

## Bethany Bash: Jan. 11 – Feb. 15 & April 18 – May 9

- 5-6:15 p.m. ....Supper in the Fellowship Hall
- 5:45-6:15 p.m. ....Open Prayer Call, Spell Chapel
- 6-7:30 p.m. ....Children's Programs
- 6:15-7:30 p.m. ....Youth & Adult Programs

### Children's Activities:

Parents should pre-register children at [www.bethany-umc.com/education/bash.htm](http://www.bethany-umc.com/education/bash.htm).

- **3 Year Olds:** (*Must be three by Sept. 1, 2011*)
  - 6-6:40 p.m. .... Cherub Choir with Mrs. Barbara
  - 6:45-7:30 p.m. .... Threes Fun Class in rm. 109
- **Ages 4-5:** (*Younger than kindergarten*)
  - 6-6:40 p.m. .... Cherub Choir with Mrs. Barbara
  - 6:45-7:30 p.m. .... Bible study and crafts in rm. 102
- **Kindergarten–2nd Grade:**
  - 6-6:40 p.m. .... Melody Choir or Bible Study
  - 6:45-7:30 p.m. .... Art, Recreation or Introduction to Christian Acting
- **3rd–5th Grade:**
  - 6-6:40 p.m. .... Art, Recreation or Introduction to Christian Acting
  - 6:45-7:30 p.m. .... Wesley Choir or Bible Study

*A nursery is provided for children younger than age three. Please note that children's activities will continue as usual during Lent.*

### Student Programming (Grades 6-12):

Bethany Student Ministries (BSM) encourages all students to have dinner on Wednesdays with the church family. After dinner, students meet in the Blue House (across the street from the church's Welcome Center) for a time of fellowship. Programming for students begins at 6:15 p.m.

### Confirmation:

Confirmation classes are for youth who are in the seventh grade and higher who are interested in learning more about our faith and wanting to join the church. Confirmation classes meet on Wednesday evenings, January 18 through May 16, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Youth who decide to join the church will participate in a Confirmation service on May 20 at the 11:15 a.m. service.

## Winter 2012 Bethany Bash Meals

### Bethany Bash Meals:

Bethany Bash begins with a meal in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. Menus are posted in the Bethany Beacon newsletter, worship bulletins and Bethany Links, our weekly email news. Meals cost:

Adults .....	\$6
Children .....	\$3
Family Maximum.....	\$20

*(Immediate family consists of parents and children only.)*

### Reservations:

Reservations are due by 9 a.m. each Monday.

- Call the church at 873-1230 by 9 a.m. on Mondays;
- Complete the reservation form in the worship bulletin;
- Complete the reservation form at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com)

Standing reservations may be made through May 2012. Then if you need to miss a meal, simply call to cancel for that week only. Cancellations should be made by 9 a.m. on Mondays.

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## Bethany Bash Classes

January 11 – February 15

April 18 – May 9

# GOING DEEP

Winter 2012



Join us as we continue on our journey of “Going Deep” this winter during Bethany Bash — into the scripture and in our relationships with God and each other. The winter session of Bash, our Wednesday evening Christian education program, begins on January 11 and continues through February 15. Adult classes will take a break for Lent and resume on April 18 through May 9. Come, join us and strengthen your faith and church connections!

Register in advance for any of the following Bethany Bash adult classes. Register by using the enclosed registration form, by calling the church office at 873-1230, or online at [www.bethany-umc.com](http://www.bethany-umc.com).

### Banging Bells for Bethany

Keith Locklair, 6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15) and 4 weeks (April 18 – May 9)

Can't read music? No big deal. You do not need to know how to read music for this class. Being able to count to four and knowing your right and left hand is the only prerequisite for being a part of this fun, learning experience!

### Jousting With James

Sam Wood, 6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15)

Join us for a study of the little book Martin Luther termed an epistle of straw. He even considered leaving it out of his Luther Bible of 1534. This Bash session will be an overview of the literary, historical and theological aspects of the book of James. We will discuss the relevancy of the teachings in the book and examine the controversy of Faith versus Works. Some people are uncomfortable with the lessons in James while others find great spiritual insight in its pages.

