



"Hello. I am here to tell you about Camp Bethany Hills, a program run by the Christian Church in Tennessee. It has many great aspects, such as a pool, snacks, and kids your own age. One great thing about camp is the kids. I recommend a guy named Ariano, if he's there. Another detail is that you get three meals a day, every day, and the food is pretty good. Something else to think about is the pool, a place where you can cool off on a hot day. One of the best parts of camp is the "canteen," which is a place where you can get snacks if you or your parents pay for it. The very best part of camp is the evening, when we all hike back to the benches/podium and have a short service, sing a song, and walk back to the campfire, sing some more songs, and go to bed. Lights out = 10:30. Sharp. An interesting part of camp is that you meet kids from all over the state. Another thing: the puttery shop. That's where they keep all of the arts & crafts supplies. And every year, you get a different t-shirt! To conclude, Bethany Hills is a good place. I have not told you all I know. You'll have to interrogate me."

*Signed Will Wylie*



**Bethany Hills Camp Registration is Now Open! Summer 2018 Camp Dates**

CYF (completed grades) 9-12 June 3-9  
 Mission (Adults & Grade 8 & up) June 10-16  
 Eighters (completed grades) 8 July 1-7  
 Junior (completed grades) 4-5 July 8-12  
 Discovery (completed grades K-3) May 29-31  
 Chi Rho (completed grades) 6-7 July 15-20  
 Adventure\* (completed grades 9-12) July 16-20

*\*Adventure Camp is limited to the first 10 campers registered.*

*For Registration and more information, visit <http://tndisciples.org/bethany-hills/>*

**FCC has scholarships available for Bethany Hills campers. For information, contact Jonathan or Brandon**



**HOLY WEEK  
 WORSHIP  
 SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, March 25 - Palm Sunday**

9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 3  
 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages  
 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge  
 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary - Children lay Palms  
 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 3

**Monday, March 26**

1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room  
 2:30 pm PAWS  
 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday, March 27**

7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall  
 8:00 pm House Worship; Sanctuary

**Wednesday, March 28**

No Scheduled Activities

**Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday**

7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill  
 2:30 pm PAWS  
 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Dinner; Fellowship Hall

**Friday, March 30 - Good Friday**

3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering  
 6:00 pm *Requiem* Choral Presentation; Sanctuary  
 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, March 31**

No Scheduled Activities

**Sunday, April 1 - Easter Sunday**

9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 4 (McKenna)  
 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages  
 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge  
 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary  
 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 4

## FROM THE TABLE



First Christian is fortunate to welcome Rev. Sherry Cothran to our pulpit this Sunday.

According to Author, Activist, and Pastor Brian McLaren, Rev. Cothran is a "rare combination... an artistic/spiritual trifecta, a first rate singer/

*songwriter, a dynamic performer and a trained theologian."*

Rev. Cothran has crafted a unique voice as songwriter, author, singer and preacher. Her voice has been described from various spheres as deeply poetic with arresting honesty, edgy and fresh, evocative and inviting. Once the lead singer of a popular rock band in the late 90s, The Evinrudes, she shared stages with many popular bands of the day like Goo Goo Dolls, Spin Doctors, and many others. She has acted in a film, written songs for TV, movie and radio, and these days, she is a critically acclaimed singer/songwriter who is also an ordained United Methodist minister.

Rev. Cothran combines songs and stories to break down barriers between people of difference, put a sacred face on homelessness, and create pathways of peace we can all walk on together, inviting everyone to imagine the walls that divide us turning into bridges that unite us. She has received numerous opportunities to share her unique gifts on multiple platforms, including Artist-in-Residence at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 2015, Festival of Homiletics, multiple churches, seminaries and theaters, Wild Goose Festival and more.

In December, Cothran released her first book, *Tending Angels: Stories From the Frontlines of Heaven and Earth*, a collection of essays from her time as senior pastor of an urban church in which she encountered Nashville's hidden population of homeless, refugees, immigrants and the poor. She also released a companion single, *Tending Angels* and worked with indie filmmaker, Tracy Facelli on a music video that seeks to show the real reasons people spiral into homelessness, shattering the common stereotype. Rev. Cothran will have copies of her book and CD available on Sunday, in exchange for a donation to her ministry.

Check out stories on Rev. Cothran in *USA Today*, *UMC.org*, or *interpretermagazine.org*. Sherry's sermons and writing have been featured in *Good Preacher*, *Abingdon Women*, *Alive Now*, *Ministry Matters* and other blogs and publications. [www.sherrycothran.com](http://www.sherrycothran.com), and please join us as we welcome her to our celebration of Palm Sunday.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Brandon*

### All Church Sunday School Class: How the New Testament Was Written.

Beginning April 15, Rev. Brandon will teach a short (4-5 week) class on the origin of the New Testament.



We will take a look at the cultural context of the first century, the prevailing scholarship concerning the Gospels and the other books that "made it" into the canon, as well as sneaking a look at some of the texts that didn't. We will also take a look at some of the other issues surrounding the early church, such as the role of women and the relationships between the four Gospels. We will be meeting in the Kemp Classroom.



## MARCH

- 25 David Cass, Bill Dowell,  
David Fleury
- 26 Thomas Auten, Noah  
Coleman
- 27 Sue Renfro
- 30 Larry Kirby

## APRIL

- 2 Don Reynolds
- 4 Anne Sauser
- 5 Courtney Fulgham
- 7 Robert Read, Ardian Totten



Bobby Morgan; Mary & Jack Barker; Sherry Baldwin; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Ann Bradley (friend of Betty Proctor & Betty Jolly) Missy McKenna; Michael Williams (friend of Betty Proctor); Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Francis Nevels; Caroline Moore; Cheryl Bingham; Bill Allen; Dave Fleury; Mai "Mike" Nary; Gail Holcombe; Angelita Sedigo; Shawn Baldwin; Scottie, Jake & Jack Summerlin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; Jim & Barbara Northcut; Chuck Martin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis' sister-in-law); Paul Shoun; Gary Wilkes; Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; Nick Dobbs; Howard VanZant; Judy Fitzgerald; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin) John Black (Barbara Voss's brother); Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis' brother).

*Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.*



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