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# BETHEL church

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## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

If you've ever been combat fishing on the Russian River in Alaska, you know it's not your average quiet day on the water. Shoulder to shoulder with strangers, rods swinging, lines tangling, boots slipping on wet rocks—it's fishing at its wildest.

And yet, in this intense and often frustrating chaos, there's a powerful spiritual metaphor: God calls us to fish not in calm waters, but in the messiness of real life. Here are four things I observed and learned while participating in this event in Alaska.

1. Fishing in Close Quarters - When Jesus called His disciples to become "fishers of men," He wasn't calling them to a peaceful retreat. He was sending them into the crowded, noisy, complicated world—full of spiritual entanglements, resistance, and confusion.

Combat fishing demands focus amid distraction, patience among people, and grace when lines cross. Similarly, Christian witness requires:

**Courage** to stand shoulder to shoulder with the broken.

**Endurance** to keep casting truth in a spiritually chaotic world.

**Humility** to deal graciously with tangled lives.

2. The One that Got Away - In combat fishing, you don't always land what you hook. Sometimes the fish slip away. In the same way, not every effort to share Christ leads to immediate fruit. But Jesus never told us to measure success by results—just by faithfulness. "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

3. Stay Anchored - In those Alaskan rivers, one misstep can sweep you downstream. In combat fishing—and in life—you need a firm footing. Spiritually, that foundation is Christ.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." — Psalm 46:1 Staying rooted in prayer, the Word, and fellowship helps you stand firm, even when life gets turbulent.

4. The Joy of the Catch - Despite the chaos, when you finally land a silver salmon, there's exhilaration. The same joy is echoed in heaven when one sinner repents. "There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." — Luke 15:10

The reward of kingdom fishing isn't in our glory—it's in God's. We join heaven in celebrating lives changed for eternity.

### **Closing Thought:**

Combat fishing is unpredictable, messy, and exhausting—but it's worth it. So is the Christian life. Jesus has called us not to comfort, but to engagement—to cast our nets in the fray, knowing He is with us, empowering us, and preparing a harvest we may not yet see. So put on your spiritual waders, grab your Gospel rod, and fish on—even when it's combat.

~Pastor Weldon

## Church Events

- Aug. 3 - House of Prayer
- Aug. 5 - Pickleball Open Gym starts
- Aug. 6 - Lunch Bunch
- Aug. 10 - Promotion Sunday
- Aug. 14 - Pastor Weldon's Thur. Class
- Aug. 16 - Men's Clay Shoot
- Aug. 19 - 50-UP Fellowship
- Aug. 20 - Board Meeting
- Aug. 21 - Book Club
- Aug. 24 - Outdoor Service
- Aug. 29 - Ladies' Game Night
- Aug. 31 - Family Sunday (kids in service)



# Look what's happening...

**Lunch Bunch** - All ladies are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on **August 6 @ 11:45am**. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

**50-UP Fellowship Night ~ August 19 @ 5:45pm** - This event is for anyone age 50 and older. We will be having an Ice Cream Social and lite finger food. Entertainment this month will be a fashion show with some of our own talent providing background music! Please sign up at the Event Table if you'll be able to attend, if you can bring ice cream or mini sandwiches, or if you need a ride.



**GROW GROUPS!!!** Small Groups Fall Kick Off! We are launching small group ministry in September at Bethel! Do you want to take the next step in growing your faith in Jesus? Sign up to learn more about being part of a Grow Group! They are groups of people wanting to grow in their faith and in fellowship with others, all centered around Jesus! The groups will have time in the Bible, fellowship, and prayer! There will be groups that meet each week and others that will meet twice a month. Specify your preference. Take the next step and come be a part of a Grow Group! If you have any questions, contact Pastor Kym at [pastorkym@bethelnazarene.org](mailto:pastorkym@bethelnazarene.org). Sign up at the Event Table or with the QR code.



**Outdoor Worship - Sunday, August 24 @ 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. 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.

**Ladies' Game Night - Friday, August 29th @ 7pm** - All Bethel Ladies! Let's get together for a game of bunko and fellowship! Meet in the Fellowship Hall and please bring a snack to share.

**Save-the-Date - Bethel Ladies' Fall Tea** - Saturday, September 20th @ 2pm. Cost is \$10/person and tickets will be available for purchase in the foyer soon.

**Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club August 21 @ 6:30pm** - We will be discussing the book "King Solomon's Mines" by Sir H. Rider Haggard. Text Mimi Eshelman @ 208-250-7496 if you would like to attend. They meet in Room 106.

**Greek Word Studies for Everyone** - A beginner level, 8 week class to prepare you to do your own word studies on the original Greek words and understand Bible commentaries that discuss the Greek. Led by Paul Lorenzen with Video Lessons by the book author. Book, \$15, available in class. **Starts Sept. 7, 4:45pm-5:45pm, Room 112.**

**Pure Desire Event!** - Our society is sexually charged, and pornography is readily available to anyone with a screen. With this being our reality, how can we help our children have a healthy understanding of sex?

**Sunday, Sept. 14** for both morning services we will be welcoming special guests Rodney & Traci Wright, authors of the book "How to Talk with Your Kids About Sex". They will be sharing their personal journey of recovery and hope. There will be a follow-up seminar event that Sunday evening at 5:30pm at College Church (no evening service here). There is NO cost to attend the event.

Childcare for children from infants to 5th grade is available, but you must register for childcare at this QR code:



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BETHEL BREW IS OPEN!  
1ST & 3RD SUNDAYS  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE  
MINISTRY OF THE MONTH.  
AUGUST: NEW SCENT CENTER

**3D Kids starts in September with New Times!**  
~Wednesdays~  
**6:30pm - 7:30pm for kids age 3 to 5th grade**  
**Lessons start Sept. 10**  
**Talk with Kaisha Vanden Bosch or Lydia Finger if you have questions.**

## Sunday School Promotion

### Sunday, August 10

All kids age 3 (by Aug. 31) to 5th grade will promote to their new Sunday School classes! Talk with Kaisha Vanden Bosch or Lydia Finger if you have questions.

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

## Upward Basketball

Our 2026 season will be open for registration on September 2! Check our website or app for the link to sign up.

Upward is for kids age Kindergarten to 6th grade that want to learn basketball or cheerleading.

Games & practices are here at Bethel.

## Men's Clay Shoot

Saturday, Aug. 16th | lunch @ noon, shoot @ 1pm

Cost is \$20 per course; bring own gun & ammo

BBQ lunch provided for \$ donation

Sign-up at the Event Table so we can bring enough food. Talk with Scott or Markus for ?'s.

@ Idaho Sporting Clays in Homedale.