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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

It's already May!! The days have been extended a little later for us to enjoy the beautiful sunshine and it has been wonderful to soak in that Vitamin D!

Life is made up of many different seasons. Each season has a significant purpose in our life, as God designs (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11). God ordained these seasons to mold us into who he intends us to be. They can be good or bad experiences, but they are there to remind us that God makes everything beautiful in its own time (Ecclesiastes 3:11). They bring different experiences and complexities to different people.

May means Graduation season is upon us. We are blessed to celebrate some beautiful rockstars that are entering a whole new season of life.

This is a season where many are making a radical shift. Some are moving up a grade.

While other students are receiving diplomas that mark not only the completion of their studies but also the beginning of new life adventures. A new season. This season provides a great opportunity to celebrate everything these amazing grads have achieved and the promise of what is to come.

Graduation is also a time to look back, not just at the effort that was expended by the student but also by parents, friends, relatives, loved ones, and teachers.

While we walk through this graduation season, will you pray for each of our students to "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3: 18).

Pray that wherever God calls each of these amazing young adults, that they have the desire to "Commit to the Lord whatever you do..." (Proverbs 16:3). To seek the Lord in the plans they venture into and glorify Him and continue to share their beautiful light with the world while pointing others to Christ.

We have some that will be venturing into new territory at new schools in new states, we have some that will learn and travel through YWAM, we have some that will stay home and work or do school local. Pray for them to remain connected wherever they venture.

~Pastor Desiree

Church Events

- May 1 - 3D Kids Awards; Lunch Bunch
- May 2 - National Day of Prayer
- May 4 - Church Work Day!
- May 5 - 3D Kids Sunday; House of Prayer
- May 12 - Mother's Day; Rogers-Bartlow Wedding
- May 15 - Board Meeting
- May 16 - Book Club
- May 19 - Special Guest Flora Mwikali; Grad Sunday
- May 21 - 50-UP Fellowship
- May 24 - Game Night
- May 27 - Memorial Day
- May 31- Rollin' Into Summer

Look what's happening...

National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 2nd is the National Day of Prayer. Look at www.nationaldayofprayer.org for tools on how to pray on this day.

3D Kids Sunday! - Sunday, May 5th we'll hear from the Wednesday night kids' ministry. They will be sharing some verses and music with us in the Sunday morning services.

Missions Service - on May 19th for both morning services we will have Flora Mwikali from New Scent Center in Kenya sharing with us. New Scent rescues girls (and some boys) off the streets of Nairobi, Kenya and provides them with a home, food and schooling. We will be taking a love offering to support her ministry. Come back for our Sunday 6pm service to learn even more.

Lunch Bunch - ALL WOMEN (young, old, married, single) who want to have fellowship together are invited to join in on the 1st Wednesday (May 1) 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 May 21 @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be the Greenleaf Brass. The dinner will be Mom's Favorite Meal. Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a dish. Also, mark the sheet if you need a ride.

Game Night - Friday, May 24 at 6pm. There will be table games in the Fellowship Hall (no gym this month). Bring a snack to share! Don't prefer games? Come for the fellowship.

Rogers-Bartlow Wedding - the families of Tarah Rogers and Jaden Bartlow would like to invite you to their wedding ceremony on Sunday, May 12, 2024 at 7:00pm here at Bethel. Reception to follow in the Teen Center.

CHURCH WORK DAY - May 4, gam to finished!

We have lots of projects that need attention around the building and church grounds. We'll have cleaning projects, maintenance items, landscaping, etc. If you bring your children, you are required to supervise them. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided to all our hard workers!

Thursday Adult Bible Study - We're taking a break for the summer after May 9. We'll start up again in August.

Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club - Thur., May 16 @ 6:30m in Room 106. Our next book will be "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann. Contact Mimi Eshelman @ 208-250-7496 with questions.

Grad Sunday ~ May 19 - we will be celebrating all our Senior High School graduates on Sunday, May 19 during both morning services. We will have pictures and display tables and pray over them as they begin their next adventure in life!

Which leads to **ADOPT-A-GRAD!**...a new ministry that lets our amazing High School graduates know that their church family is supporting, praying and thinking of them. We are looking for individuals or families who are willing to "adopt" a graduated student to pray for them, encourage them with letters once a month, and send them "care packages" on occasion. Sign-up in the foyer and talk with Pastor Des if you have questions.

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. The bottles 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.

Philippians 3:14

*Press on toward
the goal.*

3D KIDS

AWARD NIGHT

May 1 @ 6:30pm

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

Rollin' Into Summer



**Friday, May 31st
6:30pm - 8:00pm
In the back parking lot
and Park area.**

**Bicycles - skate boards -
roller blades - skates -
hover boards - scooters -
and more!**

**Bring your family &
friends for a hot dog
dinner and tons of fun!**