

# BETHEL MATTERS

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### *Sit. Walk. Stand. How the Christian Life Works According to Ephesians*

Today the Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study began a study of Ephesians with "yours truly" leading the first lesson. The theme of Ephesians is our riches in Christ and the key verse of the book is Ephesians 1:3: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.* The word *riches* occurs in the opening three chapters five times: *the riches of his grace, 1:7; the riches of his glorious inheritance, 1:18; the immeasurable riches of his grace, 2:7; the unsearchable riches of Christ, 3:8; the riches of his glory, 3:16.* No wonder Pastor Warren Wiersbe entitled his volume on Ephesians, *Be Rich.*

When we look at the plan of Ephesians, it is telling us how the Christian life is to be lived. Ancient Ephesus was a center of pagan religious worship with the Temple of Diana located there as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The occult and magic arts were practiced in the city as a way to ward off the spirit world. So Ephesus was a mixture of false gods, pagan practices and superstition all done in an attempt to curry favor with the gods and combat evil spirits. Early Ephesian believers were tempted to mix some of these approaches into their faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians sets them straight that the Christian life must be lived a different way.

Watchman Nee, the Chinese evangelist, gave a simple outline of Ephesians that sets out in succinct terms Paul's view of how to live the Christian life. Chapters 1-3 = **Sit**. We are *seated ...in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.* Christ has given us all the heavenly resources we need for spiritual living here and now. Our first need is that *God...may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him...that you may know...what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, 1:17-19.* We need to sit and learn our spiritual blessings in Christ and their sufficiency for Christian living. Commenting on this, Pastor Erwin Lutzer writes:

Let me put it this way: when we accept Christ as Savior, God immediately gives us special recognition, status, authority, power and a host of spiritual privileges. If we are ignorant of these, we will dutifully plod thru life quite certain that Christianity isn't all that it is supposed to be. We will be powerless to achieve spiritual victory when sin rears its ugly head, and there will be no love, joy and peace thru the hardships of life. (*You're Richer Than You Think*, p. 8-9).

Chapters 4-5 = **Walk**. *Walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.* Here we discover that a new status as children of God with commensurate spiritual resources, demands a new way of life, a new walk. As we *discern what is pleasing to the Lord*, we can *walk, not as unwise but as wise, 5:10, 15.* We can do this by drawing upon the power of the Holy Spirit as we are *filled with the Spirit, 5:18.* We have to walk, but we are not walking alone. We are enlightened and empowered by Him who indwells us.

Chapter 6 = **Stand**. *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.* Spiritual warfare is won by knowing our resources, applying them, and standing when Satan attacks. We have all that we need for the battle. We are a well-equipped army. Sit, walk and stand. That's how the Christian life works.

Your friend, learning and living,  
Pastor Brian (-:-).

## From the Family Life Pastor:

### Thoughts:

Last week our pastors who are in the Evangelical Pastors Prayer Fellowship (EPPF) were planning our Good Friday celebration which we do as a group of teachers every year. It just brought to my mind the celebration of such an amazing and wonderful Christian season.

As I think of Easter, my first thought goes to John 3:16 – ***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”***. I know that we all know that verse, most have it memorized, and hopefully we think about it often. You might wonder, when thinking about Easter, why would you start with this verse – simply this – if it weren’t for God’s amazing love for us in that while we were yet sinners – enemies of God, God loved us enough to send His ***“only Son”*** with a purpose – ***“That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”***. Christ’s whole mission in coming to the earth from heaven was to bring eternal life to ***“believers”***.

It is worth noting that the “for” in verse 16 connects with the previous verse – verse 15 says ***“that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life”***. God in His Word is giving us hope and promise.

Jesus emphasizes that thought in John 14 – Jesus is instructing His disciples about what lies ahead for Him, and He tells them that He is going to prepare a place for them (believers), and Thomas who sees things in black and white and needs to be told specifically what Jesus means, and then in verse 6 Jesus says: ***“I am the way, and the truth and the life no one comes to the Father except through me”***. As I read these verses, it seems very clear to me that God loved me and you enough that He sent His one and only Son into the world, and any and all who believe in Him will have eternal life – and only those who believe in Jesus Christ will have that promise.

This point is reinforced in 1 John 5:11-13 – ***“And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life”***. I love that God doesn’t keep it as some vague process or hope that maybe some day you might have – He says that you may know that you have eternal life ***“if you believe in the Son of God”***.

Jesus promised that if He goes – dies and goes to heaven – John 14:3 – ***“And if I go and prepare a place for you (in His Father’s house) I will come again and will***

***take you to myself, that where I am you may be also”***. The “if” here is not a question mark, but rather a point of assurance – I am going and I will come back!

