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# Bethel church

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

There is a prayer in the bible where we see Jesus praying for us. It is found in John 17 and is called the high priestly prayer. In this incredible prayer we see Jesus praying that we would experience his joy. He prays "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them." (John 17:13) In our relationship with Jesus we share in his very nature. Part of his nature is joy and he wants us to have his joy in us in its fullness. I am not sure we are very good at this part of our Christian life. Are we experiencing the full measure of his joy in us? We have to understand that joy is found in our relationship with Jesus. It is a gift that we receive from Jesus as we keep vitally connected to him. As we live obedient to Jesus his joy is shared with us. Disobedience will block the flow of joy into our lives. We can be like Nehemiah who wrote, "The joy of the Lord is my strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) We can be like Paul who wrote from prison "Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4) We can be like Peter who wrote "You believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy." (1 Peter 1:8) Joy is a gift from Jesus to us. Let's receive the gift and live joyful lives!

Straight Ahead!

*Pastor Doug*

## Church Events

- **May 1 - Jr. Jammers Jamboree**
- **May 2 - House of Prayer**
- **May 5 - Lunch Bunch; AWANA Awards Night**
- **May 6 - National Day of Prayer**
- **May 8 - Embrace Grace Shower**
- **May 9 - Mother's Day**
- **May 12 - Family Fun Night**
- **May 18 - 50-UP Night**
- **May 19 - Board Meeting**
- **May 21 - Game Night**
- **May 23 - Grad Sunday**
- **May 31 - Memorial Day**



# Look what's happening...

**Jr. Jammers Jamboree** - Saturday, May 1 @ 2pm here at Bethel. This program will feature a group of 60 fiddlers age 8 through 18, and a group of beginning fiddlers age 3 to 12. No ticket sales, but donations will be accepted. It will also be streamed on our Bethel YouTube channel.

**Single Again Lunch Bunch** - You are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on May 5 @ **NOON** (take note of the new time!) Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**50-UP May 18 @ 5:45pm** - Entertainment this month will be from our very own Jim Hall! We are having Taco Tuesday this month! Please signup at the Welcome Desk so we can provide enough food. Also, if you need a ride, please signup on the bus ride sheet.

**Game Night - May 21 @ 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!

**National Day of Prayer** - Thursday, May 6

"Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty"  
Our Prayer Chapel will be open during business hours if you would like to come to the church to pray. The Men's Prayer group will still be meeting at 7:00am.

**Embrace Grace Baby Shower** - Saturday, May 8 at 6:30pm. All ladies are invited to attend the baby shower for four young women that completed the Embrace Grace program. These women chose life for their babies and we want to honor that decision. Contact Therese Rogers if you have any questions about the shower.

**Summer Camp** - Early-Bird Deadline is **May 17!** Get your registrations & deposit in and grab a Bethel scholarship form if needed.

**Grad Sunday** - Sunday, May 23rd we will honor all of our graduating High School Seniors. They will have displays in the foyer showing all their accomplishments. Let us know if you have a senior we can recognize during services.

**Family Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!**

June 27 to July 1 (Sunday to Thursday) ~ 6:00-8:30pm  
Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides & Provides  
Gather your family, friends and neighbors and join us for a wild adventure with the Israelites!

## Moms in Prayer

Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00pm

Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30am

Our meetings will begin May 4th and 5th. We plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall for prayer. Childcare will only be available during the Tuesday evening meeting. Talk with Julie Baas if you have any questions.

## Family Fun Night!

Wednesday, May 12

6:30-8:00pm



**EVERYONE** age 0 to 100 is invited to attend this event hosted by Bethel Kids & Bethel Teens! Join us for this fun night of games and fellowship to welcome the start of summer. Hot dogs, chips and dessert will be provided. Please bring blankets or camp chairs to sit on and we'll meet out by the Picnic Shelter. See you there!

### AWANA Awards Night

Wednesday, May 5 @ 7:00pm

**Let's celebrate all we have learned this year in the AWANA program! Kids will receive their special awards and then we'll have activities and games for them to complete the evening. This event will take place out under the Picnic Shelter.**

### PromiseLand Volunteer Training!

Sat., May 15 @ 9:00am OR

Sun., May 16 @ 4:30pm OR

Mon., May 17 @ 7:00pm

All volunteers in PromiseLand **MUST** pick one of the available training dates to attend. It's important that we keep up to date on all our policies and procedures in this area. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Pastor Kym or Lydia if you have any questions.



### CHANGE for LIFE

To Benefit Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center

Grab one of the provided empty baby bottle on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9, and bring it back filled with change (we'll take cash or checks too!) on Father's Day, Sunday, June 20. All proceeds benefit the life-affirming ministry of Lifeline.