

# School Days

September 2017

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| September 3  | Sunday School Promotion Day                          |
| September 4  | Labor Day  |
| September 9  | Blood Drive 9—12 Noon                                |
| September 11 | WOM Meeting 6:30 PM                                  |
| September 16 | Babies and Preschool Children Party 10—12            |
| September 17 | Youth Day/Mission Trip Report                        |
| September 17 | Mission Trip Luncheon                                |
| September 18 | Seniors Visit to Ollie Holder Leave Church<br>at 9AM |
| September 23 | Block Party—Greer Mill Area                          |
| October 1    | Homecoming/Old Fashion Day                           |
| October 8    | New River AM Service                                 |

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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.

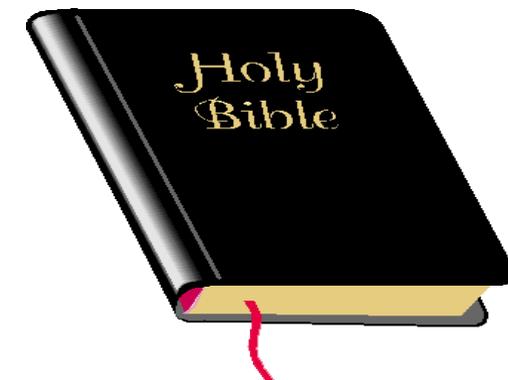
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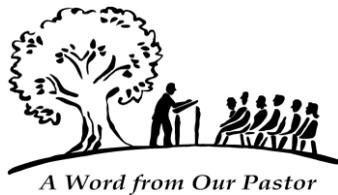
**“To be light by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and to be salt by standing against evil”**

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*John 3:16*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish but have  
everlasting life.*





*A Word from Our Pastor*

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

As the Seasons change and Summer slowly slips into Fall, there are some certainties here in the South. Baseball fans begin to look to the playoffs and football fans anticipate the beginning of another season. The air becomes a little cooler, the leaves slowly but surely change in color and many churches begin a New Church Year. El Bethel is one of those churches.

Our leaders and teachers for the 2017/2018 Church Year are now in place. We have taken the kids bowling and had our Annual Back to School Bash. The Seniors have recently visited the Ark and Mayberry. The Youth Mission Trip is complete and we look forward to hearing about it in a couple of weeks. Plans for the remainder of the calendar year include a blood drive, two singings, Homecoming/Old Fashion Day, Live Nativity, a Block Party, and other significant activities and events. Softball is now underway and the Basketball Ministry will soon start.

There are many ways you can serve The Lord and serve others here at El Bethel. One is prayer. We have 6 Prayer Ministries and there is a place for everyone in some of those. You can also help us by committing one night a month to our Care Visitation Ministry. These are but two of many examples.

Everyone knows someone who is not in church and I pray you will make a diligent effort to get some of your un-churched friends in church here at El Bethel. I believe they will receive a warm welcome.

In closing, let me ask you to do some things I have asked you to do before. As we begin a New Year, ponder these eight simple but significant commitments.

1. Will you yield your life to the control of the Holy Spirit?
2. Will you ask Him to work His changes

in your life?

3. Will you begin to look for opportunities to allow the Holy Spirit to touch others through you?
4. Will you ask the Holy Spirit to give you boldness to witness?
5. Will you pray for your church during the week?
6. Will you pray for your church before the service?
7. Will you pray for your church during the service?
8. Will you pray during each invitation: "Oh Holy Spirit, do I need to respond to you today? And then will you pray for other Christians and those who are lost.

Until He Comes,  
Joe

**MUSIC NOTES**



What a busy musical Summer we've had preparing and presenting, *If My People*. Now with that program in our recent memory, we press forward toward other worship events including the one we have each Sunday as the Church comes together to worship Christ. We strive to lead you in worship as we meet with worship of Him on our minds. Let us come to Worship Him each and every week. When we enter our place of Worship, let us strive to remove everything from our hearts and minds, except humbling ourselves before Him in worship, praise, and adoration. As we look forward to upcoming events, we can't help but see the Holiday Season on the horizon. And at the heart of the Holiday Season is "Christmas" the most wonderful time of the year. We are planning to enjoy a musical time

of Worship putting Christ at "*The Heart of Christmas*".

But even before that magical season, we have two special Music Events coming to El Bethel that you will definitely want to attend. They are:  
**New River Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM**  
**Joyful Sound Sunday, November 19 10:30 AM**

*Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God. It is He who has made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. (Psalm 100 1-4a)*

*Sing-cerely, Brother Vernon*

**Jolly Senior News**

Thanks to all who went to Mayberry last week. We had a great time and are looking forward to our next time together. And, that time will be "Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to visit and wish Ollie Holder a Happy Birthday. Afterwards, we will stop and have lunch. We will plan to leave the church at 9:00, everyone is invited to go with us. Also, the Church is planning a block party, Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Greer Mill Area. I would love for our Seniors to be involved. Watch for the details. Thanks in advance.

Love to you all,,  
Butch and Kathy

Babies and Preschool Children are invited to have some games and lunch on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM until 12 Noon at the Church.

Dear Church Family,  
We had a great time at Big Creek Mission! I cannot believe how fast the time flew. It was hard work for many of our students, but it was very rewarding. We were able to help those who actually needed help, and we were able to spread the greatest news in the world! I saw God work in the lives of our students. Many questions were asked and answered, and for others their flame was fanned. May we pray that our mission will not stop at Bear Branch, Kentucky, but that we may let our light shine to those God places in our path and to the great community. We are looking forward to sharing our Journey with you all on September 17<sup>th</sup>, in the AM Service. You will get to hear how God worked in our lives as well as some of our favorite memories.

We had a great time taking the children bowling, and we had a great turn out for the Back to School Bash. Thank you to all who helped make that a success. I am a little sore from dunking all of the students, but they did get to dunk me a few times as well. We had a good time.

Continue to pray for the Student Ministry and the Children's Ministry at El Bethel. Great things are still to come. Invite someone to church, and as you go throughout your week continue to share the greatest news in the world!

I love you all!  
Count it all a Joy,  
Rylan Johnson

