

BETHANY CHURCH  
OF BERWICK  
116 Summerhill Avenue  
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## BETHANY BEACON

Mission Statement: We are a Beacon for God—  
Helping people to see, to accept and to grow in the light of Jesus Christ

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**Just as we  
have been  
approved  
by God  
to be entrusted  
with the gospel,  
so we speak,  
not to please man,  
but to please God  
who tests our  
hearts.**

**1 THESSALONIANS 2:4, ESV**

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## For the glory of God

In 1 Corinthians 10:23 Paul quotes a maxim apparently well known in Corinth at the time — “All things are permitted” — but then qualifies it: “not all things are beneficial [or] build up.” What if we applied his words to our decisions? For example, should we enjoy a cigarette if we’re old enough to do so legally but others present have struggled to quit? Technically, it would be “permitted” to have a smoke, but it might not “build up” or be “beneficial” for others nearby.

What if we know it’s not *necessary* to say prayers every night, but we’re teaching a child habits of the faith? Although skipping prayers a few nights a week is “permitted” because it won’t make or break *our* faith, maintaining that routine — in shorter form if everyone is exhausted — may help “build up” the child spiritually.

What if we *all*, by God’s help, made it a habit to “not seek [our] own advantage but that of the other” — to do all, as Paul writes, “for the glory of God” (vv. 24, 31)? From minor daily choices, to how we vote, to how we use our money and resources, to much more, it could make a huge difference! Surely, Paul believed so.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



### Short Term Prayer Concerns

Tracy, Pam Price, Janice Hart, David Boone, Charlie Spatz, Marty Harmon, Thomas Makar, John

*Please note: If you would like someone to be moved to the long-term list, please contact the church office.*

### Long-Term Prayer Concerns

Wendy McClintock, Isabel Bower, Sam Miller, Shirley Hornberger, Kim Varner, Marlene Eckrote, Jim & Carol Zeart, Kim Kishbaugh, Warren Wolfe, Edna Mae Belles, Kent Williams, Rosemary Martz, Joe Phillips, Sr., Betty Morgan, Karen Hunsinger, Bill Mausteller, Billy Robbins, Samantha Scoblink, Nick Pritchuk, Joyce Noroski, Renee Ptashinski, Mike Mattern, Esther Bower, John Ptashinski, Dick and Bethann Savage, Eric Black, Judy Harvey, Joan Harmon, Tod Locher, Carmella Picarello, Gloria Varner, Edna McClintock, Lisa Hubley, Pam Price, Gary Fisher, Pastor Ed Cope

Sympathies for the families of:  
Kathleen Bohl, Gene Blockus, Lisa Knorr



## Joy in the Word of God

Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—The Table Talk of Martin Luther



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/01 Jennifer Kishbaugh, Logan Noroski, Abbie Seely
- 10/03 Wendy Locher, Rosemary Martz
- 10/05 Gary Bowman, Sally Evans
- 10/07 Cole Bower
- 10/10 Kimberly Freed
- 10/11 Bonnie Kulp
- 10/12 Gretchen St. Clair
- 10/13 Gianna Leiby
- 10/14 Daniel Spence
- 10/16 Aubree Bowman
- 10/17 George Welliver, Tara Sidwar
- 10/18 Myron Long
- 10/20 Kathleen Koons, Willa Ptashinski
- 10/24 Crystal Davis
- 10/27 Katelyn Styer
- 10/30 Betty Grasley
- 10/31 Pauline Arbegast, Debbie Kile



### October 29 Worship Schedule

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Combined Worship

with guest speaker

Greg Martz

11:30 am Potluck lunch

Please bring a covered dish to serve. Please sign up on the list at the Information Desk so we can plan for everyone.

