

The Book of

Philemon

How the Gospel Changes Relationships

WELCOME TO BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH APRIL 26, 2026

9:30 Sunday School for all ages

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

Song *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Song *The Lord Almighty Reigns*

Announcements

Song *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Scripture Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Song *Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

Message - Philemon 8-16 Nate Whittaker

Song *His Mercy Is More*

Benediction

11:45 PASTA PALOOZA - ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SPAGHETTI LUNCH - AFTER SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER. If you didn't register ahead, you can still attend. Cost at the door is \$16 (adults) and \$12 (kids). All proceeds will off help send our students to camp this summer.

Special Announcements:

These annual May events are highlights of the year. To help us prepare, please take a moment to RSVP today if you plan to participate.

SAT MAY 9 - ANNUAL SPRING LADIES' LUNCHEON, 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Fellowship Center. We're excited to partner with TLC Pregnancy Services for this event. Enjoy a delicious lunch, uplifting worship, sweet fellowship, and encouragement from God's Word. Cost is \$12/adult, \$8/child (ages 3-10). There is no cost for children newborn to age 2.

Registration ends May 3rd. Sign up on the app or stop by the TV table in the lobby today.

SUN MAY 10 - PARENT/ CHILD DEDICATION



This special ceremony is held each year on Mother's Day during our morning worship service. It is open to members and regular attenders. Sign-up sheets are located in each nursery or you can email: info@bethelministries.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This Week:

MON - CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JERRY FLOYD (AUDITORIUM)

10 am Visitation and **11 am Service** followed by a graveside service at Lakewood Memorial Park in Elgin

TUE - SENIORS AT BETHEL MEETING: - CRAZY HATS - Meet at 10:30 am in the Michael Room for fellowship, activities and lunch.

WED - WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 10-11:30AM, LL1

WED - 5:00 WEDNESDAY DINNERS - **RSVP BY TUESDAY!**

Teriyaki chicken, rice, roasted veggies, roll, brownie & water bottle for just \$4/person or \$16/family.

6:00 AWANA, BETHEL TEENS & ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THUR - SCS OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS - Refer us to a friend. They can register at www.schaumburgchristian.com to attend a session from 9-11 am or 7 - 8:30 pm.

THUR - LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 6:30-8 pm, Michael Rm

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

FRI & SAT - SCS PRESENTS "THE WIZARD OF OZ" - Don't miss this family classic! Performances Fri at 7 pm and Saturday at 2 pm and 7 pm. Visit <https://www.ticketpeak.com/go/scstickets> to reserve your seats!

SAT - BROS BREAKFAST - 8-9 am, Fellowship Center. [Sign-up here!](#)

Fighter Memory Verse: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ~ Romans 5:9-10

Next Sunday:

SUN MAY 3 - MEGHAN PEERBOLT, OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, will join us in the service to give updates about the 2025 Shoebox Drive and outline opportunities to partner with OCC all year long! If you are interested in being a year-round volunteer in our partnership with OCC, you are invited to attend a special potluck luncheon following the service to get more information from Meghan. **Sign up is required.** [Please click this link to register.](#)

SUN MAY 3 - PRAYING HANDS AND WILLING KNEES PRAYER GROUP will meet after morning worship in Room 300.

Upcoming Events:

TUE MAY 5 - SCS ORCHESTRA CONCERT - 7 pm in the Auditorium

FRI MAY 8 - SCS PRESCHOOL CONCERT - 9 am in the Auditorium

WED MAY 13 - AWANA AWARDS - 6 pm in the Chapel

FRI MAY 15 - SCS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION - 7 pm in the Auditorium

WED MAY 20 - SAVE THE DATE: SUMMER KICK-OFF PICNIC - 5-7 PM
Complete details & registration link coming soon!

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT: MATT & COURTNEY JONES (THAILAND)

Here in Thailand, March is synonymous with insane summer heat, humidity, and smog. It also marks the 19th anniversary of our family moving to Thailand. Here are some ministry updates and prayer requests:

Khao Dee Baptist Church: In January, 14 different Thai adults officially joined our church in a special “charter member” service. Over the past six months, the church services have steadily grown, and we’ve been overwhelmed by God’s goodness to us! We regularly have 20-25 people at each of our 2 Sunday services (9 am- English & 10:30-Thai). We hold a weekly men’s Bible study, ladies’ Bible study and Wednesday prayer time. We also participate in a monthly Bible study in a small village on the far east side of Korat city with a small handful of believers there. Two of those older ladies were baptized just last month. *Pray for our co-workers, Wat & Amanda Dasantad, as they will carry an additional load when we leave in August for a 5-month furlough.*

SEA MK Camp 10-Year Campiversary: In March, we hosted our 10th annual Southeast Asia MK camp. To commemorate the anniversary, we had testimonial videos from some of our adult MKs, special merch (water bottles, stickers, and key chains) for all the kids, and a guest speaker who is an MK who grew up in Brazil and now serves as a pastor in Indiana. This year was our biggest group of campers ever, with 84 kids attending! But during the whole 10 years, we have had the opportunity to encourage and strengthen the faith of 549 campers from 85 families in 11 countries! Our goal remains the same: To show MKs ways that they can thrive both ON and AFTER the mission field. *Courtney and I will, Lord willing, be renewing our annual visas by July 21, 2026. After that visa renewal, I plan to travel with a small group of missionaries back to Wamena, Papua, Indonesia, for another week-long MK day camp there in the mountains of Papua.*

Surin Baptist Church: Many of you have known and prayed for “Pastor Ton” as he has led the Surin Baptist Church for 12 years now, and I’m saddened to say that he’s been asked to step down from the pastor ministry after several confirmed accusations of inappropriate behavior and questionable choices. The church remains strong, and the leadership has expressed a great sense of relief and optimism now that the pastor has resigned and moved away from the city. But Thai pastors are very scarce and right now, we have more questions than answers about what to do next. *Please pray for the difficult situation at Surin Baptist.*

Family News: Keep praying for our kids. Our girls, son-in-law, and granddaughter are in Florida. Our oldest son is a junior at Bob Jones University. Our youngest son, Tyler, had a successful surgery this March in Argentina to complete a treatment that started with a surgery 3 years ago. After a quick trip back to Thailand, he came to the US last week to work a summer job. *He’s undecided about where he wants to attend college this fall.*

Furlough: We (Matt & Courtney) begin a 5-month furlough in August. *Please pray for us as we’ve been working to schedule our time in the US. We will need to purchase a vehicle for our time there.*

God is so good! We are truly humbled and amazed by all that has been going on here in Thailand over the past few years. Thank you for praying for us and for keeping up with the Joneses in Thailand!