

# COMMUNICATOR

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## “The Equality Act and Christians”

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”*  
Galatians 3:28

The Bible recognizes the value of equality as a social good. Galatians 3:28 recognizes a certain equality that all of us Christians have before God. The Bible also recognizes that every human being bears the image of God and has inherent value and worth. As Christians, we can appreciate the role of government in promoting equality. However, the latest attempt by Congress to promote equality is leading to inequality and discrimination against Christians, and harm to children and families.

On May 17 the House of Representatives passed “The Equality Act,” 236-173, with every Democrat voting in favor of it along with eight Republicans. It is unlikely to pass the Senate, but a change in the composition of the Senate could lead to a different result. The proposed law would extend civil rights protections to LGBT people by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

The Heritage Foundation identifies five groups who would become unequal before the law if this proposed legislation were to pass.

First, employers and workers would have to conform to the new sexual norms, or they would lose their businesses and jobs. Cake bakers and florists and photographers could not refuse to be involved with gay weddings because of their Christian convictions. Teachers would be required to use the preferred pronouns of transgender students.

Second, doctors, nurses, hospitals, and insurance companies would be required to provide gender changing procedures, even against their better judgments, and against their religious convictions.

Third, parents and children would be harmed by the possibility of government overriding parental responsibility in siding with children who have gender identity issues. Studies show that 80 to 95% of children with gender dysphoria (distress caused by the perception that one’s birth gender does not match one’s perceived gender identity) problems no longer feel distressed by their bodies after reaching puberty.

Fourth, women would be endangered by allowing biological males into female locker rooms and bathrooms. In Connecticut, biological males have been allowed to compete in women’s track events and have won state titles because they have a physical advantage over biological females.

Fifth, faith based charities have

already been discriminated against because they acknowledge the value of having a mother and a father, and they recognize the reality of biological sex differences. Christian adoption and foster care agencies have been shut down in several states. In Massachusetts churches have gone to court to prevent state government from mandating that they must allow transgender people to use the bathroom of their chosen identity.

The Religious Freedom Restoration was passed with overwhelming support in Congress in 1993. It guarantees religious rights against government intrusions. This proposed legislation targets the overthrow of this law. Section 1107 says, “The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 shall not provide a claim concerning, or a defense to a claim under, a covered title, or provide a basis for challenging the application or enforcement of a covered title.” Christians, be aware of what our legislators are doing.

Pastor Kurt

## MEN’S BREAKFAST

Guys, join us for breakfast at 8:15 AM, Saturday, July 13, in Emmaus Hall. After the meal we will hear from noted pastor and author and Kurt’s seminary classmate, Tony Evans.

# JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Jerry Wood Services 9:30 am	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July ....OFFICE CLOSED...	5	6 Care Center Visit 9:45 am  Deaconess Mtg. 9:00 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13  Men's Breakfast 8:15 am
14 Christian Education Meeting 12:15 pm	15	16 Missions Meeting 10:30 am	17	18	19	20 Ladies Pool Party 11 am @ Amy D's
21 Baptism Day	22	23	24	25	26 Elder's Meeting @ Noon	27
28	29	30	31	Bethany's 2019 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,610.48 each month. Year to date budget requirement was \$141,662.88. YTD giving, through June, totaled \$141,318.00. The difference was (\$344.88).		

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study - 6 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Ladies Bible study 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.  
Praise Team Practice - 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday:** Ladies Bible study 6:00 p.m.

