



**Bethany United Methodist Church James Island
2020 70th Anniversary & 2025 75th Anniversary
Faith Stories Initiative**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may know, on May 31st, 2020, Bethany United Methodist Church celebrated 70 years as a Christian family. One of the ways that Witness Ministries Team believes that we should collectively honor God's work in our lives and through Bethany ministry is by creating individual or family faith stories to be shared across a variety of media. The global pandemic created terrific disruption in our personal and corporate lives, and some lost friends and family. As a church, we were unable to genuinely fulfill anniversary plans for our 70th. Now, we hope to incorporate our videos and stories into a 75th Anniversary Time Capsule to be opened at Bethany's 100th anniversary in 2050.

We each have a story with chapters - a deep well of personal experience from which we can draw a reflection about our Savior, either in writing or by recording a short video. Some might be moved to share about an encounter with God during the COVID-19 crisis. Or perhaps something altogether different comes to mind. Think upon your journey into relationship with Christ as well as how you've grown nearer to God in different seasons. Your story, a testimony of God's grace, is unique and brings glory to Him when given away.

After Easter 2020, we praised God for the gift of His Son as we walked the road to Pentecost while marking Bethany's 70th Anniversary with a regathering service in June. We agreed together that we each individually have a journey of trusting in the Resurrection, a travel narrative/faith story.

Please prayerfully reflect on your own journey with Christ, asking God how you might share some of your faith story with both our Bethany family and greater community. Then write your reflection or have a friend or family member video you sharing your faith story.

Faith Story Initiative, 2025

Craft a Story for Bethany's Anniversary Collection

Witness Ministries Team approved guidelines to help our church family create personal faith stories. We're asking our members new and old to prayerfully share their stories either in video or in writing over the next few years in anticipation of our 75th Anniversary in May 2025.

Please send your stories and videos to the church secretary. If you have any questions, contact us @ bethanysecretary@comcast.net.

Sincerely,
Witness Ministries Team
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