



May 2025

# COMMUNICATOR

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## "To Everything There Is a Season"

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

On our roster of members and regular attenders I counted 26 of us who have lost our mates. Sometimes that loss comes slowly. Sometimes it comes suddenly. Never is it easy. My loss came suddenly. Suzy has struggled with health issues throughout our life together. Early on she was diagnosed with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. She also developed chemical and airborne sensitivities. In recent years she developed diabetes and high blood pressure. A brain scan revealed that at some point she had a couple of "ministrokes." This had resulted in a bit of dementia. I had no expectation that these things would lead to her sudden demise.

Suzy used to worry about what would happen to her if something happened to me--- death or incapacitation. In that sense I am grateful that she passed before I did. Because of my Biblical convictions life has to be much better for her than it was in this earthly life. (Hopefully she does miss me. I certainly miss her.) Also I have no doubt that I will see her again. There will be some great reunions in the future.

I am sad but not depressed. As a pastor I have learned that people mourn in different ways. I will stay engaged and involved with work and people. I find benefit in focusing on others and not myself. I have enough time alone at night in an empty bedroom. I am thankful to have son Bart living at home with me.

I am proud of my church family. You have learned how to respond to people with significant losses. I had multiple church leaders showing up at my house within minutes of my loss. I have been inundated with cards and expressions of support. People have graciously provided meals and gift cards and other measures of support. The funeral seemed to be honoring to the Lord and Suzy and certainly was supportive of us. Almost the entire Boulder City ministerial association showed up. Southwest Diner found out about our loss and provided food for the reception at no cost to us.

I especially appreciate the prayers that have been directed toward heaven for me and our family. They have no doubt had a significant part in enabling us to persevere through this with some measure of stability. I have received genuine assurances of prayer from relatives, church people, neighbors, friends from college, friends from seminary, friends from previous churches. I have heard from friends in Canada, Sweden, Belgium, the Netherlands, Northern Ireland, China, Nepal, and Brazil, as well as various parts of the US.

Life will obviously be different for me. It will take some time to work this out. I may have more freedom in what I do with my time. I appreciate your support.

Pastor Kurt

## May Birthdays

9<sup>th</sup> Jenny Fletcher  
23<sup>rd</sup> Rob Hedlund  
25<sup>th</sup> Marilyn Nelson



## May Anniversaries

4<sup>th</sup> John & Kitty Ritenour

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday:

Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m. in Emmaus  
Adult Study @ 11:15 a.m.  
Bible Study @ 6 p.m.

### Wednesday:

Ladies' Book Club 10:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

## YOUTH NIGHT

Teens, middle and high schoolers are invited to show up at Emmaus Hall on Friday evenings, at 6 PM for a meal and evening of fun and spiritual encouragement. Dan and Eva Chapman will host the event.

## NURSING HOME OUTREACH

Join Rob Hedlund on Saturday morning, May 3, at 9:45 at BC Hospital as he conducts brief services in the Long Term Care area at the hospital and then at Mountain View Care Center.

## FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK

On Friday, May 2, all are welcome to join us for a trip to Summerlin to watch the Las Vegas Aviators play. There will be a special focus on churches and Christian faith. After the game several players will share their testimonies. Tickets are \$12. We will meet at the church at TBD.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men, join us May 10 at Emmaus Hall at 8 AM for a hearty breakfast and a Bible lesson from Mike Barth.

## PARKING LOT SERVICE

On Mother's Day we will again offer a parking lot service at 8 AM. Sometimes it takes a crowd to draw a crowd. So if a few of you would be willing to come to both services, that might serve to attract others.

## Chapman - Gallegos Wedding

On Saturday, May 24 at 5 PM, Triston Gallegos and Ariel Chapman will be married here at the church. Sign up in the foyer if you would like to come to the wedding and the reception.

**Starting May 4, 2025, Ladies Sunday School Class** - Tina Selb will be facilitating a 12 week study of Marilyn Meberg's book, "Leading a Life of Balance". Looking to Jesus as our example, we will examine our priorities and seek to follow His pattern of maintaining spiritual and physical balance in our busy lives. Please join us in Emmaus Hall in the way back room.

