

May 2022

# Bethel *church*



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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

**T**wenty-three years ago I came to Bethel to be your pastor. I can't believe how fast the time has gone by! We have enjoyed journeying through life together with you and seeing all that God has done. I want you to know that it has been a great privilege to be the pastor for this great church. Thank you for being such a wonderful church family. But now we have sensed God leading us into this time of retirement. We do not know exactly what this will look like but we still expect to be able to minister in some way as the Lord leads.

I want you to know that we love you and will miss you greatly. You will always hold a very special place in our hearts. I do believe that God has good days ahead for Bethel Church. God will lead you into the future. He will lead you to a new pastor and he will have the privilege of being the pastor of this great church. Here is my prayer for you: "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1: 3-6)

Straight Ahead!

*Pastor Doug*

## Church Events

- **May 1 - House of Prayer**
- **May 4 - Lunch Bunch; AWANA Award Night**
- **May 7 - Embrace Grace Baby Shower**
- **May 8 - Mother's Day; Missionary Guest: Flora from New Scent Center**
- **May 14 - Men's Breakfast**
- **May 15 - Grad Sunday; W&W Kenya mtg; NMI council mtg**
- **May 17 - 50-UP**
- **May 18 - Rollin' Into Summer**
- **May 22 - Pastor Doug's Retirement Celebration**
- **May 25 - Ladies' Book Club**
- **May 27-30 - The Gathering - Teen event @ NNU**
- **May 30 - Memorial Day**
- **May 31 - Abbie Matson Bridal Shower**

# Look what's happening...

**Single Again Lunch Bunch** - You are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on May 4 @ noon. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**50-UP May 17 @ 5:45pm** - Entertainment this month will be Sisters Promise. We will be serving Mom's Favorite Desserts. Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a dessert and if you'll be able to attend.

**50-UP Field Trip** - Thursday, May 19 at 10:00am

We will be headed to the MK Nature Center in Boise. Meet at the church @ 10am. We'll have lunch right after at Chuck-A-Rama. Wear good shoes. Sign up at the Welcome Desk if you plan to come.

**Men's Breakfast May 14 @ 8am** - all guys are invited to come to this great time of fellowship. Pastor Doug will be our special speaker and Fernando will be cooking up some yummy biscuits and gravy.

**Ladies' Summer Book Club May 25 @ 6:30pm** - We will be diving into Jen Wilkin's book "Women of the Word" this summer. The first meeting will cover the Intro and Chapter 1. Read the chapters and come prepared to share your thoughts. Join in any time.

**Bridal Shower for Abbie Matson** - Tuesday, May 31 @ 7pm. All ladies are invited to come celebrate with Abbie for her upcoming wedding to Ryan Schwin.

**Moms In Prayer for Summer** - we are switching up our Wednesday prayer meetings starting June 1. "Pray and Play" will be Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Women of all ages and their children/grands are invited. The kids will play and the ladies will pray for Bethel kids and our community. Tuesday meetings will remain the same.

**Embrace Grace Ministry** - The baby shower will be May 7 at 3:00pm. Please be in prayer for the moms in this ministry and their families.

**Special Missionary Service May 8** - Flora Mwikali from Kenya, Africa will be joining us for both morning services. Flora runs a ministry that rescues girls from trafficking and abuse called New Scent Center. Our Work & Witness team from several years ago was able to meet her and make connections that continue to support her work. Come hear how God is working through Flora. We will be taking a love offering to support her ministry.

**Kenya Work & Witness Trip 2023!** - we will be having an informational meeting about our next trip on Sunday, May 15 @ 4pm. If you had signed up before or are interested in going now, please come to this important meeting. Pastor Jim Franklin will be heading up this trip and he has information to share with you.

**AWANA Award Night!** - Wed., May 4 @ 6:30pm  
Join us under the Picnic Shelter where kids will share verses, receive awards and have a Sundae Bar! Parents and the church family are invited.

**Rollin' Into Summer - Wed., May 18 @ 6:30pm!** Everyone is encouraged to meet out by the playground for a fun kick-off to summer! Bring anything with wheels (scooter, bike, skateboard, rollerblades, walkers, power wheelchairs, etc.) for the track we'll create in the back parking lot. Free dinner of hotdogs, chips and popsicles will be provided for **everyone**. Playground and other activities available as well. The **WHOLE** church - **ALL AGES** - **Grandparents/Grandkids/Neighbors/Friends** - are invited to come!

**Vacation Bible School ~ Save-the-Date ~ July 25-29, 2022!**

"SPARK Studio: Created in Christ; Designed for God's Purpose"  
Mark your calendars and plan to help & attend!

**NYC 2023 ~ Overflow!** Nazarene Youth Conference is coming up next July in Tampa Bay, Florida. Informational meeting Sunday, May 1 right after 2nd service. Watch for ways you can help the teens fundraiser.

*\*We will be hosting a Rummage Sale this summer.*

## PASTOR DOUG'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

Join us as we honor

PASTOR DOUG & JONI WILSON

for 23 years of ministry here at Bethel.

**Combined Worship Service & Celebration at 10:00am**

**All-Church Dinner by the Picnic Shelter at 12:30pm**

*(Smoked Meat & Dessert will be provided; please bring a salad or side dish to share. Tables and seating will also be provided.)*

**Cake Reception at 1:30pm**

*\*No Sunday School or Elementary Kids classes;*

*limited childcare may be available.\**

