



**March 2018**

- March 4** SNAC- After Evening Service at Rylan's House
- March 4-10** Week of Prayer for North American Missions
- March 11** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 11** Mission Spaghetti Lunch at Church
- March 13** WOM Meeting
- March 18** Youth Day Morning Service
- March 23 & 24** Senior Trip to Cherry Blossom Festival
- March 25** Palm Sunday
- March 29** Men's Fellowship Meeting and Fish Fry
- March 31** Children & Youth Easter Celebration

# ***THE KOINONIA***

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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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*John 10: 27 & 28*

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*





### FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Greetings, in the name of The Lord. The purpose of El Bethel Baptist Church is to fulfill the ministries given to us in the New Testament:

We have a ministry to the Master – to worship and glorify God and His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ. We have a ministry to the multitude (the world) –to be light by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and to be salt by standing against evil. We have a ministry to our members – to help each member grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, thereby bringing them to Christ like maturity and equipping them for Christian Service.

I began this month's column by listing our Purpose Statement because we need to be reminded of it periodically. We try to give people in our community the opportunity to become a Christian if they wish. We have ministered to people this year through our Clothes Closet Ministry, our Basketball Ministry, our work with PWC, a Blood Drive, the Men's Ministry and other ways.

We had a successful "Flowers for Someone Special", a great EBVB, and the movie last Sunday night was very good. We met our Lottie Moon Offering goal and now we are receiving the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. This week (March 4 – 10) is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions, so as you give to the Annie Armstrong Offering, please pray for our North American Missionaries. Rylan has several events planned for our Children and Youth this month. There will be SNAC tonight at his house after church. Also, the Youth will help us in worship on March 18<sup>th</sup> and there will be special activities for the Youth and Children on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Pray for Rylan and Kayla as they minister to our children this month. Also, the Choir will work very hard this month preparing for the Easter Musical. Pray for Vernon, Ernie and the entire Choir for the musical itself.

As we approach Easter, I am praying that God

will give us a burden for the lost. I am praying that many of you will begin to share the Gospel with others with courage, compassion and conviction.

I firmly believe if we will be faithful in the sowing, God will be faithful in the saving and many will come to know The Lord for their good, our good and God's Glory.

The bulletin board in the church says; "Loving God, Loving Others". May we continue to love God supremely, love one another here as well as other Christians, and love the lost and try to reach them. I want to continue to ask each member to be praying for at least one lost person. May God bless each of you this month.

Sincerely Yours and Eternally His,  
**Joe Seay**

### MUSIC NOTES



The Music Ministry is working tirelessly on "THE JESUS STORY", the Musical-Drama to be presented next month on April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are getting the musical portion of this program together as we prepare each week to present "The Greatest Story Ever Told".

The last week Jesus spent on earth referred to as the "Passion Week" will be presented in such a way as to remind us one and all of just how much Jesus gave for each of us, even His life's blood.

We plan to present this to El Bethel and to our community three times to afford everyone a chance to witness this "Story of Stories".

Those dates and times are:

Saturday – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM

Sunday – April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM

Sunday – April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 PM

You will have the opportunity to help us notify the community by passing out and mailing brochures here in the Greer area, and to your family and friends (and even those you may not normally call friends), so they too can witness "The Jesus Story". (Pick up several of these brochures and share them with others).

The selection of the songs to be sung will surely bless you as you hear the story unfold with drama and special effects that will touch not only your heart, but

also the hearts of those you invite to witness these presentations.

We are counting on the "prayer warriors" of El Bethel to bathe this endeavor in prayer every day as the preparation time draws near.

We are also counting on your physical support as you volunteer or accept assignments that will be needed and much appreciated to assist in this program. We have invited several special guests to participate in this effort.

We ask that you welcome anyone you see over the upcoming weeks who may not be members of El Bethel, but who are joining us in these presentations.

The Jesus Story is why we've come,

to tell the Story of God's own Son,  
who gave his life-blood on Calvary's tree,  
that we might live our lives more abundantly.

This is His story, , , the Gospel Story, , , THE JESUS STORY .

Sing-cerely,  
Brother Vernon

### Jolly Senior News

Hope everyone is well and ready for Spring!!! I know I am!

Spring will begin March 20<sup>th</sup> and the Jolly Seniors are planning a trip to go and view the Cherry Blossoms in Macon, Georgia. The date will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. I'm excited about making this trip to see another display of God's beauty. Plans are to go to Macon and spend the night. We plan to eat at the Blue Willow Inn. We will plan to leave Saturday morning and travel to Stone Mountain and stay the afternoon and then return home Saturday night, Please see me soon if you are planning to go, I have an estimated cost but I need to know how many are going to see about a group rate at Stone Mountain. The trip includes: viewing trees, motel, The Blue Willow Inn for supper, hot breakfast, Stone Mountain.

We will need money for lunch going and coming back.

Hope you can go and enjoy the weekend.

Lots of Love,  
Kathy & Butch

### Transformed Student Ministries

Hey Church family,

Thank you so much for your support and your prayers for the Converge College Trip. We had a blast! I find it important to reach out to our College and Career Class and invest in them. They are the future of tomorrow and some are even making waves in the world today. I didn't see many Senior Pastors/Preachers, but I was blessed that our Preacher Joe went to the college conference! He knows how important it is to invest in the College and Career people as well. We are so blessed to have such a good Preacher with a passionate heart for all people of all ages!

Some exciting things we have to look forward to in March include S.N.A.C (Sunday Night after Church) for the Youth this Sunday. We will be meeting at my house for a bonfire and s'mores. We will have our Easter Celebration for the Youth and Children on March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you want and can help with this just let me know.

Youth Day will be on March 18<sup>th</sup> during the Morning Service. I am excited to hear from some of our students and I am excited to bring the message God has laid on my heart. Last but not least we are partnering with Fairview this year for HOPE week. This week takes place during Greenville County School's Spring break which is April 2-7. You can sign up to help others on Fairview's website. I will be talking more about this during the service on March 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be including the Big A as one of the projects this year during HOPE week. If you can help with snacks and games for Big A let me know. We will be there each day during this week and will need multiple people to help with this project. This is our Home Mission Trip. People need Jesus just as much in our own back yard as they do in Kentucky. Let's make much of Jesus here and everywhere.

I love you all

Rylan Johnson.