

# The Bethany Blueprint



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And they said, "Let us rise up and build."  
So they strengthened their hands  
for the good work (Nehemiah 2:18).

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Wednesday, November 15

6:30 p.m.-Nursery/Mission Friends/Bethany Kids/BSM (Bethany Student Ministry)

6:30-Adult Prayer Mtg.

#### Thursday, November 16

8 a.m.-Men's Bible Study (Church Parlor)

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-

Mother's Day Out (MDO)

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.-Bethany Friendship Quilters

#### Sunday, November 19

8:45 a.m.-Prayer at the Altar

9:15-Sunday School

10:30-Morning Worship

12:30 p.m.-Korean Church

4:15-Adult Worship

Choir Rehearsal

6:30-Quarterly Member Business Mtg.

#### Tuesday, November 21

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-MDO

#### Wednesday, November 22

(No p.m. Prayer Mtg., activities, or meetings)

#### Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24

(All Church Offices closed)

#### Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m.-Prayer at the Altar

9:15-Sunday School

10:30-Morning Worship

12:30 p.m.-Korean Church

6-8-Adult Worship Choir Practice

(No other p.m. service, DC Groups, meetings, or activities)

#### Tuesday, November 28

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-MDO

#### Wednesday, November 29

6:30 p.m.-Nursery/Mission Friends/Bethany Kids/BSM

6:30-Adult Prayer Mtg.

#### Thursday, November 30

8 a.m.-Men's Bible Study

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.-MDO

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.-Quilters

#### Saturday, December 2

a.m.-Practice for Cantata Instrumentalists and Choir

#### Sunday, December 3

8:45 a.m.-Prayer at the Altar

9:15-Sunday School

10:30-Morning Worship

12:30 p.m.-Korean Church

6-Christmas Cantata

7-Christmas-Potluck Dinner

### Ken's Pen

Dear Bethany Family,

It was a blessing to be together for each of the sessions of our International Missions Festival last Saturday and Sunday, and to hear reports about the spread of the gospel around the world. I am thankful for the speakers with whom the Lord provided us and for the encouraging and challenging words they spoke to us. As we have been walking through the book of Acts together on Sunday mornings, we were given a vivid reminder this weekend that the witness of the Spirit-powered church marches on to the ends of the earth today. Opposition and persecution still arise against that witness. The gates of hell continue a futile attempt to prevail against that witness. The task of the Great Commission is not yet completed. And of this, we can be sure: the saving acts of our risen Lord will continue as the Holy Spirit empowers the people of God to take the gospel to those who have never heard. Jesus will have the nations!

I pray that God will use what we heard and experienced during this past weekend to spur us on in praying, giving, sending, and going for the glory of Jesus and for the eternal good of all peoples.



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This past weekend, we kicked off our 2017 season of giving toward the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. One hundred percent of gifts to this offering fund missionaries, who are making disciples and planting churches among unreached peoples and places. Currently, 3,596 missionaries are serving through the International Mission Board of our convention of churches. Our gifts through Lottie Moon serve to keep those missionaries on the field and to send more of them. Here are some examples of how our gifts are put to work:

—\$50 provides 25 cups of coffee for workers in Mexico City who meet with business people to share the gospel.

—\$200 provides metro tickets for six months' worth of visiting Muslim friends in Moscow.

—\$500 provides Bibles and videos for sharing the gospel in the heart language of refugees.

—\$1,000 provides sound equipment for church planters in Japan.

—\$5,000 provides a three-week trip for an entire family of missionaries to access a hard-to-reach people group in the mountains of Nepal.

Last year, Bethany gave a total of \$16,681 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Join me in praying that our giving will far exceed that amount for this year. **Our church goal is simply this: obedience and sacrifice.** Let's give obediently and sacrificially, praying earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy!  
*Ken*

### NEWS + NOTES =

•Our sympathy and Christian love belong to Yun, Joseph, and John Yang at the November 12 death of Yun's mother in South Korea.

•Ruby Eckles, as well as Ronald and Roberta Walker, have contributed gifts to our church's "I Love Bethany" fund in loving memory of Shirley Blanton's brother, Larry Cunningham.

•Please sign up on the long gold sheet on the second-floor-hallway bulletin board—by our deadline this year of Sunday, December 3—to order your red Christmas poinsettias for the Sanctuary at \$12 apiece. Indicate both the donor(s), and for whom each plant is intended to be either a memorial or an honorary gift.



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**AT A GLANCE:**

*Weekly Budget Needs* \$4,625.00

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

Weekly Budget Offering \$2,533.00  
Designated Offering \$ 20.00  
*Attendance: Sunday School 53 / Morning Worship 72*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

Weekly Budget Offering \$4,  
Designated Offering \$1,

*Attendance: Sunday School 56 / Morning Worship 88*

**Given to "I Love Bethany" \$ 260.00**

**"I Love Bethany" Fund Balance \$7,916.73**

***Rise Up and Shine for your light has come.  
Eliza Broadus Offering  
for Kentucky State Missions:  
Bethany's total offering is \$1,277.***

Our purpose is to *worship God*  
as we *grow as disciples of Jesus Christ*  
*who live on mission*  
*in all the world.*

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