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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

ow do you stay encouraged during discouraging times? These to days of the virus outbreak are dragging on with no end clearly in sight. We are not able to do all we want to do. I admit it is discouraging. So what do we do? I think of God's promise in Isaiah 40:29-31: "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." We all need this renewing strength that comes only from God. This strength comes to us as we trust in God. God knows what we are going through and he is with us ready to give us everything to live the life he has called us to live. We want to make sure during this discouraging days that we don't ignore God's generous offer of strength. To ignore God would be like going for a long walk with someone and you forget to bring water. It is hot and you become thirsty. Your companion has plenty of water and is willing to share with you. If you refuse their offer, you will suffer needlessly. God is walking with us through this crisis and he has everything we need to make it through victoriously. Let's take him up on his offer and receive his strength. Be encouraged because God is with us and will continue to help us as we trust in him.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

August 2020

- Aug. 2 House of Prayer
- Aug. 5 Lunch Bunch
- Aug. 9 Sunday School Board meeting
- Aug. 16 Outdoor Worship
- Aug. 18 50-UP
- Aug. 19 Board Meeting
- Aug. 23 Kindergarten
 Promotion Lunch
- Aug. 26 Back-to-School
 Party (All-Church Event)
- Aug. 30 Sunday School
 Promotion

Look what's happening...

<u>Single Again Lunch Bunch</u> -Wednesday, August 5 @ 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall so we have space to spread out. Bring a sack lunch.

50-UP - *Tuesday, Aug. 18 @ 5:45pm.* This month is a pizza party! Entertainment will be a Bethel sing-a-long. Signup at the Welcome Desk so we can plan enough food.

Financial Peace University -Registration is open now on our website. First session is *Sunday*, *Sept. 20 @ 5:30pm*, which you can attend as a preview. This is a 9 week study. Come learn how to live your life DEBT FREE! Register online through the Bethel app or the Bethel website. Signup for childcare.

House of Prayer - August 2 @ 6pm

Gather with us to pray for our church, our community, our nation and our world. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Outdoor Service - Sunday, August 16 @ 6pm. Join us out under the Picnic Shelter or bring camp chairs to spread out on the lawn. Fellowship time will follow. BBQ hot dogs and chips will be provided. Please bring a dessert or fruit to share. Weekly Bible Studies will resume in September.

Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance."

From our kids' departments...

Back-to-School Party! Wed., Aug. 26 @ 6:30pm

Join us out under the Picnic Shelter as we celebrate being back in school and the start of our fall events. There will be a fun family chalkboard craft. Hotdogs, chips and dessert will be provided. The whole church is invited to attend this *free & fun* evening! Please signup at the Welcome Desk so we have enough supplies. See you there!

Kindergarten Promotion Party

Sunday, August 23 @ noon

This party is for Kindergarteners promoting to 1st Grade in Bethel Kids' Dept. Pizza and salad will be provided. Pastor Kym has a special gift for each child and Pastor Mindy will give them their first tour in their new area. RSVP with the office.

Sunday School Promotion

All other classes will promote kids on Sunday, August 30.

AWANA Registration

Registration is Wednesday, September 2 from 7-8pm out at the *Picnic Shelter*. Parents...please drop in to signup and pay for the Awana program this year. We can accept cash or check or you can pay online. 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. 9th from 6:30-8:00pm!!

Welcome Back Potter Family!

Pastor Josh is rejoining the Bethel family as our new Mid-High Youth Pastor. He will be working with Pastor Matt and his focus will be the Middle School kids (6th-8th graders). Please join us as we welcome back Josh & Shawna, Katelyn, Brenden, Makenna, Hallie, Garrett, Levi, Alyssa, Austin, Natalie, Claire, Cailie and Rylee.

