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“What Is It with This Transgender Stuff?”

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
Genesis 1:27

Just when Conservatives and Christians were getting adjusted to the idea that our culture has accepted the notion of same-sex marriages, our culture has taken another leap toward the abyss with acceptance of the idea that we can choose our own gender and take medical steps to make our bodies line up with our gender choices.

Furthermore, our culture says that we need to embrace these changes. On Sunday I cited two examples where Christian teachers were fired for refusing to use pronouns that did not match up with a student’s biological identity. A custody battle has been in the news recently where a Texas couple is fighting over their seven year old child. The mom is a pediatrician. She says that the seven year old boy is identifying as a girl. She wants to use a girl’s name for him. The dad is fighting that. He is concerned that the mom may do something medically to change his gender.

Meanwhile, the American Academy of Pediatrics has officially recommended that parents accept and encourage the preferred gender expression of children. At the same time a 2017 report for that academy found that children under 14 aren’t cognitively capable of crossing a busy street. “...children lack the perceptual judgment and physical skills needed to consistently get across safely.”

“Progressive” public schools are encouraging children to be open about gender identity. Several federal courts have ruled that schools must allow transgender students into the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice. (*World*, 5/29/2018)

So our crazy culture is in pursuit of an idea that denies the way that God has made us and denies biological reality. “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.” (Proverbs 14:12) According to a study entitled “Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences” in *The New Atlantis* (Sept. 2018) individuals who have sex reassignment surgery are 19 times more likely to commit suicide than the average person.

Psychiatrist Paul McHugh was in charge of sex reassignment surgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Maryland. After seeing too many disastrous results, he quit. His *Wall Street Journal* column was headlined “Transgender Surgery Isn’t the Solution: A drastic physical change doesn’t address underlying psycho-social troubles.” (6/12/2014)

As Christians, our responsibility is to speak the truth, but to do it in love. (Ephesians 4:15) As columnist Janie Cheaney writes, “The ultimate issue is not who’s right but who is being hurt. Thousands of men and women who feel ‘oriented’ to their own sex may be profoundly disoriented. A generation of children already confused about gender stand to be much more confused by the time they reach adulthood. The complex human experience of desire is fully understood by one person only, and that’s our Maker.” (*World*, 10/1/2016) - Pastor Kurt

MEN’S BREAKFAST

Men, join us on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 8:15 AM in Emmaus Hall on the church campus for a tasty breakfast and a talk with food for thought by Mike Barth. Mike is our head elder and formerly served in the Coast Guard, on the BC police force, and in the Department of Homeland Defense.

CHURCH HIKE

Pastor Kurt is taking his Middle School Sunday School class on a hike up Fortification Hill on Saturday morning, November 23. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome to tag along. Just let us know that you are planning to come. To see what is involved in the hike, go to https://www.birdandhike.com/Hike/LAME/Fort_Hill/_Fort_Hill.htm.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th Shirley Thomas
 7th Cathy Braithwaite
 9th Jim Hatch
 9th Lois Wood
 10th Carl Carstensen
 15th Butch Smith
 18th Betty Moberger
 19th Debbie Barth
 23rd Ernie Eskam
 26th Dave Legler
 30th Pastor Kurt Hedlund
 30th Sue Savage

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8th Dave & Val Legler
 8th George & Jenny Fletcher

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Collection Week:

November 18-25

Shoeboxes available in church sanctuary:
 November 3, 10, 17 & 24.



Pack a shoebox

Church Business Meeting

12:15 a.m. on Sunday, 11/10

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will vote on new members, proposed nominees and the budget for 2020.

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

Year to date budget requirement was \$236,104.80.

Year to date giving, through October, totaled \$229,068.00. The difference was (\$7,036.80).



Church-wide Decorating

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 24th, 11:15AM
 Brunch provided by Deaconesses.

Ladies of Bethany

3rd Saturday Fellowship

November 16, 2019

10AM-Noon

Brunch &

Jesse Tree Ornament Exchange

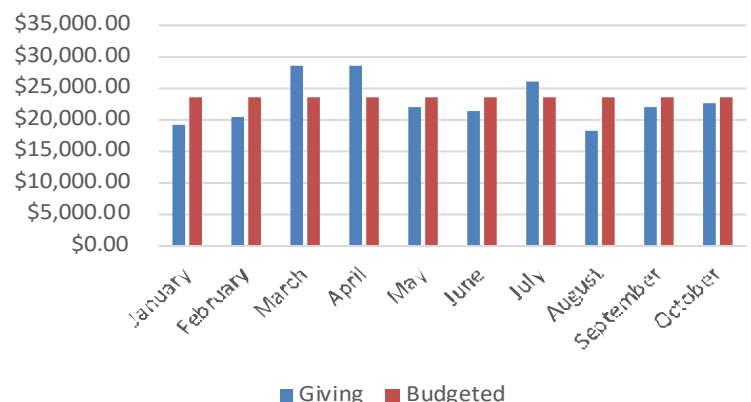
All are invited!

**Bethany ladies seek to
connect, grow, and nurture
 women in their walk with Christ.**

*...so we cared for you.
 Because we loved you so much,
 we were delighted to share with you
 not only the gospel of God but our
 lives as well. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 NIV*

**You do not need to be a participant
 in the ornament exchange
 to enjoy the food and fellowship!**

Bethany Financials



NOVEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Care Center Visit 9:45 am
3 Biz info meeting 6p 	4	5	6	7	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:15 am
10 Church Business Meeting 12:15 a.m.	11 Observed Veterans' Day Office Closed	12	13	14	15	16 Women's Craft Day 10:00 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Decorate Church day 11:15 am	25	26	27 BCMA Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 pm	28 Thanksgiving 	29 Office Closed	30

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.

Ladies' Book Club - 10:00 am

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 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!



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210 Wyoming Street
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2019 Boards

Board of Elders

- *Mike Barth, Chairman*

Board of Deacons

- *George Fletcher, Chairman*

Board of Deaconesses

- *Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman*

Christian Education Board

- *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

Property Maintenance Board

- *Dave Legler, Chairperson*

Missions Board

- *Rob Hedlund, Chairman*

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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