So, what does this all have to do with Easter? Jesus or anyone else could have made all kinds of promises and statements about things, but only through God’s work could someone truly make that promise and then have the ability to carry it out. This is not a “hope, maybe”, it is a “I will”!

The Bible tells us that Jesus was killed upon a cross on what we celebrate as Good Friday. It is the day that we recognize – with a certain solemnity that Jesus Christ – the one that God had sent to bring eternal life died upon that cross next to two thieves. There is no question that he died, he was taken down by Joseph of Arimathea, and Nicodemus who had come to Jesus in the night to ask about salvation in John 3 (which is where this all started) and Jesus makes it very clear to him. Now, Nicodemus is publicly helping to take Jesus’ body down from the cross and bury it. Jesus was dead, he was buried!

But!!! Praise His Holy Name!!! God raised Jesus back to life again, and according to the scriptures, He was seen over a period of forty days by hundreds of people who saw that he was alive, he walked with them, talked with them, ate with them, touched them, was touched by them, proving that He is alive.

Then in Acts 1:6-11 – ***“Jesus was taken up into heaven”***. ***ALIVE!!!*** Praise the Lord – He is alive and so all of the promises are ours – He has made the way! HAPPY EASTER!

In Christ’s love,  
Pastor Hank

## Prayer Chain & Official Notices

[bethelemail@gmail.com](mailto:bethelemail@gmail.com)

If you have a prayer request or information that you want shared, please send that to the email address above. If you are not receiving email prayer requests or notices, please contact Ann or Ellen in the church office at 228-7589.

Items for the May Issue  
of Bethel Matters  
are due in the office  
by, Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

Items for the Happenings  
are due in the office  
by Wednesday noon.

Have you visited our Bethel Website?  
Check it Out at:  
[www.bethelmarquette.com](http://www.bethelmarquette.com)  
Audio Sermons are posted weekly  
along with items of interest,  
Bethel Matters, Calendar,  
and Happenings.

## Youth Events & Activities

**Junior High Youth Group**  
6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Sundays 5:30 - 7:00 PM

**Senior High Youth Group**  
9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Sundays 5:30 - 7:00 PM

### Questions:

Chris Mauser, Director of Youth Ministries  
1-330-550-0141

[christopher.mauser@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.mauser@gmail.com)



### Happy April Birthday/Anniversary to:

2. Shirley Furr, Eric & Bethany Jentoft (A)
4. Lynn Hintsala
5. Dianne Kosa
11. Benjamin Mauser
12. Greg & Sue Britton (A)
  
14. Cindy Larson
15. Nicole Steppke
20. Ryan Giroux
21. Brianna Buhl
23. Arlene Hill, Gary & Kelly Herriman (A)
25. Susan Michels
26. Dick Motta
29. Diane Case
30. Bob & Julie Wilkinson

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## In Sympathy To:

**Lisa & Lana VanderSchaaf** on the recent death of their mother, Elda VanderSchaaf. The funeral was held in Iowa.

**Pastor Allan Borrett** following the recent death of his wife, Janet. The funeral was held in Montana. A memorial service will be held at Bethel this summer.

The family of **Marcy Malandrone Houlmont** following her recent death. The funeral was held here at Bethel. Marcy had been a member of Bethel since 1964.

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### **Ministry or Mission Moments**

Thinking about requesting some time in our Sunday services for a ministry or mission moment? We have forms on the church website ([www.bethelmarquette.com](http://www.bethelmarquette.com)) to begin the process.

Once at the website:

- \* click on "about us"
- \* select "documents & request forms"
- \* fill out "Bethel's Ministry Moments Presentation Request"
- \* return the completed form to the church office.

This will begin the process of scheduling your Ministry or Missions Moment. Please try to plan ahead and give multiple dates as our services are full and fill up quickly.



**Adoption Shower**  
 for Jess & Ysa McGurn  
 Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>,  
 6:30 PM  
 at Sandy Thomsen's  
 405 E. Crescent, MQT

Watch for information about gift ideas.

Ysa is 4 1/2 years old.

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## Bible Studies

### For Men

Tuesdays, 6:30 AM, Coachlight Restaurant

Questions: contact Pastor Hank 228-7589

### For Women

Tuesdays, 6:15 PM at church

*"The Promised One - Seeing Jesus in Genesis"*

by Nancy Guthrie.

Questions: contact Sarah Goupil at 250-6130

Thursdays, 9:30 AM at church

*"War Room"* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick

Questions: contact Bethany Jentoft at 458-9310

Childcare is provided on Thursday morning.

