

# "Men and Love"

"Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart..." 1 Peter 1:22

Joe Ehrmann came from a tough background in Buffalo. Football was his salvation. He was an All-American defensive lineman at Syracuse University. He was picked in the first round of the NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts. Joe went to the Pro Bowl in 1978. That was also the year his life changed when his brother Billy contracted cancer.

Joe was more of a father to his brother, who was ten years younger, than a brother. Billy was going to college near Baltimore. Joe spent all of his non-football time supporting his brother in his fight with cancer. When he died, Joe was devastated. He had no resources to deal with this loss. This led to a spiritual search that resulted in conversion to Christ and becoming a pastor.

In reviewing his own life, Joe became convinced that he had grown up with false ideas about what it means to be a man. Young men, he believes, are too often raised with these myths of false masculinity. There are three of these myths, he argues. The first is that in order to be a real man, one must be successful as an athlete. Real men must succeed at sports. Those who are more inclined toward academics or music or art or thater fall short.

The second myth is that real men will be known for their sexual conquests. They will have beautiful women in their orbit. Women are to be used, not loved.

The third myth, which applies especially as boys become adults, is that real men have economic success. They have money and cars and power.

In order to counter this false narrative, Joe Ehrmann says that young men need to be taught that two things are important in life. One is relationships. Boys need to be taught that what is important is developing meaningful relationships. They must learn to love others and allow themselves to be loved in return. They need to evaluate themselves in terms of what kind of friend and teammate and father and husband they are.

The second thing is that young men need to connect with a cause that is greater than themselves. At the end of their lives they need to be able to look back and know that the world is a better place because they lived and loved and served others. As a Christian, Ehrmann believes that the best cause with which to connect is the cause of Christ. It is a relationship with Him and His word that provides the greatest meaning in life and the best explanation for our existence.

Joe Ehrmann has spent many years in coaching high school football teams. His philosophy of coaching involves much more than winning games. Before the last game of the season, he has each senior stand before his teammates and coaches and has them read an essay titled "How I Want To Be Remembered When I Die." Pastor Kurt

**The Big Game Party:** Join us on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 2,nd, at 3:00 pm, at the Hedlund's 1133 Endora way in Boulder City to enjoy one another's company as we watch the Big Game. Bring a snack and a drink to share. Valuable (????) prizes will be awarded after each quarter to those with the most accurate prediction about the score. It will be a good time of fun and fellowship.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

#### The Women's Ministry of Bethany Baptist Church exists for three purposes.



Our women can get to know each other.
Our women can help each other grow in the Lord.
Our women can reach out to others.

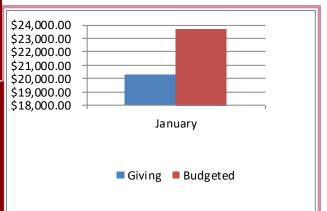
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February 15, 2020—11AM-1PM

Please reserve your spot by February 8, 2020.



The new chapel/student center was dedicated with a worship service in late November. Praise God that the work has been completed and the much needed facility is now ready for use. Jason's house church has born fruit in winning a Native American couple to faith in Jesus. They were both baptized, and then Jason married them. It was a powerful testimony and cause of great joy for all those associated with this Bethany's 2020 budget is based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,733.67 each month. Year to date budget requirement is \$23,733.67 Year to date giving, through January, totals \$20,273.00 The difference is (\$3,460.67). **BETHANY FINANCIALS** 



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	<b>Sat</b> <b>1</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Care Center Visit 9:45am
2 June Bowl 3pm @ The Hedlund's's	3	4 Ladies' Bible study 9:00 am	5 Prayer time 7:30 am Ladies' Book Club 10:00 am	6	7	8 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am
9 Richard Hill Millenial Kingdom	10	<b>11</b> Ladies' Bible study 9:00 am	12 Prayer time 7:30 am Ladies' Book Club 10:00 am	13 (	14 NAPRY VALENTITIES DAY	15 Men's Bible Study 7:00 am Ladies Fellowship 11:00 AM
16	17 Presidents' Day	18 Ladies' Bible study 9:00 am	19 Prayer time 7:30 am Ladies' Book Club 10:00 am	20	21	<b>22</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am
23	24	25 Ladies' Bible study 9:00 am	26 Prayer time 7:30 am Ladies' Book Club 10:00 am	28	28 Elders Meeting 10:00 AM	<b>29</b> Men's Bible Study 7:00 am

# **CARE CENTER VISIT**

Our next Care Center and Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, February 2nd. Meet at 9:45 a.m. @ Mtn View Care

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



# February Bírthdays

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#### WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Prayer Time: 9:15 a.m. Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

*Tuesday:* Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m. *Wednesday:* Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m. Women's Book Club - 10:00 a.m. *Saturday:* Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. *Telephone:* 702.293.1912 *Web Site*: www.bcbethany.com

## <u>2020 Boards</u>

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Board of Deaconesses - Sue Willbur, Chairwoman

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