

# BETHEL MATTERS

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## HEALING

**BROCK YOUNGREN**

*Bethel seeks to be a place where people can **heal**, so that together we can **grow**, for the purpose of **outreach** to our neighbors.*

If we intend to fulfill our vision, we must start by accomplishing each part of the vision. We begin with being a place of healing. How do we help people heal? What does it even mean to heal? My family cannot tell you strongly enough how blessed we feel to be here at Bethel, ministering amongst you all. Yet, it was not an easy road to get here. Through a variety of circumstances, we found ourselves deeply wounded. We felt betrayed and scarred. Never again will

we be the exact same people.

It was in those darkest moments that we sensed our need for the Lord to heal us – to make us whole again, to let us trust again. We needed the Holy Spirit to specifically work in us to begin that process. He put people in our lives to help us process through our pain, our hurt, and even our mistakes.

When we talk about being a place where people can heal, what we mean is that we give people a place where we can come alongside them, hear their story, and help them process through their circumstances so that they can

grow to become like Christ. We do not have to hold all of the answers (or even any of them) at the beginning, we just need to help people see Christ and take steps to engage His Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18 teaches that it is the Holy Spirit who transforms us into the image of Christ – it is His job to change people, not ours.

There are several things that need to take place in order for someone to heal. First, they must understand what it is that is wrong or broken. Then we need to want to change it. The elders put it this way, “Healing requires helping people recognize and address whatever it is that is holding them back spiritually.” We must recognize and then address the things that are holding us back.

It can work to do this on your own, but it is

not likely. Most of the time that people heal and move forward in their spiritual life they have someone helping them. Galatians 6:2 says that those who are spiritual (or more mature) should help bear the burdens of those who are caught/stuck in sin, and by doing that, we fulfill the law of Christ to love one another. Essentially, we are to help people who are broken so that they don’t have to do it all on their own. Healing is usually a slow process. We cannot expect people to magically get better overnight. Just be patient with them, bearing with them in love.

People need to find healing at different times in their lives. I’ve needed it. My family has needed it. At some point, each one of us will need to heal. Let’s help each other heal so that Christ would be most glorified in us.



*Carry one another's burdens,  
and in this way you will fulfill  
the law of Christ.  
Galatians 6:2*

# WOMEN'S RETREAT

MAY 19-21

Ladies, join us for a fun weekend at UP Bible Camp! We are excited to add a 2nd night this year, and our theme is Seeking the Light. Speakers for the weekend will be Susie Van Ryn & Lisa Van Ryn. Sign up online or in the church foyer!

Cost: \$160

Saturday only: \$100

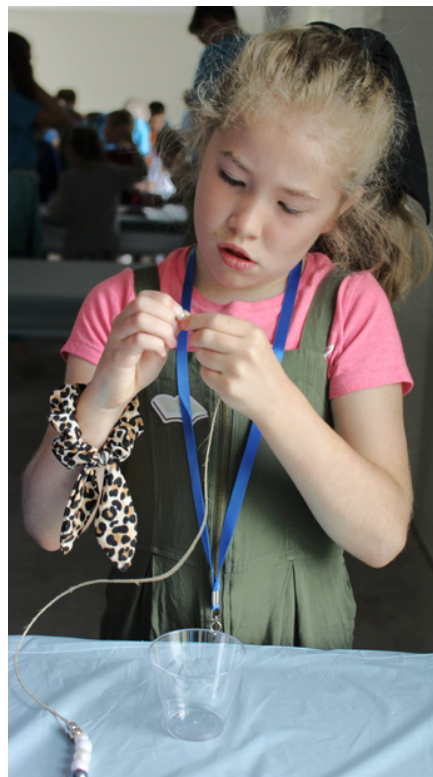




# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 12-16 | 9AM-NOON

Huzzah! Grab your armor and your trusty steed and get ready for a merry time as we travel back to the time of castles and dragons! Kings, queens, knights, jesters—all are welcome to attend! At VBS, we'll fill your tummy with fine victuals as you learn how to put on the armor of God! Keepers of the Kingdom will be an adventure filled with excitement, so contact us today!







## End of the Year Update

It has been a great year for our AWANA Club at Bethel. This was our 41st year of having an AWANA program. There have been changes to the books and format through the years, but sharing the Gospel with the children has never changed. We averaged about 50 clubbers and 32 workers.

