

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." – Philippians 1:6

s I'm writing this, we have started our revival services. And by the time you read this, our revival services will have passed. What now? Well, though the services are over, what God does in our lives is not over. One of the things I wanted to touch on in this letter is the need to continue from what God does in revival.

First, why have revival? Well, like some of you have heard me say, revival doesn't happen just sitting at home doing nothing. It happens with the intentional seeking of God, so as a church we set aside time for this. The good thing about revival is that it breaks up some of the stagnate patterns we develop. We tend to have busy (or lazy) schedules where God gets pushed to the side, which leads to drifting and losing passion for Christ.

Revival services interrupt our patterns so God can be first again. It allows us to be more intimate with God and to hear from Him. We have to draw near to hear His "Wisper." The Bible teaches us that when we draw close to Him He will draw close to us. A lady once asked a revivalist preacher, "Why do you keep having those revival services?" He answered, "Why do you keep taking baths?" The point is that Christianity is not a one and done ordeal. We have to keep seeking God and continue to be cleansed by Him.

So here it is, what God began in your life is not over. You met with God and He met with you. Don't let this time be something that just fades and is forgotten. Whatever God spoke to you about. Whatever new thing He did in your life, continue in that. Continue to seek Him with all of your heart. If you do, you will continue in the spirit of revival.

Greater things ahead!

Pastor Derek

Church Events

- Nov. 1 Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 2 House of Prayer
- Nov. 5 Lunch Bunch;
 Solo Mama Closet
- Nov. 9 Membership Class
- Nov. 18 50-UP Fellowship
- Nov. 19 Board Meeting
- Nov. 20 Book Club
- Nov. 23 Gratitude Sunday
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving
- Nov. 30 Family Sunday;
 Advent Fair

Look what's happening...

<u>Lunch Bunch</u> - All ladies are invited to bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall on <u>Nov. 5</u> <u>@ 11:45am</u>. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

Membership Class - Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 12:15pm.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and a chance to learn about the Nazarene Church. Pastor Derek will lead you through some church history, what we believe, and what it means to become a member at Bethel. Please signup on the clipboard at the Event Table if you can attend.

Baptism Class - Pastor Kym will be offering a class for kids and adults to learn about baptism. It will be Nov. 12 @ 5pm. Dinner is provided. Please sign up at the Event Table if you would like to attend this specific class.

50-UP Fellowship Night ~ Nov. 18 @ 5:45pm - This event is for anyone age 50 and older. Join us for a Turkey & Ham Dinner! We need you to bring the side dishes. Entertainment this month will be the Senior Center Choir! Please signup if you can attend, which side dish you can bring, and if you need a ride at the Event Table.

Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club - Nov. 20 @ 6:30pm - We will be discussing the book "Silence" by Shusaku Endo. Text Mimi Eshelman @ 208-250-7496 if you would like to attend. They meet in Room 106.

New Wednesday Night Class - Pastor Derek will be teaching the class "Misguiding Lights" on Wednesdays @ 6:30pm in Room 106 starting November 5. This class is a scriptural evaluation of the gospel according to other religions including Mormons, Islam, Transcendental Meditation, Satanism, etc. Contact Pastor Derek with questions.

<u>Grow Groups</u> - It's not too late to join! If you are interested in joining a small group (Grow Group) contact Pastor Kym (pastorkym@bethelnazarene.org) and she can

get you plugged in.

IOWA Elementary needs -

Wednesday, November 19th at 4pm is our service day at Iowa Elementary. They need help with the Food Box ministry after school that day. Contact Pastor Kym if you can help families fill food boxes at the school.

Food needs: peanut butter/jelly/bread, spaghetti sauce & noodles, individually wrapped snacks, cereal packs, single-serve shelf table milk, easy mac, ramen, fruit/applesauce pouches, etc.

Family Sunday - November 30 (both services)

This Sunday, children are encouraged to sit in services with their families to experience Big Church. Classes will still be available for kids who have parents involved in ministry.



ADVENT FAIR NOVEMBER 30 @ 6PM TEEN CENTER

What is Advent and how do we celebrate it?

Come to this fun, all-church event to learn about Advent and fellowship with your church family. We will learn about Advent, sing some songs, do an Advent craft, and break bread together. Please bring a pot of soup or chili, or bread/cheese/crackers to share. Dessert is provided. A \$5 donation per family is appreciated to cover costs.



We are looking for more helpers to brew and serve coffee at Bethel Brew on Sunday mornings so that we can be open every Sunday! Contact Addie Franklin (addisonfranklin@my.nnu.edu) if you are interested. All proceeds from Bethel Brew go to a Missions cause. This month proceeds are helping teens go to NYC26.



We have some teens earning their way to NYC26 in Salt Lake City next summer. Do you have some ODD JOBS that you need help with? Hire one of our awesome teens! Contact KayLynn Pentecost at 208-412-1967, or KayLynn@bethelnazarene.org and she will help make arrangements. Donations need to be made payable to Bethel and we will make sure it gets in their account.