

The Lord's Day – January 3, 2021

Jesus said to her,
"I who speak to you am He."
John 4:26 (NKJV)

SUNDAY SCHOOL **9:45 AM**

Kurt Harding, Superintendent; David O'Brian, Asst. Superintendent

All are invited to attend these Bible classes for all ages.

SS quarter: December – February

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| Pre-Primary: | God Rescues | Sandy Rising |
| Junior High: | Essential Bible Truths | Rachel Delaney |
| Teens: | 1 Peter | Wayne Iddings |
| Timothy: | Tozer/Character of God | Kurt Harding |
| Ambassador: | Zechariah | George Snyder |

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE **11:00 AM**

† Welcome & Announcements Bob Dean
Call to Worship Psalm 148:1-4
Invocation
* Hymn #9 Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him
Scripture Reading Psalm 5
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Message: I Am He..... John 4:16-26
* Hymn #109Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned
Closing Prayer

* singing if we maintain 12' distance between singers † Children's Church dismissal

EVENING SERVICE **6:00 PM**

Welcome
* Hymn #568God of the Ages
Prayer
Offertory
Message..... Faithfulness to God (Deuteronomy 22:13-30)
* Hymn #189Calvary Covers It All
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
* Hymn #567Another Year Is Dawning
Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual reports are due today. Email or hand them to Pastor Rising.

The ballot is posted in the back on the bulletin board.

Please send directory updates to Pastor Rising.

Offering envelopes are on the back table. If you want to begin using them, please see Ray Avery.

THIS WEEK

TuesdayDeacons' Meeting (7 PM)
Wednesday..... Bible Study & Prayer (7 PM)
Friday.....Annual Meeting (7 PM)

LOOKING AHEAD

February 19-20 (Fri-Sat)..... NF Men's Adventure
February 27 (Sat).....SWEET Circle

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Ross Corners Christian Academy, 2101 Owego Rd, Vestal, NY 13850
Jennifer Chase, Administrator; www.rosscornerschristianacademy.org

REMEMBERING OUR PEOPLE

Member(s) of the Week: Kurt & Becky Harding
Birthday: 1/4 Mary Young; 1/5 Jarek Podest
Anniversary: none

PRAYER

Byron Brooks family, Mitch & Sylvia Curatolo, Carol Rising, unspoken requests, Marieta McMillen, Becky Harding, Carole Grummons, Allen Strawn, John Avery, Gerry Gollogly Sr., Lorna Till, Karen Bleil, Government leaders; Missionaries: Bardon, J. Beckley, K/S Beckley, Boston, Brown, Cruz, Jones (retired 7/1), Kennedy, Mayner, Morgan, Newhart, Otchere, Phillips, Vaye, Weeks, BCH, Bayouca, BI, CBCA, GARBC, NF, RCCA, Shepherds.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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| Weekly Budget Target | \$3,532.54 |
| Average Weekly Giving YTD | 3,550.87 |
| Last Week's Offering | 3,440.00 |

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Deacons: Ron Capiello (Building/Grounds), Bob Dean (Deacon Fund Treasurer), Wayne Iddings (Chair), Steven McElwain, Jr. (Vice Chair), Richard Price, Kevin Wood, Bob Young (Clerk)

9 – Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him (AM)

1. Praise the Lord! Ye heav'ns, adore Him;
Praise Him angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! For He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.

2. Praise the Lord! For He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify His name.

3. Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto Thee;
Young and old, Thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee;
We would bow before Thy throne:
As Thine angels serve before Thee,
So on earth Thy will be done.

Words: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, 1796
Edward Osler, stanza 3
Based on Psalm 148
Music: Franz Joseph Haydn Public Domain

109 – Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned (AM)

1. Majestic sweetness sits enthroned
Upon the Savior's brow;
His head with radiant glories crowned,
His lips with grace o'er-flow
His lips with grace o'er-flow.

2. No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men;
Fairer is He than all the fair
Who fill the heav'nly train,
Who fill the heav'nly train.

3. He saw me plunged in deep distress
And flew to my relief;
For me He bore the shameful cross
And carried all my grief,
And carried all my grief.

4. To Him I owe my life and breath
And all the joys I have;
He makes me triumph over death
And saves me from the grave,
And saves me from the grave.

5. Since from His bounty I receive
Such proofs of love divine,
Had I a thousand hearts to give,
Lord, they should all be Thine,
Lord, they should all be Thine.

