> DETROIT'S COUNTRY	27 No Bible Study 7 PM • 12 Step (meeting will be held off site)	28 <b>NO SERVICES</b>	29 <b>NO SERVICES</b>	30 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 PM - 8 AM <b>THEWAY CHRISTMAS BLITZ LOCK-IN</b>	31 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>NO EVENING SERVICES TUESDAY-THURSDAY</b>						
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b> 10 AM Service ONLY Crystal B will simulcast for families with babies No Classes No Nursery No King's Island <b>COMMUNION</b>	2 <b>OFFICE CLOSED BUILDING CLOSED</b> LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS <b>99.5 WYCD</b> DETROIT'S COUNTRY	3 No Bible Study 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 7 PM • 12 Step • BBI Class • DivorceCare • DivorceCare4Kids	4 <b>NEW CLASSES BEGIN</b> 6:30 TheWay Cafe 7 PM • Mid-week Service • Adult Catechism • GriefShare • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry 7:33 PM ROUTE 33	5 10 AM Service (Chapel)	6 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	7 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
8 9 AM • Youth & Adult Catechism • Nurseries • Connection Groups • Growing Together • Money Matters 10 AM Service & Children's Church <b>BETHESDA BOOK CLUB BEGINS</b>	9 LISTEN IN MON-FRI 11AM - NOON FOR PASTOR DUNN'S RADIO SPOTS <b>99.5 WYCD</b> DETROIT'S COUNTRY	10 9:00 AM Bible Study Resumes 10:30 AM Prayer Mtg 6:30 PM TOASTMASTERS 7 PM • 12 Step • DivorceCare • DivorceCare4Kids • 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 <b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>	12 10 AM Service (Chapel)	13 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	14 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
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John 3:16

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**Joy**

*Merry Christmas*

December 25, 2011



**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Opening Worship ..... Paul & Amy Tosch

Opening Prayer/Scripture Reading ..... Rev. Pat Visger

Isaiah 9: 2-7, Luke 2: 1-6

Worship ..... Paul & Amy Tosch

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Silent Night

Scripture Reading ..... Rob & Jack Susan

Luke 2: 7-14

Solo ..... Paul Tosch

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Offering/Message ..... Pastor Analee Dunn

**THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME**

"THE INCARNATION"

Worship ..... Paul & Amy Tosch

Angels We Have Heard On High

Joy To The World

Closing Prayer ..... Pastor Analee Dunn

**PASTOR DUNN'S  
 SCRIPTURE REFERENCE**

**JOHN 1: 1-14**

*Welcome*

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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