



September 2020



# COMMUNICATOR

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“Have You Heard about QAnon?”

“You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people...” Leviticus 19:16

In October of 2017 an anonymous individual or group began posting claims on message boards that access to classified information revealed that there is rampant Satanism among celebrities and “the bloodletting of children.” The Book of Revelation was frequently quoted and charges were made that a global child sex-trafficking ring was plotting against President Trump. One of their early prophecies was that Hillary Clinton would be arrested after Trump’s election.

These postings have morphed into a broader movement across social media platforms which has found support among many Trump supporters and many Christians. While the movement is not really a cult because there is no authoritarian leadership structure, it has cult-like characteristics. Cult specialists Bob and Judy Pardon say that they find “cult thinking” in the movement where “everything is black and white, good versus evil.”

Much of the movement focuses on conspiracy theories. Q followers have claimed that John F. Kennedy Jr. is still alive and that Mother Teresa was a child trafficker and Dr. Anthony Fauci is her son. One Instagram influencer with 100,000+ followers circulated the idea that the field hospital which Samaritan’s Purse set up in Central Park was being used as a cover to free children from sex slavery from the tunnels under New York City. Samaritan’s Purse eventually had to refute the theory publicly.

Another Instagram poster who has 250,000+ followers claims to be a Christian and shares theories that Obama advisor John Podesta sexually abused Justin Bieber, that Taylor Swift is a Satanist, and that a national furniture company is secretly selling children under listings for furniture. Other social media sites sell QAnon merchandise in between the

promotion of various conspiracy theories. QAnon followers have come up with their own oath and their own patch.

Some Q followers speak of an imminent event called “The Storm,” in which thousands of members of this evil group threatening civilization will be arrested and sent to Guantanamo Bay or forced to face military tribunals. The result will be a much better condition for American society.

Anti-sex trafficking organizations have had to distance themselves from this movement. Polaris, which runs the national anti-trafficking hotline, wrote, “A barrage of conspiracy-related reports from people with no direct knowledge of trafficking situations can overwhelm service meant for victims.”

Biblical Christians recognize that there is evil in our world. But it involves a complex matrix involving the world, the flesh, and the devil. (1 John 2:15-17) Jesus is the only one who can provide us with salvation. No political leader can do that. We Jesus followers are also commanded to deal in truth. We are told to avoid gossip and slander. Too often we hurt our own cause by dealing in rumors and conspiracy theories which have little basis in truth. We need to keep the focus of our faith on the Author and Finisher of the Faith. - Pastor Kurt



## September Birthdays

11<sup>th</sup> Lois Mathews  
18<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Eskam



## September Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup> Nate & Sandy Crawford  
8<sup>th</sup> Donald & Betty Moberger

### HOMESCHOOL CO-OP UPDATE

The first week of our experience of hosting a homeschool co-op began the week of August 24 with about twenty children in attendance, divided up between two teachers with other parent volunteers helping out. Christ Lutheran Church pastor's wife Jessica Stetson is leading the effort. The kids occupy Emmaus Hall between 8 AM and 3 PM each weekday. Many of the kids come from single parent or low-income homes. Jessica has found scholarship support to help out many of these families.

The teachers spend much of their time helping the students connect via computers with their teachers in the Boulder City school system. One of the public school teachers came over for part of the day to help out with her students here. There were some initial glitches the first day with the CCSD computer system. But our internet connections have worked perfectly. Mac Jaynes has done a great job of improving our internet capability and programming our AC system to work efficiently and at the lowest cost to us. Pray that our involvement with the program will have a positive impact upon the community and upon these families.

### Mission of the Month - September 2020

1. Pray for the pandemic to subside
2. Praise God that GNC has sponsored some special summer events called 'Good News Clubs in the Park', where kids, parents and teachers gathered for a fun and instructive time in various parks around Las Vegas.
3. Pray for wisdom for GNC leadership as to how to proceed with ministry to kids.
4. Mike Barth reports that the Boulder City volunteers continue to look for a location where a Good News Club can meet, outside of the public schools.



**Pray for  
GOOD NEWS CLUBS**  
(Child Evangelism Fellowship)

## Bethany Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Fellowship

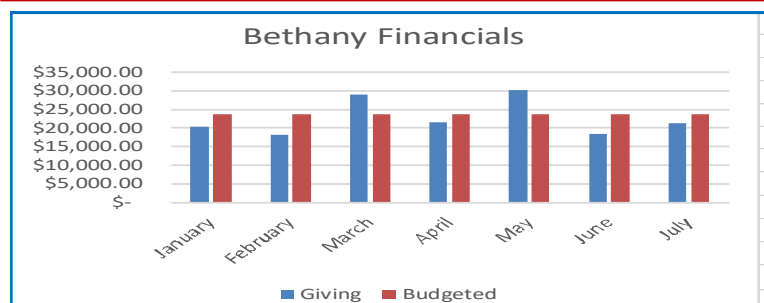
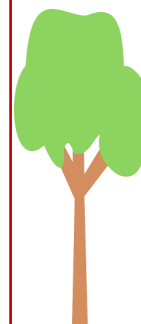
**September 19, 2020, 11:00AM**

Lunch will be served with all safety precautions in place.  
A donation basket will be available to help cover the cost.

**Your RSVP is needed and greatly appreciated.**

[sepwilbur@gmail.com](mailto:sepwilbur@gmail.com)

**PLEASE sign up.**



Bethany's 2020 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$23,733.67 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$166,135.69. Year to date giving, through July, totaled \$158,820.91. The difference was (\$7314.78). Bethany's 2020 general budget, through July, was underspent by \$10,118.93.

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Happy Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Ladies Fellowship Lunch 11am
20	21	22 1st day of Autumn	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday:

Worship Services - 8:00 am & 9:30 am

Ladies Sunday School @ 11:00 am in Emmaus

Adult Study Via Zoom @ 11:30 am w/Mac J

Bible Study @ 6 pm Via Zoom w/ Rob H

Wednesday:

Ladies Book Club-10:00 am Via Zoom w/ Tina S

Prayer Meeting - 1:00 pm Via Zoom w/ Rob H

VIRTUAL

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Visit **SAVEALIFECLUB.COM** or

Text the word  
**BOTTLE**  
to phone number  
202-858-1233

Select  
**YOUR CHURCH**  
as the receiving  
church team

The Baby Bottle Campaign itself raises approximately \$160,000 and since the remainder of 2020 just seems to be so unpredictable, we have set up a Virtual Baby Bottle Campaign through a text-to-give platform. This will be a simpler and SAFER way to still do a Baby Bottle Campaign and eliminate passing the bottles through so many hands as well as for churches that remain with online service. Text the word **BOTTLE** to phone number 202-858-1233, select the amount you would like to donate and choose your home church as the receive member.



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**Board of Elders - Mike Barth, Chairman**  
**Board of Deacons - Jerry Wilbur, Chairman**  
**Board of Deaconesses - Sue Wilbur, Chairwoman**  
**Christian Education Board - Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman**  
**Property Maintenance Board - Jerry Wilbur, Chairman**  
**Missions Board - Rob Hedlund, Chairman**

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**Senior Pastor**  
*Kurt Hedlund*  
**Music Director and Office Admin**  
*Don Scott*

***Sunday Service Times:***  
Outside 8:00 a.m. Inside 9:30 a.m.  
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