



COME HOME

THE PRODIGAL SON

Welcome to Bethel Baptist Church

May 5, 2024

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 Morning Worship (Auditorium)

Children's Church (ages 4-8, LL 3 & 4)

Song *How Great Is Our God/ How Great Thou Art*

Song *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Announcements

Song *Mercy Tree*

Scripture Reading

Song *In Christ Alone*

Message Pastor Ken

Communion *Behold the Lamb*

Benediction

THIS WEEK:

TUE - Caleb's Kin Mother's Day Celebration -

10:30 am, Michael Rm

WED - 5:00pm Nacho Grandes (RSVP by Tuesday)

6:00pm AWANA, Youth Group & Adult Bible Studies

THUR - Men's Ministry Cookout & Axe-Throwing @ 6:00pm

Cost is \$25. This event is open to men and boys age 12 and up. RSVP on the app.

SAT - Ladies' Lunch at 11am.

Enjoy delicious food, great fellowship and a presentation of the life of Christ told through the eyes of Mary. Our guest speaker is Naomi

Rogers. Price is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children ages 3-10. No cost for babies 0-2. **Deadline to register is TODAY.** In-person registration is available in the church lobby after morning worship.



FIGHTER VERSE: 32 “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ~ *Luke 12:32-34*

CALENDAR of EVENTS

NEXT WEEK - SUNDAY MAY 12

9:30 am: Young Adult Second Sunday Coffee (Meet in the Cafe.)

10:30 am: Annual Parent-Child Dedication during worship

Members & regular attenders who wish to participate are invited to sign up in the nurseries or by emailing info@bethelministries.org.

MON MAY 13: SCS Orchestra Concert, 7:00pm in the Auditorium

WED MAY 15: AWANA Program & Awards Ceremony

6:00 pm in the chapel. No adult Bible study that evening.

FRI MAY 17: SCS High School Graduation, 7:30 pm

SAT MAY 18: Bros Breakfast, 8-9am in the Fellowship Center

SAT MAY 18: Teen Nachos & Game Night, 6:00-9:00pm,

Enter at Door 14- Life Ctr. Please RSVP on the app. Cost is \$3.

SUN MAY 19: Missionary Guests Dan & Angie Huffstutler

(Uganda). Congratulations to Dan for completing his doctoral degree. They are traveling through our area for his graduation and will be worshipping with us and sharing a brief update about his ministry during the morning worship service.



SUN MAY 19: Pizza with the Pastors, Noon in the Fellowship Ctr

New members, potential members & visitors are invited to lunch with the pastors. Sign-up in the Welcome Center.

Bethel Summer Kick-off Picnic

**Wednesday
May 22nd
5pm-7pm
\$5 per person**

Registration Required

**Menu: Hot dog or hamburger,
coleslaw, chips, watermelon,
s'mores & a water bottle.**

WED MAY 22: SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC, 5-7 PM

Pre-registration is required. [RSVP securely on the app.](#)

MAKING SUMMER PLANS ALREADY?

CAMP info and registration is available at www.manitoumi.com



Primary (rising 3rd-6th graders): June 24-29

Junior High: July 8-13

Senior High: July 15-20

JULY 8-12: VBS AT BETHEL

WE HOPE YOU CAN...

- ... attend this free event!
- ... bring your friends & neighbors!
- ... volunteer to make this our
best year yet.



Gospel Partner Update: Herb & Janet Hunter (Knysna, S. Africa)

Herb's latest update is full of news about their "Building Strong Families" retreat last Saturday. Dr. John Lehman is a family counselor and has authored parenting books, so Herb invited him to preach at the event while he was already in the country to cover for another missionary on furlough. John's wife, Susie, taught one session for the women. Herb had the teens and his co-worker, George, ministered to the primary kids during the preaching. After a busy Friday setting up tents at the campsite, Saturday was cold and windy, but people enjoyed being together for the sessions. In addition to the Hunter's church, there were families there from all three other church plants in Knysna (Lagoonside Baptist, Cornerstone Fellowship & Lakeside Baptist). A couple Herb has been counseling attended the retreat with their 2 teenage sons. They need godly fellowship so pray that they will continue to connect with the church. Sunday church service was also held at the campsite with Lagoonside Baptist. Everyone helped to haul chairs, tents, tables & various balls back to the storage area afterwards, but it was still almost dark when Herb returned home Sunday.



Please pray for Janet's ongoing health issues and hospitalizations. Just this week, the doctor finally diagnosed a fungal infection and prescribed anti-fungal antibiotics for her recurring infections and chronic cough.

The urgent request is a permanent meeting place for their church. They were using someone's garage, but a difficult neighbor was complaining & interfering. After reporting them for zone violations, JD, who owns the property, received a cease and desist letter from the Knysna Municipality demanding that the church be gone in 30 days or face fines. Another neighbor called the police to report a noise violation on Sunday. Imagine their surprise when the police came and discovered there was no noise at all because the whole group was at the campsite! In light of everything, their church is moving to the annex room of the Brenton Community Hall. It's not ideal, but workable, and a local realtor is trying to get the property listed so they would have the possibility of purchase.

Today, May 5, their church has a baptism. Outdoor pools are too cold this time of year, so another church gave them use of their heated baptistery. Several of these people were sprinkled as babies or baptized after salvation but not by immersion. This is a big step for the people participating and the church is excited to celebrate their obedience.

Here are 2 more pictures of fellowship and teaching at the retreat:

