

Bethlehem Baptist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Matthew 5:14-16, *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*

Happy New Year, church family! First, I want to tell you I am so thankful to be a part of all God is doing through BBC. I look forward to serving, worshiping, and reaching our community with you this year. As we begin again, I want to remind you of our purpose and strategy for BBC. God continues calling us to be a light in our community and the nations. Darkness is spreading as we look around our surroundings, and it is pivotal to shine our light.

Last week, I took Maddox hunting with me, and if you know us, you know we don't like the dark. We made our way to the stand about thirty minutes before daylight. It was dark. Maddox looked at me and said, "Dad, can you please turn a little light on?" I told him just to wait a few minutes, and you will be able to see. However, that wasn't good enough for him. I had to turn on my phone to shine a little light. The light on my phone made a huge difference in that moment. Church family, our world is becoming increasingly desensitized to darkness, but we can make a difference. We have a purpose and that is to be a light. Will you resolve to be a light this coming year?

Lastly, I want to encourage you to be a part of our Sunday evening fellowship on January 19th. This will be a time to gather around the table and share life following our evening services. I encourage you to come and bring any kind of dish you would like. This will be a great time to build relationships as we move into the new year.

Pastor Patrick

**From Your Student Ministry Directors:
Hunter Gainey & John Tanner**

Hey church family, we are really looking forward to what God is going to do through this upcoming month. This past December was a really busy time, but it was surely a lot of fun. This upcoming January isn't nearly as busy as December, but it's still going to be a good time. This month the youth will serve at Hope on January 15th. We will leave the church at 6:15pm. I hope to see you there.

It's very easy to just lay back and maybe take a break after going through a time like December. However, we must push forward and continue to seek the Lord every day. It is in times such as these that we should be more diligent than ever. The apostle Paul reminds the church in Corinth something similar in Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* Paul understood that it is essential to remain steadfast and to keep going. Remember our labor for the Lord is not in vain. My brothers and sisters, I urge you to keep pushing because it is 100% worth it.

Bible Study - Each Sunday and Wednesday nights
Winter Retreat - February 14-17 (Balance of \$100 is due February 2nd)
SummerSalt - June 23-27 (Cost is \$205. Only 25 spots are available. Deposit of \$50 is due March 2nd to reserve your spot)

January 1: No JAM

January 8: BARF

January 15: Bring Can Goods for Points

January 22: Winter Colors

January 29: Store Night



Women's Ministry: All ladies are invited to join us as we travel to Pigeon Forge for the Women of Joy Conference October 10-12. A \$50 deposit is due by February 1st to reserve your spot. Depending on the number attending will determine the cost of the conference and house. Please see Megan Jenkins with any questions.

Also, the Women's Ministry invites all ladies to join us January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the FLC. We will enjoy a movie with a popcorn bar. Please plan to join in on this time of fellowship.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

BBC Goal: \$4,000

BBC Collected: \$5,145



From Your Children's Director: Yancey Dingler

Happy New Year Church Family! I am finding it hard to believe that it is 2025 already. As I reflect on this past year, I am in awe of everything our church has been able to be a part of, and how we have been able to see God's hand in every part of it. I am thankful for the opportunities that we were given to serve together this past year, and I am praying for many more in the New Year. God has been so good to our church family, and I am so thankful to be such a small part of all that He is doing. I am excited for all that we will be able to do together this year!

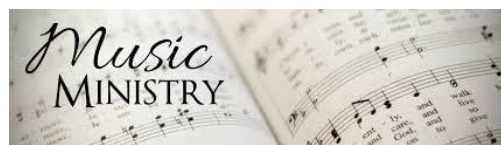
As we head into the New Year, we have so much to look forward to already. Including our Easter Outreach that will be quickly approaching and a jam-packed summer. Please be in prayer for our children as they prepare to head to Look Up Lodge Winter Camp on February 28th. They love camp, and we are excited to be a part of it twice each year! I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful church family and to be able to serve within our children's ministry. I'm blessed with so many things, and all I can say is "Thank you Jesus for giving me the opportunity!"



Yancey Dingler

From Your Worship Director: April Branham

What a blessed Christmas season we had together. I'm excited for the new opportunities this coming year will bring us, keeping our eyes and our worship fixed on him. If you would like to be apart of the music ministry of BBC we would love for you to be apart. Come and talk with me. Happy New Year!



Thank you for 4 years of Service!

Worship Director
April Branham
January 3, 2021

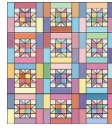


Tanner & Brooklyn Taylor



The Sewing Ladies will meet on January 14th at 9:00 am in the FLC.

Quilters will meet at 9:00 am on January 18th in the FLC.



Bethlehem Busy Bees Crochet group will meet on January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the home of Janice Mathis.



- 1 - Jackie & Darnell Adams
- 29 - Bobby & Cheryl Morgan



Deacon Ministry

January 12th at 3:30 pm.