## Bethany Church of Berwick Peacemakers Prayer Support Ministry

Matthew 5:9

**Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called sons of God.**

General Prayer for Departments:

- Borough of Berwick Police Department**
- Briar Creek Township Police Department**
- Salem Township Police Department**
- Nescopeck Borough Police Department**
- Columbia County Sheriff's Office**
- South Centre Township Police Department**
- PA State Police Shickshinny Station**

Specific Daily Prayer for Officers: October 2023

1. Officer Shawn Timbrell
2. Sergeant Stephen LeVan
3. Deputy Kristie Rospendowski
4. Kristen Cunnington, Patrolman
5. Deputy Michael Tkach
6. Officer Kyle Trenholm
7. Deputy James Dalton
8. Officer Joseph Gainley
9. Deputy Kevin Bradley
10. Officer Michael Klinetob
11. Vincent Figureido, Patrolman
12. Officer Raymond Thonkinson, III
13. Detective Gregory Martin
14. Sgt. Thomas Hegland
15. Officer Joshua Switzer
16. Deputy Michael Beyer
17. Officer Joshua Lowery
18. Tyler Soboleski, Patrolman
19. Officer Brandon Shultz
20. Deputy James Arter
21. Officer Steven Torres
22. Officer Scott Sienkiewicz
23. William Lefevre, Patrolman
24. Officer Victor Guevara
25. Detective Reagan Rafferty
26. Deputy Kevin Katch
27. Officer Phil Mainiero
28. Officer Michael Quaranta
29. Officer Riley Robinette
30. Clinton Libby, Patrolman
31. Lee Pitonyak, Patrolman

