

The Lord's Day – February 28, 2021

Nevertheless, when one turns to the Lord,
The veil is taken away.
2 Corinthians 3:16 (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 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 Steven McElwain, Jr.
Call to Worship 2 Timothy 3:12-17
Invocation
* Hymn #269 O Word of God Incarnate
Scripture Reading Psalm 13
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory O God Our Help in Ages Past (Rachel, Steven)
Message: Scripture Testifies of Jesus John 5:39-47
* Hymn #406 My Hope Is in the Lord
Closing Prayer

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

EVENING SERVICE **6:00 PM**

Welcome – Psalm 27:11
* Hymn #395 Teach Me Thy Way
Prayer
* Hymn #210 Jesus Paid It All
Offertory
Message God's Sufficient Word (Deuteronomy 29:1-29)
Closing Prayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken & Sarah Beckley & Stephen need housing beginning late June 2021 through mid-January 2022. They prefer it to be in this general area if possible. During these months they will be reporting to supporting churches in NY, PA, NJ, DE, and MD. If you know of anything available or can help find something, please let Pastor or the Deacons know.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday Deacons' Meeting (7 PM)
Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer (7 PM)

LOOKING AHEAD

March 7 (Sun) Lord's Supper (PM svc.)
March 20 (Sat) Spring begins!
March 21 (Sun) IGM Missionary – PM Service
March 27 (Sat) Shower @ Bethel for Ashley (10:30 AM)
It's a girl. Come and celebrate the new arrival to the McElwain family. A take out lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the back table. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. Ashley is registered at <https://www.babylist.com/mcelwain-registry>

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Jean Beckley, Naples, NY (Central Missionary Clearinghouse)
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REMEMBERING OUR PEOPLE

Member(s) of the Week: David & Lora O'Brian
Birthday: 3/2 Cynthia Gibson; 3/4 Randy Clink
Anniversary: none

PRAYER

Price family, Beth Podest, Randy Clink, Mark Hillman, Mitch & Sylvia Curatolo, unspoken requests, Becky Harding, Marieta McMillen, Gerry Gollogly Sr., Lorna Till, Karen Bleil, John Avery, Carole Grummons, Allen Strawn, 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

(updated numbers will be in the 3/7 bulletin)

LIVE STREAMING: www.youtube.com/BethelBaptistVestal

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Pastor: David Rising (study 607-798-9158; cell 607-221-2321; home 607-797-2005)

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

269 – O Word of God Incarnate (AM)

1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky;
We praise Thee for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.
2. The Church from her dear Master
Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket
Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture
Of Christ, the living Word.
3. It floateth like a banner
Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon
Above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
That o'er life's surging sea,
'Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands,
Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.
4. O make Thy church, dear Savior,
A lamp of purest gold,
To bear before the nations
Thy true light as of old.
O teach Thy wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace,

Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see Thee face to face.

Words: William W. How

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Arranged by Felix Mendelssohn

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406 – My Hope Is in the Lord (AM)

1. My hope is in the Lord
Who gave Himself for me,
And paid the price of all
My sin at Calvary.

For me He died,
For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light
He freely gives.
2. No merit of my own
His anger to suppress,
My only hope is found
In Jesus righteousness.

For me He died,
For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light
He freely gives.
3. And now for me He stands
Before the Father's throne,
He shows His wounded hands,
And names me as his own.

For me He died,
For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light
He freely gives.
4. His grace has planned it all,
'Tis mine but to believe,

And recognize His work
Of love and Christ receive.

For me He died,
For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light
He freely gives.

Words & Music: Norman J. Clayton
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395 – Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord (PM)

1. Teach me Thy way, O Lord,
Teach me Thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford—
Teach me Thy way!
Help me to walk a-right,
More by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with heav'nly light,
Teach me Thy way!

2. When I am sad at heart,
Teach me Thy way!
When earthly joys depart,
Teach me Thy way!
In hours of loneliness,
In times of dire distress,
In failure or success,
Teach me Thy way!

3. When doubts and fears arise,
Teach me Thy way!
When storms o'erspread the skies,
Teach me Thy way!
Shine thro' the cloud and rain,
Thro' sorrow, toil and pain;
Make Thou my pathway plain,
Teach me Thy way!

4. Long as my life shall last,

Teach me Thy way!
Where'er my lot be cast,
Teach me Thy way!
Until the race is run,
Until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won,
Teach me Thy way!

Words & Music: B. Mansell Ramsey
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210 – Jesus Paid It All (PM)

1. I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—
He washed it white as snow.

2. Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—
He washed it white as snow.

3. For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—
He washed it white as snow.

4. And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain—
He washed it white as snow.

Words: Elvina M. Hall
Music: John T. Grape
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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 **2/17/21**.

1. Up to **120 people** can meet together for an indoor service (i.e., **50%** 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.