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# BETHEL church

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## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”  
(Mark 16:15)

Years ago, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, John Adams wrote, “My friend, you and I have lived in serious times.” And they did. We now can only read and wonder about the seriousness they faced in the time surrounding the Revolutionary War as our nation fought to achieve its independence.

As serious as that time was, we as God’s people live in serious spiritual times. And so far, in our sermon series, “Politics for Citizens of Heaven,” we have learned about the fact that it is a time to stand, a time to speak, and beyond that, it is also a time to remember that we are sent.

We as Christians are a saved people, a sanctified people, and a sent people. This has been the mission from the beginning. Jesus commanded us to go into all the world. As much as we love our country we have a global mission on our hands. We are called to help get the good news of Jesus into every country, which is an exciting adventure to be a part of. I am so thankful to be a part of Bethel, where we’re fully engaged in the mission. As a church, we are presently sending out two work and witness teams within a week of each other, which is inspiring.

In Jesus’ words, some have translated the, “Go into all the world,” as “As you go into all the world.” Or, As you go to work, or the grocery store. Or as you go home, or on vacation; remember to proclaim the gospel. So, regardless of how serious things become in our world, we are still a sent people. We share and shine the goodness of God wherever we go; globally or locally. Let’s keep up the great work in this great mission!

Happy Independence Day to you all,  
Greater things ahead!

*Pastor Derek*

## Church Events

- July 3 - Lunch Bunch
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 7 - House Prayer
- July 10 - 50-UP Field Trip
- July 12 - All-Church Picnic
- July 15 - Jr. High Camp
- July 16 - 50-UP Fellowship
- July 17 - Board Meeting
- July 18 - Book Club
- July 19 - Game Night
- July 21 - Teen W&W Report
- July 22-26 - VBS
- July 28 - Outdoor Service
- July 31 - Wacky Water Wednesday!

# Look what's happening...

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

## **50-UP Fellowship Night ~ July 16 @ 5:45pm -**

This month we will be having a pie social! Entertainment will be our very own Ben Thomas! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you can bring a pie, if you'll be able to attend and if you need a ride.

## **50-UP Field Trip -** Wednesday, July 10 @ 8:45am.

We'll be headed to Cleo's Ferry in Melba. We'll be serving Chuck Wagon Grub! (Cowboy beans, potato salad, cornbread, cookies, coffee). Bring water, good walking shoes, a lawn chair for lunch, sunscreen and a hat if needed. No cost this time. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk if you can go so we have enough food.

## **All-Church Summer Picnic!** - Friday, July 12 @ 6pm

Join us out at the Bethel Park! Bring your picnic dinner. Bethel Women's Ministry Team will be serving sliced watermelon and root beer floats! Do you ever feel like you don't know people that go to the opposite Sunday service as you? Or are you relatively new to Bethel and want to get plugged in? This is a great way to mingle and meet new people! Bethel is a family so come hangout together! Feel free to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets. Some seating will be provided.

**Outdoor Service - Sunday, July 28 @ 6pm** - Join us for our first Outdoor Service of the summer! David & Rhonda Ackerman from the Asia Pacific Region will be sharing with us. We'll meet out under the Picnic Shelter for a service and time of fellowship (weather permitting). 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.

**VBS Training** - all VBS volunteers must attend one of the two trainings. July 13 @ 9am or July 16 @ 7pm. Pastor Kym will share the theme for this year and how we can smoothly help the kids through the VBS activities.

## **\*WE STILL NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!!**

**VBS Decorating & Clean-up** - ALL HANDS ON DECK! We'll be decorating the church for VBS on Saturday, July 20 at 9am and Sunday, July 21 at 4pm until we are done. We can also use help on July 26 @ noon to tear everything down.

**Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club** - July's book is "Watership Down". We will be meeting July 18 @ 6:30pm in Room 106. Text Mimi Yoda-Eshelman at 208-250-7496 if you would like to attend.

**Church Library News** - yes, we have one! Come check it out on Sundays or open office hours. If you've had books for longer than a couple of months, will you please bring them back? They are working on doing inventory of our books. Thanks!

## Mission Trips

Please be in prayer for our 20 teenagers and 8 sponsors in Guatemala the first week of July. And the team of 13 headed to Indonesia on July 2. Pray for safe travels, health, and that God would work in their lives. The Teens will be sharing on July 21 @ 6pm and the Indonesia Team will be sharing Aug. 4 @ 6pm.

## Summer Camp

Please be in prayer for Pastor Josh & Pastor Des, our campers and counselors as they head up to Trinity Pines in Cascade for a week filled with fun, faith and adventure!

**Jr. High Camp:** July 15-19

## BETHEL KIDS News!

### Vacation Bible School

July 22-26 ~ 9am to Noon

Ages 3 (potty trained) to 6th grade

Sign-up through the link on our website or the QR code in the foyer. Invite your friends and get ready for a great week at SCUBA VBS: Diving Into Friendship with God.

We need LOTS of Volunteers (adults) to make this run smoothly. Sign-up in the foyer or talk with Pastor Kym or Kaisha Vanden Bosch.

### 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 Acts 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 28th during fellowship time.

### Wacky Water Wednesday

July 31 from 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.

### Lagoon 2024 ~ August 2-4

Cost is \$120 and includes park ticket, meals there, and housing. First deadline is July 10! Ticket price goes up after this date. Final deadline is July 21. Talk with Pastor Des or Pastor Josh if you and/or your teen (going into 7th grade and older) would like to go. You can pay online or in the office. Mark it "Lagoon". If you want to tag-along with the group but find your own housing, just the ticket is \$83 until July 10 (purchased thru the church); \$123 after July 10.