

## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

SEX. This word elicits a response or emotion from all of us. For some, it means your gender, for others, it is a gift God gave to married people, and for others, it represents betrayal, trauma, or addiction. Regardless of what you experience when you read this word, it is one we need to be comfortable using. You see, the culture uses this word. This word saturates much of society, but sex, as defined by the world, leads people into sin and often addiction or ongoing battles and struggles. Wouldn't you like to know there is a way to change the dialogue about sex? There are ways to speak of it with our children and grandchildren that will help create a healthy perspective on this. We can do the work to leave a legacy of Godhonoring sexuality for our families and generations to come.

One of the first commands God gave was to Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply. It involved the act of sex. So from creation, God designed us as sexual beings. We need to know how God intends for us to live out healthy and God honoring lives, rightly living out our sexuality.

We are all sexual beings, whether married or single. God made us for relationships with one another, for intimacy and connection. Embracing God's plan and design will help our relationships with one another thrive and grow.

On Sunday, September 14, at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., we have invited authors and speakers, Rodney and Traci Wright, to share with Bethel out of their 30+ years of ministry in this arena, helping people have a God-honoring and healthy perspective of their sexuality. Then that evening at College Church, we are sponsoring the Wrights to continue the dialogue about how to help us and our children have healthy conversations about sex.

Starting on Sunday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. I am facilitating a Parent Training Course using Wright's material. I encourage all parents and grandparents to consider joining this course. Let's create a healthy and Biblically accurate way to talk about God's plan for our sexual health.

~Pastor Kym

# **Church Events**

- Sept. 3 Lunch Bunch
- Sept. 7 Legacy Sunday;
   Teen BBQ Fundraiser;
   House of Prayer
- Sept. 10 Widows' Brunch; Fall Ministry starts; Missionary Service
- Sept. 13 Grandparent Breakfast
- Sept. 14 Pure Desire Event
- Sept. 16 50-UP
- Sept. 17 Board Meeting
- Sept. 18 Book Club
- Sept. 20 Ladies' Fall Tea
- Sept. 26-27 Men's Smokin' Competition
- Sept. 28 Baby Day; Outdoor Service

# Look what's happening...

Lunch Bunch - All ladies are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sep. 3 @ 11:45am. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Fellowship Night ~ Sept. 16 @ 5:45pm -

This event is for anyone age 50 and older. Our meal this month will be Favorite Potluck dish. Entertainment this month will be the Joyful Sounds! Please signup for your dish or if you need a ride at the Event Table.

Widows' Brunch - Wednesday, Sept. 10 @ 11am

Come for a time of food, fellowship, and a devotional shared by Theresa Tygart.

The sign-up sheet is on the Event Table. Please RSVP there or by putting it on a Connect Card.

Outdoor Worship - Sunday, Sept. 28 @ 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.

<u>Pastor Weldon's Bible Study</u> - Thursdays @ 7pm starting September 4. Anyone is welcome to join in. A light potluck dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall.

Grandparent Breakfast Potluck ~ Sat., Sept. 13 @ 9am -

Join other grandparents who desire their grandchildren to know Christ and how to best intentionally connect with them. Bring a breakfast dish to share. We will also watch a video that will bless and inform you, then enjoy a time of prayer and encouragement. Sign-up at the Event Table.

### **Pure Desire Ministry**

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### Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 9:00am & 10:45am

Rodney & Traci Wright, authors of "How to Talk with Your Kids About Sex" will share their personal journey of recovery and hope here at Bethel.

# Sunday, Sept. 14 @ 5:30pm At College Church of the Nazarene

The Wrights will lead a can't-miss seminar for all parents, grandparents, and anyone who wants to help the children in their lives to have a healthy conversation about sex. There is NO COST to the seminar. Hosted by College Church & Bethel, but anyone is invited to attend.

# <u>Parenting Training Course</u> <u>Starting Sunday, Sept. 21 @ 5:30pm</u>

10-week class discussing the book "How to Talk with Your Kids About Sex" (available on Amazon).
Sign-up using the QR code below.

This course helps you build a framework that will give you tools, perspectives, and language that are practical and applicable as you have conversations with your children about sex. Let's teach our children and grandchildren a healthier pathway so they can best manage their sexuality as God intends.

Teen BBQ Fundraiser ~ Sunday, Sept. 7 @ noon - Join us in the Teen Center right after 2nd service for a yummy BBQ lunch! Grab a burger and some sides and enjoy a time of fellowship. All donations will go toward the teens headed to NYC26 in Salt Lake City next summer!

Faith Promise Celebration - Sunday, Oct. 5, 9am & 10:45am Missionary Guests are Bob & Colleen Skinner Come hear how God is working in the world and pray about your Faith Promise Pledge for the next year. Faith Promise is our way of raising funds to support and fund the spread of the Gospel around the world. We consider Faith Promise a form of worship by stepping out in faith and relying on God to provide the funds that we might not see. We will also be taking a love offering for the Skinners and the Coffee Cart ministry proceeds will go to them that morning.

An **All-Church Luncheon** will take place in the Teen Center following the 2nd Service. Sunday school classes will decorate booths to represent the different Nazarene Regions around the globe. Plan now to attend.

Men's Smokin' Competition - Friday to Saturday, September 26-27. Competition starts Friday night in the back parking lot. Bring your sleeping bag! Then taste test competition will be Saturday evening. Families are invited to the Saturday dinner feast. Talk with Scott Slater or Markus Holloway with questions.

Ladies' Fall Tea "Steeped in Christ"- Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies, school age and older, are invited to this dress-up affair for tea, sandwiches, and scones. We'll be focusing on "steeping" ourselves more deeply in Christ with a special devotional led by Melody Bunn. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available in the foyer or church office starting August 24. Plan now to attend!

#### Missionary Service - Wednesday, Sept. 10 @ 6:30pm

We will be having Zach and Rachel Kier here to share about Free Burma Rangers. Come learn about their ministry and find out how we can support the people in Burma. We will be taking a love offering.