

BETHEL *church*

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From Our Pastor...

We live in turbulent and troubling times. There is much happening in our world that concerns us and could cause us to be fearful. We see protests in the streets of our country and are enduring vicious political debate. We have seen great destruction from natural disasters occurring around our world. There were been predictions that Jesus was coming back last weekend, but that didn't happen. There is an ongoing attack on the godly values that we hold dear. We are left to wonder what is going on? It would appear that we are getting closer to the return of Christ, but no one can predict the timing of that event. What are we to do in times like these? The Apostle Paul lived in turbulent times. He lived in a time of great persecution of the church and under a government that was hostile to Christianity. He lived in a time where he expected Christ's return to be imminent. I think the words he wrote to the Philippian church while in jail speak to us for this time. *"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard our hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:4-7) Let us continue to move forward in the joy the Lord as we pray to God and enjoy the peace of God.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

It's ALABASTER time!
Please bring your Alabaster boxes
of change to the church OCT 1st.



Church Events

- Oct. 1 - House of Prayer
- Oct. 14 - Warrior Camp
- Oct. 15 - Sunday School Appreciation Lunch
- Oct. 17 - NASA
- Oct. 18 - Board Meeting
- Oct. 21 - Word Study class party
- Oct. 25 - Harvest Party!



HARVEST PARTY!

October 25th * 6:30-8:30pm

WE are collecting donations of **CANDY** as well as sign-ups for **VOLUNTEERS** to help with games, kitchen, clean up etc...and to bring chili, brownies, and cornbread. Please sign up at the Harvest Party table in the foyer.

Bring your friends, family and neighbors for fun, games, prizes and a chili dinner!

BOYS! Warrior Camp is Saturday, Oct. 14th. You won't want to miss this entire day filled with warrior games & battles, food, friends, and manly stuff from God's Word. Cost is \$70 and you can register online at our website on the Elementary kids page. Contact Pastor Mindy for more info.

All Bethel **Sunday School Teachers** and their family are invited to our Sunday School Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 15th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the church office. *You are appreciated!!*

NASA—Nazarene Active Senior Adults will meet Tuesday, October 17th at 6:45pm for Cobbler and Ice Cream. Please sign up if you can bring your favorite cobbler. Ice Cream will be provided.

It's Pastor Appreciation Month!

"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you, who have been given the responsibility of urging and guiding you along in your obedience.

Overwhelm them with appreciation and love." *1 Thess. 5:12-13 (TM)*

Announcements

Single Again Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 1:30pm at the Honker Café in downtown Nampa. Come for lunch and great fellowship. Call Bertie 208-800-7541 for details.

Our **Sunday Fellowship Time** is in need of volunteers to help set out refreshments and clean up afterward. If you can serve in the kitchen between services please sign-up on the schedule posted in the kitchen. Need details? Contact Pastor Bob 208-340-4832.

TOUR ISRAEL! Pastor Doug and Joni will be leading a group to Israel next spring. The dates are **February 27-March 8**. This will be a once in a life time kind of trip where you can see and experience the land of Israel. The experience will help the Bible come alive for you as you see the places where the biblical stories happened. **You must be signed up this month!** If you are interested, please contact Pastor Doug for details.

Coming in November...

SMART MONEY with Dave Ramsey & Rachel Cruze - A live simulcast November 7th at 6pm sharp. Come get a proven plan for dumping debt and building wealth in seven steps... and it's FREE. Register on our website or at the 'Smart Money' table in the foyer.

With Grace and Goodies **Craft Fair** Saturday, November 11th from 10am to 4pm. Call Tammy at 805-748-3352 if you want to rent a space to sell your goodies!

Bethel Annual **ADVENT** Fair is Sunday, November 19th at 6pm. Mark your calendar for this fun, family event!

Upward Basketball and Cheer Evaluations and Registration is Tuesday, November 21 from 4pm - 7pm. Come to register, get fitted for your uniform, and be evaluated for skill level.