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# BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

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Philippians 3:13–14, "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." In January, I challenged BBC to be resolved in three areas of our life. First resolved in our priorities, second in our giving and third in our obedience. These three areas impact who we are individually and corporately. Are you passionately disciplining yourself in these areas? Paul talks in this passage about not having a passive attitude in our Christian journey. That means we are to run with purpose, intentionality, and discipline. Paul says, "Don't you know that the runners in a stadium all race, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way to win the prize. Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. However, they do it to receive a crown that will fade away, but we have a crown that will never fade away. Therefore I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air. Instead, I discipline my body and bring it under strict control, so that after preaching to others, I myself will not be disqualified." (I Corinthians 9:24-27) If we want to see a discernible difference in our lives we must think about how we spend our time, our money, and the prize we are running after. For Paul it was knowing Christ. What is it for you? What is the one thing you are running after in your life?

Church family, let's keep pressing forward and running the race with discipline in order to know Him more in our lives. As I looked back over the last 3 years of my February newsletter I was greatly encouraged by how God has moved within BBC. Back in 2022 we had a goal of 200 in worship, in 2023 our goal was 230 and last year our goal was 275. Through the years we have seen those goals achieved not only for one Sunday but throughout the year. Let—keep running. This year our goal for February 9th is 315 in worship and 200 in Sunday School. I believe God can and will lead us to reach this goal. Who will you be intentional to invite to come with you? I look forward to eating that nasty food during the Super Bowl because people will have heard the gospel. Will you commit to inviting one person with you who is disengaged in church on February 9th?

Also, this month, we will have a meeting following our morning worship on February 16th to talk about our upcoming Easter outreach. Then, on February 27th, we will have another opportunity to love on our first responders. Will you make plans to be apart of these missional outreaches this month? Church family, we love you and look forward to continuing to grow in Christ and community.

Pastor Patrick

## YOUTH MINISTRY

January was what we like to refer to as back to normal. We were back in our normal Wednesday night and Sunday night services. While it was awesome to serve and help with the events of November and December, it's good to be back worshipping and diving into God's word with our youth. Make no mistake, with the way time is flying, it will be that time of the year again before we know it

With that being said, we have to stay busy for the Lord, not only in church but as we walk through life. Colossians 4:5 says, "Walk in wisdom towards outsiders making the best use of the time." Each and every one of us come in contact with people everyday and with time not slowing down, the sense of urgency is great. We must do our part individually. Church family, who has God put in your path? Don't let time be wasted.

February 2nd - \$100 Final payment due for Winter Retreat

February 14-17 Winter Retreat Pigeon Forge, Tn February 19th HOPE night

### MUSIC MINISTRY

We will be having our Night of Worship on February 23rd. This will be a special time set aside to worship in fullness of who the Lord is. I encourage you to be apart of this special night of worship.

If you are interested in being apart of the music ministry, please come and see me. We would love to have you.

April Branham



February 5 - Store Night February 12 - BARF February 19 - Red Night February 26 - Wear your PJs to Church

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's February Church Family! We are heading into month two of the new year. I am so excited for all the things we have planned and have started to plan for this year. We have Super Goal Sunday coming up, our Night of Worship, and our kids will be going to Winter Camp at the end of the month!

February is a shorter month so, to me, it tends to fly by. Since we have so much going on, I ask that you please keep our children in your prayers! They have several things this month that I know they are excited about, but sometimes those nerves tend to kick in. First, they will be singing on Super Goal Sunday morning to kick off our service. Next, they will be singing at our night of Worship, and lastly, they will be heading off to Kid's Winter Camp. They are so excited to share all these things with you, and they have worked extremely hard on each of them.

Continue to lift each other up and invite someone to come with you on Sunday, February 9th as we celebrate Super GOAL Sunday. We will be having soups to follow morning worship. I know it will be a sweet, sweet time, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

With love.

Yancey Dingler

THANK YOU FOR 2
YEARS OF SERVICE!
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR
YANCEY DINGLER

## SERVING THIS MONTH FEBRUARY 2025

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SOUND: ADAM NGUYEN VIDEO: JONI CATOE FB LIVE: JONI CATOE

**NURSERY: JOHN & CHERIE TANNER** 

PS CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: MEGAN & BRYAN JENKINS

K-3RD GRADE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: CHARITY DEESE, BRITTANY BLACKMON

SECURITY: WAYNE BOONE, DOUG DEESE

FEB

9

SOUND: JAKE WORKMAN VIDEO: HALIE WORKMAN FB LIVE: FAYE ZAUGG

NURSERY: MORGAN WILLIAMS, MISSY & ALEXIS BLACKMON

PS CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: TIFFANY NGUYEN, NANCY NGUYEN, TERESA MOSELEY K-3RD GRADE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: SUSAN MONTGOMERY, RONNIE BAILEY,

EMILIE BENTON

**SECUIRTY: BARRY FAILE, KEVIN HELMS** 

FEB 16 SOUND: ADAM NGUYEN
VIDEO: SUSAN MONTGOMERY
FB LIVE: RONNIE WILLIAMS
NURSERY: STACI & JEFF HOLDEN

PS CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: APRIL WRIGHT, RAEGAN WHITAKER, YOUTH K-3RD GRADE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: LISA SMITH, BRITTANY NGUYEN,

BRAELYN MEDLIN

SECURITY: TODD WALLACE, AB WRIGHT

FEB 23 SOUND: JAKE WORKMAN VIDEO: MELISSA WALLACE FB LIVE: SUSAN MONTGOMERY

NURSERY: ALLANA MORGAN, MORGAN WILLIAMS

PS CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: JESSICA WILLIAMS, KAREN WHITAKER K-3RD GRADE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: JOINING CORPORATE WORSHIP

**SECUITY:** REX KNIGHT, BILL KENNINGTON



8	Valentine's Banquet 6:30 pm in the FLC.
9	Super Goal Sunday  Lunch after Morning worship. Sign up at the welcome table.  Everyone is asked to bring finger foods after Evening worship.
10	Bethlehem Stars  Movie day. Cost is \$9 for admission, popcorn and a drink. We will have lunch following the movie. We will leave the church at 10:00 am. Sign up at the welcome table.
11	The Sewing Ladies 9:00 am FLC.
13	Women's Bible Study Sign up at the welcome table. See April Branham for details.
15	<b>Quilters</b> 9:00 am FLC
24	Church Council Meeting 7:00 pm in the FLC.
27	Bethlehem Busy Bees Crochet Group 6:30 pm in the home of Janice Mathis.



8 - Jakie & Barbara Blackmon 17 - Ronnie & Jessica Williams

## BBC

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

## **Easter Outreach Meeting**

F€B 16 Everyone that is interested in serving during our Easter Outreach on April 18th should plan to attend a brief meeting following morning worship.



## **Puerto Rico Mission Trip**



If you are willing to serve during our Puerto Rico Mission Trip, please sign up at the welcome table. Dates are April 10-14. We will be helping with a softball tournament as well as VBS. The last day to sign up will be February 16th.

APR 10-14

## Women's Ministry Tea Party

MA<sup>v</sup> 3 BBC Women's Ministry will be having a tea party on May 3rd. If you are interested in hosting a table (includes decorating and set up), please see Megan Jenkins.



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This year our age group will be 2-4 years old! We have some exciting updates to our 2025 Operation Christmas Child. This year we have set up a QR code to an Amazon List, although not mandatory to use, we hope this will help with ideas to fill our shoeboxes. Using that QR Code you will be able to purchase items to go into our shoeboxes! Be sure to check the foyer above the shoeboxes for our monthly flyer and our Amazon QR Code!