\* THANK YOU to our kitchen crew, Laurie Songer Short, Chris Anderson, and Cindy Larson for making a meal for our AWANA workers each Monday.

\* THANK YOU to all the volunteers that worked with our clubbers each Monday throughout the year.

\* THANK YOU to the parents and families throughout Marquette County who trusted their children with us.

\* THANK YOU to Will Tireman and Hank Steede for being co-commanders this year.

\* THANK YOU for the funds raised for our Adopt-A-Club in the Philippines through Penny Wars. A total of \$444.97 was raised.

\* THANK YOU to Cori Steede for planning and organizing the end of the year AWANA Fair and to Sandy Thomsen for the game and raffle prizes.

\* CONGRATULATIONS to the many cubbers that finished their first book this year. Awards were given to Shrenny Maki for finishing her second cubbie book. And to Maddie Sullivan and Evelyn Anderson for finishing three sparkie books.



If you are looking for ways to use or grow your technological skills, see if the Media Team is a good fit for you! We provide training. Ask Julie for a "backstage" pass: This will let you see what all the different volunteers do to contribute to a dynamic worship service, and simply observe what happens behind the scenes to make Sundays work. Learn potentially new skills - or grow yours. Learn and grow in a nurturing environment with our experienced techs – like handling a video camera or managing lights, learning how to run the sound board or presentation computer, etc. We invite you to come and see if the Media Team is the right fit for you. Help is needed now! Contact Julie: (309) 339-5809 [julie@bethelmarquette.com](mailto:julie@bethelmarquette.com)

## MEN'S ABF ELECTIVE

MAY 7 - JUNE 18 | 10:15 AM

Married and engaged men of Bethel are invited to the ABF elective UnReal Expectations: God's Plan for Intimacy in Marriage.



## SPRING CLEAN UP

MAY 13 | 9 AM

Come help clean up the church for spring!



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

MAY 19-21

The ladies are invited to a Women's Retreat at UP Bible Camp. The theme is "Seeking the Light," and the speakers will be Susan & Lisa Van Ryn.



## PRAYER GATHERING

MAY 21 | 7 PM

Join us for a prayer gathering at the church!





## VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING

JUNE 4 | 12:30 PM

All VBS volunteers are asked to attend the VBS Workers training. Lunch will be provided in the gym.



## PRIMETIMERS TRIP

JUNE 6 | 8:30 AM

Join the Primetimers on a trip to Tahquamenon Falls and Oswald's Bear Ranch. Payment deadline is May 28th. Find out more on our website or by contacting Dave Thomas!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 12-16 | 8:30 AM

Learn how to put on the armor of God at VBS 2023! Invite your friends, and get ready for some fun! Volunteer and child sign-up on our website.

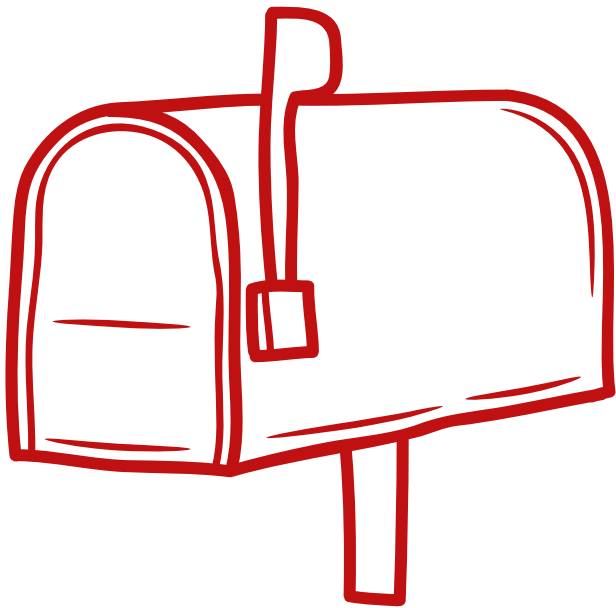


## QUARTERLY MEETING

JUNE 25 | 11:30 AM

The second quarterly meeting of the year will be held after ABF on June 25th.





## MAILBOX

Thanks - many thanks for calls, cards, flowers, prayers, and the Pastor's hospital call. My friend, Georgie Baij, gave me this great verse:  
"The Lord Himself - personally, is the One who restores, confirms, strengthens and establishes me." 1 Peter 5:10

*I think He's the one who made Heaven and Earth.  
How could that be? Thanks be to GOD.*

Diane Case

*Thank you Bethel Church family for allowing ECHO homeschool group to use the church building. It is greatly appreciated to have a space to gather as homeschool families.*

Echo Homeschool Group

## CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Chad & Sarah Holsinger on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Jane Holsinger. She was born March 31st at 7:30 pm. 10 lbs 1 oz. and 21 in. long.