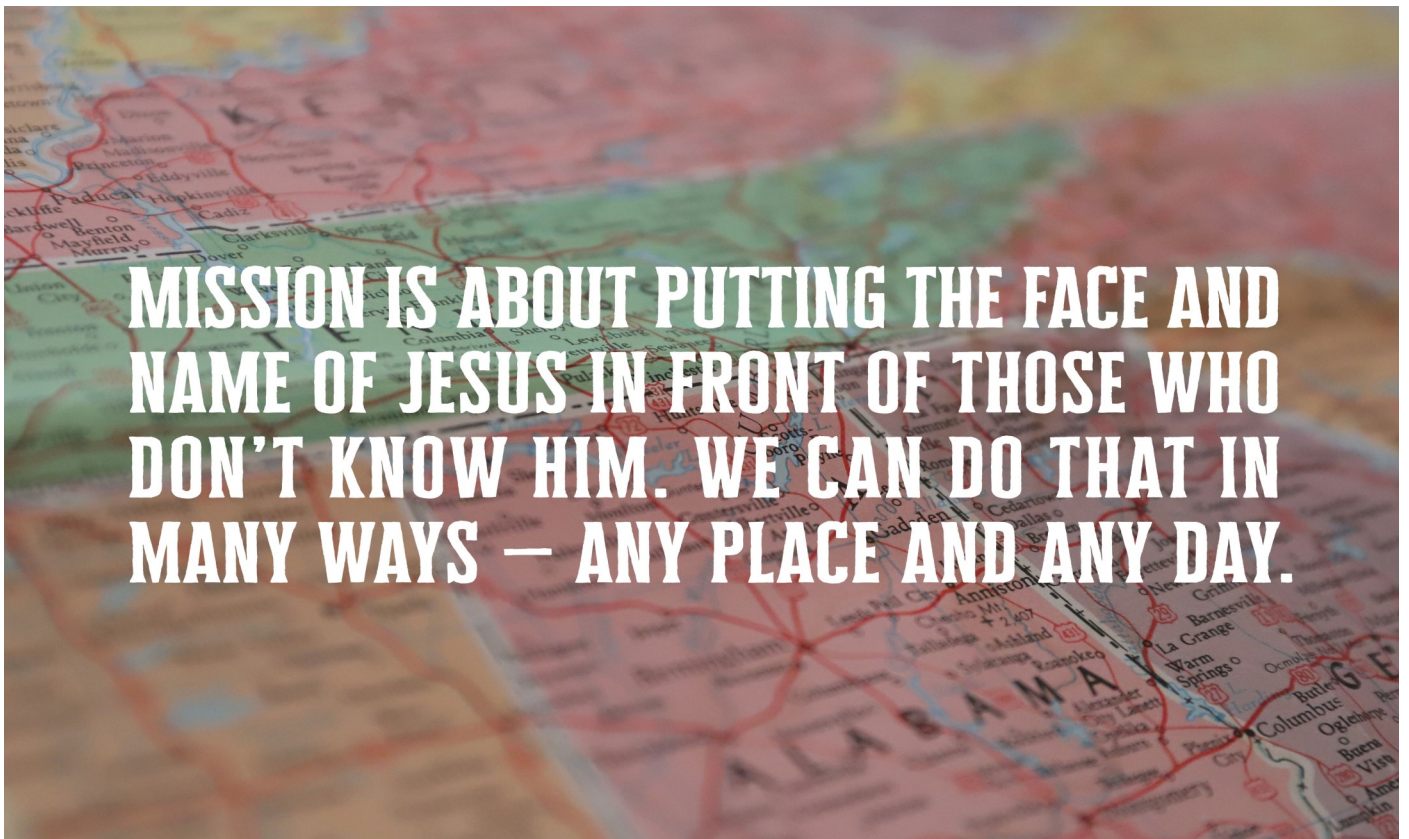
## Missions & Evangelism

### **Extra Mile Giving for October will go to the Unseths**

Many of you know Pete and Carol Unseth, who serve at the Dallas International University, where future missionaries are learning the languages they will need to spread God's Word, and the Bible is translated into many languages. Please give generously to help Pete and Carol as they enable the sharing of the Gospel to those who have never heard it in their own language. Envelopes are available at the Information Desk, the Angel Card table and the contemporary reception table.

### **Operation Christmas Child is right around the corner.**

Spread the love of Jesus by packing a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. Contact the office if you would like to learn more or need help packing a box. Preprinted boxes and information on Operation Christmas Child are available by the Information Desk in the main entrance hallway. Packed boxes and the \$10.00 cost of shipping are due in the office by November 12. Thank you!



### **Starting a ripple effect**

Shortly before his death, 80-year-old farmer Hody Childress asked his daughter to continue a practice he'd quietly conducted for years: taking a \$100 bill to a local pharmacist on the first of every month. For years, Childress anonymously came to the aid of neighbors in Geraldine, Alabama, who couldn't afford medications. "Don't tell a soul where the money came from," he instructed store owner Brooke Walker. "If they ask, just tell them it's a blessing from the Lord."

Thanks to the farmer's generosity, Walker could fill prescriptions for about 24 uninsured or underinsured people each year. "I was honored he allowed me to do that," she said, "and it really encouraged me to do the same in my life."

Childress wasn't wealthy but "always gave what he could," said daughter Tania Nix. "I think he felt like he couldn't not give," she added. "Giving that way, that just got on his heart." After word spread about Childress' generosity, other people were inspired to perform stealth outreach and a fund was established in his name.

A man in Oklahoma who shares Childress' surname said a story about the farmer caught his attention. They're probably not related, he wrote, but he'd feel proud if they were. "A man like that surely tried to follow the example of Jesus," the Oklahoman wrote, and "[his] story inspires me to be a better man."

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

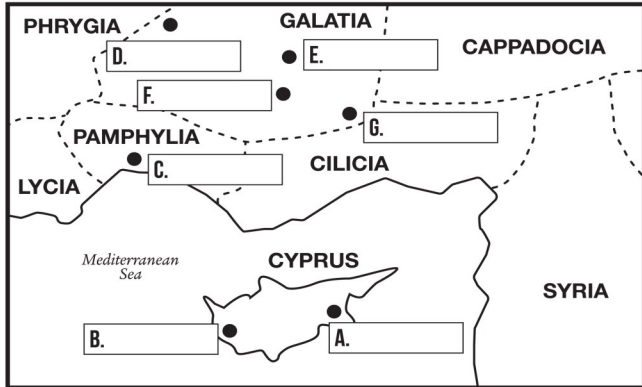
# PUZZLE CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



- A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)
- B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6)
- C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)
- D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14)
- E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51)
- F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6)
- G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)



Answers: Salamis; Paphos; Perga; Antioch; Iconium; Lystra; Derbe



## BOOKS OF THE BIBLE



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### A prayer that I may do God's will

The following is the Third-Step Prayer in Alcoholics Anonymous. It's surely a prayer we all can make, that God's will — not ours — may be done and guide our lives.

