

HONORING FATHERS AND MOTHERS

"Honor your father and your mother..." Exodus 20:12

Toronto Star columnist Emma Teitel (5/12/2017) is proposing that "we scrap both Mother's Day and Father's Day for good." She thinks that a rotating "Guardian's Day" would be a better idea. Part of the reason is that "the gendered holidays are... generally a drag for non-binary parents who don't identify with a single gender."

Such has become the crazy world in which we live. Now we have to deal with bathroom laws--- arguing about who can use men's and women's bathrooms. The root problem here is our culture's drift away from the God who created us and the Manufacturer's owner's manual that He gave us to follow.

Twenty-five years ago Justice Anthony Kennedy in a Supreme Court decision (*Planned Parenthood vs. Casey*) ruled that "the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life" is essential to the concept of liberty. He was wrong. The Bible says that we were created in the image of God, and we were created as male and female. Real liberty comes from following the concept of existence provided by our Creator. His owner's manual, the Bible, provides us with the directions about how to have the best life possible. It also provides us with warnings in the form of "red flags waving" and "always stay on the rails no matter what."

As our culture pursues its individualistic concepts of liberty and the meaning and life, there will be more and more negative fallout for individuals, families and society as a whole. But there is also an opportunity in this for us Christians. As we, by God's grace and power, live consistent Christian lives, the difference will become starker. Some in the world around us will see that we have what they need--- an abundant life through faith in Jesus. Let your light shine.

Pastor Kurt

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Jesus in John 10:10



June Birthdays

- 7th Lola Bell
- 9th Jerry Wilbur
- 10th Beverly Mossop
- 12th Terry Tibbs
- 14th Linda Lamb
- 15th Mac Jaynes
- 21st Mike Peñuelas
- 27th Margy Williams
- 29th Kathleen Hill

CARE CENTER VISIT



Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 3rd. 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!

<u>June Anniversaries</u>

- 2nd Ken & Cathy Braithwaite
- 4thCharlie & Brenda Pappas
- 8th Ben & Tillie Yazzie*
- 14th Ernie & Phyllis Eskam Butch & Debbie Smith
- 25th John & Margy Williams
- 26th Ralph & Marilyn Nelson
- 27th Lary & Janet Street

*indicates a missionary family member.

July Missionary **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

- July 6th Jerry & Debbie Suits
- July 7th Nelson Juarez Antonia Cezar Gomes (Rosamary Bitten court's husband)
- July 17th-Tillie Yazzie
- July 22nd-Joaquin Vargas
- July 27th-Merrill Skinner
- July 28th-Dave Falconer

July 29th-Nigel Juarez

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.

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

Year to date budget requirement was \$96,897.44. Year to date giving, through April, totaled \$97,899.53. The difference was \$708.59.



June 2017

Wed Thu Fri Sat	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun
1 2 3 Deacones Meeting 9A				
7 8 9 10	7	6	5	4
14 15 16 17	14	13	12	11 Christian Education Meeting 12:15 pm
21 22 23 24 Elders' Meeting 8:30 a.m. VBS Set-U 9AM	21	20	19 Vacation Bible School Meeting 6:30 pm	18 Father's Day
28 29 30		27 school	26 BIBLE	25 VACATION
5:30 pm 8:30 pm	L 5:30 pm	SCHOOL	BIBLE	VACATION

WEEKLY EVENTS

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





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2017 Boards

Board of Elders - John Barth, Chairman

Board of Deacons - Michael Holiday, Chairman

Board of Deaconesses - Patti Childress/Linda Lamb, Chairwomen

Christian Education Board - Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman

Property Maintenance Board - Nate Crawford, Chairman

Missions Board - Rob Hedlund, Chairman

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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 staff@bethany.lvcoxmail.com.