



# COME HOME

THE PRODIGAL SON

*Welcome to Bethel Baptist Church*

*April 21, 2024*

**9:30 Sunday School for all ages** - Adult classes meet in the Auditorium to hear from Troy & Oksana Manning of Bibles International. BI recently completed 5 translation projects! Several more are ongoing. Come hear how the translation process works to bring the gospel to unreached people.

**10:30 Morning Worship (Auditorium)**

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

**Song**

*Only a Holy God*

**Song**

*Jesus Paid It All*

**Announcements**

**Song**

*I Stand Amazed*

**Scripture Reading**

**Song**

*A Christian's Daily Prayer*

**Message**

**Pastor Ken**

**Song**

*Hymn of Heaven*

**Benediction**

**12:00 Noon** - ACTIVATE event for 6th-12th grade. Lunch in the cafe (door 14). Bus leaves at 1 pm & returns at 4 pm.

## THIS WEEK:

**MON** - **SCS Elementary & Junior High Showcase Concert**, 7pm

**TUE** - Caleb's Kin - Program by SCS Elementary Competition  
Students - 10:30 am, Michael Rm

**WED** - 5:00pm Italian Beef (RSVP by Tuesday)  
6:00pm AWANA, Youth Group & Adult Bible Studies

**FRI** - Ladies Bible Study, 11:00am - 12:30 pm in Rm 311

**FRI - Family Night Event, 7-9 pm, at Boomer Stadium - \$5 Tickets**

Come see the SCS Varsity Boys Baseball team take on Crossroads at Boomer Stadium/ Wintrust Field. [Use this link to purchase your tickets.](#)

*FIGHTER VERSE:*

6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ~

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**SUN APR 28: Quarterly Member Meeting Next Week**

In the Auditorium immediately after 10:30 am worship.

**THUR-SAT May 2, 3 & 4: SCS Spring Musical "Sound of Music."**

[Visit the SCS website to purchase tickets.](#)

**FRI MAY 3: Men's Lunch, Noon at Maxfield's**

**THUR MAY 9: Men's Ministry Cookout & Axe-Throwing, 6 pm**

A trained team will be on site for this event that is open to men and boys age 12 and up. The cost is \$25. [RSVP with this link.](#)

**MEN'S EVENT**



**MAY 9**

**6 PM**

**AXE THROWING**  
& COOKOUT





### SAT MAY 11: 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. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$7 for children ages 3-10. Children 2 and under are free.

[Sign up today](#) - You won't want to miss it!

### SUN May 12: Annual Parent-Child Dedication

Members and regular attenders who wish to participate are invited to sign up in the nurseries or by emailing [info@bethelministries.org](mailto:info@bethelministries.org). Please include names for your child(ren) as you wish them to appear on a certificate and their birthdates.

### WED MAY 15: AWANA Program & Awards Ceremony

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

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

## MAKING SUMMER PLANS ALREADY?

CAMP info and registration is available at [www.manitoumi.com](http://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

Save the dates so your family can attend. Volunteers are needed!

## Gospel Partner Update: Frontline Ministries

Frontline is a mission agency that focuses on taking the gospel to difficult places. Here are 2 encouraging updates:

1) A Field Team Retreat was held in in northern Thailand - During the 5 years since the last retreat, these missionaries went through the pandemic - like everyone else, of course - except their lockdowns were longer, more stressful & more isolating than what most of us experienced here. Many of the

missionaries also experienced sickness, surgeries, betrayals, and hard questions. But they have also seen Jesus at work saving, growing and building His Church - and their families and teams, too.

Paul's words in I Cor. 16:9 remind us that opportunity and opposition come in pairs. The main speaker brought messages for those with "sore feet & thin faith." God's Word strengthened hearts to go on and finish strong. There were services, prayer times, group discussions and many conversations over a cup of coffee on the veranda. A team came from North Hills Church in SC to run a VBS program for the field staff kids. Retreats are important times to refresh and refocus and remember to "keep at it" even when the physical, spiritual & emotional demands on the frontlines of ministry are intense.

2) Filming is complete for the "Worship Round the World" Project - We've reached an important milestone—it's called the home stretch! There's still a lot of "stretch" in this home stretch, because there are still months of writing, editing, post-production, and more details than you could possibly be interested in still ahead. But the main thing is that all of the international travel is done: 21 countries on all 6 inhabited continents over 10 weeks and 250,000 miles traveled between Tim Challies and Tim Keese.

We worshipped in 11 churches where we wrote and filmed their stories. We give thanks to God and to all those who gave and prayed and cheered us on during this glorious and arduous yearlong journey.

"Worship Round the World" is both a film series and a travelogue book. Please continue to pray for this project and the challenges ahead of us during these next months as we, by God's help, get this project over the finish line. Our primary goal in this project is to magnify Christ as we showcase His world-wide, blood-bought Family!