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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Years ago, our youth group in Raleigh was invited to a combined youth event called Mayhem. I thought it was an odd name. Why would someone call a Christian youth event "Mayhem"? When I think of mayhem I think of the moral decline and destruction of sin in our world. Broken homes, addictions, chaos, etc. As it turned out, it was actually a creative play on words to encourage young people to make May about Him, our God. And I think that's an encouraging idea. Let's do what it takes in our own lives to make May about our God and his mission!

As you read this, we are coming out of a wonderful time of worship and seeking Christ through our Easter ministries, and more recently with revival. However, sometimes after these sacred and wonderful times of gathering, we have wonderful "mountain top" experiences, and then we go back to work or school, and life and it feels like going back to the mundane. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Whatever business you've done with God at the altar or in a worship service doesn't have to stay at the altar or in the sanctuary. The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives continues with us. We leave our sorrows and sins at the altar but the work of salvation, sanctification, cleansing, forgiveness, healing, deliverance; whatever it might be is a work that continues with us and further impacts our homes and communities. In fact, making things about Him pierces through the mayhem in our culture and disrupts the mundane.

I pray that whatever God did in your heart during revival drives you to make everything about Him. And so, I encourage you to make May about Him. That might mean moving your schedule around to spend more time with Him in prayer and his word. It could mean getting involved in serving Him through the church. Or just simply praising Him more. As you do, you will see the true effects of meeting with God. You will feel the continual experience of Him making you new!

Make May about Him, serve Him, and tell others about Him!

Warmly yours,
Pastor Derek

Church Events

- May 1 - Caitlin Rogers' Baby shower
- May 3 - Lunch Bunch
- May 4 - National Day of Prayer
- May 7 - Missionary Guests -Kelloggs; House of Prayer
- May 9 - 50-UP Outing
- May 10-12 - District Assembly
- May 13 - Safety Team training
- May 14 - Mother's Day
- May 16 - 50-UP
- May 17 - Board Meeting
- May 20 - Embrace Grace shower
- May 21 - Grad Sunday; KIDS service
- May 28 - Pentecost Sunday
- May 29 - Memorial Day

Look what's happening...

Baby Shower May 1 @ 7pm! - All ladies are invited to come celebrate with Caitlin Rogers on the coming arrival of her and Tyler's baby girl. We'll meet in PromiseLand and she's registered at www.babylist.com.

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 4th is the National Day of Prayer. We will be setting up a prayer walk in the back of the church where you can come between 6am-8pm and pray for media, business, education, church, government, family and military.

Missions Service - on May 7th for both morning services we will have Roger & Damaris Kellogg sharing with us. They have been serving in the Mesoamerica Region for the Church of the Nazarene and are excited to be "home" to share with us. We will be taking a love offering to support their ministry.

Lunch Bunch - You are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on May 3 @ noon. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Outing May 9 @ 10am - They will be going to the Museum in Caldwell and then to lunch at the Golden Corral in Nampa. Signup with Alice if you haven't already.

50-UP May 16 @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be the Musettes! The snack will be Mom's Favorite Sweet or Savory Snack/Dessert. Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a treat. Also, mark the sheet if you need a ride.

Game Night - We're taking a break for the summer. We'll start up again in the fall!

Thursday Adult Bible Study - We're taking a break for the summer. We'll start up again in August.

Embrace Grace Ministry - The baby shower will be May 20 at 3:00pm. Please be in prayer for the moms in this ministry and their families.

Lifeline Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser - It's that time again to grab a baby bottle, fill it with cash/coins/checks and return them to Bethel. We have 40 bottles to fill this year! They will be in the foyer on **Mother's Day** and need to be returned by **Father's Day**. Let's do our part to support this amazing ministry.

Amplify is officially our online giving platform! You can go to www.bethelnazarene.org/give or text the word "GIVE" to 208-428-6344 to give online or setup a recurring gift. Our Pushpay account is now officially closed. Let the office know if you have questions. Thank you for your faithful giving to Bethel Church!

Intermountain District Assembly

May 10-12, 2023 at College Church

Wed., May 10: Celebration Service at 7pm

Thur., May 11:

8:30am to 5:00pm - Missionaries John & Nyamal Yual, Assembly business, work shops, reports

7:00pm - Ordination Service

Fri., May 12:

8:30 to Noon - Workshops, Assembly business, Message from G.S. Chambo

*All delegates have been notified...please let us know if you can't attend. Anyone is welcome to just attend.

Philippians 3:14

*"Press on toward
the goal."*

AWANA

AWARD NIGHT

May 3 @ 6:30pm

**Come celebrate all
the hard work the
kids have put in this
year hiding God's
Word in their
hearts.**

Pastor Kaleb's Ordination

We are so excited and proud to announce our very own Pastor Kaleb Harper will be ordained this month! The Ordination Service will be Thursday, May 11 at 7pm at College Church. Then on Sunday, May 21st he will be leading a KIDS service here at Bethel at 6pm. We'll have a special celebration following the service sponsored by the KIDS department. Join us in celebrating with Kaleb & Courtney!

