



Sunday Worship

The Way the Truth and the Life

Welcome, Announcements & Call to Worship

How Firm a Foundation

All My Boast is in Jesus

Baptism 2nd Service

Behold Him

Ancient of Days

Bethany Family Prayer

Sermon: Generosity through Sacrifice

Jesus Thank You

Benediction

Highlights

Hands of Grace Food Drive - FINAL WEEK

The Hands of Grace food pantry collection is wrapping up this week. This year's focus is on canned fruits, vegetables, and meats to help meet specific needs in our community. Please make sure all items are unexpired before donating. Visit bethanycentral.org/handsofgrace to donate or volunteer to help the ministry beyond providing food goods. Look for the food collection table in front of the church office.

The Table & The Anvil: Small Gatherings, Real Connection

The Table (for women) and The Anvil (for men) are small gatherings designed to help you build community and share life together. These are small group gatherings hosted by people from our church, happening at various times and locations to fit your schedule. Each gathering is unique. Whether you're eating a meal together or enjoying a fun activity together, it's a chance to meet new people and enjoy genuine fellowship. Visit bethanycentral.org/gatherings to browse all available gatherings and sign up!

Christmas Night of Worship

Celebrate the joy of Christmas and the incredible gift of Jesus at our Christmas Night of Worship! Enjoy an evening filled with carols, Christmas classics, and beloved songs that help us reflect on the gift of our precious Savior, Jesus. Stay afterward for a time of dessert and fellowship with festive treats.

Announcements & Events

GO Partner Christmas Gift Collection - Final Week

Each year, we have the privilege of blessing our GO Partners with a special Christmas gift. If you'd like to contribute, envelopes are available for one more week on tables in the foyer as you leave the sanctuary and in your ABC rooms. You can also give online at bethanycentral.org/gogive.

Advent Resources Available Now

Christmas devotional resources will be available at a table in the foyer this Sunday. Supplies are limited, so please take one per family. We're offering *The Coming of the King: 25 Devotional Readings for Advent*, a classic J.C. Ryle guide that helps families reflect on both Christ's first coming in Bethlehem and His promised return.

We also have a children's option, *The Christmas Promise Advent Calendar*, a lift-the-flap calendar for ages 5–11 that includes 25 short devotions and colorful illustrations to help families explore the Christmas story together.

BEST Lunch and Learn

Monday, December 15th, 11:00 am

Join us for our next BEST Lunch as we enjoy Christmas Carols and Classics with the Bethany Brass! Come celebrate the season with beautiful music and warm fellowship. You can RSVP at bethanycentral.org/best or by calling the church office at 309.692.1755.

Wednesday Family Meal

Wednesday, December 3rd, 5:00 pm

Join us this week for Tacos! The cost is \$3 for individuals with a \$15 max per family. To help us plan, please RSVP using your MyBethany or by calling the church office by Monday afternoon.

This Season, Let Us Pray With You

It is our desire to be praying for you in every season of life. You can go to bethanycentral.org/prayer or use the Bethany app to share a prayer request or praise so that our leaders, staff, prayer team, and church family can be praying for you personally.

We also now have a Prayer Wall in the foyer, where you can write your prayer needs on a card and post them for others to lift up throughout the week. As we enter the holiday season—a time that can be joyful for some and difficult for others—please know that we would love to pray with you and for you.

Generosity through Sacrifice

Dr. Ritch Boerckel • Genesis 22:1-14

Five Principles to Grow in Our Sacrifice to God

Principle #1: Our Generous LORD tests our _____ . We _____ severe trials.

Principle #2: Our Generous LORD makes sure _____ to us. We _____ to His promises.

Principle #3: Our Generous LORD _____ for us. We _____ Him.

Principle #4: Our Generous LORD _____ His Son. We _____ Him!

Principle #5: Our Generous LORD _____ faith. We _____ in His reward!