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## Adult Bible Fellowships

Sundays at 10 AM

### Group #1 College - 29 years old

Meets in the church library

Topical Studies

### Group #2 Ages 30-42

Meets in Room #2 in Family Life Center

Studying the Gospel of John

### Group #3 Ages 43-55

Meets in Room #6 in Family Life Center

Studying "30 Life Principles"

### Group #4 Ages 56-69

Meets in Room #3 in Family Life Center

Studying the book Matthew

"The Gospel of Identity" by Michael Card

### Group #5 Ages 70+

Meets in the Wheat Room

Studying I & II Timothy & Titus

Adult Bible Fellowships are a wonderful way to connect and get to know one another.

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## AWANA Information

Workers' Meal - Mondays at 5:30 PM

AWANA meets on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:05 PM

through April for grades K-6

### Monthly Schedule

- \* April 3<sup>rd</sup> - regular club night
- \* April 10<sup>th</sup> - regular club night (last night to bring in money for Penny Wars)
- \* April 17<sup>th</sup> - Theme Night (mismatch)  
Penny War winners announced
- \* April 24<sup>th</sup> - AWANA Fair begins at 6 PM

### Grand Prix Results

#### Sparks Speed

- 1<sup>st</sup> Owen Edge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Miles Jentoft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gage Dahlstrom

#### T & T Speed

- 1<sup>st</sup> Aiden Edge
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lizzie Tireman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hailey Frederick

#### Sparks Design

- 1<sup>st</sup> Joshua Frederick
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellie Maki
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Miles Jentoft

#### T & T Design

- 1<sup>st</sup> Caden Steede
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hailey Frederick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aden Dahlstrom

(results continued on next page)

Sparks Design

Limited Parent Help

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emma Sheryl
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Brendan Chevalier
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aubrey Kakich

T & T Design

Limited Parent Help

- 1<sup>st</sup> Raylee Perko
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Edith Jentoft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chase Thomsen



Top Row L-R: Lizzie Tireman, Aiden Edge, Chase Thomsen, Aden Dahlstrom, Caden Steede, Hailey Frederick

Middle Row L-R: Edith Jentoft, Aubrey Kakich, Brendan Chevalier, Joshua Frederick, Raylee Perko

Front Row L-R: Emma Sheryl, Owen Edge, Miles Jentoft, Gage Dahlstom, Ellie Maki

Check out Bethel’s Facebook page to see more photos of the kids and their cars.

**NMU Students**

You are invited for dinner and Bible study on Sundays at 6pm at Matthew & Laura Songer’s home, 2645 West Grove Street, MQT. The study is from the First Principles “Envisioning Fruitful Lifework”. This a great study based on Ephesians, II Thessalonians, and Corinthians. Invite another student for a great meal, great fellowship, and great study. Alternate location is at Cliff & Eleanor Maier’s, 1903 Mildred, MQT.



Vacation Bible School 2017  
 Monday - Saturday  
 June 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>

Exploring the coolest Book on the planet.

**VBS Needs**

- Prayer Support
- Volunteer Workers
- Clean Gallon Size Milk Jugs
- Watch for craft supply list soon
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**Lake Ellen Camp Retreat Information**

April 8  
Hymn Sing

April 22  
Camp Work Day

April 28-30  
Mother/Daughter Retreat

May 26-29  
Father/Son Fishing Trip

Go to their website for more information  
([www.lakeellencamp.com](http://www.lakeellencamp.com))

# FAITH & FELLOWSHIP BETHEL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Theme: GOD PROVIDES

Bethel women, ages 18 and over, are invited to come together for fellowship and fun!

**WHEN:** May 5 & 6

**WHERE:** UP Bible Camp

**COST:** \$80

**WHAT:** Speaker, Jan Janofski, will share her experiences with God's provision through her years as a missionary and teacher.

- \* Gain insights for your life through workshops on Trust, Hope, Courage, Contentment, and more.
- \* Outstanding food!
- \* Challenging & enriching activities: cake decorating, watercraft, wheat weaving, Pilates, even riflery & more!
- \* A special Bethel gift boutique will be open for shopping. (In fact, crafters are invited to bring their wares to sell)
- \* Your faith will be nurtured. Bring your Bibles.
- \* Spend quality time building friendships.

This year you have several attendance options to choose from:

Saturday only

Friday & Saturday but not overnight

The whole package

(Sheets and towels are provided for those staying overnight.)

Registrations are located in Bethel's foyer. Someone will be on hand to answer any questions.

Bethel Women love this special time to grow in their faith, learn new skills, have fun, eat hearty, and build friendships. How we'd love to meet you there!



