

# Bethany Messenger

*Bethany United Methodist Church*

## Trust

In May 1995, Randy Reid, a thirty-four-year-old construction worker, was welding on top of a nearly completed water tower outside Chicago. According to writer Melissa Ramsdell, Reid unhooked his safety gear to reach for some pipes when a metal cage slipped and bumped the scaffolding on which he stood. The scaffolding tipped, and Reid lost his balance. He fell 110 feet, landing facedown on a pile of dirt, just missing rocks and construction debris.

A fellow worker called 911. When paramedics arrived, they found Reid conscious, moving, and complaining of a sore back.

Apparently the fall didn't cost Reid his sense of humor. As paramedics carried him on a backboard to the ambulance, Reid had one request: "Don't drop me." (Doctors later said Reid came away from the accident with just a bruised lung).

Sometimes we resemble that construction worker. God protects us from harm in a 110-foot fall, but we're still nervous about 3-foot heights. The God who saved us from hell and death can protect us from the smaller dangers we face this week.

In His Service,  
Terry Phillips

January 30, 2012  
[www.bethanyumc.net](http://www.bethanyumc.net)

**Rev. Terry L. Phillips, Sr.**  
Pastor  
770-876-0016 (C)

**Rev. Michael Zdorow**  
Assistant Pastor  
770-241-9905 (C)

**Rev. Stiles Cobb,**  
Pastor Emeritus

**Diane Lee**  
Administrative Assistant

**Mary Jane Higman**  
Children's Director

**Adam Burkett**  
Youth Director

**Pat Trotter**  
Music Director

**John Bunn**  
Organist

**Janice Marshall**  
Pianist

### **Points of Interest**

- **Worship Services:** 9:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 6:30 PM
- **Fellowship** 10:10 AM
- **Sunday School, 10:10 AM**
- **Our Connection:** Dr. Jim Lowry, Dist. Supt.
- **B. Michael Watson,** Bishop
- **Church Mission Statement.** "To Reach Out, Make, and Nurture Disciples For Jesus Christ."

**ATTENDANCE & SERMON TOPICS**

**Sunday Attendance Jan 29, 2012**

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Service—103
- 11:15 AM Traditional Service—130
- Total Morning Worship—233
- Sunday School—162
- Pioneer Club—43
- Methodist Youth Fellowship—14

**Contemporary Worship 9:00 am and Traditional Worship 11:15 am, 2/05/12**

“Seeking Christ”

St. Matthew 1:29-39, Rev. Phillips

**Evening Service 6:30 pm**

Rev. Phillips

**Greeters**

Walter Trotter & Carolyn Ball

**AV Technician/Sound Engineer**

- 9:00 am Tim Poolos & Daniel Black
- 11:15 am David & Spencer Human

**Presentation Team**

Bart Crowe & Catherine Simpson

**Communion Servers**

- 9:00 am Travis & Donna Carter
- 11:15 am Beth Weldy & Debra Nix

**Scripture Reader**

Louise Young

**Ushers**

Bill & Joan Bennett, Barry Brace, Ken Johnston, Radney Simpson, Terence Reckard, Jim Harvey, Doreen Beaton, Jimmie Gunter



**BETHANY**

**NEWS**

**Sympathy**

Sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of Sam Morris who passed away January 30th. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 4th at 11:00 am at the Ellijay First United Methodist Church with a reception to follow at noon. Memorials may be made to MUST Ministries. If you would like to send a card to Sam’s daughter, her address is:

Mary Alice Merrill  
631 John’s Ridge Road  
Blue Ridge, GA 30153

Pieter Botes has left for his next assignment with the military. There is some concern regarding the security of Pieter and his fellow soldiers. Please, help to maintain their security by putting nothing on Facebook regarding the deployment. Thank you for praying for and supporting our military heroes.



Bethany’s Food Backpack Mission for Russell Elementary is still going well. The school counselor said the families that receive them are very appreciative. One child put a card in the returned backpack that said, “thank you”. We don’t know which children receive the backpacks of food, and they don’t know us. But they do know someone cares about them. This is how we show God’s love to others. We appreciate so much your response to this program and for your generosity. The Weldon Sunday School Class



***SHARE WITH A FAMILY IN NEED AS YOU CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION.***

Help us make our communion service Sunday, February 5th, a time to celebrate our sharing with others as we share the communion bread and cup with Christ. Cards will be available on the MUST barrels and in the Sunday School classroom. Leave one on the communion altar as a symbol of your partnership in giving to others in need this month.

The Mission Committee

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Fund Raiser Supper**

The Joymakers Circle has set an ambitious goal. They intend to completely remodel the restroom located off Lacy Hall, before July. The women are discussing sinks, tile, cabinets, and colors as if they were a professional design team and may have underestimated the budget needed for all aspects of the remodel. They are relying heavily on bargain hunting, their own labor in doing the demolition, and professionals donating their services when needed.

