

Bethesda Baptist Church



REFLECTIONS

"Reflecting God's Love to Others"

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April, 2026

Easter Service and Lords Supper



Women's Touch Ministry

Thursday, April 9, at 11:30

Lunch is provided

All Women are invited to join us.

Divine Service, Chapter 11-12.



Saturday, April 18, at 8:00 AM
Bring your son, grandson or a friend to
enjoy a homecooked meal and fellowship.

Fish Fry



April 19th following the Service

**Potluck
Dinner**



High Points

Will meet at Noon on April 26 th
Pot Luck—Chicken Foot and 42

Bethesda Baptist Church Family,

I always look forward to the month of April. Spring is finally in the air. Flowers are blooming, and all around us creation is displaying God's wonder and beauty. In many ways, this season feels like a picture of what the Lord is doing right here at Bethesda Baptist Church. In 1 Samuel 12:24 we're reminded to, "Fear the Lord and worship him faithfully with all your heart; consider the great things he has done for you." This month is a wonderful time for us to slow down and do just that, to pause and reflect on the great things God is doing among us. Week after week we're seeing new faces, a growing fellowship, and a deeper hunger for God's Word. These are clear reminders of the Lord's faithfulness. As Psalm 126:3 declares, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." Because of His goodness, and faithfulness we as a church family should celebrate and continue to rejoice together.

One of the highlights of this month will be our Easter celebration on April 5th. Please remember that for this Sunday only, we'll have a special start time of 10:45 a.m. This be a meaningful morning as we gather to worship our risen Savior and observe the Lord's Supper together. Easter reminds us that our hope is alive because Christ is alive. With that in mind, I want to encourage each of us to be intentional about inviting friends, neighbors, and family members to join us. Easter is one of the greatest opportunities we have all year to share the hope of the gospel with our community. Many people will be looking for a place to attend church, so let's be faithful to go, to invite, and to pray that God will move in hearts and draw people to Himself.

Later in the month, we'll enjoy another special time together at our church-wide fish fry on April 19th immediately following the morning service. This is always a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, laughter, and celebration. Whether you've been part of Bethesda for many years or you're just getting connected, this meal is for you. I hope you'll plan to stay and be part of this joyful gathering.

As we move beyond Easter, we will also begin a new sermon series that I am especially excited about, a journey through the book of Ruth. This beautiful Old Testament narrative reminds us that God is always at work, even in the ordinary and often painful circumstances of life. Through the lives of three central characters, we'll see powerful truths about God's providence, His faithfulness, and His redeeming grace. My prayer is that this series will encourage each of us to trust the Lord more and to recognize His hand at work in every season.

The Lord is truly doing great things in and through this amazing church, and I believe our best days are still ahead. Let's continue to seek Him faithfully and live on mission for Jesus Christ. I love you all, and I count it a great privilege to serve as your pastor.

In Christ,
Jeremy

Lead Pastor Bethesda Baptist Church

MONTHLY REPORT

| SUNDAY SCHOOL | Feb Avg. 2026 | BUDGET | Weekly Needs |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Adults | 70 | | \$6,247.67 |
| Youth | 6 | MTD | |
| Children | 4 | Budget Needs | \$24,990.68 |
| Visitors | 2 | Budget Received | \$37,976.00 |
| TOTAL | 82 | Designated | \$514.15 |
| YEAR AGO | 55 | Total Receipts | \$38,490.15 |
| A.M. WORSHIP | 86 | | |
| ONLINE | 26 | | |
| TOTAL WORSHIP | 112 | | |

Bible Journaling Class
April 4th at 10:30 am
til 3:00 pm



50's Lunch—May 3rd

Following the Service

Craft and Car Show



May 30th
10 am– 2pm

Free Food starting at 11 am
Door Prizes and

MARCH 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

9:45am Bible Study
11:00am Worship (In Person and Youtube)

