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# COMMUNICATOR

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## Reaching Youth, Young Adults and Any Demographic Group

Last year a team of researchers at the Fuller Youth Institute at Fuller Theological Seminary announced the results of a four-year study of US churches that are effectively reaching young people in their teens and their twenties. They examined 250 congregations from around the country and from a variety of denominational backgrounds and a variety of ethnic backgrounds. Part of the motivation for the study was the recognition that although young adults aged 18-29 make up 22% of the adult US population, they represent less than 10% of churchgoers.

A long list of qualities that the researchers originally expected would characterize churches who were effectively reaching people turned out not to be so important. The researchers noted these eight qualities as "things your church doesn't need." They were: 1) A trendy location; 2) a specific denomination, 3) a "culturally relevant" pastoral teaching style, including pastors' attire, 4) a precise size, 5) an exact age, 6) a big budget, 7) contemporary worship, 8) a big, modern building.

Here are some of the characteristics that they found in churches that were reaching young people: "This was an inescapable theme across the many churches we studied: They want to be the best possible neighbors within their city. These churches were creatively involved in being good neighbors, and they involved young people in the process."

*Dear children, let  
us not love with  
words or speech  
but with actions  
and in truth.  
1 John 3:18*

They also found that these churches involve young people throughout the other ministries of the church. They even let them have a part in decision-making. "When these congregations think about budget, strategy, worship planning, programming, community life, theology, and all other aspects of Christian life together, they think about young people."

Perhaps more than anything else, the researchers found that churches effective at reaching youth had people who loved them. Typical of this was a response that they found at Immanuel Church of the Nazarene in Lansdale, PA. When asked to share what they love about their congregation, a 22-year-old spoke for a group of 20-somethings and said simply "Bill Wallace." Other heads nodded. Whether he is attending this group's Bible study, or greeting them in the hallway, or attending a kids' basketball game, he made it his mission to make sure that young people know that he cares. Bill Wallace is 76 years old.

My takeaway is that the key factor in reaching any demographic group, in reaching any community, in impacting any neighborhood is loving people with Christ like love. May that begin with each of us. (*Christianity Today*, September 2016)

Pastor Kurt

## May Birthdays

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lidija Baker
5 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Cannon*
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jenny Fletcher
10 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Yazzie*
15 <sup>th</sup>	Marge Cathcart
21 <sup>st</sup>	Debbie Suits*
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rob Hedlund
24 <sup>th</sup>	Anne Angora Ellen Duran*
25 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Nelson
31 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Murphy*

\*indicates a missionary  
or the child of a missionary.

## May Anniversaries

4 <sup>th</sup>	John & Kitty Ritenour
15 <sup>th</sup>	Rosamary Bittencourt & Antonio Gomes*
30 <sup>th</sup>	Dave & Joyce Falconer*

## June Missionary Anniversaries

8 <sup>th</sup>	Ben & Tillie Yazzie
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Missionary birthdays and anniversaries are listed a month in advance for you to send a card. Addresses are on the Mission's Bulletin Board in Emmaus Hall.

## Bethany Birthdays

If you notice a that someone's birthday or a couple's anniversary is missing from the Communicator, please let us know! Just call the office (293-1912). Thank you!

### CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 6th. 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!

### MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men, join us again for breakfast on Saturday morning, May 6, at 8:15 AM, in Emmaus Hall. Your generous donations for our last breakfast mean that we won't ask for any donations this time for the cost of the meal. Tony Evans will speak on "A Man's Call to Greatness."

### XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Thursday, the 18th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM meal!



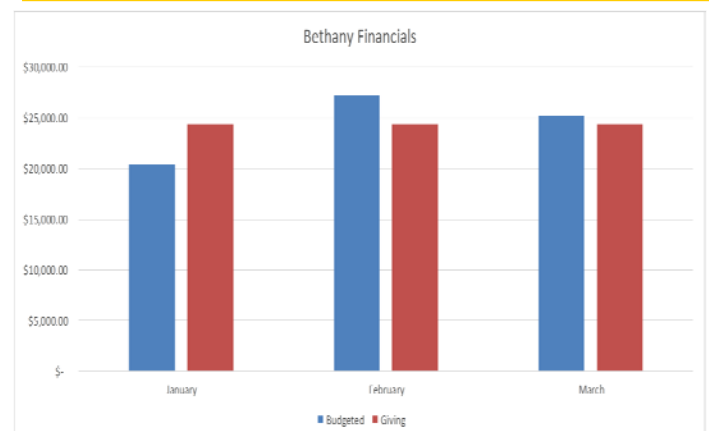
## THANK YOU

Jim Hatch called to say that he would like to thank everyone at Bethany for all they have done for him. He appreciates you all very much!

Joann Kenneston deeply appreciates everyone's prayers as she goes through this new series of radiation.

Bethany's 2017 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$24,366.21 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$73,098.63. Year to date giving, through March, totaled \$72,964.22. The difference was (\$134.41).



# MAY 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Care Center Visit 9:45 a.m.	2	3	4	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8:15 a.m.  Care Center Visit 9:45 a.m.
7 Christian Education Meeting 12:15 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12	13 A Holy Make-Over Spring Tea 2PM
14 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> 	15	16	17	18 XYZ Potluck 5PM Property Maintenance Meeting 6PM	19	20
21 Deacons' Meeting 12:15 p.m.	22	23	24	25	26	27 Elders' Meeting 8:30 a.m.
28	29  <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31			

## 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



Bethany Baptist Church  
2PM Spring Tea  
May 13, 2017  
Tickets \$10

A perfect afternoon for a lovely lady's social gathering!  
Deb Taber, a leadership coach for Women's ministry at The Crossing Church in Las Vegas will be our guest speaker.  
Invite a friend to join you!

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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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