Community Outreach
Mission in the World Around Us
Our mission committee leads us in ministry around the world. This world begins at our front door. We have volunteers that work in a local food pantry. We work with a place called the House of Neighborly Service. This “House” has been in operation since 1930. It offers enrichment programs to a very depressed part of San Antonio. If you would like to volunteer your time or your services, please give us a call!

Special Interests/Needs
Counseling
Both the pastor and Dr. Charles Murray are available for counseling. Dr. Murray addresses concerns that need in-depth time and care. Dr. Murray received his Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling from San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has been active in South Texas with crisis counseling for the police and fire departments. The pastor will be available to address any concerns and shorter counseling cases. Please contact the church office for a counseling appointment. We are always happy to help.

Preacher
Charles Copper was born in 1960. He attended Austin Presbyterian Theological in Austin, Texas. He has been the preacher at Bethany Presbyterian Church since 1992.

Charles married his wife, Debbie, in 1985. They have 2 daughters, Naomi and Jen.

Congregation
We welcome you to visit with us any Sunday morning. Bethany Presbyterian has 138 current members in its congregation.

This congregation is diverse, friendly and focused on learning more about God and fellowship with each other. We are made up of both young and old families. We are also made up of life long Presbyterians and newer members who have embraced this particular faith. We would love to visit with you this coming Sunday, so please consider whether God is inviting you to become a part of this church.
History of Bethany

Bethany Presbyterian Church was chartered and founded in 1910. The first church structure was built in 1911 after funding by a Northern church. The initial structure was built on Denver Street in San Antonio.

As the church family began to grow, more room was needed. In 1946, members of Bethany Presbyterian decided to move their church to its current location.

In 1952, the current Bethany Presbyterian Church was built. The building includes a sanctuary, fellowship hall, nursery, offices, as well as numerous study and meeting rooms. It is located on Chicago Boulevard in San Antonio, Texas, and the entire church takes up a whole city block. It offers ample room and a warm, inviting atmosphere for all who are looking for a church home.

History of Presbyterianism

Activities

Christian Education
Church Services
Sunday worship begins each week at 10:45 am. We invite everyone who is interested to come and enjoy this time of fellowship and praise.

Sunday School
Our congregation offers a Sunday School class for all ages each Sunday. We have classes beginning for ages 3-99 with able teachers who give of themselves in exciting ways. These classes begin at 9:30 am.

Young Disciples Time
During each church service, the children in our congregation come forward to meet with the preacher. They interact by answering questions and learn through a short instructional that teaches them more about God and His special relationships with us.

Children’s Church
After Young Disciples Time, any children who wish to may leave the church service for their own Children’s Church. This time is set aside for active learning geared towards their age group. Children’s Church will end at the same time as regular worship.

Ladies Fellowship
Interested women of the church gather on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. They meet to work on various handiwork projects, visit, and enjoy refreshments.

Midweek Bible Study
Everyone is welcome to attend this Bible study. We meet on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. This will build a foundation to help each believer gain a greater and deeper understanding.

Music Ministries
Adult Choir
Our choir is composed of volunteers who give of their time to prepare for and help lead Sunday worship. This group meets each Wednesday at 7:30 pm to rehearse for the upcoming Sunday. Each Christmas and Easter season, the choir prepares a Cantata for the blessing of the congregation. We have a four part choir under the direction of Ms. Bonnie Walker, our Music Director.

Junior Choir
At the conclusion of worship each Sunday, the children who are old enough to memorize words meet to practice their musical talents. The Junior Choir then performs their songs at different church activities throughout the year. This is a very exciting part of our church life.

Women’s Ministries
Presbyterian Women
This ministry is available to all of our church women who wish to be a part of it. They meet for fellowship, good food, and to learn more about different books of the Bible. This ministry is divided into two circles to offer a choice of times to fit into your schedule.

Circle: Meets the 3rd Thursday of the week at 10:00 am in Fawcett Hall
Circle 2: Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:15 pm at various member’s houses

Session Meetings
The Session
The Session meets at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month. They make the business decisions for the church. The board is elected from the congregation to address issues such as Christian Education, Church Life, Facilities, Mission, and Worship.