### Creative Sewing Class

Penny Limehouse,  
6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15) and 4 weeks (April 18 – May 9)

Do you have unfinished needlework or sewing projects laying around? If so, gather your materials, bring them to class each Wednesday evening, and enjoy Christian fellowship while completing your unfinished projects.

### Gifts Discernment Class

Joan Naugle, 4 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 1)

God has gifted each member of the church, and the church's ministries should be a reflection of its body. This class will help participants discern their God-given gifts and find a meaningful place of ministry at Bethany and beyond. Each participant will identify three elements of his/her servant profile: passion (where you are motivated to serve), spiritual gifts (what you are equipped to do) and personal style (how you can best serve). This is a four-week study, including personal, one-on-one consultations after the study

### Men's Fraternity Bible Study

Troy Baxter,  
6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15) and 4 weeks (April 18 – May 9)

This study will help men examine and develop the various roles they play in family life — being good partners in marriage; mentoring and raising healthy sons and daughters; dealing with wounds that often hold them back from being who God intends them to be; and modeling a strong relationship with God.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Marjorie Veneziano,  
6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15) and 4 weeks (April 18 – May 9)

The Prayer Shawl Care Team Ministry at Bethany started to minister to those who are in need of comfort, understanding, love and a hug. Many have felt the call to join this ministry and are working at home to knit or crochet prayer shawls so that the ministry can provide the feeling of God's presence to all that are

in need. The ministry has been expanded to include white Baptismal Shawls for infants and children who are baptized at Bethany.

### Religion, Morality and Politics – the Birth of the American Nation

Barry Gordon, 6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15)

This study will address the following topics: Culture Clash; Native America and Christianity; Colonial America; The Revolution and the Tower of Babel; Westward Ho and Civil War; The Problem with Immigrants and Religion; Domestic Challenges; The Death of Innocence in America; and Post World War II Religion and Globalism.

### Stewards of Children – Darkness to Light

Amy Murray, 3 weeks (Jan. 18, 25 & Feb. 1)

Childhood sexual abuse is on the rise in our country. Current statistics tell us that one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused by the age of 18. In seconds, their childhoods are shattered, their innocence stolen forever. People who abuse children look and act just like everyone else. This class is designed to educate adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to childhood sexual abuse. Participants will learn seven steps they can take to keep children safe from sexual abuse. If you are a parent or work with children, you will want to attend. This class is taught by Amy Murray, a school counselor and a 'Darkness to Light' authorized facilitator. Limited to 25 participants.

### The Marriage You've Always Dreamed Of

Mark Fentress,  
6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15) and 4 weeks (April 18 – May 9)

This class will focus on discovering what the marriage you've always dreamed of looks like. You will learn how to transform marriage challenges into opportunities to love each other more fully, and how to look for treasures in the trials. In short, you will discover how to experience God's best plan for your marriage.

### Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith

Linda Mallon & Sandy Mills, 6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15)

Jesus is more compelling than ever. More inviting. More true. More mysterious than ever. The problem isn't Jesus. The problem is what comes with Jesus. For many people the term Christian conjures up all sorts of images that have nothing to do with who Jesus is and how he taught us to live. This must change. Join this reader's group and be challenged through reading and small group discussion of things that matter most according to Jesus.

### When Christians Get it Wrong

Marty Canaday, 6 weeks (Jan. 11 – Feb. 15)

More and more persons are opting out of Christianity and the church. The reason? Christians! They often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. Methodist pastor, Adam Hamilton, in this video-driven curriculum, tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ's presence in the world. Join us for this stimulating, small group discussion experience.

### The Power of Forgiveness

Marty Canaday, 4 weeks (April 18 – May 9)

Studies have shown that those who learn to forgive live healthier, happier lives. It can sometimes seem impossible to forgive, but it isn't. This study offers a four-part approach to bringing the concept of forgiveness back into focus as we relate to God and one another. Will you forgive? Will you ask for forgiveness? Will you allow yourself to be forgiven?