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MARCH 2024

# BETHEL

## church

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## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

It is already March! I remember the saying, "In like a lion, out like a lamb." That saying indicates that rough and stormy weather at the beginning of March suggests the end of the month will be gentle like a lamb. I find it poetic that this year, March ends beautifully on Resurrection Sunday, the day we set aside to remember the Lamb who gave Himself up for us to have salvation. This Lamb is Jesus.

Storms, whether literal or figurative, will come. Just like the saying goes for March – the storms may come in, roaring like a lion set to derail us and take our focus off the One who saves. May we focus our eyes upon the Lamb of God, who has given us all joy and peace so that through Him, we can weather any storm that comes and know that we are not alone in it. In all the storms of life, God is always with us.

You could be tangible evidence to someone experiencing a storm today that God cares for them and sees them. Notice others who may be in a storm and remind them through your kindness and love that they are seen and known by God. All of God's children are called to this kind of incarnational ministry. May we faithfully point them to the Lamb and the hope we have because of the Resurrection.

*Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. (Teresa of Avila)*  
~Pastor Kym Slater

## Church Events

- Mar. 2 - Baby Shower
- Mar. 3 - House of Prayer
- Mar. 5 - Wedding Shower
- Mar. 10 - Guatemala Meeting
- Mar. 17 - Messiah in the Passover
- Mar. 19 - 50-UP
- Mar. 20 - Board Meeting
- Mar. 22 - Game Night; Program Practice
- Mar. 24 - Palm Sunday; KIDS Programs
- Mar. 27 - Family Easter Event
- Mar. 29 - Good Friday Service
- Mar. 31 - Resurrection Sunday

# Look what's happening...

## **Wedding Shower** - Tuesday, March 5 @ 7pm

All ladies are invited to come celebrate Emily Goodwin and her upcoming wedding to Josh Bartlow. The couple will be moving out of state right after the wedding so this will be a "Gift Card" shower. Be creative!

**Lunch Bunch** - We're revamping Lunch Bunch! ALL WOMEN (young, old, married, single) who want to have fellowship together are invited to join in on the 1st Wednesday (March 6) of every month at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a sack lunch and come meet new people! Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**50-UP March 19 @ 5:45pm** - Entertainment this month will be our very own Jim Hall! Our dinner is traditional Potluck. Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a dish. Also, mark the sheet if you need a ride.

**Game Night - March 22 @ 6pm** - EVERYONE is invited to join in. Please bring a favorite game and a snack to share. Just table games in the Fellowship Hall this month. Don't prefer games? Come for the fellowship!

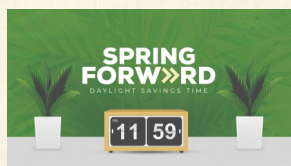
**Good Friday Service, March 29 @ 6:00pm** - Join us for this special service as we remember the sacrifice Christ made for us and look forward to the miracle of Resurrection Sunday.

**Messiah in the Passover** - Sunday, March 17 @ 5:30pm  
Presented by Chosen People Ministries

Join us in the Teen Center for this powerful visual presentation that tells not only the drama of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but also the beautiful story of redemption from the bondage of sin through the atoning work of Jesus. You will have the opportunity to sample a Seder Meal. We will be taking an offering to support their ministry.

Childcare will be available for children age birth to Kindergarten only.

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## *Resurrection Sunday Services*

*Sunday, March 31*

*Sunrise Service ~ 7:00am*

*Fellowship Breakfast ~ 8:00am*

*Contemporary Worship ~ 9:00am*

*Traditional Worship ~ 10:45am*

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

## *Family Easter Event*

*Wednesday, March 27*

*6pm - 8pm*

*Ministry Opportunity! This year, we are not hosting the Eggstravaganza but are instead having a Family Easter Event on Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m. that includes a simple dinner and stations for families to explore. These stations are created to explore the Gospel and the hope we have because of the Resurrection. It is for families of all ages. If you can help create this meaningful event, please contact Pastor Kym at [pastorkym@bethelnazarene.org](mailto:pastorkym@bethelnazarene.org) or sign up on the clipboard in the foyer. This is a great intergenerational opportunity!*

## *Kids Easter Programs*

*Sunday, March 24 for both services*

## **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. Mark your calendars!

**Genesis Camp** - Girls: June 10-12; Boys: June 12-14

**KIDS Camp** - June 24-28

**Sr. High Camp** - June 17-21

**Jr. High Camp** - July 15-19

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### **Elected Church Leadership for 2024-2025**

#### **Church Board:**

Brant Bartlow  
Jaden Bartlow  
Kirk Bartlow  
Tyson Cook  
Zach Dwello  
Jeremy Franklin  
Jesse Franklin  
Fernando Gonzalez  
Jana McKim  
Lynn Nicholson  
Sharon Pilkinton  
Rusty Rogers

#### **NMI Council:** Dave Kerr - President

Kara Franklin  
Jeni Franklin  
Sandy Nicholson  
Jim Abell  
Steve Parke  
Rosa Gonzalez

#### **NDI Board:** Jo Holloway - Superintendent

Danielle Dwello  
Vonnie McDaniel  
Bob Pilkinton  
Natalie Samples  
Leslie Shoemaker