

Bethel church

MAY 2017

From our Pastor...

Sometimes I wonder who pushed the fast forward button on time! It seems like time is flying by faster and faster. It seems whatever we are looking forward to comes and goes by quickly. I looked forward for months to going to visit Israel and now I have been back for a month already. Before I know it, I will be going back again in the spring. So what do we do about this? I think we would be wise to remember to live each day to the fullest. **Psalm 118:24** says, ***“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”***

We can have good memories about the past and we can look forward to what is ahead, but we live in the day we are in. I wonder how often we miss the joy of today because we are either looking backwards or ahead? Joshua challenged the people of Israel to choose this day who you will serve. Each day is a gift from God and we must decide each day who we will serve. If we choose to live to serve God in the day he has given us, we can find the joy that comes from serving God. So, I propose we don't worry about the fast pace in which time is flying by, but instead let's enjoy each day as a precious gift from God and rejoice in it.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

CHRISTIANS UNITED FOR ISRAEL



**STANDING
WITH ISRAEL**

Tuesday, May 23rd, at 7pm.

Randy Neal will be our guest speaker from CUFI (Christians United For Israel) with a presentation on Israel and the Middle East. He will speak about the Biblical mandate to support Israel, the history of Christian anti-Semitism, and political activism in the faith community. All are welcome! An offering will be taken to benefit CUFI.

Church Events

- **May 3 - Single Again Lunch Bunch**
- **May 4 - National Day of Prayer**
- **May 6- Ladies Tea**
- **May 7- Camp Dinner**
- **May 7 - House of Prayer**
- **May 8 - Missions Council**
- **May 10-12 District Assembly/NMI Convention**
- **May 16 - NASA**
- **May 17 - Board Meeting**
- **May 19 - Caravan movie night**
- **May 21 - Graduates lunch**
- **May 21- Eagle's Song concert**
- **May 23 - Standing w/Israel**
- **May 24- Caravan badge ceremony**
- **May 31- Kids 'Bash'**

'Single Again' Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, May 3, 1:30pm at Honker's Café. Come for a fun time of fellowship and lunch with other singles.

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4th

We will have prayer services at 7am, 12noon, and 7pm. Our prayer chapel will be open 8am—5pm. Please join us!

Ladies Tea— Saturday, May 6 at 2pm. 'Spring in the Spirit' luncheon is for all Ladies age 12+. Ticket required.

CAMP Dinner #2- Sunday, May 7th, 12noon. Plan to stay for Baked Potato Bar and more! All donations will help send our Bethel kids to camp.

NASA— Nazarene Active Senior Adults will enjoy a pot-luck dinner on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:45pm. Musical entertainment by Glen & Verna Snider. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center. Bring a 'dish' to share.

Eagle's Song choir in concert - Sunday, May 21, 6pm. Eagle's Song is a community choir whose members are mostly affiliated with NNU and include our own Doug, Marilyn, and Aubrielle Holly. They perform a variety of choral works including sacred songs of old. All are welcome to come and enjoy!

Faith Promise for World Evangelism- We are still receiving your pledges for Faith Promise giving. All funds support our missionaries on the field and much more. Please turn them in to the office. *Thank You!*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Caravan Movie/Game night - Friday, May 19th at 7pm. All caravan kids are welcome to come and have some fun! Popcorn provided. Please bring your kids to the back lot and enter through Journeyland.

CARAVAN Badge ceremony * May 24 at 7pm. Please come and celebrate our Caravan Kids and all they have accomplished throughout the year. Parents- please bring fruit and/or cookies to share for fellowship time after the ceremony.

Camp registration forms are available. It's not too late to register or to apply for scholarship. Please visit the camp table for all the details... or visit www.tpines.org.

 **Change Lives!**

Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center



invites you to Change Lives by collecting your loose change and keeping it in a baby bottle for them to use to fund their center. Bottles may be picked up on Mother's Day. Please fill and return by Father's Day. Thank you for changing lives through this important ministry.

Kids 'End of School' Bash * May 31 * 7pm

Come for fun games, treats, and a peak at our summer program "Kids on a Mission".

'Kids on a Mission' begins June 7 at 7pm and continues June 14, 21, July 5, 12, and 19. Activities include a devotional, service projects to show various people in our community Christ's love, fun games and refreshments.