## "Being a Life-Long Learner"

"Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not dead works and of faith toward God..." Hebrews 6:1

Christians should be life-long learners. The Bible commands us to grow in our knowledge and faith in Jesus. A logical corollary of that premise is that we should also grow in our knowledge of the world and the people around us. We should desire to be more effective as followers of Jesus.

Having lived in several metropolitan areas in the US, Las Vegas is the first place in which I have lived that does not have a Bible college or seminary. It has not had large churches that host much in the way of seminars for other churches. Fortunately, we have connected with the Silver State Bible Institute, a Southern Baptist training center for lay people. We have several in our congregation who have benefitted from the learning opportunities that it offers.

Our church recently bought into a year-long training package that is also connected with the Southern Baptists. These are on-line courses that are available to all of us at Bethany. Here are the subjects which are covered by these courses: 1) leadership development, 2) general church volunteers, 3) abuse prevention, 4) Bible studies for life, 5) preschool ministry, 6) kids ministry, 7) vacation Bible school, 8) student ministry, 9) college and young adults, 10) family ministry, 11) small groups, 12) adult Sunday school, 13) women's ministry, 14) men's ministry, 15) older adult ministry, 16) ushering in the church, 17) church safety and security, 18) worship ministry, 19) international missions, 20) church communications, 21) evangelism training, 22) deacon ministry, 23) pastoral development, 24) seminary training (topics include interpreting and teaching the Bible, theology, work and worship, history of missions, evangelism in the local church), 25) discipleship, 26) spiritual development, and 27) theology (including theology and culture, general and special revelation, sin, and the problem of evil).

There is no cost to you for exploring any of these courses. Many of the practical courses offer tracks for volunteers and for leaders. Most of the courses involve short videos, taught by pastors and seminary professors. If you would like to check any of these out, all that you need to do is call, e-mail, or talk to Don Scott in person. He will explain how to access this material online. Perhaps some of you who are on church committees would find value in watching some of the segments together that might relate to your area of ministry. -Pastor Kurt

#### **CHURCH HIKE**

Pastor Kurt is taking the Middle School kids in his Sunday school class on Saturday, October 12, on a hike to White Rock Canyon. It is a six mile round trip to the Colorado River. We plan to leave from the church at 8:15. Let him know if you are interested in joining us.



We are preparing to bless our community with a 6th Annual Family Fun Fest on Friday, the 25th. It takes hard work from many people to make this night successful, but the effort is well worth it. Past years we've had over 300 people in attendance! This would not be possible without many helping hands, and there are many opportunities where you can help! The biggest need for volunteers during the event is in manning the game booths, which are simple to run (promise!). We will also need help with set up the day before and the day of the event, serving the food and various other

support tasks. If you are looking for a less hands-on opportunity, there will be donation slips listing needed supplies in the church lobby (as well as a volunteer sign up sheet) starting September 29th. You can also call the church office or email Don at <a href="mailto:don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com">don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com</a> for more information or to volunteer. Most importantly, we need PRAYER! Please pray that God would plant and water seeds again this year as we faithfully serve Him as a church.

### **October Birthdays**

2<sup>nd</sup> Valerie Legler

9<sup>th</sup> Janie Tibbs

13<sup>th</sup> Ethel Webster

15<sup>th</sup> Pam Carstensen

20<sup>th</sup> Ken Braithwaite

23<sup>rd</sup> Carol Tyson

25<sup>th</sup> Bill Belknap

27<sup>th</sup> Lomalee Rapp

29th MaryJo Scott

31<sup>st</sup> George Fletcher

## **October Anniversaries**

1<sup>st</sup> Terry & Janie Tibbs

26<sup>th</sup> Jim & Carol Tyson



A very simple process. Here are the steps:

Make your DMV Dash Pass Appointment TODAY: http://dmvnv.com/dashpass.htm.

1. Once on the appointment page, click on "Office Appointment." next click "Book new appointment."
2.On this page, do these four things: Choose the location of the DMV you would like to go to. Then, choose a service> registration, finally, choose a day and then a time.

3.On the next page, **fill in your personal information.** Also, **you can add a note**, "Wanting to turn in my current plates and get a Values Life Specialty Plate."

4.The DMV will text and email you your appointment confirmation.

5.On the day of your appointment,

take with you the following items: all your registration and insurance information (just in case they ask for it), a screwdriver to remove your current license plates, your driver's license, credit card or other form of payment, and a picture of the "Values Life" specialty plate (just in case). Get there a little earlier than your scheduled appointment so that you have time to remove your current license plate and take them in with you to turn in.

6.Once inside the DMV, **go to the line for people who have made appointments** — a much shorter line. 7.The cost is \$67 for the specialty plate the first year, the renewal fee is currently \$30.00. WRMCSN receives \$25 the first year and \$20 for renewal.





Bethany's 2019 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,610.48 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$188,883.84. Year to date giving, through August, totaled \$184,546.00. The difference was (4,337.84). Bethany's 2019 general budget, through August, was underspent by \$13,534.94.

# OCTOBER 2019



| Sun                          | Мон                               | TUE | WED | Тни | FRI                                      | SAT                              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--|----------------------------------|
| *                            |                                   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5<br>Care Center<br>Visit 9:45am |
| 6                            | 7                                 | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11                                       | 12                               |
| 13<br>CE Meeting<br>12:15 pm | Columbus Day Church Office Closed | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18                                       | Women's Retreat 9-4              |
| 20                           | 21                                | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25 Fall<br>Family<br>Fun Fest<br>5:30 pm | 26                               |
| 27                           | 28                                | 29  | 30  | 31  | ***                                      |                                  |



6TH Annual Family Fun Fest

# **OCTOBER 25TH**

5:30PM-8:00PM

### 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 a.m. **Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m. **Thursday:** Women's Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

### **CARE CENTER VISIT**

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 5th. 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!



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For birthday and anniversary additions; changes in address; or removal from our mailing list please contact the church office at 702-293-1912 or e-mail don@bethany.lvcoxmail.com.

# **2019 Boards**

**Board of Elders** 

- Mike Barth, Chairman

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- George Fletcher, Chairman

**Board of Deaconesses** 

- Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman

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- Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman

**Property Maintenance Board** 

- Dave Legler, Chairman

**Missions Board** 

- Rob Hedlund, Chairman

Service Time: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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