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

## July Birthdays

10<sup>th</sup> Ginny Peñuelas  
16<sup>th</sup> Scott Hedlund  
31<sup>st</sup> Donald Moberger  
31<sup>st</sup> Don Scott

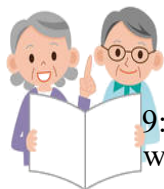


## July Anniversaries

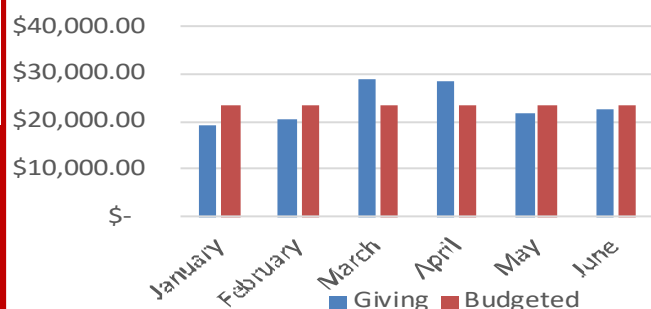
17<sup>th</sup> Jerry & Sue Wilbur  
26<sup>th</sup> Mike & Marti Barth

## CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 6th. Meet at 9:45 a.m. 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!



## Bethany Financials





Ladies  
3rd Saturday Fellowship

Prayer Mug Swap

&

Pool Party at Amy Dieleman's  
Saturday, July 20th, 11 AM–2 PM

Bring a mug to swap  
& an appetizer to share.



Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School

First of all, a very BIG thank you to all those involved with making VBS a success this year. We had 24 students each night. There were 3 decisions for Christ, 16 children knew all 5 Bible verses and received a Bible or a Bible cover. We met five new families. Hopefully, they will make Bethany their church home.

There were over 25 volunteers that worked in VBS; some helped set-up and clean-up; some were crew leaders, some were in charge of the Centers, some helped register kids for the week. A special shout-out to our Pastor who ran the opening and closing times each night plus spoke to each child about the Gospel. Marti Barth who led the music for us; Rob who came each day and cleaned up, took out the trash and cleaned the bathrooms; Linda Lamb for the wonderful decorated Worship Center; John Ritenour for leading the games time with the kids at the last minute; Jeanette and Dianna who took on the Imagination Station at the last minute and did a great job- the kids loved that Center; Deb Oliver who showed up three nights to fill in when someone had to be gone. And that was after a 10 hour workday! Kathy Braithwaite – my assistant who did more than her share. She helped me this week when I had to take George to more appointments than were planned. Of course there are so many others who did their job above and beyond. All of us working together made this a great week.

Upcoming events:

**July 14: Baptism class** for children during the Sunday School hour

**July 21 Baptism** during Worship

**August 3, Saturday, 10:00-12:30 Back to School Fair**

The children grades K-5th are invited to join us in Emmaus Hall for a movie, popcorn, pizza and then pick out your new Backpack, filled with school supplies.

(We have some supplies left from last year, so we will let you know what we need).

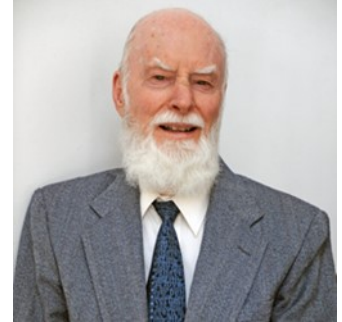
**August 4- Promotion Sunday** for children moving up to a different class. The children will be presented with a certificate and then go to their new class.

School begins August 12 so watch for beginning dates for Good News Club

We have had a wonderful summer with our children so far and it is because of our loving Bethany family. We appreciate your support and your prayers. Great things are happening in Children's Ministry!

Jesus said to bring the children to him. We are doing that and then teaching them about Jesus, memory verses and how to become a child of God. Its an exciting ministry.

Mission of the  
Month  
July 2019  
Marv Cowen



The Cowens were appointed by Missions Door as church planting missionaries to Utah, in 1961. Marv has taught seminars on witnessing to Mormons and he and others launched Utah Christian Publications, which he oversees.

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Happy July 4th

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**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, Chairman*  
**Missions Board** - *Rob Hedlund, Chairman*

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**Senior Pastor**  
*Kurt Hedlund*  
**Music Director and Administrator**  
*Don Scott*

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