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"What We Did on Our Summer Vacation"

"Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains..." Psalm 36:6

How is it that God's righteousness is like mighty mountains? Mighty mountains inspire awe. They require our attention. They are difficult to overcome. They point us to a great Creator.

My first encounter with mighty mountains came as a teenager from the Midwest when my family took a western camping trip. We visited Glacier National Park. The picture of those mountains was indelibly etched in my mind. It inspired a desire in me to hike in the mountains. I was able to indulge in that desire in my early ministry years as a youth pastor by leading trips into the White Mountains in New Hampshire. Here in the Southwest I have been able to hike and enjoy a different kind of landscape. In our recent vacation I was finally able to return to Glacier Park and show my wife those mountains.

Along the way to northern Montana we were able to visit with Pat Amon, who spends the summer months in the town and home in which she grew up in Livingston, Montana. She showed us around the area. We saw how the local landscape lends itself to her inspiration to paint. We also saw grandson Bryce, who has worked for the local government there the past two summers.

We then spent two nights in Gardiner, Montana, fifty miles to the south and next to the northern entrance to Yellowstone Park. We stayed at the hotel that Lomalee Rapp's two sons have built and managed. We enjoyed a couple of meals with Lomalee and one of her sons. We spent a day exploring Yellowstone. It was delightful to see the environment in which Lomalee lives and the entrepreneurship which her two sons have demonstrated.

We then traveled to Glacier Park. We spent two nights on the east side and two nights on the west side. We were able to explore the park that I remembered from my childhood. On the last full day there, I hiked with one of my closest friends from seminary who lives just to the west of the park. It was the fulfillment of a dream from childhood to

experience a nine mile hike in the middle of the park and to see incredible mountain vistas and wildlife and alpine plant life. It was also great to catch up with my friend and his family and his ministry.

We were then on to McCall, Idaho. Those who have been in the church for twelve or fifteen years will remember the Ball family, who were part of our fellowship. We spent part of a day with them. Their three children are now grown up. Lewann serves as a school nurse. Dave continues as a medical rescue helicopter pilot. In recent days he has been flying out of West Yellowstone.

Finally, we dropped down to Meridian, Idaho, near Boise. Donna Disney and Laurie Coffey have both been active participants and leaders in our church. At one point both ladies were going in together to lead a Bible study in the women's prison in Las Vegas. Ironically, they are both dealing with dementia issues and have both moved to be close to their families and have both moved into assisted living homes. It turns out that they live only about a mile from each other. Suzy and I were able to collect both of them and take them out for lunch. We had a delightful time with them. Our summer vacation was truly a blessing!

-Pastor Kurt

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Guys, join us for breakfast on Saturday, September 7, at 7 AM. We will have the usual culinary delights as well as an inspirational speaker. Jim Garnett, who along with wife Ginny, has recently become part of our fellowship. Jim has served as a pastor in Iowa. He will be our featured speaker.



September Birthdays

11th Lois Mathews

18th Phyllis Eskam

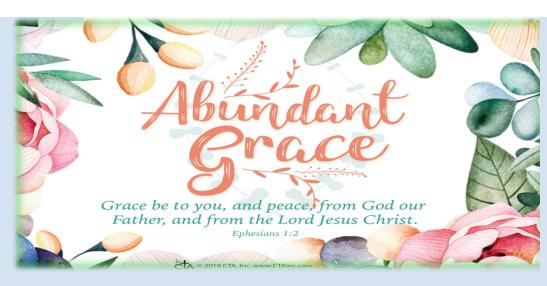
Ladies 2019 Retreat

September Anniversaries

7th Nate & Sandy Crawford

8th Donald & Betty Moberger

26th Linda & Robert Ronnow



\$25.00 due by October 6, 2019 Includes breakfast, lunch, and materials.

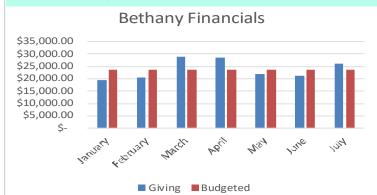
Saturday, October 19, 2019 Bethany Baptist Church 9AM-4PM



Ladies of Bethany

3rd Saturday Fellowship September 21, 2019 9AM-11AM Potluck Breakfast Guest Speaker - Lauren Johnson

The idea of a Jesse Tree is rooted in Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king. And Jesus is descended from the line of David. He is the branch God promised would grow from Jesse's family tree.



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

Year to date budget requirement was \$165,273.36. Year to date giving, through July, totaled \$166,238.00. The difference was \$964.64. Bethany's 2019 general budget, through July, was underspent by \$14,361.45.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day	3	4	5	6	7 Care CenterVisit 9:45 am Men's Breakfast 8:15 am
8 New Members Class Begins @ 11:15 am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 CE Meeting 12:15 pm	16	17	18	19	20	21 Ladies Potluck Breakfast 9-11 am
22	23	24	25	26	27 Elder's Meeting @ Noon	28
29 Deacons cook for kids@10am 5th Sunday Hymn Sing @ 6:00 pm	30				Welco	me Home

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 October 6th Sunday service.*

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 Practice - 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 7th. 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!



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