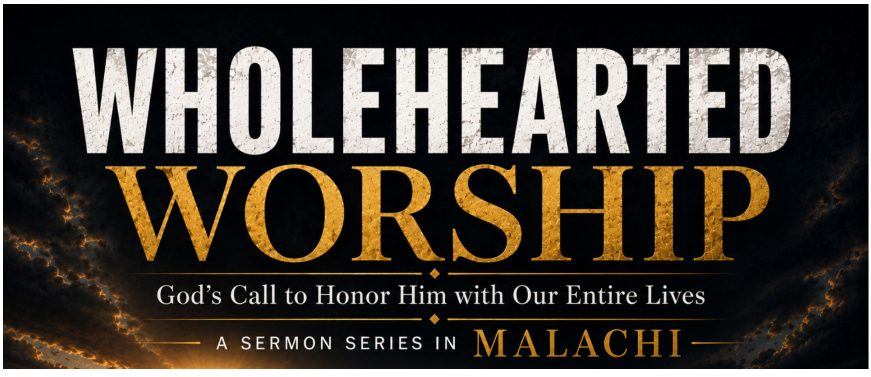


Welcome to Bethel Baptist Church
October 25, 2026

9:30 Sunday School for ALL ages - join us!

PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATIONS: Find Q 'n A with PK in Room 309. Young Adult Class moved to Room 305.

10:30 Worship **(Auditorium)/** Children's Church (ages 4-8, LL 1 & 3)

Song	*Come Praise and Glorify*
Song	*How Firm a Foundation*
Announcements	
Song	*He Will Hold Me Fast*
Scripture Reading - I Corinthians 15:51-58	
Song	*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*
Message	Pastor Ken
Song	*I Will Wait for You*
Benediction	

11:45 Quarterly Member Meeting - (Auditorium)

5:30 Orchestra (Auditorium)/6:00 Choir(Rehearsal Room) - Door 7.

Fighter Memory Verse: Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. ~ Psalm 55:22

Weekly Giving: $15,635.67 Weekly Budget: $18,411

HELP WANTED!

Our Operation Christmas Child drive is underway, and there are several ways you can help.

1. **Donate:** Bring school supplies, small toys or personal care items (no liquids or creams, please) to the bin in the lobby between now & the end of October. Click here to buy something from our wishlist and it ships directly to Bethel.
2. **Save the Date: Nov. 11th is our Church-Wide Packing Party at 6 pm.** Teens & Adults will meet in the Life Center. AWANA kids should check in as usual to pack boxes with their groups.
3. **Volunteer for National Collection Week. Nov 16-23**
   Bethel is a regional drop off location for shoeboxes. We need a team of volunteers for each daily time slot to welcome guests, organize donated shoeboxes and pack them into larger containers for transport to the Samaritan's Purse warehouse. There's a job for everyone! Click here to choose a time slot to volunteer.

THIS WEEK:

TUE - LADIES' MORNING BIBLE STUDY - 10 am in LL1.

TUE - SENIORS AT BETHEL: Costume Competition - 10:30 am - 1 pm in the Michael Room. Come & bring a friend!

WED - BETHEL MIDWEEK

5:00 PM WEDNESDAY DINNER - RSVP BY TUESDAY!
Baked ziti, salad, garlic bread, ice cream bar & water bottle for just $4/person or $16/family.

6:00 PM BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL AGES

SAT - BROS BREAKFAST, 8-9 AM, FELLOWSHIP CTR (Door 3)
Slow down, grab some breakfast, and connect with other men from Bethel. We'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare.

