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# COMMUNICATOR

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## "In Memoriam" Joann Kenneston 1951-2017

*"For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints..." Hebrews 6:10*

In agreeing to come to our church in 1999 and to take on the task of administering our office, I suspect that Joann took a cut in pay. But she also upgraded her usefulness to the kingdom of God. She was very efficient in dealing with church finances and budgets. With her background in the newspaper industry she was able to bring excellence to all of the print and audiovisual materials that we produced. With her music background she was able to assist our music leaders in producing beautiful music. Often she helped out by playing the piano.

I began my involvement here in 2003. I saw her help myself and the assistant pastors that we have had to succeed in ministry. She warned us of dangers that she saw ahead and encouraged us to follow avenues that she saw as opportunities. She had opinions on church related issues which she freely shared and which sharpened the thinking of all of us who worked here. She clued us into people who needed attention and encouragement.

In 2004 she took on the additional task with husband Robert of pastoring the church in Rachel, which meant a 350 mile round trip every weekend. As a congregation, we had a small part in supporting and praying for the people that Robert and Joann grew to love in that tiny town.

A few years after taking on the Rachel church, Joann discovered that she had breast

cancer. The average life expectancy for this kind of cancer was six months. But God was gracious. Her oncologist put her on an experimental drug, and her life was extended. Joann did not complain about her health. In the midst of her own health challenges she sought to manage Robert's care in his battle with Parkinson's. Joann tended to focus on other people. She often put in extra hours at church. She planned her vacations so that she would not be gone for too long at any one time and so that bulletins and music and sermon outlines could be available each Sunday. She willingly drove the van for women's outings.

Joann provided housing for our last two music leaders. When her health suddenly began to decline, she began telling Don about how to do things in the office. She told me that she thought that Don was the guy to take over her position. The Lord seemed to be involved in the timing of that transition.

Joann was a friend to most of us. We will miss her. Because she had a genuine faith in Jesus, we can be comforted by the realization that she is reunited with Robert and enjoying the glories of heaven. RIP

Pastor Kurt

## Children's Ministry

### Vacation Bible School:

What a wonderful week we had **June 25-29 at Vacation Bible School**. We had a good turn-out (31 children was our high night and 26 was our low night). We had more than 30 crew leaders, Stations leaders, helpers and other adults to make this such a fun week. Everyone did a great job with their parts. The kids had a blast!

Even though it was one of the hottest weeks of the summer, the kids enjoyed themselves and the water games were a hit!

The theme was **Passport to Peru**. The children used all their senses to find out about the country of Peru and how the children in that country live, play, ate and love Jesus.

We had a special mission project called **Operation Kid to Kid**. This project will help build wells in small villages in Peru so that the children will have clean water. We raised \$265.13 toward that project.

We had 14 students learn all five memory verses and they were given a Bible. We had several children make decisions for Christ. Way to go Evangelism team!

I want to thank all the helpers, workers, leaders and teachers who gave of their time and energy to make this such a wonderful week. Thank you does not seem like enough to say. We could not do this Vacation Bible School without all of you.

### Baptism Sunday:

**July 16** was a great day at Bethany. We had 7 children and 1 adult get baptized. It was fun to see the smiles on their faces as Pastor Kurt asked them if they believed in Jesus and if they were ready to be baptized. Pastor held a class the week before to go over with each child about their decision and to make sure they knew what baptism was all about.

We will have another baptism soon because several of our children could not attend this one. Watch the bulletin for more information. If anyone, children or adults are interested in being baptized, let myself or Pastor Kurt know.

The hope and goal of Children's Ministry at Bethany is to teach the children who Jesus is so that they can make a decision to follow him. Just a few weeks ago, we talked about Mathew 28 - The Great Commission and going into all the world teaching/preaching the Gospel and baptizing the followers.

To see the children come to know the Lord and follow him in believer's baptism is one of the greatest thrills in life. It means the teachers, the program, the time we spend are doing what God has commanded us to do. God also commanded us to bring the children to him. It is so great to see so many children. We will carry on in the name of Jesus.

### Future Plans:

We are blessed to have many teachers and helpers for Children's Church and Sunday School. If I had one wish, it is to have more teachers/helpers. Right now, we have two classes but I have hopes of adding some other classes:

I would like to have Pre-K class and a Sunday School class for middle school boys/girls, a lady for the High School girls and a youth group. If any of these ages or areas interest you, see me or give me a call. I have training times often, curriculum and instructions to help you. Pray about how God can use you in Children's Ministry. The rewards are outstanding!

Requirements to be part of Children's Ministry is: you must be a believer in Jesus to be a helper/teacher. A background check is required. The commitment is to serve in Children's Ministries one Sunday a month.

Plans are being made for **Fall activities** by the Christian Education Committee. I would also like to do a Christmas play or musical with the children. Watch the Communicator and bulletin for upcoming events.

