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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

When Christ was born in Bethlehem he entered into a world that was engulfed in great darkness. The Jewish people were under the oppressive rule of the Romans. They suffered from excessive taxation and most lived in poverty. They endured many factions in their country fighting against each other for control. They were under the jealous and vindictive rule of King Herod who tried to kill Jesus once he was born. They had not heard from God for four centuries. It was a dark time. But into this world came the light of the world piercing the darkness. The prophet Isaiah spoke of this invasion of light. "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned." (Isaiah 9:2) We still live in a world that has been affected by the darkness. We need the light of Jesus just as much as the people of his day. The light of Jesus is still shining bright today and can pierce through the darkness. This Christmas season let us not be discouraged by the darkness in our world but instead let us look to Jesus, the light of the world. The Light has come. The Light is with us. The Light will win.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- Dec. 2 - Lunch Bunch
- Dec. 6 - House of Prayer
- Dec. 7 - Ladies' Fellowship Night
- Dec. 12 - Safety Team CPR Training
- Dec. 13 - Kids Christmas Programs
- Dec. 15 - 50-UP
- Dec. 16 - Teen Christmas parties; Board Meeting
- Dec. 17 - Young Adult Christmas Party
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ Office closed
- Dec. 27 - Family Christmas Service
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve ~ Office closed

Look what's happening...

Deck the Halls! - Join us Monday, November 30 @ 8:30am to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Many hands will make it go faster!

Single Again Lunch Bunch - We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Dec. 2nd at 1:30pm. Bring a covered dish to share. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Christmas Party & Calendar Exchange! Dec. 15th @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be Phyllis Tincher's hand bells with Ring Praise Ministry. Bring a calendar to exchange at the party. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk to bring a favorite Christmas dessert.

Angel Tree - There's just a few tags left! We are also collecting cash donations to get each family a food basket. Mark your gifts "Angel Tree". Please have your wrapped gifts back to the office by Dec. 9 and please attach the tag to the gift.

Foster Kids Christmas Gifts - Please bring these gifts back UNWRAPPED to the office by Dec. 9. Please attach the tag to the gift. Our teens will be preparing goodie bags and delivering the gifts to the families.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 5:30pm - this year we will gather OUTDOORS! In order to be able to spread out, we're going to meet under the Picnic Shelter. We will still have candles and the service will be a little condensed. We are encouraging people to just stand, but you can bring a chair if needed.

Christmas Cards! We have the church "mailbox" set in the foyer for you to deliver your Christmas Cards. Check it for ones you receive also!

Ladies' Ornament Party - Dec. 7th @ 7pm - We will be getting together for fellowship, snacks and ornament decorating. Everyone is invited! Wear your favorite Christmas sweater and bring a friend. Please sign-up for childcare.

Safety Team CPR Training - Dec. 12 @ 9:30am - signup at the Welcome Desk if you would like to attend.

Teen Christmas Party - Dec. 16 @ 6:30pm - watch for details from Pastor Matt & Pastor Josh.

Young Adult Christmas Party - Dec. 17 @ 6:30pm - in place of bible study we'll have a white elephant gift exchange and treats at the Nielsen residence.

**In case you missed the announcement...our dear sister-in-Christ, Betty Petet, passed away in October.*

2020 Contribution Reminder:

Only those contributions actually received in the office by Dec. 31 or postmarked by that date may be recorded as given during the 2020 tax year. Please keep in mind that the office will be closed on Dec. 31 this year. Checks received in the offering Jan. 3 but back-dated into December are **not** considered 2020 contributions. Donors having given more than \$250 during the 2020 tax year should delay filing their tax returns until after they receive their contribution statement from the church. IRS regulations require that the contribution statement be in hand prior to filing the return. Bethel Church contribution statements will be emailed or made available by January 24, 2021. *We will not be providing printed copies for everyone like in years past.* If you need a printed copy of your statement, please contact Amy Slater in the church office.

Isaiah 9:6

"For unto us a child is born!"

Consider giving non-perishable food items to the charities we support:

*Nazarene Care House
LOVE, Inc.*

Collection boxes are located outside the Fellowship Hall.

Liberty Quartet in Concert January 3, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Liberty is a Gospel group based in the West with a full-time concert schedule. Whether or not you are a fan of Southern Gospel music, you will certainly enjoy the enthusiasm these men exhibit while serving and singing to the Lord. We will be taking a Love Offering to support their ministry.



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Christmas Services:

*Dec. 13th - 9:00am & 10:45am - PromiseLand Kids Choir
& Bethel Kids Choir*

Dec. 24th - 5:30pm - Candlelight Service (outdoors)

Dec. 27th - 9:00am & 10:45am - Family Services

No Sunday School, Childcare or Evening Service