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Good Friday, Easter and the Feasts of Israel

"For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." 1 Corinthians 5:7 See Leviticus 23

Most Christians have some awareness of the connection of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ with the Feast of Passover. Passover was the first feast on the Jewish religious calendar. It commemorated the departure of the Hebrews from Egypt when they were saved from the angel of death by applying the blood of an unblemished lamb upon the doorpost of their homes. Jesus was the perfect lamb of God whose death delivers us from sin. But we likewise must apply the blood to the doorpost of our lives to be saved from eternal death.

We may not be so clear about the connections that we Christians have to the other Jewish feasts. Immediately following the Passover was the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which lasted for seven days. This commemorated the haste with which the Hebrews had to leave Egypt. They did not have time to leaven their bread. For Christians salvation involves a challenge to flee from sin and begins a kind of wandering in the world as we seek to follow Christ and await our arrival in the promised land.

The third feast of the Jewish calendar happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It was the Feast of Firstfruits. On that day the first sheaf of the barley crop would be cut down and waved before the Lord, signifying that the rest of the crop was now ready to be taken in. On that first Easter Sunday morning as Jesus was rising from the dead, priests had gone outside of Jerusalem to cut down a sheaf of barley. They waved it before the Lord in the Temple. Meanwhile Jesus became the firstfruits of those risen from the dead, signifying that a future harvest of believers would follow.

Seven weeks later came the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot), or Pentecost. Two loaves of bread were presented as a wave offering, marking the beginning of the wheat harvest. In Jewish tradition it is also celebrated as the giving of the Law of Moses on Mt. Sinai. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit comes upon Christians on Pentecost, marking the beginning of the Church. The new era is marked by grace rather than law. Many Christians see the two loaves of the original feast as signifying Jews and Gentiles who are brought together in the body of Christ.

Rosh Hashanna is the first day of the seventh month and marks New Years Day in the civil calendar. A trumpet is blown to announce the beginning of this holy month. The Jewish Talmud says that the resurrection of the dead will occur on this day. In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 a trumpet sounds when the rapture of the church occurs and when Israel begins a special period of testing.

The Day of Atonement happens on the tenth day of the month. Religious Jews regard this as a day when repentance and mourning over sin should occur. After the seven year Tribulation begins, the Book of Revelation and other passages indicate that a spiritual revival and a turning to Jesus will occur among the Jews.

The last feast is Succoth, or the Feast of Tabernacles, or the Feast of Ingathering, celebrated this same month from Tishri 15-22. It marks the final harvest of the year. People live in booths to remember their wandering in the wilderness. But they also have a great celebration as they mark the completion of the final harvest. We Christians find a fulfillment of this feast in the Millennium, when a great feast will happen upon the earth and Christ will rule for a thousand years in an earthly kingdom.

Pastor Kurt

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2nd Joe Folk
4th Linda Ronnow
5th Lois Folk
12th Clive Bevan
13th Dorothy Tait
16th Kathy Sloan
17th Betty Fishburn
18th Nancy Quinn
19th Linda Burns
Christina Nycek
30th Mike Barth
Ted Winston*



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

1st Steve & Betty Fishburn
17th Kurt & Suzy Hedlund
18th Jeremy & Jessica Allison
28th Irv & Patti Childress

MAY MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

5th Doug Cannon
10th Ben Yazzie
15th Rosamary Bittencourt & Antonio Gomes
21st Debbie Suits
24th Ellen Duran
30th Dave & Joyce Falconer
31st Pat Murphy

Missionary birthdays and anniversaries are listed a month in advance to allow extra mailing time. Addresses for all our missionaries are on the Missions Bulletin Board in Emmaus Hall.

CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 1st. 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!



XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Thursday, the 20th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM meal!



SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, April 1st 8:30 a.m.

It's time to do the spring cleaning around the Bethany campus! Show up on the 1st for a few hours of light work. Things like putting in new filters...nothing too hard. Please come and help! Many hands make the work load lighter!



MAN CAMP

The guys will be leaving Bethany on Friday, March 31st and will return on Sunday, April 2nd. Please hold them up in your prayers while they are gone. Pray for safe travels and a meaningful, God centered, and relaxing weekend at Prescott Pines!





