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# BETHEL

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

It's April and I love this time of year. We get to see the plants begin to bud, it starts to warm up, and we draw close to Resurrection Sunday! I love preaching about Jesus and his death and resurrection. Typically, during Holy Week, the message of Easter is kept within the geographical location of Jerusalem. It was where Jesus was going. But it wasn't where he stopped.

The message of the resurrection doesn't stop at the cross, nor the empty tomb. The resurrection reaches beyond Jerusalem and into this fallen world. Jesus commissioned the Apostles to go and make disciples; to go and tell the world the good news of Jesus, that he is alive. And they did.

You will find that every message preached in the Book of Acts is about the resurrection of Jesus. The message was never five simple steps to feel better or happy. It was about the fact that Jesus was and is alive. The resurrection of Jesus overturned death and thus turns the world right side up. And that simple truth changes everything.

On one occasion, the apostle Paul and his companions were accused of turning the world "upside down" (Acts 17:6). Obviously, those who are spiritually blind would see things that way. When you're speaking the truth and doing good, those who are used to evil patterns see good as evil, because it interrupts what they consider normal.

This is our mission as followers of Jesus: to interrupt evil. The gospel interrupts lies and reveals truth. It infiltrates some of the darkest areas of this world and brings light; and ultimately intercepts spiritual death and gives life.

So, how can we turn the world right side up? I would simply say, live filled with the love of God. Children can easily do this (as well as adults) by being kind to those left out at school or work, inviting someone new into your friend groups. Bring truth and wisdom to people living in chaos. Share your testimony. Be a caring voice through a text message or card. Help someone in need. Invite someone to coffee. Pray and cry with someone. Extend forgiveness. And get out of your comfort zone to show the love of God in a world filled with hate.

With that I leave you with homework. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus this year, let's continue to live in such a way that turns the world right side up.

Warmly yours,  
Pastor Derek

## Church Events

- April 1 - Eggstravaganza
- April 2 - Kids Easter Programs (both services); House of Prayer
- April 5 - Lunch Bunch
- April 7 - Good Friday Service
- April 9 - Easter Sunday
- April 15 - Safety Team Training; Early-Bird Camp Registration Deadline
- April 16 - Pastor Derek Installation Service; Kenya W&W Team Share
- April 18 - 50-UP
- April 19 - Derby Clinic; Board Meeting
- April 21 - Game Night
- April 23-26 - Spring Revival
- April 28 - Pinewood Derby



# Look what's happening...

**Lunch Bunch** - You are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on April 5 @ noon. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**Good Friday Service, April 7 @ 7:00pm** - Join us for this special service as we remember the sacrifice Christ made for us and look forward to the miracle of Easter Sunday.

**50-UP April 18 @ 5:45pm** - Entertainment this month will be our very own Jim Hall! The theme for our dinner will be "Fool-Me-Dinner". Please sign up at the Welcome Desk so we can provide enough food. Also, mark the sheet if you need a ride.

**Game Night - April 21 @ 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!

**AWANA Pinewood Derby!** The clinic will be held Wed., April 19 @ 6:30pm. Parents must attend with their children. The Pinewood Derby Race night is Fri., April 28 @ 6:30pm. The derby cars & kits are free to the kids this year; parents can purchase a car for \$7 each. Contact Pastor Kaleb or Pastor Kym with questions.

**Kenya Work & Witness Team** - The team will be sharing about their trip on Sunday, April 16 at 6:00pm. Come hear how God used them in Kenya & at ANU.

## Spring Revival ~ April 23 - 26

We will have special speaker Rev. Jared Henry from Mackey Church of the Nazarene in Indiana.

Pastor since 2003, he has also preached in various venues as a speaker, evangelist at revival and camp meetings. In 2019 he co-founded and is currently the president of the Holiness Partnership.

Join us for worship, prayer and preaching from the Word at each of these services:

Sunday ~ 9:00am, 10:45am, 6:00pm

Monday through Wednesday ~ 7:00pm

We will have a special prayer time 1/2 hour before each of the evening sessions.

Child care will be available for kids birth to Kindergarten.



## New Church Software coming!

We are excited to announce that we are switching away from Pushpay to a new Church Management Software called **Amplify** (by Ministry Brands). Online giving and donor management will go live first on April 23. Pushpay accounts will be closed by April 28 and you will be directed to the new site for all electronic giving. Don't worry, all Pushpay history will be converted over. If you have recurring gifts set now, we will be sending instructions on how to switch those over. Next steps will be rolling out the new Child Check-In system, new Bethel app and Church Directory. The goal is to consolidate our information into one system! We will give more updates and collect info from you as we go along. Thank you for your patience and let the office know if you have questions.

## Eggstravaganza

April 7 ~ 10:30am to noon

Free family event!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors for this fun event with games, bounce houses, donuts, photobooth, barrel train and 12,000+ egg hunt.

*Kids Easter Programs*

*Sunday, April 2 for both services*

## Easter Sunday Services

*Sunday, April 9*

*Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am*

*Fellowship Breakfast ~ 8:00am*

*Contemporary Worship ~ 9:00am*

*Traditional Worship ~ 10:45am*

*\*No Sunday School, Childcare or Evening Service*

## SUMMER CAMP AT TRINITY PINES!

The Intermountain District is excited to announce they will host camps this summer! Registration is OPEN and Early-Bird pricing ends April 15. We will be offering scholarship funds for campers this year. You MUST fill out a Bethel Scholarship form (available in the foyer) and turn it into the office by May 1st for pastoral approval to receive scholarship funds. There are also scholarships available through the District. NYC campers are eligible for \$75 district scholarship! Ask Pastor Josh for the form.

Mark your calendars!

Genesis Camp - Girls: June 5-7; Boys: June 7-9

Boys'/Girls' Camp - June 12-16

Sr. High Camp - June 19-23

Middle School Camp - July 17-21

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