# NEW TO THE LIBRARY

## CHRISTY BOOK AWARD WINNERS

### BOOK OF THE YEAR & GENERAL FICTION

*The Secret of Old Depot Grocery* by Amanda Cox

### HISTORICAL

*The Windy City Saga* by Joselyn Green

### CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE

*All that Really Matters* by Nicole Deese

### THE AMPLIFY AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN FICTION

*In Search of a Prince: An African American Royalty Romance Book* by Toni Shiloh

### HISTORICAL ROMANCE

*Until Leaves Fall in Paris* by Sarah Sundin

### FIRST NOVEL

*All That is Secret* by Patricia Raybon

## ECPA CHRISTIAN BOOK AWARDS NON-FICTION

### BOOK OF THE YEAR & CHRISTIAN LIVING

*Prayer in the Night: For Those who Work or Watch or Weep* by Tish Harrison Warren

### BIBLE REFERENCE WORKS

*A Theology of Paul and His letters: The Gift of the New Realm in Christ* by Douglas J. Moo

### BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR

*When Faith is Forbidden: 40 Days on the Frontlines with Persecuted Christians* by Todd Nettleton

### FAITH & CULTURE

*How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christianity and the Journey Toward Racial Justice* by Jemar Tisby

### NEW AUTHOR

*Becoming All Things: How Small changes Lead to Lasting connections Across Cultures* by Michelle Amit Reyes

We have also received several donations that have appeared in the library:

### APOLOGETICS

*God the Final Frontier: Positive Proof for His Existence and His Love* by Philip Delre

### BIBLE BOOKS-NT

*Exalting Jesus in 1&2 Thessalonians: Christ-Centered Exposition* by Mark Howell

### BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUP RESOURCES

*The Case for Christmas/The Case for Easter DVD study with study guides* by Lee Strobel

*Culture Shock: A Biblical Response to Today's Most Divisive Issues* by Chip Ingram

### CHRISTIAN LIVING

*Rethinking Sexuality: God's Design and Why it Matters* by Dr. Juli Slattery

### COMMENTARIES

*The MacArthur Bible Commentary: Unleashing God's Truth, One Verse at a Time* by John MacArthur

### NON-FICTION DVD'S

*The Star of Bethlehem: Unlock the Mystery of the World's Most Famous Star* by Rick Larson

### PARENTING

*How to Pray for Your Children* by Quin Sherrer

### WOMEN

*Adorned: Living out the Beauty of the Gospel Together* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

### FICTION

*Line of Duty: Newpointe 911 Series #5* by Terri Blackstock  
*Sisters of Holmes County* by Wanda E. Brunstetter

As a reminder, we do have binders in the library with a list of the Non-Fiction books. One by title and the other by author. A new binder was added recently containing all the CD's and DVD's. Also, there is an online catalog that you can access:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/BethelMQT/yourlibrary>

If you need a username and password they are:

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A Library Thing App is also available.

# EVENTS

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Men's ABF Elective  
May 7 - June 18  
10:15 A

Work Bee  
May 13  
9 A

Women's Retreat  
May 19-21

Prayer Gathering  
May 21  
7 P

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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1 Jerry Napier, Micah Nelson  
3 Christian Larsen  
4 Graham Kloet  
5 Ed Morrison  
6 Elizabeth Dahlstrom  
8 Terry & Shelley Gould A, Brian & Sarah Goupil, Everleigh O'Connor  
9 Sarah Goupil  
10 Nola Carello, Miles Mosher  
12 Jim & Jane Noe A  
15 Rory & Mary Fuller A  
18 Beth Larsen, Abby Nelson, Lisa VanderSchaaf  
19 Drew Quinn  
21 Lukas Nelson  
22 Andy Larsen  
23 Dave Dahlstrom, Ellia Pell  
24 Jonathan & Jessica Dale A  
25 Rick Newman  
26 Alina Nelson  
28 Isaac Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Bob Martin  
29 Julie Leppanen, Zeke Miller, Jeanne Pelto  
30 Steve Snow  
31 Lowell & Lynn Hintsala

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