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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

This Sunday I'll be preaching on the cost of freedom. The early Americans made many sacrifices and there have been ongoing sacrifices to maintain that freedom, because it can be lost. President Ronald Reagan pointed to this in a speech he gave over 50 years ago. He said, "If we lose freedom here, there is no place to escape to. This is the last stand on earth." Thus, there is a price we continue to pay for the next generation to have freedom.

There is also a great cost involved in following Jesus. The early Christians paid a great price. And many believers since the beginning made great sacrifices for the mission of Christ. It is an ongoing cost and choice.

The good news is that salvation is completely free to us (Eph. 2:8). Yet salvation wasn't free. There was a great cost or price that was paid. We often overlook this as we recite John 3:16; "For God so loved the world that He gave..." What did God give? God gave us His Son as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. Jesus gave His life willingly and suffered greatly for you and me and the whole world.

In this, Jesus invited us to experience His spiritual freedom. However, I think many have learned about this offer but haven't experienced it. We can know about freedom without living free.

Through Jesus, you have been set free from the penalty of your sins and the power of sin. This is great news! Jesus has invited you to experience this spiritual freedom right now. Regardless of your past or what is going on in the present, if you want to be free, say "Yes" to this invitation. Jesus has set you free, and you can live free indeed!

Greater things ahead!

Pastor Derek

Church Events

- July 2 - Lunch Bunch
- July 4 - Independence Day!
- July 6 - House of Prayer
- July 8 - Baby Shower
- July 11-12 - Rummage Sale
- July 14 - Jr. High Camp
- July 16 - Board Meeting
- July 19 - Men's Breakfast
- July 20 - Young Adult Mission Trip Report
- July 21-25 - VBS
- July 27 - Missions Service
- July 30 - Wacky Water Wednesday

Look what's happening...

Lunch Bunch - ALL WOMEN (young, old, married, single) who want to have fellowship together are invited to join in. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on July 2 @ 11:45am. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Fellowship Night -

Tuesday, July 15 @ 5:45pm in the Teen Center

We're having a pie social this month! Entertainment will be Deer Flat Quartet. Sign-up at the Event Table if you can bring a pie and if you need a ride.

House of Prayer - Sunday, July 6 at 6pm. Join us as we lift up our church, our community and our nation in prayer.

Baby Shower for Tarah Bartlow - Tuesday, July 8 @ 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are invited to come celebrate the baby girl coming soon. Don't know Tarah? Come meet her! Tarah and Jaden will be welcoming their daughter in August.

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, July 19 @ 8am

All men are invited to come for a yummy breakfast and a message from the Word. (Speaker TBD). Meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Missions Services - July 20 @ 6pm we'll hear a report from the Young Adults that went to Guatemala. July 27 @ 6pm we'll hear from Joel & Kristin Burchfiel who serve in the Eurasia Region. We'll be taking a love offering for Joel & Kristin.

Wacky Water Wednesday - July 30 | 6-8pm

This is a night where we gather and invite all our friends from VBS and our church congregation to come and have fun! There will be a giant Slip 'N Slide on our back hill and a GIANT water slide inflatable coming. Kona Shaved Ice truck will be there and each person gets **ONE** complimentary shaved ice at the event. Come get wet! Or just enjoy the fellowship.

KIDS Quizzing Coming in August!

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

The parent meeting will be **July 13th** during fellowship time in Bethel Kids Dept.

VBS Training - all VBS volunteers must attend one of the two trainings. July 12 @ 9am or July 15 @ 7pm. Directors Kaisha & Lydia will share the theme for this year and how we can smoothly help the kids through the VBS activities. **We still need VOLUNTEERS!**

RUMMAGE SALE - July 11 (Friday 9-2p) & July 12 (Saturday 8-2p)

We'll collect your treasures starting Monday, July 7 through that Friday. We could use extra help with sorting and cleanup; talk with Pastor Josh if you can help. All proceeds will go toward the Teens attending NYC26 in Salt Lake City next summer.

**Pray for Pastor Josh, our campers & counselors going to Jr. High Camp July 14-18.*

Vacation Bible School

July 21-25 | 9:00am to Noon

"TRUE NORTH": Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

Ages 3 (potty trained) to 5th grade. Registration is open online, in the Church app or QR code.



Sign-up to Volunteer at the Event Table in the foyer!! Talk with Director Kaisha for elementary questions or Director Lydia for Preschool questions.