On February 15th, the Wednesday Night Family Supper will be hosted by the Joymaker's Circle. The ladies are donating, preparing, and serving the supper that evening with a menu of Salisbury steak, hash brown casserole, green beans, salad and dessert. Since all the food is donated, 100% of the cost of your meal can be considered tax deductible as a donation toward this worthy project. Please make checks payable to:

Bethany United Methodist Women/Remodel.

**Overcoming**

**“Molded by the Potter”**

Featuring Lori Kennedy of Alpha Omega Ministries  
www.lorikennedy.com

Sunday, February 26th  
2:00 PM till 5:00 pm in Lacy Hall  
(bring a dessert)

This event is FREE. A love offering will be taken.  
All donations are tax deductible.

For more information and to RSVP please call Felicia Jones at (404) 966-4752 or email at Felicia@servproswcobb.com



*“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”* Isaiah 58:10

M.U.S.T. food of the week: Canned meats including chicken, fish and other meats, small bags of rice and tomato paste.

**WEEK OF FEB 15TH—FEB 21ST**

**Sunday, 02/15**

- 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 AM Fellowship
- 10:10 AM Sunday School
- 10:10 AM Bethany Kid's Connection
- 11:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 4:00 PM Children's Choir
- 4:30 PM Pioneer Club
- 6:30 PM MYF Superbowl Party
- 5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM UMW Executive Committee
- 6:30 PM Evening Worship

**Monday, 02/06**

- 7:30 PM BSA Scout Hut

**Tuesday, 02/07**

- 10:30 AM Edna McGrady Circle
- 6:30 PM Emmaus at the Rock
- 6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting, Lacy Hall
- 7:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous in the Edna Rivers Classroom

**Wednesday, 02/08**

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 2/09**

- 11:30 AM Forever Young—Lacy Hall
- 6:30 PM BSA Roundtable—Lacy Hall

**Saturday, 2/11**

- 6:30 PM Youth NLG

Jesus says to the church of the end times, *“I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength...”*(Revelation 3:8). The door is a symbol of opportunity. Are you taking advantage of the open doors God has given you to share the gospel?



**Bethany United Methodist Church**  
 760 Hurt Road, Smyrna, GA 30082  
 Phone 770-436-2675  
 Fax 770-431-0933  
 Email office@bethanyumc.net  
**Office Hours**  
 Mon-Thurs 8:15 —3:45

**A New Way Counseling Center**  
**Fred Walker House**  
 Betsy L. Riley, M. Ed., LPC- 404-401-4325  
 Grace R. Keely, M. Ed.- 678-464-4719

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 SMYRNA, GEORGIA  
 PERMIT NO. 111

Return Service Requested



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members**

- Al Cannon
- Helen Davison
- Lucille Edwards
- Bertha Goldston
- Lee Green
- Jack & Kathy Hayes
- Harvey Hendrix
- Rev. Jerry McCurdy
- Bill Medlin
- Kent Roberts
- Richard Sprayberry
- Millie Stiles
- Mary Terry
- Vera Thompson
- Cole Tolbert

**Family**

- Bessie Allen (Jimmie Gunter)
- Bill Browder (Gloria Aiken)
- Ed & Alice Hale (Betsy Cohen)
- Lisa Hilley (Cheryl Norwood)
- Neil & Aliéen Laughridge (Karen Roberts)

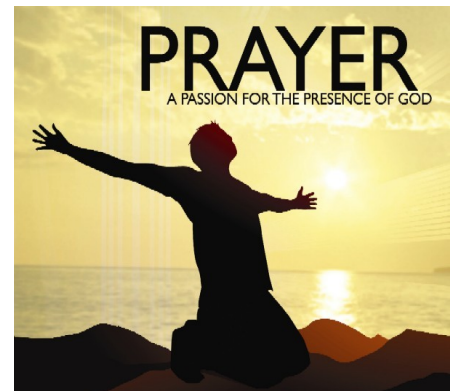
- David Marvin (Ray & Hazel Gary)
- Jack & Connie Parks (Michael Zdorow)
- Syble Phillips (Terry Phillips)
- Robin Scott (Cheryl Norwood)
- Valerie Thomas (Lisa & Mark Koch)

**Friends**

- Millie Baldwin (Karen Roberts)
- Meagan Foley (Ann Robinson)
- Sharon Horne (Joan Bennett)
- Dr. Jim Lowry
- Nelson & Thomas Families (Karen Roberts)
- Steve Stahlman (Lauren Austin)
- Jean Smith (Carla Martin)
- Nancy Richardson (Karen Roberts)
- Matt Roberts (Karen Roberts)
- Rev. Charles Thomas
- Rev. Foster Trout

**Special Mission**

Celebrate Jesus Mission, July 7-14, 2012  
 Bethany United Methodist Church  
 Crosspoint Church



Whether we think of or speak to God; whether we act or suffer for him; all is prayer when we have no other object than His love, and the desire of pleasing Him. John Wesley

The true spirit of prayer is no other than God's own Spirit dwelling in the hearts of the saints. And as this spirit comes from God, so doth it naturally tend to God in holy breathings and pantings. It naturally leads to God, to converse with him by prayer.

Jonathan Edwards