

DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS & PANHANDLERS

There have been several Sundays recently when the Safety and Assistance personnel have encountered both homeless people and people asking for money (panhandlers). The homeless have been using Bethany property for shelter, which can create problems for the church and its members. Panhandlers were recently cited at the foot of the main Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall portico as the service ended asking church members for money.

It is church policy not to give out cash and that should apply to all church members while on church property. To do so will encourage return visits and possibly increase instances beyond our control.

There are organizations that can help those in need, and we should direct those individuals to the help that is available to them. Trident United Way covers the Tri-County area and dialing 211 or texting "help" to 211 is the easiest way to contact help. Help of Summerville is another organization that can help. Their number is 843.695.4261.

Thank you, Bethany Safety and Assistance Team

BETHANY BELLS BEGINNERS GROUP

If you haven't played bells before or if you haven't played in a while and are looking to play again, we would love to have you join us in the Bethany Bells group. Practices will begin on May 8 from 6-6:50 pm and will continue every Wednesday through May 29. This group will perform at Spell Chapel in June. They will resume practice during the Fall Bethany NOW schedule. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact Barbara Bassett at 843.810.3590.

SCAN TO GIVE OPTION

It's easier than ever to give now! Simply scan this QR Code & you will be directed to PushPay, our online giving platform. You can also text 833.245.8417 and give right from your phone!



LET THE SON SHINE IN!

Allow HIM and YOUR Stephen Minister to help carry your burdens. It will lighten your life and lift your spirits. Please accept this gift with a note or call to Pastor Mark Barnes at 843.873.2130. Also reach out with a call or text to Sue D. Malphrus at 843.435.9116 or Leah Martin at 404.408.5457.

Welcome to

Word & Table



Crowning Christ
as
Lord of All

Rev. Mark Barnes
Colossians 1: 15-23

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

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• ORDER OF WORSHIP •

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS OF FAITH

OFFERING

SONG OF FAITH

KIDS' MOMENT

SCRIPTURE: COLOSSIANS 1: 15-23

MESSAGE: "CROWNING CHRIST AS LORD OF ALL"

COMMUNION

SONG OF FAITH

BENEDICTION

Colossians 1: 15-23 (NASB)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach - if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHERS OR EPWORTH CHILDREN'S HOME NEXT SUNDAY!

Most of the children served by Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers this year. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff, and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional, and physical support. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

TIME AND TALENT FORM

The 2025 Time and Talent form is now available. We are asking every one to please take the time to complete one. Hard copies can be found after service in the Narthex, in the Business Office, Sunday school classrooms and around the church. Please turn completed forms into the Business Office at your earliest convenience! Forms can also be completed by scanning the QR code or by visiting www.bethany-umc.com. The gift of your time and talent is vital to the success of our church and its ministries!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS

We are close to filling our volunteer roster. We currently need 1 lead teacher for a 3K class, and assistants in 4K and 1st grade. We also need lead teacher for our preschool science cart. All curriculum and supplies are provided. It is a fun and fulfilling way to serve and be a part of an exciting week. If you are interested in filling a spot, please contact Stephanie Mitchum at smitchum@bethany-umc.com.

GRADUATION SUNDAY

Graduation Sunday will be May 19 in the 8:45 Traditional Worship Service. If you have a graduating high school senior and would like for them to be recognized, please scan the QR code to register them. There will also be a celebratory dinner that night during Youth Ascend.

