



“Another 500th Year Anniversary”

“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”
Acts 2:41

Earlier this year I pointed out that 2025 marks the five hundredth anniversary of a very significant event in church history, the formulation of the Nicene Creed, which was a summary of basic Christian doctrine. At the Council of Nicea held in western Asia Minor representatives of the church from throughout the Roman Empire came to agreement about the deity and humanity of Jesus Christ.

A few months earlier another event transpired which has relevance to us Christians who call ourselves Baptists. Prior to 200 AD there is no evidence that Christians practiced infant baptism. But after that year it became common such that by the 1500s the Church required its members to baptize their young children. In the early 1500s Martin Luther led a movement that became known as the Protestant Reformation. These reformers stressed that salvation came through faith alone in Jesus. They objected to many other teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

These Protestants, however, continued to practice infant baptism. One of these Reformers was Ulrich Zwingli who came to dominate the religious and political scene in Zurich, Switzerland. Georg Blaurock was a Catholic priest who was brought to faith in Jesus through the preaching of Ulrich Zwingli. He became involved in a Bible study with Felix Manz and Conrad Grebel. As a result of their Bible study they became convinced that Christian baptism should be done by immersion only after genuine belief in Jesus.

So on January 21, 1525, Georg Blaurock asked Conrad Grebel to baptize him. He did. Then Blaurock baptized all of the other adults who were present. They became known as “Anabaptists,” based upon the little Greek word “ana,” which means “again.”

Unfortunately this did not go over well with the political and religious leaders of Zurich. Two weeks after this baptism service 25 of the participants were arrested. In 1527 Felix Manz was drowned by these other Christians. Georg Blaurock escaped Europe and had a fruitful ministry in other parts of Europe. But in 1529 the Catholics got him and had him burned at the stake.

One of the places where Anabaptism took root was in the Netherlands. Menno Simons was a Catholic priest who became disillusioned with the church’s teaching and came under the influence of the Reformers. He came to believe that the Anabaptists were right about baptism. The strain of Anabaptists who trace their roots to him became known for their nonviolence. The Mennonites and Amish have a spiritual connection to him.

We Baptists may not claim the pacifist connection, but we can appreciate the Anabaptist connection in this five hundredth anniversary year.

- Pastor Kurt

October Birthdays

1st Daniel Chapman
2nd Valerie Legler
9th Janie Tibbs
13th Ethel Webster
15th Pam Carstensen
20th Ken Braithwaite
23rd Carol Tyson
27th Lomalee Rapp
28th Amy Dielman
29th MaryJo Scott

October Anniversaries

26th Jim & Carol Tyson
30th Daniel & Eva Chapman



NURSING HOME OUT REACH Saturday, October 4, 9:45 AM-- Join Rob Hedlund at BC Hospital for a service at the LTC unit followed by a visit to Mountain View Nursing Home.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

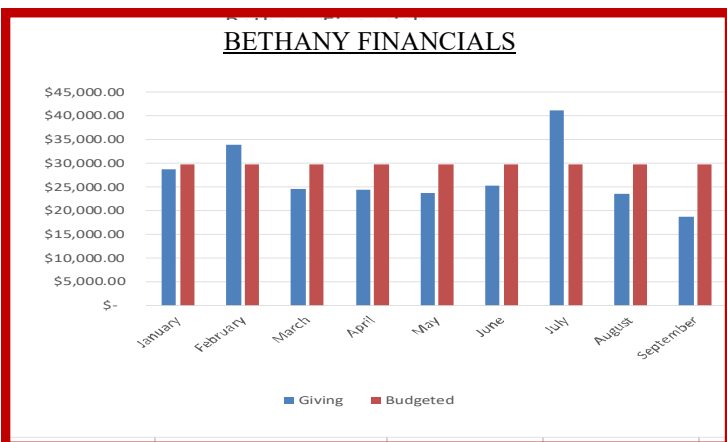
Saturday, October 11, 8 AM- Men, join us in Emmaus Hall for a hearty breakfast, some great fellowship, and a stimulating Bible study.

CHURCH HIKE

Saturday, October 25- 8 AM- Our hikers meet in the church parking lot and undertake an expedition into the great outdoors. We provide a lunch and usually return by early to mid afternoon.

Women's Third Saturday Fellowship, Women's Fall Fellowship Saturday, October 18, 2025. We will meet at 10AM in Emmaus Hall for fun, fellowship and a short devotional, "In the Pumpkin Patch". Lunch will be provided. Please sign up. Hope to see you there.

Joy For Our Journey Bible study, "Be Joyful" is meeting Saturday, October 4 at 10:30 am at Jenny's house. "Forever, Faithful and Fit" is a chair and balance exercise class. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 pm in Emmaus Hall. Joy for Our Journey meeting is Saturday, October 25, 10:30. Fall is in the air. We will be having soup. bring your favorite. Topic: Holidays - how to handle them as a widow.



Bethany's 2025 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$29,843.66 each month.
Year to date budget requirement was \$268,591.74.
Year to date giving, through July, totaled \$243,917.95.
Difference is (\$24,673.79)

OCTOBER 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer meet- ing 11a	2 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	3	4 Nursing home Svc 9:45 am JFOJ Bible Study 10:30am
5	6	7 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	8 Book Club Off Prayer Meeting 11a	9 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
12	13 Columbus Day	14 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	15 Book Club Off Prayer Meeting 11a	16 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	17	18 Women's Fellowship 10:00 am
19	20	2 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	22 Book Club Off Prayer Meeting 11a	23 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	24	25 Church Hike 8 am Joy 4 Our Journey 10:30 am
26 Church Biz Info Meeting - @ 6 pm in Emmaus Hall	27	28 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	29 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11a	30 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	31 Fall Festival 5:30-8:00 pm	

October 18th, 2025
10:00 AM
Emmaus Hall

Bethany Ladies
3rd Saturday Fellowship

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and a short devotional,
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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Outside Service @ 8:00 am
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Study @ 11:15 a.m.
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Ladies' Book Club 10:00 am 10/29
Prayer Meeting - 11:00 a.m.

Take A Hike

With Pastor Kurt

8:00 a.m.

Saturday,

October 25th





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2025 Boards

Board of Elders - *Mike Barth, Chairman*
Board of Deacons - *Daniel Chapman, Chairman*
Board of Deaconesses - *Patti Childress, Chairwoman*
Christian Education Board - *Eva Chapman, Chairwoman*
Property Maintenance Board - *Eric Eskam, Chairman*
Missions Board - *Rob Hedlund, Chairman*

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Senior Pastor
Kurt Hedlund
Music Director and Office Admin
Don Scott
Youth & Families Director
Dan Chapman

SERVICE TIMES

Outside Service: 8:00 am
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

Office Hours:

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

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