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BETHEL *church*

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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

Each year at Thanksgiving, as we gather as a family, we read Psalm 100: "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, we are the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

As I meditate on its words and ponder the goodness of God, gratitude overflows from my heart to know that we serve and were created by a God who loves us so completely. God made a way through Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and that we would live in His presence for all eternity.

For the month of November, I encourage you to take on a heart of gratitude and look for how you see the goodness of God at work each day. With the children at Bethel, we call these "God-sightings." Share your God-sightings as a testimony of praise to God so that others will be encouraged to look for God's work in their lives. Our attitudes of gratitude are contagious. Let's fill our November with thankfulness and praise to the One who is good. As our revivalist recently reminded us, gratitude is a discipline that when practiced focuses us on the heart of God and His ways. We do not want anything that distracts us from Him – so put on your God-sighting glasses with an attitude of gratitude and let's praise God together!

Blessings,

Pastor Kym

Church Events

- Nov. 1 - Lunch Bunch
- Nov. 3-4 - Boldly United
- Nov. 4 - Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 5 - House of Prayer; W&W Indonesia Mtg
- Nov. 13 - Upward Evaluations
- Nov. 14 - 50-UP
- Nov. 15 - Board Meeting
- Nov. 17 - 4th/5th grade Discipleship
- Nov. 18 - GriefShare Holiday
- Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov. 23 - Happy Thanksgiving

Look what's happening...

Lunch Bunch - You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on November 1 @ noon. Bring a lunch and join us for a great time of fellowship. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Fellowship Night ~ Nov. 14 @ 5:45pm - This event is for anyone age 50 and older. We will be having a Thankful Potluck. Entertainment this month will be Randy Steward. Please be prepared to give a love offering. Signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a main dish/dessert or if you need a ride.

GriefShare Holiday Event ~ Saturday, Nov. 18 @ 9:00am - "Surviving the Holidays" with continental breakfast served in the Fellowship Hall. Grief is harder around the holidays and facing the season while grieving can sometimes feel like taking one step forward and two steps back. This Surviving the Holidays Event will prepare you to navigate the season's changes. At this event you will find a community of people who know what it's like to walk through the holidays in grief. Feel free to talk with Pastor Kym if you have questions. Sign-up in the foyer if you would like to attend.

Work & Witness Indonesia Meeting - Sunday, Nov. 5 @ 4:30pm in Room 109. Trip will be July 3-17, 2024 and will cost \$3,300. Contact Dave or Rosie Kerr at 208-697-4027 for more info.



Celebrate Your Blessings

Thanksgiving Sunday - On Sunday November 19th, the week of Thanksgiving, we have a special service planned (for each service) to give Bethel Church the opportunity to praise God with songs of thanksgiving and to share what we're grateful for. We'll give those who feel led to share the opportunity, much like a testimony service. Let's demonstrate to God and His people that we're grateful.

Upward Basketball/Cheer Evaluations - Monday, Nov. 13, drop-in between 3-6pm. We'll do a couple of drills and check uniform sizes. Early-Bird registration closes Nov. 15; the league closes on Nov. 30. We still have spots open!

Game Night - we're taking a break for the holidays. Check the bulletin in January for the next scheduled date.

Library - we have a wonderful church library for you to enjoy! Check out our many Christmas fiction books or Holiday cookbooks for your holiday baking and parties.

Grandparenting Matters - a new group will be starting in November! Watch the bulletin for details.

Thanksgiving Week - we will have limited staff available and limited office hours during that week. Call before you stop by. The staff can be reached if there's an emergency. Enjoy the week with your family and friends!

Save-the-Date - Advent Fair will be Sunday, December 3 at 6pm in the Teen Center. More details to come.

*Consider giving non-perishable food items to the charities we support: Nazarene Care House & LOVE, Inc.
Collection boxes are located outside the Fellowship Hall.