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Bethel church

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A word from our Associate Pastor

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation who say to Zion 'Your God reigns!'"

In the New Testament, the 'Good News' is the Gospel. It is the Good News of salvation. Jesus Christ or Jesus the Messiah came to bring the Gospel to a world desperately needing a Savior. When Jesus died on the Cross, we were given the opportunity to be redeemed or restored to a new, right relationship with God. We are given the promise and hope of eternal life. Yet, where did the idea of 'Good News' come from?

It first appears in the Old Testament writings. The word that was used was, Bisorah.

Jesus started his ministry by quoting from Isaiah 61:1-2 *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

But, there is more to the story. The root word for Bisorah is Basar. This word means cheerful or joyful. When you know you are free from sin, there is an inner joy that cannot be described. It must be experienced. Throughout history, there are countless records and testimonies of people who were often broken by life, beaten down, and defeated who discovered that this experience called salvation, changed the whole course of their lives.

There is also another definition of Bisorah, or the Gospel. It means 'rosy'. It is in connection to one whose cheeks are 'rosy' with life. There is a kind of inner joy or life reflected in their smile, their eyes, and their attitude. They are alive with the presence of God.

When we really live daily in the presence of Jesus, there is a kind of inner 'glow' about us.

Jesus drew people to himself. And we through Jesus can draw people to Jesus because we have the Gospel radiating out through us. Jesus said, 'let your light shine!'

"Like cold water to a weary soul is good news from a distant land." Proverbs 25:25

Pastor Jim Franklin

Church Events

- August 2-4 - Lagoon
- August 4 - House of Prayer; NMI Council Mtg
- August 7 - Single Again Lunch Bunch
- August 14 - Blast Off to a New School Year Party
- August 18 - Outdoor Service
- August 20 - 50-UP
- August 21 - Board Mtg
- August 25 - Kids Sunday School Promotion
- August 28 - AWANA Registration Night; Safety Team Training

Look what's happening...

Single Again Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, August 7 @ 1:30pm at Honker's Café. RSVP with Bertie if you'd like to attend.

50-UP - Tuesday, August 20 @ 5:45pm. This month is TACO SALAD DINNER! Entertainment will be brought to you by Dave Ferdinand. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk and we'll see you there!

Financial Peace University -

First session is *Sunday, Sept. 8 @ 5:30pm*, which you can attend as a preview. Kits are available for a **VERY DISCOUNTED** price! Payment for kits can be made through the office. This is a 9 week study. Come learn how to live your life DEBT FREE! Contact Pastor Bob with questions.

House of Prayer - August 4 @ 6pm

Come pray for our church, our community and our nation.

NMI Council Meeting - August 4 @ 4:30pm

Outdoor Service - Sunday, August 18 @ 6pm. Our very own, Marie Callahan will be sharing from "Tell the Story". BBQ hot dogs will be served; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Safety Team Training - Wednesday, August 28 @ 6:30pm. We have a new curriculum to share so please plan to attend!

Coming this month...our new church app will be launching later this month! Watch the announcements!

Habakkuk 2:14

"Then people everywhere will know about the Glory of the Lord."

Weekly Bible Studies will resume in September.

From our kids' departments...

Kindergarten Promotion Party

Sunday, August 18 @ noon

This party is for Kindergarteners promoting to 1st Grade in JourneyLand. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Pastor Kym has a special gift for each child and Pastor Mindy will give them their first tour in their new area.

Sunday School Promotion

All other classes will promote kids on Sunday, August 25.

AWANA Registration

Registration is Wednesday, August 28 from 7-8pm. Parents...please drop in to signup and pay for the Awana program this year. We can accept cash, check or card. Kids will have some activities to do while parents complete the paperwork.

\$25 for elementary/kinder/preschool;

\$10 for Puggles.

The first Club Night is Sept. 4th from 6:30-8:00pm!!

Change to your address or phone number?

Would like to update your picture in the Photo Directory? Let the office know!

We do the update for you.

Blast Off to a New School Year!

FREE ALL-CHURCH EVENT!

Wednesday, August 14 @ 6pm

Come for pizza, salad & dessert!

Each family will create a rocket to launch in the back lawn. There will also be a special rocket launch provided by the church. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk so we can have enough food provided.

See you there!

