

June 2023

# COMMUNICATOR

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## “Country Going to Pot”

*“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”*

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

With all of the challenges facing our country, one issue that has flown a bit below the radar is marijuana use. Legalization of marijuana across the country has rapidly been increasing. Medical marijuana is now legal in 38 states. Recreational marijuana is now legal in 23 states. Efforts are being made in a number of other states to also liberalize these laws.

Many conservatives recognize that there may be a legitimate use for marijuana in medical situations, such as chemotherapy treatment. But there is a host of problems presented beyond that in this liberalization of marijuana laws. The psychoactive ingredient in marijuana is THC. In DEA seizures of marijuana in 1995 the average THC percentage found was 3.96%. In 2021 the average percentage was 15.34%. Thus current marijuana tends to be four times more powerful in terms of its psychoactive component.

The marijuana industry has been spending large amounts of money on lobbying for these liberal marijuana laws, and big companies have become involved in production and sales. They have followed the pattern once used by tobacco companies in getting young people started early with usage. Marijuana edibles are packaged as “Pot Tarts” and “Stoney Patch Kids.”

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, usage of marijuana on twenty or more occasions in the past thirty days has reached the highest levels ever among those aged 19 to 30. The percentage of eighth, tenth and twelfth graders who used marijuana daily has more than tripled between 1991 and 2020. In 2021 1.3 million people between age 12 and 17 were categorized as suffering from marijuana use disorder. One effect of this was that in 2021 there were 70,000 emergency room visits from children under 18.

Driving under the influence is an additional problem associated with marijuana use. Detecting marijuana use is more challenging for law enforcement officers than is alcohol use. But driving under the influence of marijuana is a growing problem. In 2021 there were 2.41 times more minors charged with driving under the influence of marijuana than driving under the influence of alcohol.

Meanwhile at school in 1991 78.6% of surveyed twelfth graders believed that regular marijuana use puts one's health at great risk. In 2021 it was only 21.6% who agreed. Medical science has produced studies showing that regular marijuana use is linked to psychosis, depression, suicide, and lower IQ at a time when young brains are still developing.

It is tough to be a kid and a parent today with all of the challenges that our world is presenting them. Pray for our youth program and our youth leaders and children's program leaders to have a positive effect on these precious young people and their parents.

- Pastor Kurt

## June Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> Lola Bell  
9<sup>th</sup> Jerry Wilbur  
14<sup>th</sup> Linda Lamb  
15<sup>th</sup> Mac Jaynes  
21<sup>st</sup> Mike Peñuelas  
27<sup>th</sup> Margy Williams  
29<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Hill



## June Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> Ken & Cathy Braithwaite  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jim and Barbara Lomen  
14<sup>th</sup> Ernie & Phyllis Eskam  
26<sup>th</sup> Ralph & Marilyn Nelson



## FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24. We will be partnering with In Jesus Name Medical Ministry to offer a free medical clinic on our campus. This is a great opportunity for community outreach and promotion of the gospel. We will need lots of volunteers to help out in various areas.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men, join us on Saturday morning, 8 AM, in Emmaus Hall on the church campus for a hearty breakfast, great fellowship, and a challenging Bible study.

## Women's Third Saturday Fellowship,

Saturday, June 17, 2023 It's Italian! - lunch that is! Also, our special guest speaker will be Carolyn Casey who will share her testimony. You won't want to miss it.

The fun will start at 11 AM

## CHURCH HIKE

Our hiking group will meet at church at 8 AM June 24 for a hike to Mt. Charleston. We have hikers who range from 7 to 70. We offer prepared lunches on the trail for those who let us know that they are coming.

## Joy for our Journey

Saturday, June 24 at 10:30 Come join us to watch a movie together... Fun! Fun! Fun!

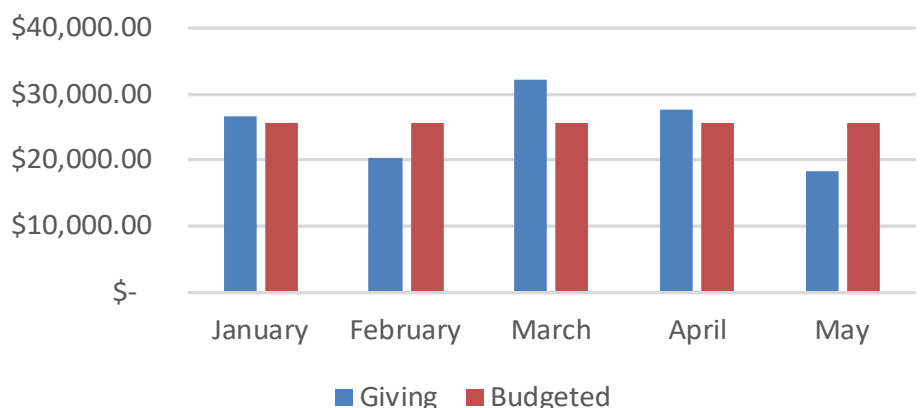
Bethany's 2023 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$25,733.16 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$128,665.80.

Year to date giving, through April, totaled \$125,212.52.

The difference is (\$3,453.28)

## Bethany Financials



# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Youth Night 6 pm	3 In Jesus' Name Medical Clinic 9 am
4	5	6	7	8	9 Memorial Service for Betty Moberger 10:30 am	10 Men's Breakfast 8am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Women's Fellowship 11 am
18  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	19	20	21	22	23	24 Joy For Our Journey Movie 10:30 am
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** Stay In Your Car Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m.  
Adult Study @ 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study @ 6 pm

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 11:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Book Club - 10:00 a.m.

**ALWAYS BE JOYFUL**  
**ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING**  
**NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS**  
**ALWAYS BE THANKFUL**  
**FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL**  
**FOR YOU WHO BELONG**  
**to JESUS CHRIST...**

## In Jesus' Name Medical Ministry

On Saturday, June 3rd, 2023  
9 am - 12 pm



[www.Injesusnamemedicalministry.org](http://www.Injesusnamemedicalministry.org)



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**SERVICE TIMES**

***Car Service:*** 8:30 a.m.

***Worship Service:*** 10:00 a.m.

***Sunday School:*** 11:15 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

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**2023 Boards**

**Board of Elders - Mick Casey, Chairman**

**Board of Deacons - Don Scott, Chairman**

**Board of Deaconesses - Sandy Crawford, Chairwoman**

**Christian Education Board - Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman**

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**Missions Board - Rob Hedlund, Chairman**

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