## Sunday Schedule

April 16<sup>th</sup>

6:45 AM - Sunrise Service at Picnic Rocks

8:30 AM - 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Service

9-11 AM - Easter Breakfast

Egg Casserole

Pancakes

Sausage

Fruit

Coffee/Tea/Juice/Milk

11:15 AM - 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service

**Singers:** Julie is looking for those that would interested in singing in an Easter Choir. Please contact her at [julie.motta@bbcmqt.org](mailto:julie.motta@bbcmqt.org)



April 14<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM

Marquette Missionary Church  
1803 Wright St, MQT

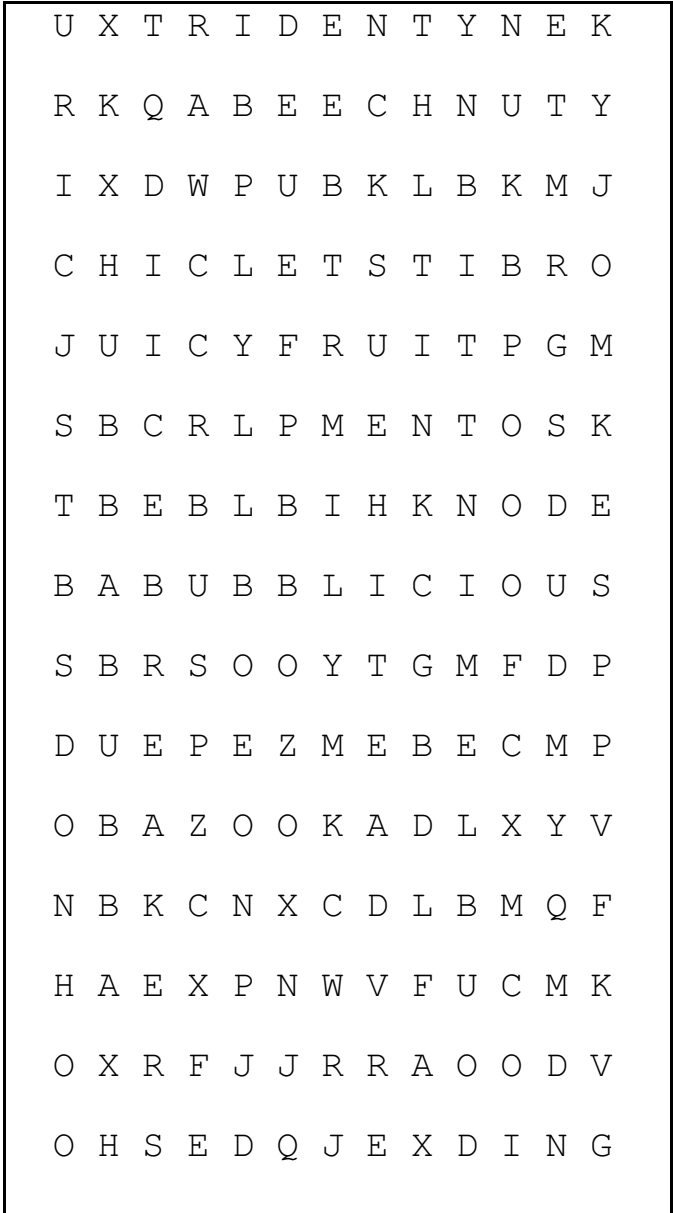
**Spring Hymn Sing**  
**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM**

**Chewing Gum Word Search**

**As we focus on the message “God Provides”, come with a short testimony you want to share, a favorite hymn request or a verse of Scripture. Or just come and bask in the music of the hymn writers down through the ages!**

**A time of fellowship and snacks will follow in the gym. Please consider bringing a favorite snack to share with others and let’s encourage each other in our faith and testimony.**

**Questions: contact Shelley Janofski at [skjanofs@gmail.com](mailto:skjanofs@gmail.com)**



**Breakfast Casserole**

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| 1.5 lbs sausage     | 1 tsp. salt          |
| 9 eggs beaten       | 4 slices of bread    |
| 3 c. milk           | (cut in cubes)       |
| 1.5 tsp dry mustard | 1.5 c grated cheddar |

Brown sausage and drain grease. Mix all other ingredients and add to sausage. Mix well. Pour in greased 9x13 pan. Refrigerate overnight, covered. Bake uncovered for 1 hour at 350°. Cut into squares.

Variation Option: ham, bacon, bear, elk or make it vegetarian by using mushrooms, broccoli, spinach, red or yellow pepper or a combination of everything is good too.

Mike Emerson, Dorothy Patrick

Word List

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|-------------|--------------------|
| Bazooka     | Ice Breakers       |
| Beechnut    | Juicy Fruit        |
| Bubblicious | Mentos             |
| Chiclets    | Orbit              |
| Dentyne     | Bubble <u>Tape</u> |
| Doublemint  | Trident            |
| Eclipse     | Bubble <u>Yum</u>  |
| Hubba Bubba |                    |