Words: Samuel Stennett
Music: Thomas Hastings
Public Domain

568 – God of the Ages (PM)

1. God of the ages,
History's Maker,
Planning our pathway,
Holding us fast,
Shaping in mercy
All that concerns us:
Father, we praise You,
Lord of the past.
2. God of this morning,
Gladly Your children
Worship before You,
Trustingly bow:
Teach us to know You
Always among us,
Quietly sov'reign—
Lord of our now.
3. God of tomorrow,
Strong Overcomer,
Princes of darkness
Own Your command:
What then can harm us?
We are Your people,
Now and forever
Kept by Your hand.
4. Lord of past ages,
Lord of this morning,
Lord of the future,
Help us, we pray:
Teach us to trust You,
Love and obey You,
Crown You each moment
Lord of today.

Words: Margaret Clarkson
Music: Traditional Gaelic melody
Words © 1983 Hope Publishing Co.
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189 – Calvary Covers It All (PM)

1. Far dearer than all that the world can impart
Was the message that came to my heart;
How that Jesus alone for my sins did atone,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain
Calvary covers it all,
My past with its sin and stain;
My guilt and despair
Jesus took on Him there,
And Calvary covers it all.

2. The stripes that He bore and the thorns that He wore
Told His mercy and love evermore;
And my heart bowed in shame as I called on His name,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain

3. How matchless the grace, when I looked on the face
Of this Jesus, my crucified Lord;
My redemption complete I then found at His feet,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain

4. How blessed the thought, that my soul by Him bought,
Shall be His in the glory on high;
Where with gladness and song I'll be one of the throng,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain

Words & Music: Mrs. Walter G. Taylor
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567 – Another Year Is Dawning (PM)

1. Another year is dawning:

Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

2. Another year of mercies,

Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shin-ing of Thy face;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

3. Another year of service,

Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning:
Dear Father, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal

Music: Samuel S. Wesley

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RE-OPENING GUIDELINES

Based upon the NYS guidelines for re-opening churches and in consultation with other resources, the following protocol must be followed for use of Bethel Baptist Church, 300 N. Jensen Rd., Vestal NY as of 9/13/20.

1. Up to **79 people** can meet together for an indoor service (i.e., **33%** of our maximum capacity of 240).
2. Social distancing (6 feet) must be maintained unless members of the same household. Singing is only permissible with 12 feet distance between members of other households. Only one at a time in the elevator and only two at a time in the restrooms. No physical contact between members of different households. Signs will be posted to remind. In order to allow for social distancing, seating in the auditorium will be sectioned-off every other pew. Family groups should sit together. Ushers will assist individuals and families to seating areas if necessary.
3. Face masks must be worn unless seated. Pastor Rising, the Deacon doing announcements/scripture reading, and musicians must be prepared to wear a face mask if another person unexpectedly comes within six feet. Face coverings must be cleaned or replaced after use and may not be shared.
4. We must limit the sharing of objects, so musicians will not swap from one instrument to the other in a service. We will place the offering plate in a central location at the back. We will also refrain from printing a bulletin but will make the bulletin available digitally and will also post one on the back bulletin board.
5. We must adhere to thorough hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection protocols. Therefore, between each service, the church will be cleaned accordingly. We encourage families to use the same seating arrangement for each service. Hand washing with soap and water is available in the restrooms. Hand sanitizers will be available in various visible places in the church.

6. There will be no shared food and beverages. The kitchen will be closed.

7. There will be a screening process upon entry. The screening is mandatory for “employees, faith leaders, and volunteers (but not attendees)” but we are encouraging everyone to participate. Anyone serving in any official capacity in a particular service (pastor, deacon, musician, usher) is required to be screened. The screening involves a no-contact temperature check and questions asking about (1) COVID-19 symptom in past 14 days, (2) positive COVID-19 test in past 14 days, and/or (3) close contact with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in past 14 days. We will not be keeping a record of any health information.

8. Entry into the facility will be from the ground level by the nursery (east door). Except for special needs individuals, exit will be through the double-glass doors (north doors).

9. If you are included in the COVID-19 “at-risk” age-group and/or if you are not yet comfortable gathering for worship services, please feel free to remain home and join us for worship online. As long as he is able, Pastor Rising will be recording ahead of time the sermons so you can listen on Sundays to the same message that will be preached live. If you want a CD of the service, please contact Pastor Rising (607-221-2321; davidrising@live.com).

10. There will be no choir or staffed nursery at this time.