- 3 - Austin Baker, Jeremy Morris
- 5 - Larry Glenn
- 6 - Sawyer Jenkins, Kylar Hinson
- 8 - Reagan Morris
- 9 - Justin Harper, Jamie Sims
- 10 - Hannah Starnes
- 12 - Sandy Cauthen, Margaret Porter
- 13 - Sandra Bailey
- 14 - Dan Dapper
- 15 - Kayden Watts
- 16 - Donovan Small, Jake Workman
- 18 - Debra Sistare
- 19 - Doug Deese
- 20 - Bobby Morgan, Halie Workman
- 21 - Cindy Carnes, Marion Pitmon, Molly Mills
- 27 - Lawson Branham
- 28 - Jordan Hinson, Pat Sistare
- 29 - Alyviah McGriff
- 30 - Monty Craig

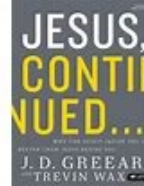
January 13-17

Monday: Larry & Hollis Deason; Tuesday: Ken Broughton, Mark Mahaffey; Wednesday: Karen Dingler, Darnell Adams; Thursday: Angie Sims, Dee Dee Ellenburg; Friday: TBD

If you be willing to serve on the Friday rotation, please let Ms. Hollis know.



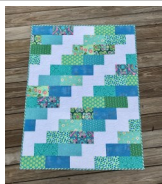
Current needs include: Peanut butter, canned potatoes, boxed mac & cheese, canned pasta, dry beans, pop top pork & beans.



Adult bible study every Sunday night at 6:00 pm.



Bethlehem Stars will meet in January for a movie and lunch. Stay tuned for the date and time.



Ms. Ava will be teaching a beginner quilting class at the same time as the regular quilting class each month. If you have wanted to try but are not sure of the methods, we encourage you to give this class a visit. The time is 9 am until 3:00 pm every 3rd Saturday of each month. You will need to bring a bag lunch, drink and your sewing machine. Please let Ms. Ava know if you have any questions.



Everyone is invited to join us immediately following our PM services on January 19th. We will enjoy a time of fellowship around the table. Everyone is asked to bring your favorite dish or two. We will also need drinks and desserts.

ALOHA AMOUR
VALENTINE BANQUET

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
FEBRUARY 8, 2025
6:30PM

MENU:
FLOUNDER
CHICKEN STRIPS
FRIES
HUSHPUPIES
SLAW
SWEET TEA OR WATER

ADULTS: \$15
CHILDREN: \$5

LAST DAY TO PURCHASE
TICKETS ARE JANUARY 19TH



Ministry Opportunities

January 5
Sound
 Adam Nguyen
Video
 Susan Montgomery
FB Live
 Ronnie Williams
Nursery
 Peyton Deese, Christina Harper, Kylie Brazzell
Children's Worship (PS)
 Jessica Williams, Karen Whitaker
Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)
 Haley Vincent, Tonda Wallace, Youth
Security
 Logan Segee, Melissa Wallace

January 12
Sound
 Jake Workman
Video
 Halie Workman
FB Live
 Susan Montgomery
Nursery
 Matt & Brittaney Coppedge, Renee Coppedge
Children's Worship (PS)
 Kayla Patterson, Amy Small, Allana Morgan
Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)
 Peyton Deese, Austin Blackmon, Alexis Tuttle
Security
 Buck Adams, Monty Craig


January 19
Sound
 Adam Nguyen
Video
 Melissa Wallace
FB Live
 Melissa Wallace
Nursery
 Doug, Leanne & Rebekah Robertson
Children's Worship (PS)
 Matt & Brittaney Coppedge, Youth
Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)
 Caeden Deese, Jaimie Marshall, Gavin Oakley
Security
 Greyson Knight, Anna Jordan

January 26
Sound
 Jake Workman
Video
 Staci Holden
FB Live
 Adam Nguyen
Nursery
 Erin & Hunter Sims, Brittany Blackmon
Children's Worship (PS)
 Yancey & Steve Dinger
Children's Worship (K-3rd Gr)
 Joining Corporate Worship
Security
 Ryan Jordan, Bryan Jenkins




Month of December

	<u>Tithes</u>	<u>CIF</u>
December 1	\$17,037.09	\$0.00
December 8	\$9,093.00	\$285.00
December 15	\$7,640.00	\$175.00
December 22	\$9,588.00	\$0.00
December 29	\$7,882.59	\$100.00
Totals	\$51,240.68	\$560.00



Capital Improvement Fund

Dan Rowell
 Janet Segee
 Marion & Dianne Pitmon
 Joe & Melissa Wright
 Myrtis West
Angie Small
 Marion & Dianne Pitmon
 Joe & Melissa Wright



Has any of your contact information changed?

Please contact the church office at 803-286-8567 or bethlehem@comporium.net to update your information. We like to communicate in a variety of ways so let us know if your physical or email address has changed as well as your primary phone number.

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 JAM 6:15 pm Youth 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Deacon's Meeting 3:30 pm	13 Meals on Wheels	14 The Sewing Ladies 9:00 am FLC Meals on Wheels	15 Meals on Wheels JAM 6:15 pm Youth to HOPE 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	16 Meals on Wheels	17 Meals on Wheels	18 Quilters 9:00 am
19 Fellowship following PM service	20	21	22 JAM 6:15 pm Youth 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	23 Busy Bees Crochet Group 6:30 pm	24	25
26	27	28	29 JAM 6:15 pm Youth 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm	30	31	