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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

What a year 2024 was for us all! Each of us has our own stories to tell of the joys we had, the trials we endured, and the heartaches that came along the way. In all those times – joy, sorrow, struggles – we serve the God of all hope. It is important to realize how vital hope is in our lives. Even Winston Churchill described the greatest weapon England had was “hope.” Hope is like a light shining in the darkness, showing us that not all is dark and desolate. The hope that never leaves us and sustains us is found only in Christ.

As we welcome 2025, I am praying for each of us that the hope of Christ will reign in our hearts and lives. I pray that when we face trials, relationships end or are damaged when we are persecuted for our faith, and we lose that which is dear to us; we will have hope. That this hope will fill us with joy and peace as we trust the Lord to carry us through. This hope to which we cling is desperately needed in our world. Many people are asking if there is more to life than what they see and suffer through. There is! It is in Jesus, the author of hope!

This verse is my prayer for us at Bethel Church: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as your trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13 Will you join me in asking the Lord to help you overflow with hope to the world around you? Let’s be invite-crazy, inviting people to meet the author of our faith and source of all hope – Jesus! As we say at Bethel, “Come, follow Jesus with me.”

~Pastor Kym Slater

Church Events

- Jan. 5 - Liberty Quartet
- Jan. 6 - Upward Season Starts!
- Jan. 8 - Lunch Bunch; Solo Mamas Closet; Wed. Night Ministry starts again
- Jan. 11 - Embrace Grace Baby Shower
- Jan. 12 - House of Prayer; Kids' Dept. Training
- Jan. 13 - Young Adult Min.
- Jan. 15 - Board Meeting
- Jan. 16 - Book Club
- Jan. 19 - Wesleyan Covenant Service; Young Adult W&W Fundraiser Dinner
- Jan. 21 - 50-UP Fellowship
- Jan. 24-26 - Teen Retreat
- Jan. 27 - Young Adult Min.

Look what's happening...

Liberty Quartet in concert! Sunday, Jan. 5 @ 6pm

Join us for this fun night of Southern Gospel music! We will be taking a Love Offering to support their ministry. Please make gifts out to "Liberty Quartet".

Lunch Bunch Jan. 8th @ 11:45am - All women (young, old, single, married) are invited for this fun time of fellowship. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the Fellowship Hall. Call Bertie @ 208-800-7541 if you have any questions.

50-UP Fellowship Jan. 21st @ 5:45pm - Entertainment this month will be Crescendo Senior Adult Choir. The meal will be Homemade Soup. Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk to bring a pot of soup. Also signup if you need a ride.

Novel Ideas & Slice of Life Book Club - Thursday, Jan. 16 @ 6:30pm. Join us for lively discussion and friendly fellowship. We are reading the book "Glastonbury" by Donna Fletcher Crow. The author of this book will be with us for the meeting. Text Mimi Eshelman @ 208-250-7496 if you would like to attend. They meet in Room 106.

Secret Sister Prayer Ministry - We will be drawing names for the new year after January 12! There are new Secret Sister forms available by the Event Table, please get them back to the office by **January 12**. Secret Sister is first and foremost a prayer ministry. It gives you the opportunity to pray specifically for a sister in Christ throughout the year. The monthly gift should just be a small token (\$10 or less) to say you're thinking about them. Talk with Jackie Thornton if you have questions.

Young Adult Guatemala Fundraiser! - Sunday, January 19 @ noon join is in the Teen Center for dinner and a Dessert Auction. They will be serving a baked potato bar with auction following. They need desserts! If you are able to donate a "fancy" dessert for the auction, please contact Jeni Franklin. All donations will help our Young Adult team with their fees to get to Guatemala this summer.

Man Camp 2025 - February 7-9, 2025 at Trinity Pines Camp in Cascade, Idaho. They will have special speaker, fun activities and fellowship time! The cost is \$100 per person due by Feb. 2. Use the QR code to register. Contact Pastor Derek or Pastor Josh with questions.



Financial Peace University - New Class starts February 2 at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Kits are \$65 each. Pastor Bob & Curtis Root will be facilitating the class.

Christmas Cards! Check the "mailbox" in the foyer for cards you may have received! We are only leaving it out until Christmas décor is put away.

Heart of the Home Class - Starting Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:30pm (running for 5 weeks) we will begin a video series based on the book "Habits of the Household" by Justin Whitmel Earley. This series introduces very practical and accessible ways to disciple your children through habits, the things we all do daily. You will discover in this series how, as we do the routine things in our families, we will find extraordinary opportunities to live out the love of God in profound ways. This is a series I would have loved when I was in the thick of raising my own kids. I think you will find it encouraging and insightful. Come join other like-minded parents on a 5-week journey as we go through this valuable material together. If you want the accompanying book, you can order it on Amazon or other retailers. Please reach out to Pastor Kym if you have any questions or to let her know if you plan to join the class.

Kids' Dept. Training ~ Sunday, Jan. 12 @ 12:15pm - The Reach Hurting Kids Workshop is a four part video-based workshop for volunteers to have the tools to help kids affected by trauma. Lunch and childcare are provided. Anyone who volunteers with children in any department (and parents!) is encouraged to attend! Please sign up with the QR code so we know how many people to expect. Sessions will be quarterly.



Membership Class - 3 week class starts Wed., Jan. 8th from 6-8pm. Signup at the Event Table if you would like to learn more about the Nazarene Church.

2024 Contribution Statements - Statements will be emailed to the address we have on file by the end of January for donors having given a single gift of \$500 or more in 2024. If you need a printed copy of your statement or if you don't see it in your email, please contact Amy in the church office.

Celebrate Recovery ~ A New Year has begun!

We are starting with Lesson 1 on Thursday, Jan. 2. Denial ~ "a self-protecting behavior that keeps us from honestly facing the truth". And Principle 1 "Realize I'm not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable." Come find help for your hurts, habits and hang-ups every **Thursday night at 6:30pm**. Light dinner is served at 6pm.