

A word from our Pastor

y wife and I recently completed a sabbatical time away from ministry. During this sabbatical we visited several different worship services. We worshipped at a conference center in Washington D.C. We worshipped at an old Baptist church in England. We worshipped at an Anglican Church in Old Jerusalem. We worshipped at a new church in downtown Jerusalem. We worshipped at a country church in Crouch, Idaho. We worshipped at a lively church in Nampa. Some of the services were upbeat and some were reflective. Some were highly scripted while some were very informal. Some of them had the lights down low while others were lit brightly. Some sang fast songs and some sang slow songs. Some received offerings in the service while others had a box for offerings in the back of the church. They all had different ways of doing church but we sensed the presence of God in all of them. It reminded me that we belong to a big family that reaches around the world. We are not united by the way we do church, but we are united by who we worship. It is our shared faith in Jesus Christ that unites us. Even though the outlook is often not bright, we can be encouraged to know that God is at work in our world. People still gather to worship each Sunday in many places and in different ways. Jesus said, "I will build my church" and he is doing just that. May we join him in this building project. May your kingdom come!

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- Sept. 4 Lunch Bunch
- Sept. 4 First AWANA Club Night; Wed. Bible Study Starts
- Sept. 8 W&W Guatemala Meeting; FPU; House of Prayer
- Sept. 9 Ladies' Fellowship Night
- Sept. 10 Ladies' Bible Studies
- Sept. 14 Men's Breakfast
- Sept. 15 Outdoor Service
- Sept. 17 50-UP
- Sept. 18 Board Meeting
- Sept. 24 Estate Planning Meeting

Look what's happening...

<u>Single Again Lunch Bunch</u> - Wednesday, September 4 @ 1:30pm at Honker's Café. RSVP with Bertie if you'd like to attend.

50-UP - Tuesday, September 17 @ 5:45pm. This month we will be serving homemade fruit pies. Entertainment will be brought to you by our very own Bethel talent! 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 - September 8 @ 6pm

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

<u>W&W Guatemala Meeting</u> - September 8 @ 4pm. Please attend so we can continue to plan our trip.

Outdoor Service - Sunday, September 15 @ 6pm. This will be the last one of the season out under the Picnic Shelter. BBQ hot dogs will be served; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

<u>Estate Planning Informational Meeting</u> - September 24 @ 7pm. Douglas Waterman will be joining us to go over some important information. Sign-up is at the Welcome Desk.

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.

Missionary Guest: Bill Kwon - Join us Sunday, September 15 during both morning services to hear how God is using Bill in Southeast Asia. We will be taking a Love Offering for his ministry.

<u>Baptism Service</u> - Sunday, September 8 during 2nd Service. Please let Pastor Doug know if you would like to participate in this special profession of faith.

AWANA Club Night - Our year officially starts Wednesday, September 4 @ 6:30pm. If you missed registration, talk with Pastor Mindy to get the forms. AWANA/Cubbies is \$25 and Puggles is \$10. You can pay through the church website or bring a check to the office.

<u>Ladies' Fellowship Night</u> - September 9 @ 7pm.

Join us for a fun night of fellowship! Please bring a snack and a game to share.

Men's Breakfast - September 14 @ 8am.

We will be serving a Mexican breakfast this month. Our guest speaker will be Rick DeMichele from 94.1 The Voice.

Ladies' Bible Studies - we will be offering 2 studies on Tuesdays @ 9:30am starting September 10. Dedra Matson will be leading Beth Moore's "Jesus the One and Only". Workbook is \$17. Nadine Ferring will be leading a study on 1 Peter. Worksheets will be provided; bring a notebook and Bible. Reserve your childcare through Pastor Kym today!!

Young Adult Bible Study/Dinner - Thursdays @ 6:30pm at the home of Larry & Crystal Nielsen; 2922 Pascoe Lane, Nampa.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - starting September 4 @ 7pm. Pastor Doug will be leading a study on the book of Revelation this fall.

**Pastor Kym is looking for 5th Sunday volunteers in PromiseLand! A 5th Sunday only takes place a few times a year so this is a great way to fill in the gaps!

New Church App!



We are excited to launch this new tool for our church family! We have been working with PushPay, our online giving provider, to develop an App that will keep our congregation informed and plugged in. You can also donate through the App (it's the same log-in as the church website online giving): We're still working through the kinks, so please let us know if there's something you would like to see and we'll try.

You can find the App in both Google and Apple App Stores. Our app name is "Bethel Naz 208". Or you can text "BETHELCNAPP" to 77977 to download the App.

Download the App today and select the types of notifications you would like to receive. Let the office know if you have any questions.

