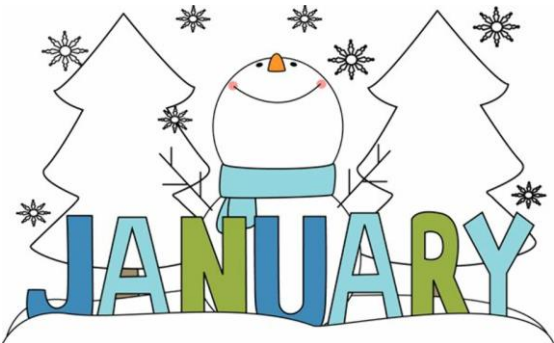


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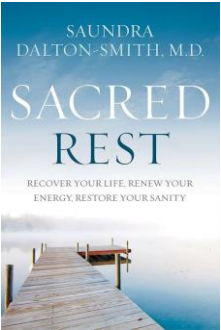
- 9:00am – Coffee & Donuts
 - 9:30am – Sunday School
 - 10:30am – Morning Worship
(Children’s Church)
 - 5:00pm – Deacons’ Meeting
 - 6:00pm – Evening Worship,
Youth & Children’s Bible Study
- Wednesday**
- 6:00pm – Family Meal (Tacos)
 - 6:40pm – Elevate Kids
 - 7:00pm – Youth & Adult Studies

Wednesday Studies
The Life of King David
Coming: The Book of Revelation
Led by Pastor Ben
“Sacred Rest”
Led by Stacy Mesnard
“Real Men”
Led by Quinn Bowen

Report for December 31, 2023	
Worship Service Attendance	133
Sunday School Attendance	107
Weekly Budget	\$7,555.00
Giving	\$5,497.00
Building Fund Offering	\$2.00
Sunday’s Hymns (1/7)	87, 476

This morning after the morning service, we will be taking down Christmas decorations. Please stay & help if you can.

Women’s Bible Study
January 16, 1pm @ Bethel



We are still taking donations to defray the cost of the women’s study books. Donations may be placed in the box in the foyer. Please mark your donation, “Sacred Rest.”
This is not a required donation for those using the books.



Youth Skating Party
January 21, 3pm
Pizza after church
\$5 for skating
Sign up in the youth room

LOTTIE MOON

Church Goal – \$2,000
Received – \$1,420



Church Ministry Planning Meeting
Sunday, January 28 11:30am
Lunch Served



Sunday February 4 10:30am



Feb 10, 6pm
Catered Meal
Sign up @ Welcome Center



Sunday morning,
Dr. Benjamin M. Foxworth

January 7, 2024
Pastor

A LIFE OF GOOD QUALITY
2 Pet. 1.5
SERMON NOTES



DO YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

What does the Bible say?

Romans 3.23: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

(all of us are sinners, none of us are good enough to get into heaven on our own)

Romans 6.23: *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

(the payment for our sin is death - eternal separation from God forever, but God's gift is Jesus Christ, who came to pay our debt for us so that in Him we have eternal life)

Romans 5.8: *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

(even though we were sinners, God loved us so much He sent Jesus to die in our place)

Romans 10.9,13: *If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

(we must believe Jesus can save, ask Him into our hearts, and we will be saved. No one who comes to Jesus will be turned away.)

Based on what you have read, do you realize now you are you a sinner?
Do you want forgiveness for your sins? Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again?
Are you willing to surrender your life to Christ? Are you ready to invite Jesus into your life and into your heart?

You can have heaven, forgiveness of sins, and eternal life TODAY by praying and asking Jesus to forgive you and save you.

"Dear Jesus, know I am a sinner. I want forgiveness for all my sins. I believe that You died on the cross for my sin and rose again. Jesus, I turn from my sins, and give you my life; please save me. I want to live my life for you."
Amen

If you just prayed that prayer in all seriousness, then your sins have been forgiven. God has written your name in His book of life and has adopted you into His family. Now begins your walk of faith, your life as a follower of Jesus Christ.

We would love to share in this good news, this great news.

Taking the next step

On our website, bethelvandalia.org, is a digital connection card. Fill that card out and submit it; the pastor will receive your information via his e-mail. He will be in touch with you about taking the next step in your walk of faith with the Lord!

We want you to **KNOW** Christ through salvation;
To **GROW** in your knowledge of Him through discipleship;
And to **GO** out in this community and beyond to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.



Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024

WELCOME TO BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH!

So Jacob named the place where God had spoken with him, Bethel.
Gen. 35:15

It is the vision of Bethel Baptist Church to be the life of Christ in the world through every ministry it is involved with, through every member who is part of the Bethel family of faith, and through every method it uses to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with a lost and dying world.

5. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in [your] moral excellence, knowledge.
(2 Pet. 1.5)

In v. 8 of 2 Peter 1, the apostle Peter wrote that if moral excellence, along with other virtues listed, is increasing in your life, then your life will be both useful and fruitful in fully knowing and serving the Lord. Moral excellence means your life has a good quality about it, and that good quality comes from a life patterned after Jesus Christ.

Thanks for being our guest today. I would love to hear your comments, so e-mail me:
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