

125TH Anniversary Order of Worship

March 31, 2019

- Baptism of Eli and Gabe Malloy.....Rick Myers
Dir. of Children's Ministries
- Opening congregational song
- Pastoral prayer and welcome.....Dr. Ben Foxworth, Pastor
- Special remembrance.....Rev. Dan Rush
Pastor at Bethel (1986 - 2012)
- Congregational song
- Video congratulations.....Dr. J.D. Greear
Pastor, The Summit Church, Raleigh, NC;
President of the Southern Baptist Convention
- Congregational song
- Special remembrance.....Rev. Ernest Flowers
Pastor at Bethel (1966-1986);
Dir. of Missions, Rehoboth Baptist Association (1986-1997)
- Congregational song
- Special music (offering).....Forgiven Quartet
- Prayer for the offering.....Rev. Joe Lawson
Dir. of Missions, Rehoboth Baptist Association
- Introduction of Dr. Nate Adams.....Dr. Foxworth
- Special music.....Andy Whitten
- Guest speaker.....Dr. Nate Adams
Executive Director, Illinois Baptist State Association
- Hymn of invitation
- Benediction

CHURCH HISTORY

Bethel Baptist Church was organized March 31, 1894, said church being located on Illinois Highway 185, and is about eight miles northwest of Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois. Charter members were Albert Blaylock, Sarah R. Blaylock, Josiah Neathery, Fatha Neathery, Polly Finley, Mary Hoover and Charlotte Browning. The church was affiliated with the Rehoboth Association of Baptist on September 7, 1894, where their fellowship has remained.

For the first 17 years, services were held in a building a few miles north of Shafter, which building was usually referred to as the Union Building, due to its being used by other religious denominations.

On June 4, 1910, they voted to and proceeded to erect a house of worship on the site now occupied, being in Section 29 of Shafter Township, Fayette County, IL. It was dedicated on the fifth Sunday in October, 1911.

In 1970, an educational wing and basement expansion was added. It was dedicated May 2, 1971. This was made possible by estate money left by Mr. and Mrs. George Blankenship and daughter, Opal. A new auditorium was built in 1977. Dedication of the auditorium was November 6, 1977. The auditorium was paid off June, 1992. In 1985, a new fellowship hall joining the buildings together was added. Dedication services for the fellowship hall were held July 21, 1985.

In 1996 a new fellowship hall was added on the south side of the sanctuary. The old fellowship hall was converted to education space. The hall was extended in 2003 which added new classrooms and an overflow area for large gatherings. In 2001 a new staff position of worship/youth leader was created. The present sanctuary was constructed in 2004 and allowed for additional classroom and youth space in the old sanctuary. Wednesday evenings include a meal, TeamKID, youth and adult studies. Two Sunday services began soon after the addition of the new sanctuary. In 2017 Bethel added a Director of Children's Ministries. Bethel switched to one service in July 2018.

Bethel Pastors & Tenure

J.W. Walker	1894
Lewis Isbell	1895-1897
O.R. Nelson	1898-1901, 1903
E.O. Butler	1902
J.E. Virden	1904-1905
H. Toberman	1906-1908
W.N. Babb	1909
L.M. Hayes	1910-1904, 1922
J.M. Carlock	1915-1919
F.A. Hayes	1920, 1923-1924
F.D. Sanders	1921
O.E. Wilderman	1925, 1936, 1941-1942
F.E. Brown	1926-1927, 1929, 1948, 1959-1965
Ross Davidson	1928
A.C. Brown	1930-1932
Edgar Browning	1933-1935
Ora Brown	1937-1939
Lee Lawler	1940
George Cranfill	1943
Everett Ritter	1944-1947
Luther White	1949-1951
Burlis Hill	1952-1958
Ernest Flowers	1966-1986
Dan Rush	1986-2012
Benjamin Foxworth	2014 to present

125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

1894 – 2019



March 31, 2019

Vandalia, Illinois

Bethel Baptist Church Spring Events



Easter Schedule

- Apr 17 - NO EVENING ACTIVITIES!
- Apr 18 - Maundy Thursday Service (6pm)
- Apr 21 - Sunrise Service (7am)
 - Breakfast (7:30am)
 - Sunday School (9:30am)
 - Easter Cantata (10:30am)

For April 16 Women's Bible Study
(1:00pm at Bethel),
please read Baptist Faith &
Message pamphlet.
Copies at the Welcome Center.

Coming
in May...

who's your
1ONE?



5 Bible Lessons
of VBS
(Led by Pastor Ben)
April 24, May 1, 8, 22, 29
VBS Staff encouraged
to attend.

Children's Ministry
Workshop
(VBS Clinic)
FBC Brownstown
April 15, 7-9pm



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS

Sunday School Teacher
Appreciation Dinner
May 4, 6:00pm @ Bethel
Sign up @ Welcome Center

\$55
See
Dena



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We are in desperate need of security volunteers!
Please see Dave Jones if you would like to help.