SAT - BETHEL DEAF TO DEAF EXPO IN CHICAGO

SAT - TIME CHANGE - don't forget to set your clocks back! And since you'll get an extra hour of sleep, this is a great Sunday to join us for Sunday School if you aren't already plugged in to a class. Our 9:30 teaching time is a great way to build relationships & grow together.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NEXT Sun Nov 1- Pastor Panel Session 3: How Should Music Serve Our Worship? *How should we think about musical styles, instruments, volume, excellence, and personal preferences?* We will consider how biblical principles should shape our musical decisions - things like the purpose of accompaniment, how instruments can serve congregational singing, and how we can navigate musical differences with wisdom, humility, and love for one another—all for the glory of God and the building up of His church.

Bring a hearty appetizer to share and join the discussion!

Tue Nov 3 - Election Day - Voter guides are available online @ illinoisfamily.org or stop by the Information Desk for a paper copy.

Fri Nov 6 - Men's Lunch, Noon at Maxfield's

Sun Nov 8 - Pasta Palooza is BACK! We'll serve an all-you-can-eat pasta lunch in the Fellowship Ctr after service. Price is $15/adult and $7/child (ages 3-10). This is *Pasta with a Purpose* - All proceeds will help send students to camp in 2027. Click here to sign up!

Sat Nov 14 - Baby Shower for Nicole Fehl - Michael Rm at Noon The Fehl's are expecting a baby boy. Come celebrate! Invitations with complete details are at the Information Desk. RSVP by 11/6.

Sat Nov 14 - Bethel Deaf Harvest Party - 5:00 - 8:00 pm in the Middle Gym. Contact Pastor Mark Coleman for more details.

Sun Sat Nov 14 - Baby Shower for Nicole Fehl - Michael Rm at Noon. We're excited to celebrate with Nicole Fehl as she prepares to welcome her baby boy! Invitations & registry information are available at the information desk in the lobby. Please RSVP by 11/6.

Missionary Highlight: Paul & Melinda Schlehlein (S. Africa)

BITS AND PIECES: *"They declared all that God had done with them" (Acts 14:27) Six years ago I drove into a "random" village called Tiyani. The 4x4's wheels stopped where the dirt road ended and I began teaching the gospel house to house. This came after a year of visits in another village that bore little fruit. Though evangelism in this village would prove equally difficult, the Lord graciously gave me success at the first home I visited.*

There I found a few boys. Over the years I would invest in them hundreds of hours through Bible studies, trips, meals, hikes up the mountain, family worship, camps, soccer matches, prayer, and church services. Eventually they were converted and baptized. Three men are now faithful Christians at city universities. Hlayisani, recently preached at our church.

This is a snapshot of our ministry over the decades. Immense effort invested in a small band of young men. Today, for example, I'll drive out to Tiyani Village. I'll take a few men from Mbhokota with me. We'll review the Sunday service. I'll teach a lesson on sermon prep. I'll take my Koran and witness to my friend Riyad, a local Bengali shopkeeper. We'll hand out tracts and pray for the Spirit's blessing.

PRAISES:

1. The Lord blessed the MAIDENS Camp in July - a well-attended gathering with ladies from all over the country and beyond being taught about biblical femininity from older, godly women—just as Titus 2 commands. **GYM Junior is being held in October for young men.**

2. We thank the Lord for the international discipleship efforts we have enjoyed this year, as our co-laborers and guests come from all over the world. Recently we had believers around one dinner table that were Malagasy, Ugandan, Tsonga, English-South African, Afrikaans, American, and Kenyan. "I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations."

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. **Audrey, our eldest,** 17-year-old daughter, flew to the US in August for college. Like her mother, she's independent and low maintenance, needing no high-school graduation ceremony, elaborate gifts or special escort to school. Since childhood she's been a Christ-like daughter that has honored her parents. We miss her immensely.

2. Please pray for the Lord's blessing on our **evangelistic home visits** to each Miseve student, with over 100 domiciles to call upon.

3. Also, pray for the salvation of **Mhani Tinashe**, a Zimbabwean lady who has been attending our church plant for the past year.

4. Pray for our **ministry travels**. Besides a family trip to the Sola5 Conference, Paul was in Malawi with Lawson & is briefly in the US with Owen .