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March 2021

Bethel *church*

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I have been thinking a lot lately about the words of Jesus in John 15:5. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." I have a grape vine in my yard that is dormant right now. But I will be pruning it soon and as spring comes it will begin to grow again and by the end of summer will produce an abundance of grapes. The branches that I prune off will not produce any fruit. It is only those that remain connected to the vine that will produce fruit. This simple illustration of the grape vine reminds us that we must stay connected to Jesus. He is the vine, we are the branches. The only reason fruit is produced is because of the life of the vine. The branches have no life in themselves. It is only our vital connection with Jesus that allows him to produce fruit through us. Ask yourself these questions. Are you staying connected to the vine – to Jesus? Are you allowing him to do some pruning so that more fruit will be produced? Are you in a dormant state where there is no growth? Whatever your situation, God is ready to do a new work in your life. He desires that your life be fruitful. That will only happen if we keep closely connected to Jesus. Let's look forward to a fruitful harvest to the glory of God!

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- March 1 - Ladies' Fellowship Night
- March 3 - Lunch Bunch
- March 5 - Pinewood Derby
- March 6 - Men's Wild Game Dinner
- March 7 - House of Prayer
- March 14 - Daylight Savings!
- March 16 - 50-UP
- March 17 - Board Meeting
- March 19 - 50-UP Game Night
- March 21 - Messiah in the Passover
- March 24 - Egg Stuffing
- March 27 - Eggstravaganza
- March 28 - KIDS Easter Programs

Financial Update - Fiscal Year End March 2020 - February 2021

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| Budget | \$858,000 |
| Received (includes Faith Promise) | \$879,739 |
| New Scent Center | \$52,047 |
| "Other" Missions Giving | \$90,460 |

Look what's happening...

Ladies' Movie Night! - Monday, March 1 @ 7pm

Join us in the Fellowship Hall to watch "Small Group: the movie". Popcorn and childcare is provided.

Single Again Lunch Bunch - You are invited to sack lunch in the Fellowship Hall on March 3 @ 1:30pm. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions. Martha Sweet would like to try one more time to start an exercise class that will meet right before the lunch. Meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested.

50-UP March 16 @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be Martha Sweet's presentation "Women in History". We will be having a Potluck meal. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The council will provide the main dishes. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk.

Game Night - March 19 @ 6pm - 50-Up is hosting another game night...EVERYONE is invited to join in. Please bring a favorite game and a snack to share. We'll also have Pickleball and Corn Hole setup in the gym. Don't prefer games? Come for the fellowship!

Ladies' Retreat April 16-18, 2021

Refresh ~ Renew ~ Rejoice!

Take Two on this Event!! 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! Deadline to register is March 28. Talk with Tammy or the office if you would be interested in providing a scholarship for someone to attend.

Men's Wild Game Dinner March 6 @ 6pm

Special Speaker: Mark Thornton, former BSU Chaplain

Bring your best Wild Game dish or a dish with a 'wild' name (sample sizes...you don't have to feed the whole group) and enjoy this great night of fellowship. The main dish will be smoked ham this year. Men of all ages are invited; sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Elected Church Leadership for 2021-2022

Church Board:

Brant Bartlow
Kirk Bartlow
Gregg Davis
Zach Dwello
Jeremy Franklin
Fernando Gonzalez
Chad Gunstream
Greg Matson
Jana McKim
Lynn Nicholson
Sharon Pilkinton
Bryan Shoemaker

Missions Council:

Sue Hampton - President
Kitty Leach
Carol Coose
Al Coose
Joni Wilson
Kara Franklin
Teresa Hampton
Jim Abell
Candy Abell
Jennifer Shoemaker
Sandy Nicholson
Anki Matson

Sunday School Ministries Board:

Johanna Holloway - Superintendent
Michelle Slater
Danielle Dwello
Vonnie McDaniel
Natalie Samples
Christie Jorgensen
Nadine Ferring

Delegates to District Assembly & NMI Convention (April 29-30):

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| Curtis Root | Al Coose |
| Cheryl Beymer | Carol Coose |
| Amy Slater | Jennifer Shoemaker |
| Nadine Ferring | Sandy Nicholson |
| Scott Slater | Joni Wilson |
| Lynette Hill | Steve Parke |
| Bob Pilkinton | Candy Abell |
| Kirk Bartlow | Barb Sullivan |
| Sharon Bartlow | Anki Matson |
| Brant Bartlow | April Crawford |
| Crystal Nielsen | Kitty Leach |
| | Bertie Stout |
| | Jana McKim |
| | Elsa Miller |
| | Janet Skogsberg |
| | Leanna Daniel |



**Set your clocks ahead
on March 13!**

New to Bethel! Pickleball Open Gym ~ Tuesdays from 1-4pm

EGGSTRAVAGANZA! ~ MARCH 27 @ 10:30AM

We need to collect LOTS of WRAPPED CANDY!!

We'll have 10,000 eggs for hunting and games that need prizes. The CANDY collection bin is in the foyer. If you can't shop for candy, we'll do it for you! Mark your gifts "Egg Hunt" if you prefer. Sign-up at the table to help and invite your family & friends to come! This event will be all OUTDOORS this year.

Egg Stuffing Party ~ Wednesday, March 24 @ 9am

MESSIAH IN THE PASSOVER

Sunday Evening Service ~ March 21 at 6:00pm

Special Speaker: Jon Davidsen

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding both of Passover and of the Communion table.

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EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 27th

Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m.

Activities to follow until noon

Includes: Barrel train, Obstacle Course,
& more



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