

Philippians



Joy in Trials

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH - MARCH 30, 2025

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages

Membership Class - (Room 303)

10:30 Worship (Auditorium)/ Deaf Service (A-Frame)

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

Song

Shout to the North

Song

Like a River Glorious

Announcements

Song

Jesus Strong & Kind/ Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Reading

Song

Lord, I Need You

Message

Theron St. John

Song

He Will Hold Me Fast

Benediction

This Week:

TUE - SENIORS AT BETHEL - April Fool's Day! 10:30 am, Michael Rm

WED - BETHEL MIDWEEK

5:00 Wednesday Dinner: Hot Dogs with Chili- [RSVP by Tuesday](#)

6:00 Midweek Activities -AWANA, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study

THUR - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - 6:30-8:00 pm, Michael Room

FRI - MEN'S BOOK STUDY - 6 am, Michael Room

FRI - LADIES' BIBLE STUDY - 11 am - 12:30 pm, Room 311

FRI - MEN'S LUNCH - Noon at Maxfield's

Next Sunday:

SUN APR 6 - FINAL PASTOR PANEL - 6 PM, FELLOWSHIP CTR

TOPIC: MATTERS OF CONSCIENCE - SPORTS

Come at 6pm, bring a hearty appetizer to share & join the discussion about training our consciences to glorify God & unify the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Egg Hunt - This outreach brings hundreds of families to our campus each year. Here's how you can help...

1. Bring filled Easter eggs from March 9- April 13

Goal: 20,000 filled eggs - wrapped candy, stickers, Bible verses, small toys or coins. Please write the quantity and items used to fill the eggs on the outside of your bag. Want an easier option? [Click here to order filled eggs direct from our Amazon wish list.](#)

2. Volunteer at the event. Adults and teens are needed to help with set-up, clean-up, games, parking/safety, face painting, balloons and more. Check out the table in the lobby for more details or [click here to be linked directly to the sign-up form.](#)



APR 13-20 - CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION WEEK:

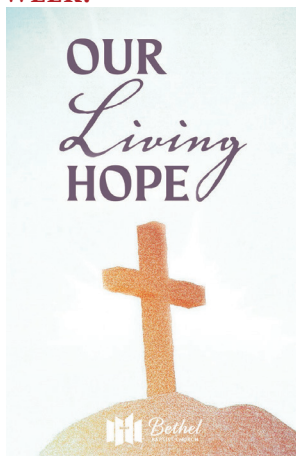
SUN APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
10:30 am in the Auditorium

FRI APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
6:00 pm in the Auditorium

SAT APRIL 19 - COMMUNITY EGG HUNT
10:00 am Outside in the North Lot

SUN APRIL 20 - EASTER CELEBRATION
10:30 am in the Auditorium

Plan to attend. Invitation cards are available in the lobby so you can invite friends or co-workers to attend with you!



WED APRIL 23 - Special Bethel Midweek and SCS Showcase Concert for Elementary and Middle School IACS Participants

5:00 pm Dinner

6:00-6:45 pm AWANA, Bethel Teens & Adult Bible Study

7:00 pm Showcase Concert in the Auditorium

SUN APRIL 27 - QUARTERLY MEMBER MEETING (After morning service in the auditorium)

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

This year our church is taking students to The Woods, also known as Camp AWANA, in Fredonia, Wisconsin. The week is packed with fun activities and many opportunities for the students to grow in their faith.

2025 Bethel Teens Camp Dates -

Middle School Camp (entering grades 6-8): **June 22-27**

High School Camp (entering grades 9-12): **July 13-18**

Price includes transportation to and from the camp, lodging and all meals. Contact Edward Recinos, Director of Student Ministries, if you have other questions. Registration space is limited.

[**Click here for complete details & to sign up!**](#)

2025 Bethel Kids Camp Dates

Elementary Camp (entering grades 3-5): **July 27-31**

Price includes transportation to and from the camp, lodging and all meals. Pastor Josh will be staying at the camp with the kids during the week. Registration space is limited. If you have questions, contact Pastor Josh.

