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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

The weather is getting warmer. Schools are coming to an end. Graduations and graduation parties are popping up all over the place. This can only mean one thing; summer is upon us. Summer can be a busy time of the year. But it is a different kind of busy. Summer can bring families together through camping, boating, swimming, vacations, and many more outdoor activities. Summer can also be a time where we become relaxed in our faith. We must try to balance the relaxation of being away from work and school and make sure we do not relax in our relationship with Christ.

I have had a lot of time in the last week of May to think about the time that I spend on all the different areas of my life. At one point I was laying in bed praying that God would take away a physical pain I was having. Later I was thinking how often I lay awake at night thanking God for all that he blesses me with. You see, it is easy for us to go to God when we are hurting or in a crisis, but when things are going well, we tend to take it for granted. Romans 8:31 "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

The struggle is real. God does not want us to perform this balancing act on our own. The Holy Spirit is always with us every step of the way. So as summer is fast approaching, I would like to challenge you not to get too relaxed in your faith. Find a way to stay in God's word daily even though your schedule has changed. Do not wait for crisis to come for your communication with our heavenly father to continue. Let this be the summer that you give God all the glory for the many blessings that he has given you. God loves you so much!

~Pastor Josh

Church Events

- June 2 - House of Prayer & Membership Service
- June 5 - Lunch Bunch
- June 9 - Membership Service
- June 10 - Genesis Camp
- June 16 - Father's Day!
- June 17 - Sr. High Camp
- June 18 - 50-UP
- June 19 - Board Meeting
- June 20 - Book Club
- June 21 - Game Night
- June 22 - Grandparent Ministry Potluck
- June 23 - Membership Service
- June 24 - Kids' Mega Camp
- June 28 - Teen W&W Trip
- June 30 - Patriotic Service - combined worship

Look what's happening...

What does it mean to be Nazarene? - we are changing the format of Membership Class for June. We are utilizing the Sunday Evening service to share with everyone the history of the Nazarene Church and what membership looks like. Services will be June 2, 9, 23 at 6pm and those interested in becoming members will have a follow-up meeting with Pastor Derek.

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 June 5 @ 11:45am. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP June 18 @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be the Kevin Wallis! We will be serving "Dad's Favorite Casserole". Please signup at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a casserole. Also, mark the sheet if you need a ride.

Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center

Please remember to return your baby bottle full of your change/cash/checks by **Father's Day, Sunday, June 16**. Your change will change the lives of those in need in our community.

Game Night - Friday, June 21 at 6pm. There will be table games in the Fellowship Hall (no gym this month). Bring a snack to share! Don't prefer games? Come for the fellowship.

Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club - Thur., June 20 @ 6:30pm in Room 106. Our next book will be "A Rose Blooms Twice" by Vikki Kestell. Anyone is welcome to join in. Please let Mimi Eshelman (208-250-7496) know you are coming.

Grandparent Ministry Potluck - Saturday, June 22 @ 9am. All grandparents are invited to come fellowship and meet other grandparents. Bring a breakfast dish to share. Contact Sharon Bartlow with questions.

Pray for our campers...

Please be in prayer for our kids and adult leaders heading to camp at Trinity Pines in Cascade this month.

Genesis camp - June 10-14

Pastor Kym & Scott will be directing this camp along with other Bethel helpers.

KIDS Mega camp - June 24-28

WE NEED COUNSELORS FOR THIS CAMP!!!

Sr. High camp - June 17-21

Pastor Josh and Pastor Des will be a camp counselors.

Please also pray for safe travel, good health, and spiritual renewal!

We have an app for that!

We have a new **Bethel app** available through Ministry Brands/ Amplify (our church management software)! It features links to pastor's sermons, mobile giving, share prayer requests and more! Coming soon...a new church directory within the same app. Search "My Church Home" in your app store and search for Bethel by our zip code, 83686. The app uses the same log-in as your Amplify account. Don't have an Amplify account yet? You can set one the first time you log-in to the app. Contact the office with your questions.

If you still have the old PushPay Bethel app, it is no longer in service and can be uninstalled. We'll also discontinue our Instant Church Directory app in the next couple of months.

Kid/Youth Min.

Summer Bible Reading Program - June 2 - August 4

Encouraging kids to read their Bibles this summer! Grab a Bible Adventure Booklet and a handful of "Tell Me" slips from Pastor Kym. Dig into the activities and fill out "Tell Me" slips as you complete them. We'll collect the completed tags and put them in a drawing for prizes at the end of summer. Contact Pastor Kym with questions.

Popsicles-at-the-Park - join us Thursdays (10:30am to noon) in the summer out at the Bethel Park! Come play and hangout with Pastor Kym and Ms. Lydia. Feel free to bring your lunch as well. Popsicles will be served at noon. We'll start **June 6**. See you there!

****Youth Ministry** - there will be a modified summer schedule for Jr. & Sr. High ministry. Please contact Pastor Des (pastordes@bethelnazarene.org) or Pastor Josh (pastorjosh@bethelnazarene.org) to be added to their email lists. We are also on Socials...Bethel Teens or BethelTeens208.

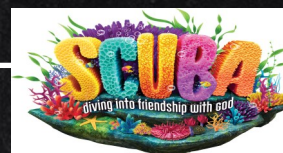
Teen W&W Trip to Guatemala starts June 28. Please pray!

Vacation Bible School

July 22-26 | 9:00am to Noon

SCUBA | Diving Into Friendship w/God

Save-the-Date | Sign-up to Volunteer



Annual Patriotic Service & Church Picnic

Sunday, June 30th @ 10:30am

This is the service where we honor our active military and veterans and celebrate our great country. The service will be at 10:30am (one service only; no Sunday school or childcare) and the picnic will be right after service out at the Bethel Park area. Chicken, water and tableware will be provided. Please bring **SIDE DISHES and DESSERTS** to share. Lawn chairs and awnings are also handy.