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Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

						1 Care Center Visit 9:45 AM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Clean Up Day 8:30 AM
9 Christian Ed Meeting 12:15 PM Directory Pics	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday Service 6:30 PM	15
16 Easter Service and Potluck 10AM  Directory Pics	17	18	19	20 XYZ Potluck 5PM Property Mtc. Mtg. 6PM	21	22
23	24	25 Girls' Night Out "Enough" 5PM	26	27	28	29 Elders' Meeting 8:30 AM
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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.
Women's bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.



Church Photo Directory



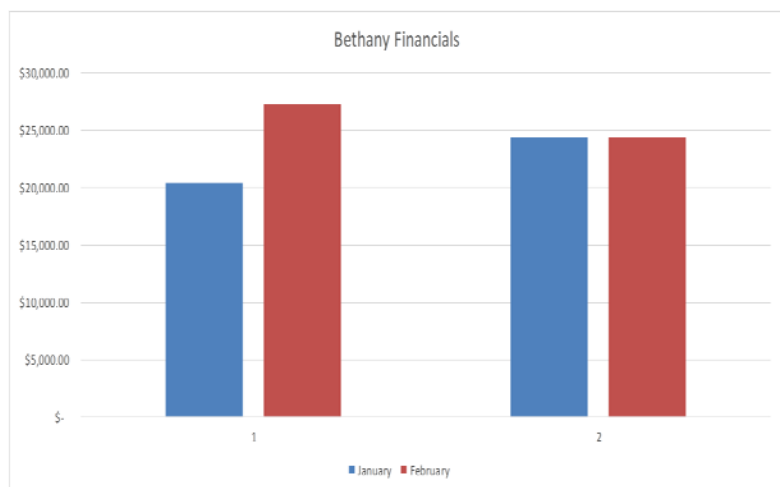
COMING SOON!

On Sunday, April 9th and Easter Sunday, the 16th, Dan Bunch and Mike and Lidija Baker will be taking photographs for our new church directory. Sign up today as we want to make sure everyone has a new, updated photo!

EASTER SUNDAY AT BETHANY

- *10 AM Easter Service
- *Children's Party during the service time.
Games, Snacks, Crafts!
- *Easter Brunch following the service
- *Easter Egg Hunt for the kids

HE IS RISEN
 Forgiven
 For God so Loved the World
 LAMB of God
 love
 He is Risen Indeed
 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY
 HALLELUJAH
 Eternal Life
 Redeemer
 my savior



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

Year to date budget requirement was \$48,732.42. Year to date giving, through February, totaled 47,735.41. The difference was (\$997.01).



**Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold on Sundays,
April 23rd - April 30 - May 7.**

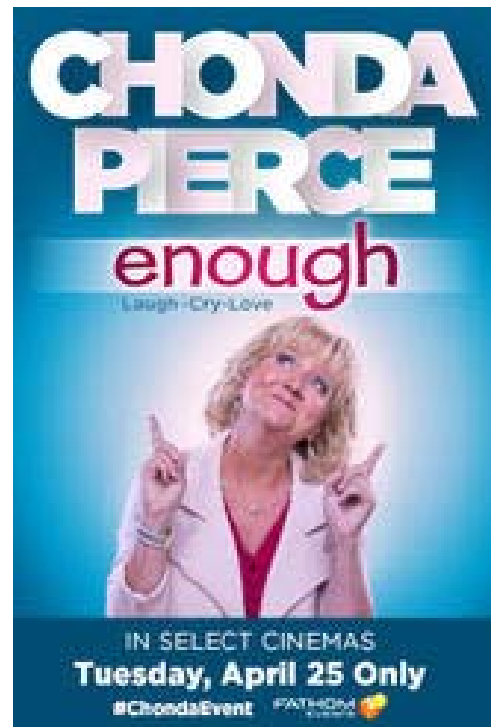
It'll be a perfect afternoon for a lovely lady's social gathering. Deb Taber, a leadership coach for Women's ministry at The Crossing Church in Las Vegas will be our guest speaker. Invite a friend to join you!

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT AT THE MOVIES!

Christian comedian Chondra Pierce
"ENOUGH"

Tuesday, April 25th

Only 15 tickets @ \$14 each! Sign up today!
The van will leave Bethany at 5PM. We'll have the buffet
at Boulder Station prior to seeing the 7PM show!



UPCOMING LADIES' EVENT...

September 15-17, 2017 - Ladies' Weekend Retreat
at Prescott Pines.

Save the dates!! More information to come!

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