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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I remember the Valentine celebrations we used to have in grade school. Every student would decorate a shoe box to receive Valentines and then on Valentine's Day, each student would bring Valentines for the other students and put them in their boxes. Then we would open them to see what we received. The good ones had candy attached to them and the scary ones had words like 'love' on them. If a girl gave you a Valentine with the word 'love' on it, you made sure not to make any eye contact with her for the rest of the year. You see as a grade school boy, I wasn't interested in any girls using the love word. For me it was like saying 'run for your life!' This reminds me of the message of love that God has given to us. God is love and has demonstrated his love for us so clearly. "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1) This kind of love is not the kind we run from but the kind that we run to. God's love draws us to himself and as we come to him we experience his great blessings. Have you received the message that God has sent you? He says He loves you! Let's receive his love and share it with others.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- Feb. 2 - Annual Chili Cook-Off!
- Feb. 5 - Lunch Bunch
- Feb. 7-9 - Men's Retreat
- Feb. 8 - 50-Up Game Day
- Feb. 9 - Alabaster Sunday
- Feb. 10 - Membership Class
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Dinner
- Feb. 16 - Church Leadership Elections
- Feb. 17 - Presidents' Day; Office Closed
- Feb. 18 - 50-UP
- Feb. 19 - Board Meeting
- Feb. 23 - Teen W&W meeting; Missionary Guest
- Feb. 26 - Pinewood Derby Clinic

Look what's happening...

Single Again Lunch Bunch - You are invited to lunch at LeBaron's Honker Café on February 5 @ 1:30pm. Please RSVP with Bertie @ 208-800-7541 so she can reserve enough seats.

50-UP February 18 @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be Dave and Pam Mangum. We will be serving yummy desserts. The sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.

50-UP Field Trip! February 26 @ 9am

We will taking a guided tour of the Boise Historical Museum (610 Julia Davis Dr, Boise). Meet at the church by 9am so we can carpool or hopefully take the new minibus. Cost is \$7 for age 60+ and \$9 for age 50-59. You must give your payment to Alice Hamlin by February 23rd to reserve your spot. We will be having lunch at Elmer's if you would like to join us. Sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.

Game Day - February 8 @ 2:30pm - 50-Up is hosting another game day...EVERYONE is invited to join in. Please bring a favorite game and a snack to share. Don't prefer games? Come for the fellowship!

Men's Retreat - Mark your calendars for February 7-9! We'll be headed back to Trinity Pines in Cascade. **Cost is \$100 to be paid by February 5.** The signup sheet is on the Welcome Desk. Let Pastor Doug know if you have any questions. Please get your payments in if you have signed up already!

Ladies' Retreat - Save the date for April 17-19, 2020 This year we will be headed up to Trinity Pines in Cascade. Cost is \$115 and includes 5 meals. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Our speakers this year will be our very own Joni Wilson, Kym Slater and Mindy Helena. Plan now to attend!

Membership Class - Monday, February 10 @ 7pm
Are you interested in joining the membership of Bethel or learning more about the Church of the Nazarene? Please let Pastor Doug know that you would like to attend the class.

Church Elections - Sunday morning, February 16th
Plan now to help us elect our church leaders for the next church year. All members age 15 and older are encouraged to vote. If you are unsure if you are a member of Bethel, feel free to call the church office. A sample ballot will be available Sunday, February 9th.

Awaken Hope Prayer Event - March 7, 9am-4pm
Moms in Prayer is hosting the one day event at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Meridian. Cost is \$35 if you sign up with Julie Baas by Feb. 4, after Feb. 6th the cost goes up to \$50. Lunch is included. Join us in worship that awakens, biblical messages that empower and prayer that shapes the next generation.

Alabaster Sunday - February 9 - We will be collecting Alabaster boxes during both services with a fun parade for the kids. Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land and construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.



Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming new Youth Pastor, Matt Dayton and his wife Megan to our Bethel family. They, along with Charlotte (3) and Justice (1), come to us from Twin Rocks Camp in Oregon. Matt grew up in the Treasure Valley and they are excited to be back. Swing by the Teen Center and say "hi" to Matt & Megan!

Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Join us for great food and fellowship Sunday, February 2 at noon! The competition is great and we have awesome prizes for MILD, MEDIUM, HOT and BEST Overall Chili. We will also serve cornbread and brownies. All donations from the lunch will go to our teens headed to Guatemala this summer.

Bethel Bistro Valentine's Day Dinner

Friday, February 14th with reservations between 5:30pm and 7:30pm

Tickets are \$12 for Top Sirloin or \$10 for Fettucine Alfredo and are available in the foyer. All proceeds will go to our Young Adult ministry and the Teens' Work & Witness trip. Please sign up for childcare.

Upward Basketball

Upward Games are still going through the month of February. The Teens' Work & Witness crew is hosting concessions on Saturdays between 8am and 1pm to raise money for their trip. Come buy a breakfast burrito, a donut, some coffee & snacks and enjoy a basketball game brought to you by adorable elementary age kids!

Pinewood Derby Clinic -

Wednesday, Feb. 26 @ 6:30pm - Kits will be available for purchase (\$9) and parents need to attend to help the kids craft their cars.