

## THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

### Today



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- 8:30 am Key Principles of Biblical Fasting (124)
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service (WC)
- 9:30 am Sunday School - Kids, Youth, Adults
- 10:45 am Just Say Jesus Sunday School Class (125)
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am Kids Sunday School (Chapel)
- 11:00 am Youth Sunday School (130)
- 5:00 pm Band of Brothers (123)
- 5:00 pm Key Principles of Biblical Fasting (101)
- 5:00 pm Kids Sunday Nights (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm The Chosen Season 3 (124)
- 5:00 pm Youth Sunday Nights (130)
- Mon., 2/24** 4:00 pm Book Art (128)
- 6:30 pm MAD Life Group (124)
- Tues., 2/25** 3:30 pm Prayer Group (121)
- 7:00 pm Young Adults (130)
- Wed., 2/26** 9:00 am Crochet (128)
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice (119)
- 6:30 pm Crochet (128)
- Thurs., 2/27** 6:30 pm Vision Task Force (WC)
- Sat., 3/1** 8:30 am Upward Basketball Games (Gym)
- 9:30 am House of Bread Food Pantry (126)



Complete details are printed in The Bethlehem Happenings. Copies are available in the Stars Café, Narthex, and side Vestibules. The Happenings is also emailed church-wide on Friday of each week. To receive this email, please contact the church office at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

February 23, 2025 | 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

9:30 am Contemporary Worship Service



Sin broke our relationships with God and one another, introducing fear, shame, and control into our lives. In Genesis 3:6-19, Adam and Eve hid in fear of exposure, afraid of being fully known and seen; they blamed one another, fearing disapproval of each other and God; and they struggled for control, as sin made relationships and work difficult. Yet, even in their brokenness, God pursued them, offering them grace instead of shame, security instead of rejection, and the promise of redemption instead of a life ruled by fear. God desires to transform our relationships – both with Him and with others – by replacing our fear with His perfect love. Through Christ, we no longer have to hide, seek approval, or grasp for control. Instead, we can live in the freedom of being fully known, fully loved, and fully surrendered to God's will, allowing His love to restore and strengthen all of our relationships.

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# Welcome!

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us this week as we worship together in-person and online. We are so glad that you are with us, and hope that you find the service engaging, encouraging, and inspirational.

If this is your first time with us, please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card and visit the welcome booth for a welcome bag.

If you have a prayer request to share with the church, you may write that on your Connection Card, or email us at [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com).

If you have any questions about BFUMC, our staff is available by phone or email anytime. We hope you are blessed by your time with us today and that you have a wonderful week.

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9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
IN THE WORSHIP CENTER

## Welcome and Praise

Countdown Video

*House Of The Lord | Furious*

Welcome | Rev. Megan Gomez

WINGS Highlights | Rev. Gomez

## Pray and Give

Time of Prayer | Rev. Gomez

Giving Back | Rev. Gomez

*Revelation Song*

At this time, children are dismissed for Kids Church

## Listen to the Word of God

“Transforming Our Relationships” | Rev. Frank Bernat

Genesis 3:6-19 (NLT)

*Always*

## Depart and Serve God

Send Off | Tim Darden

## WE ARE A PRAYING CHURCH

### Prayer Requests

Email your requests to [info@bethlehemfirstumc.com](mailto:info@bethlehemfirstumc.com), and they will be emailed out Wednesdays in the weekly PrayerNet and included in The Happenings, which is available by print and emailed out each Friday. You may also contact the church office by phone at 770-867-3727.

