I Love My Church!

There are over two billion people in the world who attend church any given Sunday! Over 120 million in the United States alone! But many of them can’t identify why they even go. They don’t know that the church isn’t just an event you show up to for an hour or so on Sunday morning – the church is a spiritual family you belong to. The church is the body of Christ designed to meet our deepest needs in life. Over the next six weeks we will rediscover the purpose of the church, why we worship, and how the church meets our deepest needs in life. We will look specifically at our core values here at Bethlehem First and why we can all say, “I love my church!”

August 20
I Love Our Church!
Worship is a Lifestyle

August 27
Inviting Others to Know Christ
(Combined Service)

September 3
Nurturing Godly Friendships

September 10
Growing In Our Faith

September 17
Serving One Another

September 24

Please Join Us for Worship | In-Person or On-Line
9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday, August 20 | 12th Sunday after Pentecost
“I Love Our Church!” | Acts 2:42-47

Why do people go to church? What are the benefits? Why do over 120 million Americans attend church every Sunday? Why do you attend church? What are the benefits in your life? Unfortunately, most people who attend a church service have no clear idea why they’re there. Some attend out of habit, some out of tradition, some out of duty, and some out of guilt. If someone asked you, why are you part of a church family, what reasons would you give? This morning we’re going to review who we are, what we are, why we do what we do, and the purpose of a church family. God wants to bless your life through your church family! Today we will review our core values here at BFUMC and how each one is meant to bless your life. Nothing else besides your church family can meet the deepest needs in your life!
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Please join us for our toiletry drive and bring in:
- Bar soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste

Please note—the Little Free Food Pantry DOES NOT replace our monthly House of Bread Food Pantry on the first Saturday of every month.
FALL FEST 2023

BETHLEHEMFIRSTUMC.ORG

Inside 12-2pm
*Following the 10:30am service*

FOOD, GAMES,
INFLATABLES,
CORNHOLE,
BINGO, & MORE!

Sign up to bring food and drinks on linktr.ee/bfumc!

GRANDPARENTS' DAY brunch
in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 10th
10:20 - 11am

Sign up to bring food and drinks
BFUMC TRAVEL CLUB GOES TO NEW ORLEANS
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 - 6, 2023   | 5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
Motorcoach transportation. Four (4) nights lodging in the New Orleans area.

- **GUIDED TOUR OF NEW ORLEANS**
- Admission to the **NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM**
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners
- **GUIDED TOUR OF A LOUISIANA PLANTATION**
- Admission to MARDI GRAS WORLD
- Relaxing **RIVERBOAT CRUISE** on the Mississippi River
- Enjoy Historic New Orleans French Quarter

**Trip Charge**: $630 trip includes trip transportation/meals

**Trip Payments Due**: $75 pp due by Sunday, 7/30/23; $555 pp final/additional on or before Aug/15/ 2023. Add $180 for single occupancy.

Contact Wanda Doster wjdoster@windstream.net or call or text 770-601-8570.

HEALTH & BEAUTY EXPO   | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:00AM - 2:00 PM
Our BFUMC R. Harold Harrison Fitness Center is looking for vendors for our upcoming Health & Beauty Expo. If you or someone you know has a business that fits the categories of health, fitness, nutrition, skin care, massages, chiropractor, local farms, therapists, etc., please go to [linktr.ee/bfumc](linktr.ee/bfumc) (Vendor Application for Health and Beauty Expo) and fill out a vendor form. Prices will be $45 for a 10x10 space. No vendor fee is needed at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact anissa.sullivan@bethlehemfirstumc.com.
Snell, Diane – visiting son in California as I struggle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP)
Staniszewski, Amy – cancer
Wells, Lynne – heart test results 8/21 (Beth Dickinson’s aunt)
Williams, Judy – dental work and neck issues

Ongoing Requests
Alcorn, Shirley – cancer
Allen, Tyler
Bell, Charles – eye issues
Cox, Billy
Dean, Jamie – breast cancer
Dillard, Tonya
Fleeman, Brenda
Helmers, Lois – severe back pain
Luenzmann, Bettie
Massey Family – health issues

- All those with Covid
- Widows in our church and community
- Barrow County Schools
- Our college freshmen
- BFUMC
- USA

To receive prayer updates and notices for e-prayers, contact
Karen Whitehead 770-867-3727,
karen.whitehead@bethlehemfirstumc.com

Prayer Concerns

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Aldridge, Dan – loss of brother
Allen, Clara – knee issues
Black, Pete – knee surgery Monday, August 7
Brown, Lela – hospitalized at Piedmont Neuman for GI issues, awaiting possible hip surgery (Jane Orendorff’s mother)
Carper, Pat – medical recovery, pray for husband Walt and grandson Cameron
Cramer, Kelsi
Dickinson, Pastor Beth & Family
Edge, Quentin – adjustment away from home
Ellington, Don & Linda
Ellis, Krys – grandfather passed away 7/22/23
Fleming, Alan & Leah – Alan stroke, Leah cancer (Robin Maddox’s brother and sister-in-law)
George, Chester – shoulder surgery recovery
James, Peggy – heart issues (Beth Whitehead’s sister-in-law)
Mayfield, Melissa – health
Mirkes, Monica – Quentin’s start with college, room situation
Mixon, Tommy – assessment process for placement at the Georgia War Home for Veterans (Tracey Reed’s stepfather)
Mobley Joann – in her final days on earth-lives in East Texas (Aimee Cameron’s grandmother)
Monk, John – 2nd opinion appointment, 8/7 @ Emory
Moore, Shirlee – health, finances
Odum, Jimmy – lung cancer, pray treatments have helped
Ortega, Daniel – Gwinnett Police Officer in a serious car accident with injuries, pray for wife Bryanna and daughter Ellie
Pryor, Mikayla – Shasae, lost dog/moving
Roberts, Linda – prayers for a family member
Rodriquez, Family of Telesforo (Manny) – (Lizzy Sheffield’s father)
Schultz, Tess – adjustment as Quentin leaves home and Wesley starts college, prayers for home to sell
Sheffield, Lizzy
Smith, Linda

We Are a Praying Church
For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am with them. Matthew 18:20
Gather | Devotional | Pray
Interested? Contact: Marian Monk
229-254-2784 | marianmonk@gmail.com
Our HomeBound

Please feel free to send them a card or note and let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers.

Abbett, Terry & Suda ..................... 770-307-0883
709 Westbury Dr.
Bethlehem, GA  30620

Alcorn, Shirley Spouse: Tom .......... 678-227-2914
147 Thorn Brook Rd.
Bethlehem, GA  30620

Boyd, Evelyn & JP ......................... 770-867-9551
16 Joseph St.
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Chaffin, Patty ............................. 912-754-2402
133 Brookstone Way
Rincon, GA  31326

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Great Oaks Senior Living
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Monroe, GA  30655

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716 Harrison Mill Rd.
Winder, GA  30680

Haralson, Evelyn .......................... 770-466-0550
Riverside Healthcare
5100 W. Street
Covington, GA  30014

Harrison, Carolyn ......................... 470-209-7685
Gateway Gardens
138 Gateway Lane
Bethlehem, GA  30620

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217 Carl Bethlehem Rd.
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Monroe, GA  30656

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**Rev. Megan Gomez, Associate Pastor of Discipleship & Spiritual Formation**
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**Pianist, Katrina Wilson**
php4katie@gmail.com

**Technical Director, Gordon Wyngaert**

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**Church Office Hours**
Monday thru Thursday  ~  9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday  ~  9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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**You can also find BFUMC Happenings & Events at www.linktr.ee/bfumc**