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Bethel church

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I always look forward to the beginning of a new year. There is something refreshing about a new beginning. This anticipation is heightened by the challenging year we have just lived through. We hope that this year will be better or at least more normal. As we begin a new year I think the attitude given to us by the Apostle Paul is a good one to adopt. "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14) We need this kind of forward focus as we head into a new year. Forgetting what is behind means that we don't let anything keep us from moving ahead in what God has planned for us. We cannot allow the trauma of this past year keep us from moving forward. We can't allow the blessings of this past year keep us from moving forward. We can't allow fear of the future to keep us from moving forward. God is still at work in our world and we have the tremendous opportunity to be a part of his work. When Christ returns I want him to find us moving forward in the power of His Spirit. The year awaits us so let's go and see what God will do. To God be the glory for great things he has done and the great things he will do! Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
~ Office Closed
- Jan. 3 - Liberty Quartet
- Jan. 5 - Ladies' Bible Studies start
- Jan. 6 - Lunch Bunch
- Jan. 10 - Marriage Class; House of Prayer
- Jan. 18 - Secret Sister Reveal Party
- Jan. 19 - 50-UP
- Jan. 20 - Board Meeting
- Jan. 22 - Teen Winter Retreat
- Jan. 24 - AWANA Sunday

Look what's happening...

Single Again Lunch Bunch - We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Jan. 6th at 1:30pm. Bring a sack lunch. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Jan. 19th @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be from our very own Glenn & Verna Snider. The meal will be Homemade Soup. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk to bring a pot of soup or rolls/cornbread.

Christmas Cards! Check the "mailbox" in the foyer for cards you may have received! We also collect "old" cards for Carol Cox who likes to do projects for the kids with them. She'll take old calendars as well.

Secret Sister Reveal Party - Jan. 18th @ 7pm

Join us as we reveal the 2020 sisters and draw new names for 2021! Please bring a snack to share. There are new Secret Sister forms available on the gift table or stop by the office. Secret Sister is first and foremost a prayer ministry. It gives you the opportunity to pray specifically for a sister in Christ throughout the year. The monthly gift should just be a small token (\$10 or less) to say you're thinking about them. Talk with Tammy Wightman if you have questions.

Ladies Bible Studies Start Tuesday, Jan. 5 @ 9:30am

"Forgiving What You Can't Forget" by Lisa Terkeurst. Books are available in the office for \$14. This study is led by Tammy Wightman. Nadine Ferring will also be leading a study in Ephesians. Please bring your Bible and a pencil; worksheets will be provided. Please signup for childcare.

2020 Contribution Statements - Statements will be available by the end of January for donors having given \$250 or more in 2020. This year statements will be emailed out through Pushpay. They will also be available through your online Pushpay account if you have one setup. Once the statements are processed for the year, you can log-in to your Pushpay Account and find the statements there. It's also a great place to track your transactions throughout the year. We will **NOT** be providing printed statements unless they are requested through the office. Contact Amy Slater if you need a printed copy of your 2020 statement or need to verify your email.

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.



Marriage Class

Starts Sunday, Jan. 10 @ 5:30pm

Pastor Kym and Scott Slater will be hosting a marriage class using the book "You and Me Forever" by Francis & Lisa Chan. The book AND workbook (workbook for each person) need to be purchased before class and can be found on Amazon or www.youandmeforever.com. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or email Pastor Kym. Also indicate if you need childcare.



Teen Winter Retreat **January 22-23 @ Bethel**

Winter Retreat will be part live and part virtual! The district will be providing online messages and worship and Pastor Matt & Pastor Josh will be providing the fun activities with just our teens. This will be an overnigher at the church. **Cost is \$40** and will cover meals, snacks, sweatshirt and the activities. Register with Pastor Matt by **January 7!** Cost goes up \$15 after and you won't be guaranteed a sweatshirt.

This event is for both Middle & High school teens.