

Philippians



BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH - JANUARY 19, 2025

9:00 Bethel Deaf Sunday School (please note the new time)

9:30 Sunday School for All Ages

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

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

Song

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Song

He Will Hold Me Fast

Announcements

Song

It Is Well

Scripture Reading

Song

Is He Worthy

Message

Pastor Ken

Song

Turn Your Eyes

Benediction

5:30-7:30 pm Youth Movie Night - Chapel (Door 2/17)

Featuring "Up" & free popcorn, this is a free event for teens.

Today is National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

GIVING ALL LIFE A CHANCE TO LIVE



In America, there are approximately 98 abortions every hour! Today we set aside a special day to celebrate the precious gift of human life and stand in opposition to those that promote abortion.

The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name -

Isaiah 49:1

This Week:

TUE - SENIORS AT BETHEL - "Snowball Fun" 10:30 am, Michael Rm

WED - BETHEL MIDWEEK

5:00 Teriyaki Chicken - [Click here to RSVP.](#)

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

This Week's Fighter Verse: 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ - **PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS OFFERING UPDATE:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

THE TOTAL RECEIVED FOR THIS YEAR'S OFFERING WAS ALMOST \$80,000.

We will be distributing those gifts to our supported missionaries soon. We were also able to purchase a "new-to-us" passenger van for the Bethel Deaf ministry and it is already a blessing to our deaf members with transportation needs.

THIS WEEKEND IS THE OFFICIAL 30-YEAR MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY OF PASTOR MARK & JAN COLEMAN. PRAISE GOD FOR THEIR FAITHFUL SERVICE.

NEXT SUN JAN 26 - QUARTERLY MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING

immediately following Morning Worship (Auditorium)

SAT FEB 1 - BROS BREAKFAST 8-9 am in the Fellowship Center.

[Click here to RSVP.](#)

SUN FEB 2 - EASTER REHEARSALS BEGIN -

Orchestra 4:45 (Auditorium)

& Choir 5:00 (Choir Room)



Calling all musicians! Help proclaim the good news of Christ's resurrection and point hearts to Him during this year's Holy Week services (Palm Sunday & Easter). [If you haven't participated before and would like to join, take a moment to complete this form.](#)

SUN FEB 2 - PASTORS PANELS ARE BACK!

Even faithful Christians can find themselves at odds over issues of conscience. Learn how to navigate these complex matters in a way that honors God & builds unity within the body of Christ.

You can also check out this resource- [Conscience: What It Is, How to Train It, and Loving Those Who Differ \(Naselli/Crowley\).](#)



Bring a hearty appetizer to share & enjoy food, fellowship & good discussion.

FRI FEB 7 - MEN'S LUNCH, Noon at Maxfield's

LADIES, SAVE THE DATE & JOIN OUR SPRING BIBLE STUDIES!

THURSDAY EVENING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: FEB 20TH @ 6:30 PM

We took a break over the holidays from this 10 week study , but we will resume with session 6 at our spring meetings. This is a bi-weekly study, led by Christina Lowery that will finish April 17th. We meet in the Michael Room. You are free to join us this semester even if you missed the fall sessions. [Order the book on Amazon here.](#)

Register for this study on the Bethel app or by [clicking this link.](#)

FRIDAY MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: FEB 21ST, 11AM-12:30PM

Our Friday study, led by Jan Salzman, meets weekly in Room 311. Jan's group will be studying the book Weighed By the Word by Pat Warren. This 11-lesson takes a look at what the Bible teaches about body issues (beauty, physical limitations, lifestyle, aging, sexuality, suffering, service, and more) to help you weigh yourself by the scale of God's Word. Jan will have several copies of the book available. You can sign up in the Bethel app or [by clicking this link.](#)

GOSPEL PARTNER FEATURE: DAVE & CLAUDIA BARBA (US CHURCH PLANTING AND SUPPORT)

This December 2024 update tells about their recent ministry in Austria, and gives an update on a TX church that they helped start in 2023.

We are now back in the USA after enjoying 88 days (2 days short of visa limit) in Vienna, Austria “pastoring” an English church planted by Gospel Fellowship Association missionaries Todd and Sarah Hudson. Since 2001, God has used the Hudsons to plant a German church, now pastored by a man who grew up in that church, and the English-language Immanuel Bible Church pastored by Todd. We will miss the wonderful believers of Immanuel who are university students, teachers, business owners, etc., who work for the United Nations, the US government, Austrian banks, and local businesses and schools. Pictured here are the Shelton’s - veteran GFA missionaries.



Vienna is a beautiful city, yet it is in typical, European, spiritual darkness (trying not to smile at or greet folks you pass on the sidewalk is tough for a Tennessean). Since 30-40% of folks in Vienna speak English, I found it easy to share gospel tracts. “Hello, I am lost. Can you tell me what country I am in?” “Do you speak English? Great! Here is my story. I wrote this. Feel free to read it to practice your English.” I wish it were this easy in America. I had some excellent extended conversations with several folks. My favorite was sharing the gospel with a young lady from Greece who “never heard this before.” In 1971, I was led to Christ by a believer from Greece, Tom Mahairas. Fields are white. Pray for a harvest of souls.

Claudia helped with piano playing, spoke to the ladies, and I led music and preached each Sunday morning on The Laws of Sowing and Reaping, Small Talk, Whose Music?, Take Courage, and many more. We especially enjoyed the Tuesday night Bible studies and prayer, in person at the Hudsons’ apartment and streamed online. This weekly spiritual uplift included warm fellowship, Vienna pastries, and oceans of espresso. We will miss that. In Vienna, Claudia and I spent much time editing my book of 365 daily devotionals, several from each book in the Bible, each 350 words or less with about a 5-minute reading time. Stay tuned.



Three bonus blessings in Vienna included a visit with the Shelton's, our daughter Susannah, and Hungarian missionary Zoltan Kiss family (pictured left). About 3.2 million years ago, I led a teen to Christ at Falls Baptist Church. He became a missionary and planted a church in Hungary. Zoltan got saved in that

church in 1995, was in a church planting course I taught, and began his church planting ministry in Budapest in 2016. You reap more than you sow. All of grace!

Though Thanksgiving is not observed in Austria, Claudia and I enjoyed a celebration lunch at a luxurious downtown hotel (compliments of a faithful Immanuel Church member), to remember Thanksgiving Day 1972, when God miraculously put us together at the Western Family Steakhouse in Greenville, SC. December 7 was my 50th anniversary of ordination to the ministry.

Pictured right is Sand Hills Baptist in Lavernia (San Antonio) Texas. It was planted in the Fall 2023 and now averages 40-50 people with discipleship ministry, a children's service, and a growing nursery!



God is good. Life is short. Go for souls.

Press On! Dave & Claudia Barba - www.ipresson.com