

THIS WEEK AT BETHEL

SUNDAY, September 15

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Services

MONDAY, September 16

6:00 p.m. - Prayer Team
7:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer

TUESDAY, September 17

9:00 a.m. - WillowWood Preschool
5:15 p.m. - Taekwondo

WEDNESDAY, September 18

6:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. - Bannerman Partners
Meeting
9:30 a.m. - Oasis
8:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

THURSDAY, September 13

9:00 a.m. - WillowWood Preschool
5:15 p.m. - Taekwondo
7:00 p.m. - Worship Practice
7:00 p.m. - Toastmasters

FRIDAY, September 14

7:00 p.m. - Youth

SATURDAY, September 15

11:30 a.m. - Karen Parenting Group

OUR MISSION:

Becoming Like Christ & Sharing Him with Others.

OUR CORE COMMITMENTS:

Communion: Walking with Christ

Community: Loving one another

Calling: Impacting the world

To learn more about Bethel's Mission and Vision, visit the church website at www.discoverbethel.com

TEENS! Check out Bethel Youth at www.bethelyouth.com.



WELCOME! It's so good that you're here today! If you need assistance during your visit, please do not hesitate to visit the "Welcome Desk" at the back of the sanctuary, or talk with an usher. There are large print Bibles on the Membership Desk to use during the service.

TODAY'S SERVICE

We are beginning an eight-part series of messages today. You can read all about it in this week's Pastor's Corner. The first message is called "Stepping out in Faith," and it is based on Genesis 12:1-9.

This morning, we will baptize Simon Joshua Stellingwerff. Through this baptism Simon's parents, Emily and Jordan, will express their intention to raise Simon so that he will come to know and love Jesus. At the same time they are being assured that God loved Simon even before they did, and that God gave His Son to guarantee Simon's place in His forever-family if Simon will only embrace His love and grace.

OUR OFFERINGS THIS MORNING:

- 1) **Bethel Ministries & Mission:** The ministries and programs of Bethel.
- 2) **Resonate Global Missions:** Follows God's lead in the movement of the gospel in North America. Working through regional teams, Resonate supports a diverse group of church planters, pastors, campus ministers and others who are called to renew communities together.

THE OFFERING FOR NEXT WEEK: International Justice Mission Canada: This agency is at work in 18 communities around the world putting an end to slavery and violence.

PASTOR'S CORNER

WE'RE TAKING A JOURNEY OF FAITH

I'm really excited about our fall series of Sunday messages: *"By Faith: Seeing the Unseen"*. It is based on the story of Abraham (Genesis 12-22) and it deals with the walk of faith each of us is called to take if we would follow Jesus.

Do you ever find it hard to live by faith? I do. Let's face it, there's a lot of mystery involved in entrusting our whole lives to someone we can't see and whose existence cannot be scientifically proved.

For sure, there is a ton of reward that comes from living by faith. But there are challenges and temptations and questions, as well. Faith takes us to mountaintop experiences. It also takes us through desert places where our souls thirst and God seems nowhere to be found. It requires patience as we wait for promises that won't be fully realized in this life.

The story of Abraham is just the right place to turn in order to explore this life of faith. The Bible holds up Abraham as an extraordinary example of faith; and yet, he is someone we can all relate to because, like us, he was far from perfect. He was tempted as we are. He failed as we do. And he had to learn to wait on God's promises as we must.

Abraham's story is full of insights that can help us walk with the unseen God. My hope is that as we internalize them, we will come to "see Him who is invisible" (Hebrews 11:27). --**Pastor Tom**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

KEN PHILIPS received the wonderful news that they can no longer find any sign of tumours in his bladder. (He learned this at a visit to determine if he would have to have his bladder removed altogether!) He will need to complete his radiation treatments, but Ken and Rozina are giving glory to God for His healing. Continue to pray for the **HUITSING FAMILY**, in the passing away of wife and mother Joanne Huitsing. Pray for **ELEANOR AND DON PROKUDA** who are facing serious health issues. Continue to remember **CHARLIE AND ANNETTE TSANG** as Charlie undergoes chemotherapy treatments at the Cross Cancer institute. Please pray for **BRIDGE CHURCH** as they prepare for their public launch on Sunday, September 22.

A big thank you to the Bethel Church community for all the love and support which was expressed in so many ways during the last 18 months.

John Huitsing and family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A small group Bible study on the topic of **anxiety, depression, and mental illness** will start on September 23. Do you - or have you ever - struggled with any of these mental conditions? Are you the spouse of someone who copes with these issues? If you are interested in being part of this new small group, contact Kyle Billiald at 780-940-8330. When the group meets, members will work out the details of curriculum, duration of the study, and meeting times together.

BIBLE STUDIES TO ACCOMPANY OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES are available for your personal or family use. Small group leaders have received copies in their mail slots. If you are not in a small group, or if your group is not following the study, you may pick up a copy at the Membership Desk.

CHILDCARE AT ALPHA: People interested in Alpha this fall are beginning to come forward, and we're anticipating what God will do through this awesome course! We need a couple of adults who'll commit to doing childcare so that parents can attend. Families with children will be invited to the Thursday Alpha, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Bethel Church. Would you like to be part of the team? Please contact Fred or Grace Tomek at 780-475-0553.

EVERY MAN'S BATTLE: We live in a highly sexualized society and many men, battle with sexual purity. In a study of "Protestant Christian leaders, 27% acknowledged two or more experiences of extramarital emotional connection characterized by a combination of sharing emotional intimacy, sexual energy, and keeping these feelings secret from their spouse and others." (Whitman, 2004). The battle can include non-sexual emotional intimacy from texting a co-worker, sexual contact with strangers, using pornography, to same sex attractions. Jesus wants to meet us in the midst of our struggles. If you're a young man just starting to date or a man who has been married for years, you are welcome to join our confidential and non-judgemental group every second Monday evening at 7 p.m. The next group is on September 23, 2019. Contact Wayne Groth by text or phone 780-231-9758 for more information.