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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We have been going through some hot days in our valley the last few weeks. Many of us have grown tired of the almost constant triple digit temperatures. We long for a more lukewarm kind of temperature, not hot and not cold. That desire is fine when it comes to weather but it is not ok when it comes to our spiritual lives. Jesus told the church in Laodicea "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16) Unfortunately, being lukewarm spiritually is quite in style these days. It is too easy to let our love for Christ fade and we find ourselves living a powerless apathetic life. That is not what Christ has called us to. We are called to love God with all our heart. We are called to live the abundant life. We are called to live a joy filled life. We are called to live a life of power. To do this we must keep our spiritual temperature up. Resist the temptation to be lukewarm and allow the Holy Spirit to set your life on fire spiritually. Say goodbye to the lukewarm life and embrace the fire of the Holy Spirit as he works in and through your life.

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

Church Events

- Aug. 1 - House of Prayer
- Aug. 4 - Lunch Bunch
- Aug. 6 - Teen Lagoon Trip
- Aug. 11 - Back-to-School Bash!
- Aug. 12 - The Cragun Family concert
- Aug. 15 - Kindergarten Promotion Lunch
- Aug. 17 - 50-UP
- Aug. 18 - Board Mtg.
- Aug. 19 - Just Us
- Aug. 20 - Family Game Night
- Aug. 22 - SS Promotion; Missions Service
- Aug. 27 - 50-UP Field Trip
- Aug. 29 - NMI Council; Outdoor Service

Look what's happening...

Single Again Lunch Bunch -

Wednesday, August 4 @ noon. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Bertie Stout with questions.

50-UP Fellowship Night - Tues., August 17 @ 5:45pm

We will be having homemade pie and cobbler for dessert this month. Our very own Bistriceanu Family will be our entertainment. Sign up for attendance or to make a pie at the Welcome Desk.

Game Night - Fri., August 20 @ 6pm - 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!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - Sunday, August 29 @ 6pm

We're hoping for good weather so that we can meet out under the Picnic Shelter for a service and fellowship time. BBQ Hot Dogs and water will be provided; please bring a salad or dessert to share.

Just Us - August 19, 9am to 11am at Joni's home (3115 Vista Dr., Nampa). Ladies are invited to join us for a time of drop-in fellowship. Drinks provided.

The Cragun Family in Concert - Thursday, August 12 @ 7pm. This is a dynamic gospel music group that ministers through song. We will be taking a love offering to support their ministry.

Moms In Prayer - This ministry continues on throughout the year. Join us Tuesdays at 7pm in the Prayer Chapel or Wednesdays @ 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Back-to-School Bash! Wed., August 11 @ 6:30pm

The WHOLE CHURCH is invited to this fun event! This will be a meet-and-greet for our new Children's Pastor, Kaleb & Courtney. We'll have games, the new playground and a BBQ fellowship out under the Picnic Shelter! Hotdogs will be provided; please bring a side dish to share. Sign-up is at the Welcome Desk.

AWANA Registration! - Wed., September 1 @ 6:30pm

We will be back to our regular Wednesday night programming on Sept. 8. Puggles (3-4yrs) \$10; Cubbies (PreK-Kinder) \$25; Sparks (1st-2nd grade) & TNT (3rd-5th grade) \$25. We are looking to build our teaching team! Talk with Pastor Kym or Pastor Kaleb if you would be willing to help.

Sunday School Promotion - Sunday, August 22

All kids age 4 to 5th grade will promote to their new Sunday School classes! Talk with Pastor Kym or Pastor Kaleb if you have questions.

Missions Service - Sunday, August 22 @ 6pm

We will be having Andrew & Jenna Stout share about their work in Sri Lanka. They have been on the South Asia Field since 2019 and work with Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and the Eurasia missionary mobilization team. We will be taking a love offering to support their ministry.

Marriage Conference - "Rewriting the Marital Playbook" with in-person speakers Stephen & Tracy Bell from Focus on the Family. Event starts Friday, Sept. 10, 6-9pm and continues Saturday, Sept. 11, 8:30am-4pm. Tickets go on sale Aug. 8: \$30 per couple to include dinner, breakfast & lunch. Space is limited so get your tickets right away! (Child care will be available for a small fee.)

Welcome Pastor Kaleb & Courtney Harper!

Pastor Kaleb is joining us as our new Children's Pastor! He received both his undergraduate and masters degrees from Northwest Nazarene University in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. He loves playing basketball, being outside, playing board games, and watching Disney movies. He met his wife Courtney while serving together on various mission trips, and he is so excited to have married his best friend in May of 2021! It was on these same trips where he met his wife that he accepted his call to ministry, feeling deeply burdened to serve, teach, and love children and their families. He believes children are capable of truly owning their faith, knowing they are loved by God, and being an example of Christlike love to the world. Courtney is going into her senior year at NNU where she is studying Elementary Education, so she'll be student teaching this year. Until then she's working as a House Manager out at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in Boise. Make sure to welcome Kaleb and Courtney into our Bethel family!

