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# COMMUNICATOR

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## “Physician-Assisted Suicide”

*“Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy and that is what you are.” 1 Corinthians 3:16-17*

News reports indicate that our state legislature is scheduled to hear a bill this week (2/25/2019) that would allow terminally ill patients to kill themselves with medication prescribed by a doctor. A similar proposal failed to pass into law in 2017.

On the surface such a proposal sounds reasonable. Proponents argue that patients should be allowed to die with dignity. They should not have to suffer agonizing and painful deaths. According to Lifeway Research, 38% of those who claim to be evangelical agree with this statement: “When a person is facing a painful terminal disease, it is morally acceptable to ask for a physician’s aid in taking his or her own life.”

The Bible says that suicide is wrong. It is a violation of the Sixth Commandment, which prohibits murder. The Biblical principle is that God should be the one to determine the time of our death. He is the Author and Finisher of life. We certainly do not need to seek out suffering. But the example of Jesus demonstrates that we are not to avoid it at all costs.

University of Nevada medical professor Brian Callister, who specializes in end-of-life issues, argues that advances in medicine have given doctors the ability to control pain. He also says that this proposal would give a “perverse financial” incentive to insurance companies to end people’s lives and avoid costly medical expenses. Doctors could be encouraged to go along with this.

Dr. Callister reports in the Review-Journal (2/9/2019) that two of his patients in northern Nevada were seeking transfers to their home states of California and Oregon for lifesaving treatments. Those two states have physician-assisted suicide laws. When Dr. Callister spoke with medical directors of the respective insurance companies, he was informed that they would cover assisted suicide but not coverage for lifesaving treatments.

Belgium and the Netherlands have had physician-assisted suicide laws since 2002. Patients who have been assisted in taking their own lives now include children as well as adults. Medical reports from those two countries describe people who were assisted in taking their own lives whose only complaint is being “tired of living.” Others have suffered from schizophrenia, autism, and dementia. In Belgium, 32% of all euthanasia deaths are “without consent.” (Breakpoint, 11/10/2014)

If you would like to express your opinion to one of our local state legislators about this issue, contact Boulder City’s assemblyman, Glen Leavitt (Glen.Leavitt@asm.state.nv.us), or our state senator, Joe Hardy (Joe.Hardy@sen.state.nv.us).

- Pastor Kurt

### MAN CAMP

Our men’s retreat weekend at Prescott Pines Camp in Prescott, AZ, is scheduled for April 5-7. The weekend involves a speaker, music, outdoor activities, indoor activities, excellent food, and great fellowship. The plan is to meet at the church campus at 10 AM Friday. We go together in the church van and stop in Kingman at Cracker Barrel. We arrive in Prescott in the late afternoon. Meals are provided through at least Sunday breakfast. We stay together in a cabin with several rooms and the basic necessities. We return to BC on Sunday in the late afternoon. Cost for the weekend is \$139. There is a \$15 discount for those who register by March 15. Register online at [Prescottpines.org](http://Prescottpines.org) and sign up on the sheet in the church foyer.

### MEN’S BREAKFAST

Guys, show up at Emmaus Hall on the church campus on Saturday morning, March 16 at 8:15 AM for a delicious breakfast with all the fixings along with a 20 minute message from a top notch speaker. We are cool just to hang out with, too.



## MAN CAMP

Guys, consider joining us 04/5-7/19 as we head to Prescott Pines, AZ, for a weekend retreat with men from churches in AZ and NV. We'll have an inspiring speaker, great food, quality fellowship, fun outdoor activities & delightful music.

We'll meet at Bethany on Friday at 10 AM, have lunch in Kingman and arrive at Prescott Pines in the afternoon. We'll be home by late afternoon on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$139, but those who register by 03/15 get a \$15 discount. To register, go online to [prescottpines.org](http://prescottpines.org). Also, please sign up on the clipboard at church so that we can plan transportation.

### Missionary of the Month March 2019



**Joanna Beeler**

**Remember to pray for this mission.**

Joanna is serving in Pakistan with World Venture, sharing the compassion and love of Jesus to unreached

Sindhi women and children through Nursing, Evangelism and Discipleship.

## Ladies 3rd Saturday Fellowship

Ladies, Ages 9 to 109! Saturday, March 16, 11:00a-2:00p

**Prayer Mug Swap & Movie Matinee**

**Bring a lovingly used or new mug.**

If new, please do not spend more than \$1.

**Popcorn & beverages provided.**

**Bring your favorite movie candy.**



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marla (Turbo) Crawford
- 5<sup>th</sup> Doris Roush
- 7<sup>th</sup> Debra (DeeDee) Buchanan
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Baker
- 10<sup>th</sup> Sandy Crawford  
Bart Hedlund
- 11<sup>th</sup> Carla Carstensen
- 14<sup>t</sup> Cherry Aton
- 28<sup>th</sup> Aline Jacques  
Kitty Ritenour
- 29<sup>th</sup> Sue Wilbur



## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 31<sup>st</sup> Cecil & Barbara Forcum

### XYZ Potluck

Our Potluck will take place on Tuesday, the 19th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 12 noon meal!



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

Year to date budget requirement was \$47,220.96. Year to date giving, through February, totaled \$39,721.00. The difference was (\$7,499.96).

# March 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's Bible Study 7 am Care Center Visit 9:45 am Deaconess 9am
3	4	5 Ladies Bible Study 9 am	6 Prayer Time 7 am	7 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm  Deacon's Meeting 7 pm	8 Elders' Meeting Noon	9 Men's Bible Study 7 am  <b>Set clocks forward</b>
10 Maintenance Mtg 11:15 am Christian Ed Mtg. 12:30 pm	11	12 Ladies Bible Study 9 am	13 Prayer Time 7 am  Praise Team 5:30 pm	14 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm	15	16 Men's Bible Study 7 am Men's Breakfast 8:15 am
17 Dr. Richard Hill Messiah in the Passover at 10:00 am service	18	19 Ladies Bible Study 9 am Missions 10:30 am XYZ Potluck at Noon	20 <b>Spring!</b> Prayer Time 7 am Praise Team 5:30 pm	21 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm	22	23 Men's Bible Study 7 am
24  Kid's Movie 31 10 am	25	26 Ladies Bible Study 9 am	27 Prayer Time 7 am  Praise Team 5:30 pm	28 Ladies Bible Study 6 pm	29	30 Men's Bible Study 7 am



**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 5:30 p.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 2nd. Meet at 9:45 AM.

Come share time and sing some songs with the residents. Spend some time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



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**2019 Boards**

**Board of Elders - Mike Barth, Chairman**

**Board of Deacons - George Fletcher, Chairman**

**Board of Deaconesses - Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman**

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

**Property Maintenance Board - Dave Legler, Chairman**

**Missions Board - Rob Hedlund, Chairman**

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