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BETHEL church

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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

"...My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to accomplish His work". John 4:34

In today's culture and the issues that confront us as Christians and our church, I must stop my lament and sorrow and pray as Jesus did. "My food is to do the will of Him...to accomplish His work".

I'm sometimes impressed by how much people can accomplish when they believe in themselves. Neil Anderson said that when he worked on the Apollo space program in the 1960s, we bid on a contract for the space shuttle. The technology to build the type of rocket it would take to boost that size payload into space had not yet been developed, but NASA believed that given enough time and resources, it could be done. Ten years later it was. Some who believe only in science exhibit greater faith than Christians.

How much more should we be able to accomplish if the object of our faith is God?

Every commandment of God comes with a promise: **"For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes"** (2 Corinthians 1:20). God will never command us to do something that He will not empower us to do. It is never a question of whether God can, but if He wills. If He wills, then we can, if we believe. Those predisposed to do His will understand what it is: as Jesus said **"If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority"** (John 7:17), and by the grace of God will do it.

It is critical to realize that God is under no obligation to man. God is only under obligation to Himself and to the covenants He has made with us. We don't need God jumping around in heaven catering to our every whim! There will never be a day when we say something and God has to do it because we said it. We cannot box God in.

There was a woman in my pastorate who wouldn't let me pray for her dying husband if I concluded my prayer with, **"Be it done according to Thy will."** I will never apologize for bowing to a higher authority. We are told to pray, **"Thy will be done."** Any other way would put us in the position of the Lord. The independent use of God's Word and divine attributes is precisely how Satan tempted Jesus. Jesus withstood the temptation to act independently of God the Father and declared that His food was to do the will of His Father who sent Him. That is our food as well.

~Pastor Weldon Shuman

Church Events

- July 2 - Patriotic Service
- July 4 - Independence Day!
- July 4-11 - NYC23
- July 5 - Lunch Bunch
- July 9 - House of Prayer
- July 10 - Bridal Shower ~ Alaina Shuman
- July 12 - 50-UP Field Trip
- July 15 - VBS Training
- July 17 - Jr. High Camp
- July 18 - VBS Training; 50-UP Fellowship
- July 21 - Hawks Baseball
- July 23 - Outdoor Service
- July 24-28 - VBS
- July 26- GriefShare; Ladies' Book Study

Look what's happening...

Annual Patriotic Service - Sunday, July 2 @ 10:30am

Join us for this special service. We will be having **ONE** combined service; no Sunday School, childcare, or Evening Service. **All-Church Picnic** will immediately follow the service. Fried chicken, water and tableware will be provided; please bring a side dish AND dessert to share.

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

50-UP Fellowship Night ~ July 18 @ 5:45pm -

This month we will be having a pie social! Entertainment will be Deer Flat Quartet. Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a pie, if you'll be able to attend and if you need a ride.

50-UP Field Trip - Wednesday, July 12 @ 8:45am.

We'll be headed to 3 Island Park in Glenns Ferry. Bring a sack lunch, lots of water, and good walking shoes! We'll stop for ice cream on the way back. The only cost will be for your car to enter the park if you drive, unless you have Park Pass. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk if you can go.

GriefShare - we will start a new session of this wonderful grief support group on **July 26**. The group will be meeting Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm until October 18. Workbooks are \$20 each; scholarships available. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk and contact Pastor Kym with questions.

Outdoor Service - Sunday, July 23 @ 6pm - Join us for our second Outdoor Service of the summer! Pastor Derek will be bringing us a message from the Word. We'll meet out under the Picnic Shelter for a short service and time of fellowship (weather permitting). BBQ hotdogs and water will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Feel free to bring lawn chairs or blankets as well.

VBS Training - all VBS volunteers must attend one of the two trainings. July 15 @ 9am or July 18 @ 7pm. Pastor Kym will share the theme for this year and how we can smoothly help the kids through the VBS activities.

VBS Decorating - ALL HANDS ON DECK! Sunday, July 23 right after lunch we'll decorate the church for VBS until we are done.

Bethel Nite at the Boise Hawks - Friday, July 21st at 7pm. Pastor Derek will be throwing out the first pitch. Tickets are \$10 each; limited tickets available. You must pay in advance to receive a ticket. You can pay online or in the church office. Sign-up is at the Welcome Desk.

Bridal Shower for Alaina Shuman - Monday, July 10 @ 7pm

Ladies, join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Alaina (daughter of Shawna & David Halsted)! She and Christian Navarrete will be married in August. They are registered on Amazon.

Ladies' Summer Book Study July 26 @ 7pm - We will continue our study of "Risen Motherhood". You can find the book on Amazon. The last meeting will be August 30.

NYC23!

Please be in prayer for our 29 teenagers and 6 sponsors headed to Tampa Bay, Florida this week for a wonderful time at conference! Pray for safe travels, health, and that God would work in their lives.

Summer Camp

Please be in prayer for our campers and counselors as they head up to Trinity Pines in Cascade for a week filled with fun, faith and adventure!

Jr. High Camp: July 17-21

KIDS & TEEN News!

Vacation Bible School

July 24-28 ~ 9am to Noon

Ages 3 (potty trained) to 6th grade

Sign-up through the link on our website or the QR code in the foyer. Invite your friends and get ready for a great week at STELLAR VBS: Shine Jesus' Light

We need LOTS of Volunteers (adults) to make this run smoothly. Sign-up in the foyer or talk with Pastor Kym.

KIDS Quizzing Coming in August!

They will be practicing Sunday mornings during Sunday School (9am). Grades 1-6 are invited to participate. They will be studying the book of Matthew and the season runs August to March. Talk with Sarah & Jason Curl if you or your child are interested.

2024 Teen Guatemala Mission Trip

Rummage Sale Fundraiser

June 30 ~ 10am to 2pm &

July 1st ~ 9am to 3pm

In the Teen Center

Bring a friend and come shop for treasures!

All donations will go toward the cost of the trip. (Contact Pastor Josh if your teen is interested in going.)

Lagoon 2023 ~ August 4-5

Cost is \$130 and includes park ticket, meals there, and housing. First deadline is **July 12!** Add \$20 after this date. Sign-up sheet is in the Teen Center and you can pay online or in the office. Mark it "Lagoon".