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"The Log in Our Own Eye"

"Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye?" Matthew 7:4

Christians have rightly been upset by the Supreme Court's legalization of gay marriage. When a society abandons God's design for human relationships, there are bound to be negative consequences for society. It is especially galling to American Christians that the high court makes up rights like this when there is nothing in the US Constitution that addresses marriage rights and the Supreme Court takes upon itself the power to determine the nature of marriage. The Tenth Amendment to the Constitution specifically says that "the powers not delegated to **the United States** by the **Constitution**, nor prohibited by it to the **States**, are **reserved to the States** respectively, or to the people."

But the threat to "traditional marriage" did not begin with the issue of same sex marriage. It perhaps can be traced back to the issue of no-fault divorce. In 1970 then California Governor Ronald Reagan signed into law the first state no-fault divorce law. Other states quickly followed. Spouses no longer had to prove infidelity or abuse to get a divorce. Marriage was no longer regarded as a divine union of one man and one woman for life intended by God to produce the next generation of human beings. Instead marriage became a means for providing personal happiness and/or sexual fulfillment.

Unfortunately, the evangelical church has been largely silent on the issue. The Moral Majority, during its existence, addressed many important issues: abortion, school prayer, pornography, sex education in schools, etc. It would seem that the issue of divorce would also relate to family values. But that was not on the group's agenda. There was practically no backlash to the no-fault divorce issue from the Christian church.

Southern Baptist Seminary President Al Mohler says that "evangelicals allowed culture to trump Scripture. The church largely followed the lead of its members and accepted what might be called the 'privatization' of divorce. Churches simply allowed a

secular culture to determine that divorce is no big deal, and that it is a purely private matter."

Part of the problem in speaking out about the issue has probably been the fact that divorce has become so pervasive in our own churches. Divorce is not an unpardonable sin, and the divorced among us need compassion and love. But we need to fight to preserve marriages and to work against divorce as an easy option for Christian couples who struggle in their marriages. Marriage vows mean something to God. We Christians should do all that we can to help married people follow through on those vows.

As John Stonestreet says, "The church needs to be ready in this brave new culture to offer hope, repentance, and reconciliation. And admitting where we went wrong in the past is a good first step." (Breakpoint, 7/28/2014)

Pastor Kurt

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Guys, join us at Emmaus Hall on Saturday morning at 8:15, September 29, for a full breakfast. We will see a message from Crawford Loritts.



September Birthdays

11th Lois Mathews
 18th Phyllis Eskam
 21st Jack Taylor Jr.
 22nd Debra McGee

September Anniversaries

7th Nate & Sandy Crawford
 8th Donald & Betty Moberger
 26th Linda & Robert Ronnow

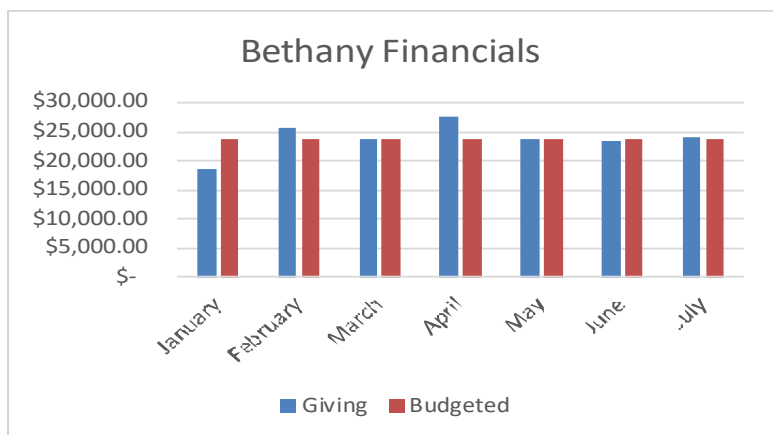
Springs Preserve Trip Ladies Fellowship Saturday, September 15, 2018

Meet @ church
 8:45 am



PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

A committee appointed by the church elder board has been working for the past year on updating our church by-laws. They finished their work a few months ago and passed their suggested changes along to the elders for their review. They in turn passed the proposed changes along to the Christian lawyers at ADF, who made a few suggestions for minor revisions. The results of all of this work will be submitted to the church congregation at a business meeting after Sunday school on Sept 30. On the Sunday before, Sept. 23, there will be an information meeting during the church Sunday school hour. The current bylaws, as well as the proposed by-laws, will be available for review in the church foyer. You are welcome to take a copy of each. If you have questions or comments, you are welcome to speak to one of the elders, or to a member of the by-law committee, which includes Mac Jaynes, Dan Bunch, Lidija Baker, Sue Wilbur, Lary Street, and Kurt Hedlund.



Bethany's 2018 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,700.74 each month.

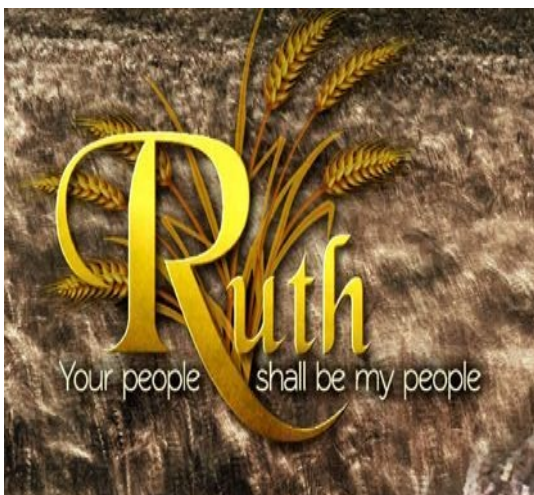
Year to date budget requirement was \$165,905.18.

Year to date giving, through July, totaled \$166,736.00. The difference was \$832.08.

Bethany's 2018 general budget, through July, was underspent by \$12,151.29.

Thank you!!! Generous Bethany Folks, Thank You!!!

for helping to make the back to school campaign a big success. There were almost 30 kids and nearly 40 backpacks with supplies given out...





CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 1st. Meet at 9:45 am. Come share some time and sing some songs with the residents.

Spend a small amount of time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!

A Fresh Start This Fall: Large Group Study

LED by: Debbie Smith
 Start Date: Sunday October 7th
 Time: 11:15- 12:15
 Place: Emmaus Hall- Round Table Discussion

Let's travel the road back from Moab back to Bethlehem together with Ruth & Naomi ! What an amazing Kinsman- Redeemer! Please sign up today to reserve class materials!!

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Care Center Visit 9:45 am
2	3 Happy Labor Day	4	5	6	7	8
9 CE Meeting 12:15 pm	10	11	12	13	14	15 Women's Springs Preserve Trip 9am
16 Welcome Back Sunday Meal	17	18	19	20 XYZ Potluck 5 pm Teacher's Meeting 6:30 pm	21 Elders' Meeting 10:30 am Youth Game Night 5:30 pm	22
23 Biz info meeting 11:15 am	24	25	26	27	28	29 Men's Breakfast 8:15 am
30 Biz meeting 12:15 am						



WELCOME BACK!! We're once again going to celebrate the fact that summer is almost over and everyone is beginning to return from vacations!
Join us for a meal, following the September 16th Sunday service.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Service - 10 a.m.
 Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
 Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
 Praise Team Practice - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potlucks begin again on Thursday, the 20th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM event.

A Hymn-sing will follow the meal.
 This month's theme is Hawaiian!





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- Mike Barth, Chairman

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- Lary Street, Chairman

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- Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman

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- Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman

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- Dave Legler, Chairperson

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- Kathleen Hill, Chairman

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