



February 2019

February 8th	Clothing Closet 8—1 PM
February 10th	Flowers for Someone Special
February 10th	Valentine Banquet 5 PM
February 14th	Valentine's Day
February 18th	President's Day
February 23rd	Blood Drive
February 24th	Wedding Shower for Brittany Sudduth & Jonathan Long

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Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.; Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Services - 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

A Bible Believing, Christ Centered, Mission Minded, Friendly Fellowship

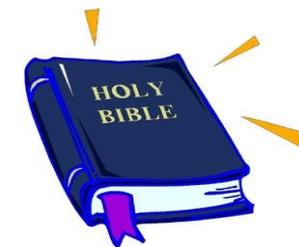
“To be light by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and to be salt by standing against evil”

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Matthew 5: 7—9 and 16

Blessed are the merciful'; for they shall obtain mercy. 8) Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. 9) Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

16) Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.





FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Greetings in the name of The Lord.
We have been busy serving, fellowshiping, discipling, and worshipping at El Bethel in 2019. We have celebrated The New Year, Emphasized Prayer, The Sanctity of Human Life, and Baptist Men's Day. Thank you for giving to PWC. We are still collecting for them. We had a great Men's Breakfast with a great speaker last Sunday and the men who spoke Sunday night did an excellent job. We called a Music Minister and a family united with our church.

Also in January, the Senior's enjoyed an outing to Lake Bowen and the Youth attended a Conference in Tennessee. Many other people participated in various other ministries.

As we enter February, we think of love. Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. He said the second greatest was to love our neighbor as our self. Then He told the parable of the good Samaritan to illustrate who our neighbor is.

God asks us to love Him, but we know that He loves us. We can love Him because He first loved us. He loves us unconditionally and individually and endlessly.

He knows the best and worst about us and He still loves us. He knows all of our

faults and failures, yet He still loves us. He loved us so much that He gave His Son.

God loves us now, has always loved us, and always will. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

While much good has occurred at El Bethel Baptist Church in the few days of 2019, we have also had much sadness. Death has touched many of our families. Please remember the Hawkins, Shirley, Ensley, Black and Watson families. Let's continue to love God supremely, love each other, and love the lost.

In His Service,
Joe

MUSIC NOTES



Dear El Bethel family,
First, let me say how excited I am to be joining you, not as your interim, but now as your "permanent" Minister of Music. God has answered prayers and moved in mighty ways, arranging schedules and softening hearts, to make this possible. Please know that I am here to serve you, and will help in any way that I can. I ask for your prayers and help in making the music ministry of El Bethel something we all can enjoy and worship through. If you have any special requests for songs, or wish to sing a special in the service, please just let me know – I will get those into our services as quickly as possible. Also know that music

specials are not just reserved for choir members, but are open to the whole congregation to be able to share, lead worship, and present Christ through song. And once again, I'm asking now, and I will continue asking, if the Lord is tugging at your heart to sing, come join us at choir practice. There is always a spot for you!

Yours in His service,
David

JOLLY SENIORS NEWS

We think of February as the love month. It is a month filled with flowers, candy, and extra special things for the folks we love.

I've written two verses that will help us to love one another daily.

"Love is Sincere. Hate What is Evil, Cling to What is Good": Romans 12:9

"Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law": Romans 12:10

Seniors "Thank You" for portraying your love all the time for the El Bethel Family".

Our time together this month will be our church wide Valentine Banquet, February 10th here at the church at 5:00. Hope to see you there.

Love ya!
Butch and Kathy

TRANSFORMED STUDENT MINISTRY

Hey Church Family,
I hope you had a great New Year thus far. January has been jam packed for us this year. So far, we were able to take the

Youth Group out to eat and to see a movie during their winter break. We had a great time at the Chili Pepper Student Conference in Pigeon Forge, TN. We were able to take a total of 8 people this time. This is the most we have taken since my time here at El Bethel, and I tell you God was there and working on these students. Chili Pepper did a great job with speakers and bands. I want to thank you church for allowing us to go to this conference. Thank you for investing in the next generation!

As we gear up for February, I ask that you be in prayer for our students. February is considered the "Month of Love." While this normally consists of a secular notion of love, we can show others what true love really looks like. I enjoyed watching Charlie Brown as a kid, and it seemed that Lucy always wanted Charlie Brown to explain love to her. Charlie Brown in one of his responses said, "You can't explain love. I can recommend a book or a poem or a painting, but I can't explain love." The only way I know how to explain love is by looking to Jesus and what he did for us. I found a memo somebody posted on Facebook, and it was Lucy and Charlie Brown sitting under the tree and Lucy asked the same question "Tell me what love is, Charlie Brown". Charlie brown responds "A MAN NAMED JESUS." Let's grow in His love this month, and share His love this month with others who just don't understand what true love is all about. I love you all, and I am so thankful for you all!

Rylan Johnson