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# THE BETHANY ARCHIVES

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## Bausman Memorial Church

Reverend Benjamin Bausman, D.D. LL.D, was the first President of the Board of Managers from 1865-1909 at Bethany Orphans' Home, he served the Home for over forty-four years. In 1913 the Bausman Memorial Church, honoring the late President of the Board of Managers, was dedicated in his honor. Sadly, in 1915 tragedy would strike and the church would burn down, several pleas went out and the Church was rebuilt by 1915 and rededicated to Rev. Benjamin Bausman's, memory.

One of the requests from our Homer's this month was to know how many Bethany Boys and Girls were married in the Church and what we have uncovered in the Church Records may help us begin to answer those questions. As of this newsletter the records include 147 weddings in the church, although not a comprehensive list, it ranges from 1945 – 2013. The next step is to take the data and compare the names, not already obviously identified, to our Bethany Book of Life. It will be very interesting to see how many of the Bethany Boys and Girls returned to their "mountain home" to be wed. Stay tuned...

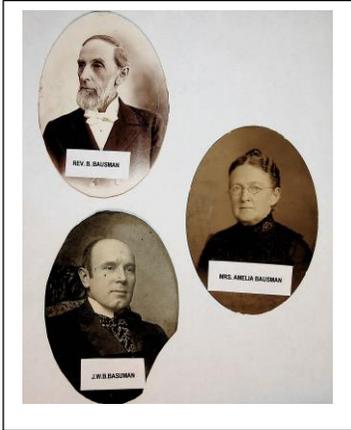
### Easter Memory...

--Carl Bloss, Bethany Boy

I can recall "a sea of little colored dots" as a youngster until we ended up in the middle trying to collect into our basket all the eggs we could find. Easter egg hunts were a joy – even for some a bit older – especially when a special coding meant a prize of couple of dollars.



Bausman Memorial Church Records of Marriage Pg. 68 & 69



The Bausman Family

### *What's been happening in the Archives in April...*

This month was the first time for the Archivist to participate in a Homer's meeting, and what a meeting it was, there were more Bethany Boys and Girls in attendance than had been seen in the recent past! This Archivist believes it is the power of social media. In addition, to continue my journey through the Book of Life, I have also been honored to do previous resident research for Bethany family members and digging in our collection to find new gems to put up on our Facebook notifications.

In April I hope to commence a building to building tour in order to assure that all potential artifacts have been identified and catalogued in our collection.

We will have Boy Scout Troop 155 on campus beginning in June to clean-up campus areas and work on a digitization project within your Bethany Archives; we are hopeful to complete a large portion of this project before we see everyone for Alumni Day on August 24<sup>th</sup>, this year.

### **Bethany Alumni Day**

**Save the Date...**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Alumni Day will be here before you know it! What a great opportunity for our old and new Bethany Boys and Girls to reconnect and celebrate their shared history right here at their Mountain Home.

Keep an eye on your mail, social media, and emails, for your personal invitation to the event of the year here on the Bethany Campus!

We are looking forward to your visit!



Circa 1984  
Alumni Event

### **100 Years Ago at Bethany...**

Anniversary Day was held on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> the Ringgold Band performed a concert at the campus. 15, 000 attended! The President of Hood College was the Principal Speaker at the event.

### **Cost to travel by train:**

<b><i>From</i></b>	<b><i>Fare</i></b>
Reading	.66
Sinking Spring	.50
Wernersville	.50
Robesonia	.50

(War Tax was .8 per cent, additional)

### **Tragedy Would Strike Bethany...**

This year the campus would suffer the loss of their Mother, Rev. W.F. More's wife, Matilda Applegate More who would find her eternal rest on the Bethany campus. The area where she and later Rev. More are buried would later be named More Memorial Park.



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Each week you too can be, motivated to start your week with "Motivational Monday"...dig into the past with "Throwback Thursday"...or enjoy your Saturday morning coffee/tea during "Saturday with the Archivist".

The next Homer's Meeting @ Heidelberg Restaurant will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM, for Bethany Alumni.