God, I offer myself to thee to build with me and to do with me as thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do thy will.

Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of thy power, thy love and thy way of life.

# Puzzle!

Use the clues to discover the names of some Old Testament prophets. Then unscramble the circled letters to describe what prophets are.

I was called to preach to the people of Nineveh but ran from God instead. (My book is #32 in the Bible.)

— ○ — — —

I spoke God's message when the temple was being built. (My book is #37.)

— ○ — — —

Israel's unfaithfulness to God is compared to my unfaithful wife. (My book is #28.)

— ○ — — —

My book predicts punishment for wickedness and promises comfort. (It is #23.)

— ○ — — —

I had dreams and visions. (My book is #27.)

— ○ — — —

Because of my predictions, I was often in danger and angered officials. (My book is #24.)

— ○ ○ — — —

I was a shepherd from Judah who called people to turn to God and leave their selfish lives. (My book is #30.)

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My book contains descriptions of strange visions. (It is #26.)

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PROPHETS ARE — — — — —

Answers: Jonah, Haggai, Hosea, Isaiah, Daniel, Jeremiah, Amos, Ezekiel; Messengers

## Bible Quiz

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to \_\_\_ the world, but to \_\_\_ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)

Aug 25 2023

Dear Bethany Friends,  
Your card shower for Arabel Bower on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was such a wonderful surprise. She remembered many of you and it brought back a lot of good memories. Thank you so very much for your kind thoughtfulness.  
Judy Bower Frantzenacker  
(Daughter)

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri       | Sat                       |
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| <b>1</b> World Communion Sunday<br>Pulpit – Woody Wolfe/Angel Kishbaugh<br>9:00 am Traditional Worship<br>10am Adult Sunday School<br>11am Contemporary Srv(BR) | <b>2</b><br>6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2)              | <b>3</b><br>8 am TOPS (SGR)<br>6:30 pm Pieces of Prayer (SGR)   | <b>4</b><br>6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)                               | <b>5</b><br>6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)                            | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                  |
| <b>8</b> Communion<br>Pulpit – Pastor Carvel May/<br>Angel Kishbaugh<br>9:00 am Traditional Worship<br>10am Adult Sunday School<br>11am Contemporary Srv(BR)    | <b>9</b> Columbus Day<br>6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2) | <b>10</b><br>8 am TOPS (SGR)  | <b>11</b><br>6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)                              | <b>12</b><br>6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)                           | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                 |
| <b>15</b> Laity Sunday<br>Pulpit – Pastor Ralph Hartenbach<br>9:00 am Traditional Worship<br>10am Adult Sunday School<br>11am Contemporary Srv(BR)              | <b>16</b><br>6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2)             | <b>17</b><br>8 am TOPS (SGR)  | <b>18</b><br>PBJ Carepack Distribution<br>6:15 pm Praise Team (BR) | <b>19</b><br>6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)<br>6:30 pm Church Council | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>Ladies Night |
| <b>22</b><br>Pulpit – Sarah Hazlett<br>9:00 am Traditional Worship<br>10am Adult Sunday School<br>11am Contemporary Srv(BR)                                     | <b>23</b><br>6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2)             | <b>24</b><br>8 am TOPS (SGR)<br>12 pm Blood Drive   | <b>25</b><br>6:15 pm Praise Team (BR)                              | <b>26</b><br>6:30 pm Scouts( Scout)                           | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                 |
| <b>29</b> Reformation Sunday<br>Pulpit – Greg Martz<br>9:00 am Adult Sunday School<br>10am Combined Worship (Sanc)<br>11:30am Covered dish meal (BR)            | <b>30</b><br>6:30 pm Grief Support (RM2)             | <b>31</b> Reformation Day<br>Halloween<br>8 am TOPS (SGR)  |  |   |           |                           |