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# BETHEL church

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## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

This week, the inside of the church looked like a scene from The Little Mermaid as kids were taken to an undersea world. Kids came each day dressed in bright colors and as ocean creatures. I heard their sweet (and loud) voices all over the building. I watched them listen to the station leaders with eager expressions and wonder as they explored the lessons centered on our Creator and His love for us. The sanctuary and the halls echoed with kids shouting, "THANKS, GOD!" The kids and leaders thanked God for being a friend we can always trust and for the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus. As kids learned their Bible verses, they got stickers they put on their shirts, hats, and bags. They wore smiles and made new friends. You see, VBS is a week where we intentionally create a space where the kids attention is captured, and they are eager to learn about our wonderful and amazing God. We had kids who learned about Jesus for the first time! Kids who went deeper in their faith! Thank you for all your prayers and commitment to God's work at VBS!

We saw **20 salvations**, and the kids brought in **\$3,000** to help the students at New Scent School in Kenya. Seeing God work and move in the hearts and lives of the kids and leaders is one of my favorite parts of the year. Let's pray for the VBS momentum to continue on all year!

~Pastor Kym

## Church Events

- Aug. 2-4 - Lagoon Trip
- Aug. 4 - Indonesia Team Share
- Aug. 7 - Lunch Bunch
- Aug. 9 - Warrior Camp
- Aug. 11 - Sunday School Promotion; Kids Quizzing starts; House of Prayer
- Aug. 13 - Pickleball Resumes!
- Aug. 15 - Book Club
- Aug. 19 - Rogers' Bridal Shower
- Aug. 20 - 50-UP Fellowship
- Aug. 21 - Board Meeting
- Aug. 25 - Outdoor Service

## Look what's happening...

**Indonesia Team Share** - Sunday, Aug. 4 @ 6pm

The team will be sharing about their recent Work & Witness trip to Indonesia. Come hear how God worked!

**Lunch Bunch** - All ladies are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 7 @ 11:45am**. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**50-UP Fellowship Night ~ August 20 @ 5:45pm - Meet in the Teen Center!**

This event is for anyone age 50 and older. We will be having an Ice Cream Social. Entertainment this month will be the Deer Flat Quartet! Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you'll be able to attend, if you can bring ice cream, or if you need a ride.

**Outdoor Worship - Sunday, August 25 @ 6pm** - Join us for our Sunday night Outdoor Service! 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.

**Pastor Weldon's Bible Study starts again August 29** - Thursdays @ 7pm. They will be diving into the next season of "The Chosen" Series. Anyone is welcome to join in. A light potluck dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall.

**Baptism Service Sunday, August 18 @ 10:30am** - plan now to attend! Talk with Pastor Derek right away if you would like to be baptized.

**Bridal Shower for Trista Rogers** ~ Monday, August 19 @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to come celebrate with Trista as she and Joel prepare for their September 13th wedding.

**Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club August 15 @ 6:30pm** - We will be discussing the book "City of Tranquil Light" by Bo Caldwell. Text Mimi Eshelman @ 208-250-7496 if you would like to attend. They meet in Room 106.

**Celebrate Recovery** - meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in the Teen Center. The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God's healing in our lives through the eight recovery principles found in the Beatitudes and Christ-centered 12 steps. This experience allows us to be changed. We open the door by sharing our experiences, victories, and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God's grace in solving our life problems. Dinner (\$3 donation) is served at 6pm, worship & lesson or testimony is at 6:30pm, and Small groups meet at 7:30pm. Talk with Pastor Josh if you would like more information about this ministry or are willing to serve in this ministry.

### Ready to Serve?

Are you looking for a place to plug in at Bethel? We have several areas of ministry that need extra help. Serving is a great way to meet new people and fellowship with other believers. Contact any one of our pastors in the office during the week and we can help find the right place for you.

**GEARING UP FOR FALL!**  
**WATCH THE BULLETIN**  
**FOR THE START OF OUR**  
**FALL CLASSES.**

**3D Kids starts in**  
**September!**  
**Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**  
**for kids age 3 to**  
**5th grade**  
**Parent meeting is**  
**Sept. 4**  
**Lessons start Sept. 11**  
**Talk with Kaisha**  
**Vanden Bosch or Julie**  
**Baas if you have**  
**questions.**

### Sunday School Promotion Sunday, August 11

**All kids age 4 to 5th grade will promote to their new Sunday School classes! Talk with Kaisha Vanden Bosch or Pastor Kym if you have questions.**

**Talk with Pastor Josh if you have a child promoting to The Path (new 6th grader) or Pastor Des if you have a child promoting to the Sr. High group (new 9th grader).**

### Kids Quizzing starts August 11!

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