Tuesday, March 3 Election Day

Wednesday, February 4

6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner
6:30pm Bible Study, Team Kids,, Pulse Com-
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, March 7

10:00 am Patrick Crisp Service

Sunday, March 8

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship (In person & Youtube)
12:15 pm Finance Meeting

Monday, March 9

4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

6:30 pm Business Meeting
6:45 pm Bible Study, Team Kids,
Common Grounds, Pulse
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 12

11:30am Women's Touch

Sunday, March 15

9:45am Bible Study
11:00am Worship (In person and Youtube)

Wednesday March 18

6:30pm Bible Study, Team Kids, Pulse, Com-
mon Grounds
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Saturday, March 21

8:00am Mean's Breakfast

Sunday, March 22

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship (In person & Youtube)

Monday, March 23

12:00 Noon High Points

Sunday, March 29

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship (In person & Youtube)

Jacob's Thoughts

Depending on when you're reading this, either Easter is coming up, or it just passed. I love reading the Easter Story this time of year, and as I was reading John 19, something stuck out to me this year. Towards the end of the crucifixion story, John gives us this detail: "they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it up to his mouth." (John 19:29) They gave Jesus wine on a hyssop branch. This may seem like an insignificant detail, but hyssop shows up throughout the Bible, one place specifically is it shows up in Exodus and with the Passover. The people were to cover their doorpost with the blood of the lamb using hyssop branches (Exodus 12:22). I think that John wants us to see the similarities both to the Passover and to the rest of John.

- John 2:10, Jesus turns water into the best wine at the wedding at Cana, yet Jesus revives sour wine.

- John 4:14 Jesus promises the woman at the well that if anyone comes to him they will not be thirsty yet Jesus thirsts.

- The crucifixion is happening during the week of Passover (John 13:1)

Jesus who is actively fulfilling the prophecy in Isaiah 53:3 that he is being despised and rejected, is the greater Passover lamb is preparing to cover us with his blood with a hyssop branch so that the wrath of God can pass over us. I pray that this Easter, this truth might be a little bit sweeter to you as we celebrate that He is risen indeed.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Jeff Gregg | 23 Eli Wade |
| 5 Diane Huffman | 22 Jim Burt |
| 6 Mary Ann Wright | 29 Vauna Jones |
| 10 Melba White | 30 Doris Wallace |
| 13 Kathy Jenkins | |
| 15 Logan Moncrief | |
| 16 Milton McCoy | |



"See what great love the Father has given us that we should be called God's children and we are! " 1 John 3:1

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KENNEDY'S KOMMENTS

Dear Friends,

AH Spring! My favorite time of the year. Things are beginning to come to life and coming to life again. We see baby animals coming to life many times because many have their babies in the spring. Trees come to life again and flowers bloom. God must like this time of the year because He gives us so many new beginnings. But none can compare with the joy of knowing and celebrating the resurrection of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ on Easter. Yes, I know we celebrate the resurrection every week as we meet on the first day of the week when Christ came back to life, yet there is just something so special when we celebrate together with brothers and sisters around the world on that special day. It seems it is another wonderful time we can get to gather together with friends and family also. But the world wants us to celebrate Easter as that pagan holiday that leaves Jesus out completely. It's up to us as Christians to make sure that this occasion is all about Him and not just about bunnies and ducks and eggs which were part of the pagan holiday. The beautiful hymn "He Lives" keeps going through my mind:

"I serve a risen Savior; He's in the world today. I know that He is living, whatever man may say."

Dr. Roy Stephens shared so beautifully about this on the last Wed in March when he said that as we share the Gospel message with others, we cannot end at the cross or the tomb, because the end of the message is the resurrection, and without that we have an incomplete message to proclaim.

My challenge to me and you is to share the joy of the complete Gospel: the death, burial AND resurrection AND return of our Lord and Savior, with those that the Lord puts in our path today, tomorrow and until He comes again for His church!

Because He Lives,