

Welcome to Bethel Baptist Church!

April 18, 2021

Sunday School for the Whole Family at 9:30
Morning Worship at 10:30 am | on YouTube at BBC Ministries

As we concluded Esther 4 last week, we left Esther accepting the challenge of Mordecai. She's committed to doing the hard thing of going to the king and pleading for the lives of her people. But as we all know, committing to do the hard thing and actually doing the hard thing are two different things. She's talked the talk, so will she walk the walk? We'll discover the answer in Esther 5 – where we'll learn how we, too, can follow through on our commitment to do the hard thing.



This Week at Bethel:

Wednesday

- 5:00pm Pizza Dinner
- 6:00pm Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study
- 7:30pm Member Meeting

Upcoming Events:

April 29

7:00-8:30 pm – Chat & Chew
LIFT Ladies Ministry Fellowship

May 2

6:00 pm – Missions Update
Archie & Ruth Perez, Uruguay

May 9

10:30 am – Baby Dedication
Contact the church office or info@bethelministries.org if you would like to participate

Missions Highlight:

Herb & Janet Hunter –S. Africa

*Praise God for a Christian ward councilor approving the use of community buildings for services. Pray for funds to complete the needed repairs.

*Praise God for a nearby Bible study that could become a 2nd church! Pray for growth in those believers and direction for that outreach.

*Pray as they disciple believers who have been wrongly influenced by false teaching.

*Pray that their hospitality to unbelievers in their community will open the door for them to share the gospel with people who might never come to a church service.

–*Janet is experiencing severe abdominal issues. Doctors haven't been able to determine the cause or find treatment. Pray for answers and grace to manage in the meantime.

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Spotlight on our Ladies Ministry – (L.I.F.T.)

All ladies are invited to attend our informal Chat & Chew on April 29th. We will meet in the Welcome Center (off the church lobby). Please come anytime **between 7 and 8:30 pm** for fellowship & light snacks.

New to LIFT? Stop by the table in the lobby. We would love to meet you and give you more information about getting connected!

Special Member Meeting April 21, 2021 at 7:30pm

Twenty-four members have requested a special meeting of the Church for the following purpose:

- 1.A report from leadership on an investigation into whether the separation of Pastor Mayer from Bethel Ministries was the result of political or other improper motives.
2. A report from leadership on efforts to love and reconcile with the Mayer family.

Fighter Verse for this week:

He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. – John 1:11

Missions in a Nutshell – Highlights from Recent Newsletters

Full copies of the newsletters are posted in the hallway south of the auditorium.

1. **Dave & Claudia Barba (US)** – They have been in Washington assisting in every aspect of a local church ministry while the senior pastor recovered from heart surgery. He returns to the pulpit this Sunday – praise the Lord! Dave’s radio broadcast will launch on the VCYAmerica network on May 2 at 7:30. Claudia authored a women’s Bible study (based on Hebrews 11) that will be available in a few weeks.
2. **Ellen Doyle (Cameroon)** – Her letter reports a busy and successful medical mission team trip to Zambia during March. They saw over 100 patients each day at the clinic and several trusted Christ after hearing the gospel presentations – including their translator. Lord willing, they will return in July. Right now, she is in Germany for surgery to remove a kidney stone. The procedure is scheduled for April 20th – pray that it will move forward without complications.
3. **Dan & Angie Huffstutler (Kenya)** – Pray as they are currently in their 3rd lockdown and having services online... again. Pray for their church to have strong national leaders, godly parents to raise the next generation, and wisdom as they consider a permanent church facility (land is outrageously expensive in Nairobi – \$500K/ acre of land!). Pray for their family’s travel arrangements as they plan a trip to the States when their oldest starts college.
4. **Troy & Oksana Manning (Bibles Int’l.)** – God opened a door and they are currently in Tbilisi, Georgia (the country, not the state ☺!) to host a translation workshop. Despite a few travel hiccups that slightly delayed their start, the first few days of the conference were very productive. Pray for them to meet their goal and then to have safety as they travel from Georgia to Ukraine next week to visit family.
5. **Ben & Katie Shore (Scotland)** – This short update was full of praises: Their church voted to charter and they are pursuing an opportunity to purchase a property in Loanhead as a permanent location for their church. Also, their daughter, KayLee got the opportunity to counsel at Bill Rice Ranch before starting college at Ambassador in the fall.
6. **Jonathan & Julie Stilwell (Peru)** – They are enjoying a furlough visit to the States – beautiful countryside, opportunities to use their Spanish, a visit to the Ark Encounter, and especially holding their first grandchild the day after she was born! On the ministry side of things, the trip has also been productive. They have connected with supporting churches, Bible college donors, other active missionaries, and even a prospective missionary couple interested in serving in the same area of Peru. Jonathan & Julie minister in Peru via zoom – Jonathan teaches a Bible college class and Julie leads monthly meetings for the Trujillo pastors’ wives fellowship.

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