[**Click here for complete details & to sign up!**](#)

Help send a child to camp - designate your gift "Camp Scholarship" when you donate online or with a check.

MISSIONARY UPDATE: MATT & COURTNEY JONES -THAILAND

MINISTRY MADNESS

SEA MK Camp: Our annual Southeast Asia MK camp is a highlight for dozens of missionary families in this part of the world. We have a great team of missionary families who lead games, preach, counsel, have fun, and freely give of their time to be a blessing to the nearly 80 MKs who join us each year. This year, we had kids from Thailand, Cambodia, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, & China.

South Africa MK Camp 2025: The value of Missionary Kid camps can't be overstated. In a few months, we will travel with Matt and Kelly Collier of Camps Abroad/ the Wilds to George, South Africa, to kick off the first-ever MK camp there.



Khao Dee Baptist Church: Last year, we started off strong with a good group of expats for our English services and a really, really small group of Thais. Over the past six months, we've seen that paradigm shift quite a bit. Several of our expats have moved away but for almost a month now, we've had around 10 Thai attendees (plus the Jones and Dasantad families)! A number of the Thai attendees are asking about membership. We thank the Lord for the opportunities to preach and teach in this city.

Visa Victories: If you've read many of our updates, you know that visa issues have historically consumed about 4-5 months of our lives each year. We've had lost paperwork (think 250+ pages), questionable requests & officers who wanted our boys to marry their daughters! I'm relieved and thankful to say that this year, after switching our visa type, we eliminated about 80% of the difficulty of doing our visa renewals this year. We have new types of challenges now (more expense & possibly some travel), but they seem to be more more bearable than those of the last 18 years!

HOW CAN YOU PRAY FOR US?

1. **Pray for Khao Dee Baptist Church to grow.** My burden is to see 12-15 regular Thai attendees by the end of the year. We would also love to see another family who is burdened for the work in Korat as we look at the long-term opportunities to serve in this large city.

2. **Pray for the MK camp in South Africa** to be a HUGE blessing to the MKs who will attend. I'm praying for at least 40 MKs for this first year. Courtney and I will be traveling to South Africa and leaving Tyler here in Thailand.

3. Keep praying for **our kids and grandgurl** in the States. Pray for God's blessings on them, and pray they grow in grace and wisdom as they serve him in Tennessee, South Carolina, and Florida.

4. **Courtney and I are both having some knee trouble.** Courtney has been struggling with bone spurs on the back of her kneecap along with osteoarthritis that is really causing her some pain and hindering her ability to exercise.

I somehow succeeded in once again tearing the cartilage in my left knee. True story: my knee has been making really loud "KLONK" sounds for a few weeks now, but it didn't really hurt until last week. I actually rolled over in my sleep one night and thought someone had attacked me with a knife. Turns out I tore my meniscus in my sleep. That's taking "old age" to a whole new level. I'll be having **surgery in a couple of weeks here in Thailand.**

5. Pray for Courtney and me as we continue to work through the **certification process with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors.** This effort is comparable to earning a master's degree and normally takes 2-3 years to complete. I'm currently in the middle of the final phase, and Courtney is in the middle of the second phase.

6. I'm hoping to **write and publish another MK devotional by the end of this year.** This is a big burden on my heart as I regularly hear encouraging feedback about both the Born to Be Global devotional that I wrote in 2019 for MKs and the MKs in Focus: Thinking Biblically About the MK Experience book for parents and those who care about the well-being of MKs. Pray specifically that I can find someone to help with the formatting so that I can make this book available to sell online as a fill-in-the-blank Bible study.

7. We have **several immediate family members who are battling with various forms and stages of cancer.** Pray for grace and healing and that they would walk in faith and peace through the journey.

For Christ in Thailand, Matt and Courtney Jones