In His Service,  
Jenny Fletcher



## September Birthdays

- 11<sup>th</sup> Lois Mathews  
12<sup>th</sup> Helen Skinner\*  
15<sup>th</sup> Charlie Pappas  
Mildred Peterson  
17<sup>th</sup> Tiana Nilson\*  
18<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Eskam  
21<sup>st</sup> Jack Taylor Jr.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Debra McGee  
24<sup>th</sup> Cherye Wangerin  
Marjorie Juarez\*  
26<sup>th</sup> Maria Uires dos Santos\*

\*indicates a missionary family

## September Anniversaries

- 6<sup>th</sup> Rev. Merrill & Helen Skinner\*  
7<sup>th</sup> Nate & Sandy Crawford  
8<sup>th</sup> Donald & Betty Moberger  
17<sup>th</sup> Ted & Malia Winston\*  
26<sup>th</sup> Linda & Robert Ronnow

## October Missionary Birthdays

- 6<sup>th</sup> Jessie Houston  
11<sup>th</sup> Maxwell Winston  
14<sup>th</sup> Mel Bittner

Missionary birthdays and anniversaries are listed a month in advance to allow time for you to send a card. Addresses for all our missionaries are on the Missions Bulletin Board in Emmaus Hall.

## Ladies Bible Study-

How to study the Bible with hearts and minds

Begins Tuesday, September 19, 2017

6:00 PM - Emmaus Hall

## 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 24th Sunday service.*

More details will be coming soon!

**BETHANY'S**  
**got Soul...**

**SUNDAY EVENINGS,  
Beginning September  
17th, at 5PM**

Bethany is full of soulful people and we want to start up a Gospel Choir on the 17th... Praise the Lord! Lift our voices together!

With all your Soul let us Sing! Be a part of this important ministry!  
See Don for more details...!

# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Care Center Visit 9:45 a.m.
3	4 Happy Labor Day	5 Ladies 9am Bible Study	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Ladies 9am Bible Study Ladies 6pm Bible Study	13 Praise Team Practice 5p	14	15	16 Men's Breakfast 8:15a
17 Choir 5p	18	19 Ladies 9am Bible Study Ladies 6pm Bible Study	20 Praise Team Practice 5p	21 XYZ Potluck 5PM	22	23 Elders' 8:30 a.m. Youth 5-7p Pizza Games
24 Welcome Back Sunday Meal Choir 5p	25	26 Ladies 9am Bible Study Ladies 6pm Bible Study	27 Praise Team Practice 5p	28	29	30

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.  
Choir Practice - 5:00 pm  
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Women's Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.  
Praise Team Practice - 5:00 p.m.

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

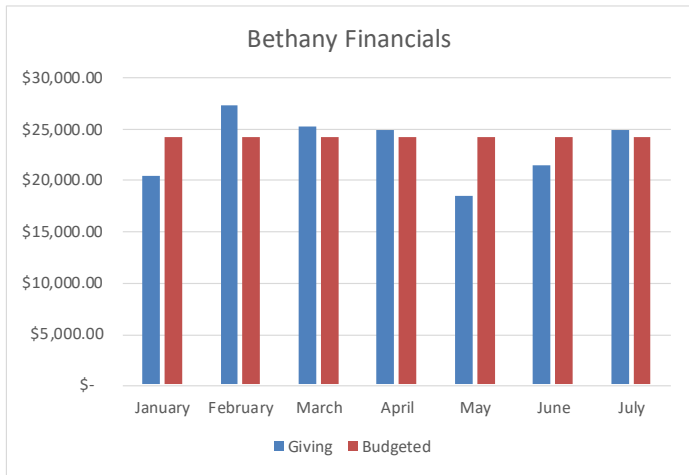
## XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potlucks begin again on Thursday, the 21st. 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 a Mystery!



Bethany's 2017 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$24,224.36 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$169,570.52.

Year to date giving, through July, totaled \$162,819.08. The difference was (\$6751.44).

Bethany's 2017 general budget, through July, was underspent by \$7533.94.

### 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 some time and sing some songs with the residents.

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

**LADIES**  
Fellowship  
Make & Take  
Burrito Bar Potluck



**September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**9AM - 1PM**  
Seating Limited to 30  
Supplies \$5.00

Dear Bethany family,

I want to thank you for your cards, love and prayers through this difficult year. Through my fall, the death of our precious daughter, shoulder surgery, hand and elbow surgery, through it all, you have been there for me. I thank each and every one of you for your love and thoughtfulness.

Barbara Forcum

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Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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### 2017 Boards

#### **Board of Elders**

- *Jack Taylor, Chairman*

#### **Board of Deacons**

- *Michael Holiday, Chairman*

#### **Board of Deaconesses**

- *Patti Childress, Chairwoman*

#### **Christian Education Board**

- *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

#### **Property Maintenance Board**

- *Nate Crawford, Chairperson*

#### **Missions Board**

- *Rob Hedlund, Chairman*

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*"Be still and know that I am God."*

Psalm 46.10

Friday, 10/13/2017 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM - Saturday, 10/14/2017 - 8:30AM to 4:00PM

The Moberger's Home - 819 Pebble Beach - Boulder City, NV 89005

**\$50.00** per person includes fellowship, food, participant guide, and gift bag of theme-related items.  
Space is limited. Deposit of \$25.00 is due on or before September 24<sup>th</sup>.