

The Lord's Day – January 24, 2021

...So the man believed the word
That Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.
John 4:50b (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

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE **11:00 AM**

† Welcome & Announcements Rich Price
Call to Worship Psalm 90:1
Invocation
* Hymn #52 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Scripture Reading Psalm 8
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory
Message: Faith Comes by Hearing..... John 4:43-54
* Hymn #275 How Firm a Foundation
Closing Prayer

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

EVENING SERVICE **6:00 PM**

Welcome
* Hymn #377 Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Prayer
* Hymn #234 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Offertory
Message Be Kind, Clean, and Fair (Deut. 24:7-25:4)
Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are now live-streaming our Sunday AM & PM services. We are working on adding video and hope to complete that soon. Until video is fully working, the streaming includes audio and slides. You can find us online by searching YouTube for 'Bethel Baptist Vestal' or by visiting the links on our website.

Former member Devere Mayo went home to be with the Lord last Saturday (1/16). A copy of his obituary is posted on the bulletin board.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday..... Bible Study & Prayer (7 PM)

LOOKING AHEAD

February 2 (Tue) Deacons' Meeting (7 PM)
February 7 (Sun) Lord's Supper / Deacon Fund Offering (AM svc.)
February 19-20 (Fri-Sat)..... NF Men's Adventure
February 27 (Sat)..... SWEET Circle

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Tim & Marsha Weeks – Baptist Church Planters
Director of Missionary Care – tweeks@bcpusa.org

REMEMBERING OUR PEOPLE

Member(s) of the Week: Todd & Alysha Howard, Kyla
Birthday: 1/28 Jason Rising, Nathan Rising; 1/30 Lizzy O'Neill
Anniversary: none

PRAYER

Barbara Mayo, Byron Brooks family, Mitch & Sylvia Curatolo, 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 7/1/20), Kennedy, Mayner, Morgan, Newhart, Otchere, Phillips, Vaye, Weeks, BCH, Bayouca, BI, CBCA, GARBC, NF, RCCA, Shepherds.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budget Target	\$3,520.04
Average Weekly Giving YTD	2,690.00
Last Week's Offering	2,205.00

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Deacons: Ron Cappiello (Building/Grounds), Kurt Harding (Deacon Fund Treasurer), Wayne Iddings (Chair), Steven McElwain, Jr. (Vice Chair), Richard Price, Bob Young (Clerk)

52 – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (AM)

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure,

3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts; based on Psalm 90

Music: William Croft

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275 – How Firm a Foundation (AM)

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, through all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

Words: Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Music: Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837

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377 – Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (PM)

1. Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shalt be:
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, and hoped and known;
Yet how rich is my condition,

God and heav'n are still my own!

2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me;
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

3. Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me,
Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
O 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

4. Hasten on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav'n's eternal days before me,
God's own hand shall guide me there.
Soon shall close my earthly mission,
Swift shall pass my pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

Words: Henry F Lyte
Music: Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*, 1831
Attributed to Wolfgang A. Mozart
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234 – Crown Him with Many Crowns (PM)

1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns

All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Thru all eternity.

2. Crown Him the Lord of love:
Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown Him the Lord of life:
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n:
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit thru Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, thru endless days
Adored and magnified.

Words: Matthew Bridge, stanzas 1, 2, 4
Godfrey Thring, stanza 3
Music: George J. Elvey
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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 1/13/21.

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. Messages will be broadcast live on YouTube here: https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelBaptistVestal/videos?view=2&live_view=502 If you subscribe to the channel, you can be notified when the next service is available. If you want an audio CD of the message, please contact Pastor Rising (607-221-2321; davidrising@live.com).
10. There will be no choir or staffed nursery at this time.