**Joy for Our Journey** May 3, 10:30 Book study: "Be Joyful" at Jenny's. 1290 Browder Place

May 17, 2:00 pm - Ladies Afternoon Tea Speaker: Lois Olmstead

"Uniquely Chosen" "Uniquely Called" I Peter 2:9

Forever Faithful & Fit: Every Tuesday & Thursday, 2:00 pm Except: May 15 & May 22

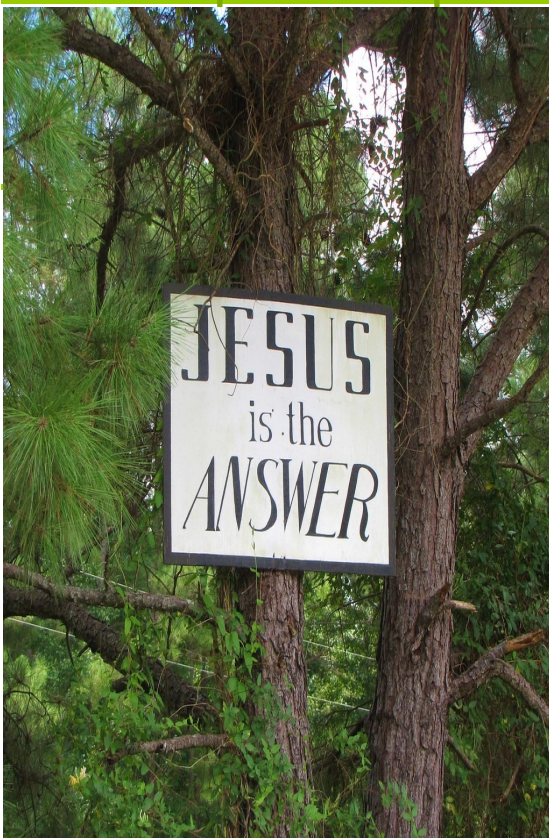


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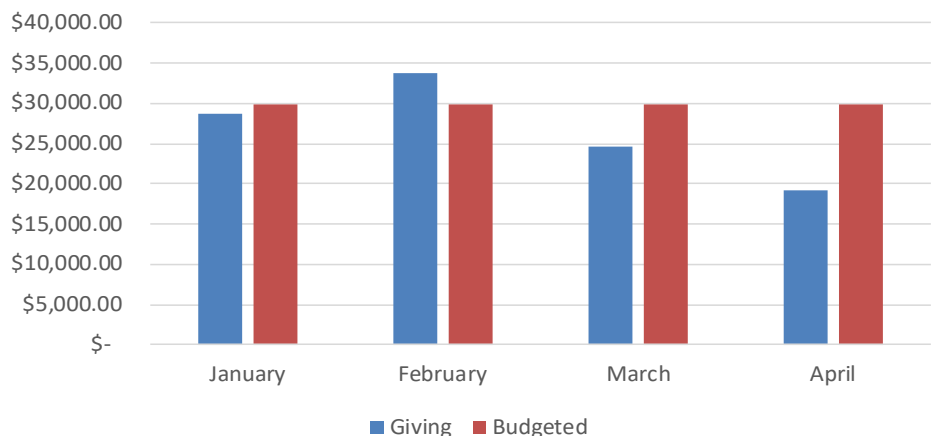
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 Youth Night 6 pm	3 Nursing Home outreach 9:45am JFOJ (widows) 10:30 am study
4	5	6 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	7 Ladies Book Club 10am Prayer Meeting 11 am	8 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	9 Youth Night 6 pm	10 Men's Breakfast 8 am
11 <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>	12	13 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	14 Ladies Book Club 10am Prayer Meeting 11 am	15	16 Youth Night 6 pm	17 Ladies' Tea 2:00 pm
18	19	20 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	21 Ladies Book Club 10am Prayer Meeting 11 am	22	23	24 Chapman-Gallegos Wedding 5:00 pm
25	26  Memorial Day	27 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	28 Ladies Book Club 10am Prayer Meeting 11 am	29 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	30 Youth Night 6 pm	31

Bethany's 2025 budget is based on receiving offerings averaging \$29,843.66 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$119,374.64.  
Year to date giving, as of April 20th totals \$106,306.95.  
The difference was (\$13,067.69) short.



Bethany Financials



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**SERVICE TIMES**

***Worship Service:*** 10:00 a.m.

***Sunday School:*** 11:15 a.m.

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

***Telephone:*** 702.293.1912

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**2025 Boards**

**Board of Elders** - *Mike Barth, Chairman*

**Board of Deacons** - *Dan Chapman, Chairman*

**Board of Deaconesses** - *Patti Childress, Chairwoman*

**Christian Education Board** - *Eva Chapman, Chairwoman*

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

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