

## The Real Jesus — Part 18: Grace & Forgiveness

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50, 1 John 3:4

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ in you.” — C.S. Lewis

We Have All \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 37

We All Have A \_\_\_\_\_ - v. 39

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Sins - vv. 47-48

“Today, you have put the \_\_\_\_\_ on trial.

So, does it wash away sin or not?”

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**Bethel**  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
**December 31, 2023**



**9:00 am - Contemporary Worship**  
Enjoy a time of refreshment between services in our Fellowship Hall

**10:45 am - Traditional Worship**  
\*Sunday School classes are available during both services.\*

**The Real Jesus—Part 18: Grace & Forgiveness**  
**Pastor Derek Elkins**  
**No Evening Service**

**WISHING YOU A JOYFUL & HEALTHY YEAR**

# WELCOME

Worship The LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.  
~ Psalm 100:2

## YOUR MINISTRY TEAM

Derek Elkins

Lead Pastor

Josh Potter

Executive Pastor

Kym Slater

Family Ministry Pastor

Desiree Ferring

Youth Pastor

Bob Cruthirds

Associate Pastor

Weldon Shuman

Sr. Adult Pastor

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

### Tuesday, January 2

No Pickleball

### Wednesday, January 3

11:45am Lunch Bunch

6:30pm Upward Coach Meeting

NO SERVICES

### Thursday, January 4

7:00am Men's Prayer Group

6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

7:00pm Adult Bible Study

### Sunday, January 7

9:00am Contemporary Worship

10:45am Traditional Worship

6:00pm Liberty Quartet

Prayer Chain: Betty Gilbert (465-0439) or email [bethel@bethelnazarene.org](mailto:bethel@bethelnazarene.org)  
Our Prayer Chapel is available for prayer during church services and open office hours. Let us know if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

Our new online giving program is Amplify. Text "GIVE" to 208-428-6344 or scan the QR code here. You can also visit our website at [bethelnazarene.org/give](https://bethelnazarene.org/give) to give online.



\*\*If you can't find a parking space close enough to the building and need assistance parking your car, please let a member of our Safety Team know as they would gladly park your car for you.\*\*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Adult Sunday School Classes

### 9:00AM

Maranatha - Room 106

WORD Study - Room 109

Foundations of Faith - Room 112

Kingdom Seekers - Room 102

Faith and Reason - Conference Room

Christianity 101 - Room 108

### 10:45AM

Word Searchers - Room 112

Family Builders - Room 109

College Class - Room 108

This Is Not Our Home - Room 106

**Christmas Cards** - feel free to bring your Christmas cards for church members and use our indoor "mailbox" in the foyer. Check the box for ones you receive!

**Heritage Builders Ministry** - invites, grandparents and others interested to come and view a video teaching by Dr. Kathy Koch from Legacy Seminars on Jan 21, 2024 at 6:00pm. She will discuss important foundational concepts that affect our grandchildren's security, identity, belonging, purpose and competence. Dr. Koch is the founder and president of Celebrate Kids, Inc. and cofounder of Ignite the Family. Bring a finger food to share, come for encouragement and fellowship.

**New Ministry** - Our church district is starting up a new Hispanic Ministry in Nampa. They have a house behind Fairview Nazarene that needs remodeled to support that ministry. Pastor Jim Franklin is leading the project and could use your help. Please call him if you can help in any way, 208-283-0247. They want to start right away.

**Lunch Bunch** - We're revamping Lunch Bunch! **ALL WOMEN** (young, old, married, single) who want to have fellowship together are invited to join in the 1st Wednesday (Jan. 3rd) of every month at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and come meet new people!

**Secret Sister Forms** - are available in the foyer to fill out if you would like to participate. We will draw new names in January and begin a new year of this prayer ministry.

**Liberty Quartet** - Sunday, January 7th at 6:00pm. Liberty is a Gospel group that will be sharing with us. We will be taking a Love Offering to support their ministry.

**Lost and Found** - Our Lost and Found outside the Fellowship Hall has a lot of Bibles. Please look and see if your missing Bible is there.

**Ladies' Bible Study** - Starting January 9-March 12 (10 weeks) study called "Sermon on the Mount" by Jen Wilkin. In His sweeping depiction of kingdom citizenship, Jesus utters some of the most familiar passages in all of Scripture. What if we navigated these three chapters in Matthew as they were originally heard? What if we read them as one cohesive, well-ordered message, intended to challenge us to think differently about what it means to be a follower of Jesus? Come and learn from Jesus, just as His disciples did. Books are \$25 each. Sign up in the foyer if you need a book and/or childcare.

**Ladies' "Soup-er" Fellowship**—Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30pm at the home of Julie Braden (15631 Locust Lane). Bring a soup or dessert to share. Sign-up in the foyer if you can make it. We can take the bus from the church if enough people sign up for a ride.

### Financial Update (3/1/23 - 12/21/23)

Projected Income: \$882,000

Received: \$918,433

New Scent: \$36,705

World Evangelism Fund (Faith Promise): \$48,940

**2023 Contribution Reminder**: Only those contributions actually received in the office by **December 31** or postmarked by that date may be recorded as given during the 2023 tax year. Bethel Church contribution statements will be emailed or made available by January 30, 2024. If you need a printed copy of your statement, please contact Amy in the church office.