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# COMMUNICATOR

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## “American History and Ingratitude”

“We are trying to do a futile thing, if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about.” President Woodrow Wilson

The Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut several years ago surveyed 500 seniors from 55 top US colleges and found that 65% of them failed a basic high school level test on US history. According to the American Council of Trustees and Alumni only 18% of US colleges require a course in US history.

The additional problem, which Douglas Murray points out in his recent book *The War on the West*, is that American young people too often learn little history besides that of slavery and the civil rights movement. Murray says, “Our whole history is a pro-Western whitewash” and we must learn to see through every remaining bastion of “structural racism” in our society.

The author argues that American young people lose perspective. They are too often taught to focus upon all of the shortcomings of American failures in the past and lose appreciation of all of the good things that have happened in our nation’s history. As C. S. Lewis remarked in his book *The Abolition of Man*, “to see through everything is the same as not to see at all.”

Douglas Murray argues that there are three basic problems with the teaching of American history in our public school systems. First, all historical perspective is lost. Shortcomings and failures are emphasized. Historical figures are analyzed through the lens of perfect standards. Difficulties and hard circumstances which are forefathers faced are too often overlooked. There is a failure to teach about the virtues they exhibited which helped to make our country great.

Second, we lose all contemporary perspective. Sins for which we beat up ourselves, like slavery and racism, are a blot upon our history. But the US is made to look like the origin of evil. The progress that has been made is overlooked. Also we fail to realize that such sins are much more pervasive in other parts of the world. Slavery is a reality in parts of Africa and China. China is happy to take advantage of our western preoccupation with beating up on ourselves.

Third, Murray says that we lose sight of a good way forward. If we decide that our society is hopelessly infected with structural racism and imperialism, little hope is offered for the future.

The best approach to history is to study the Bible. For it gives us a correct understanding about what is good and what is bad. It also shows us that sin is indeed a problem which infects humanity. But it also shows us that there is a sovereign and gracious God who is ultimately directing history to a conclusion in which Jesus will return to earth and His kingdom will be established upon the earth. For history is ultimately His story.

Pastor Kurt

# August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Youth Night	2 Care center Visits 9:45 am
3	4	5 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	6 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	7 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	8 Youth Night	9 Men's Breakfast 8am
10	11  First day of school	12 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	13 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	14 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	15 Youth Night	16 Women's Fellowship 10am
17	18	16 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	20 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	21 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	22	23 Church Hike 8am Joy For Our Journey 10:30
24 <hr/> 31	25	26 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	27 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	28 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	29 Youth Night	30

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

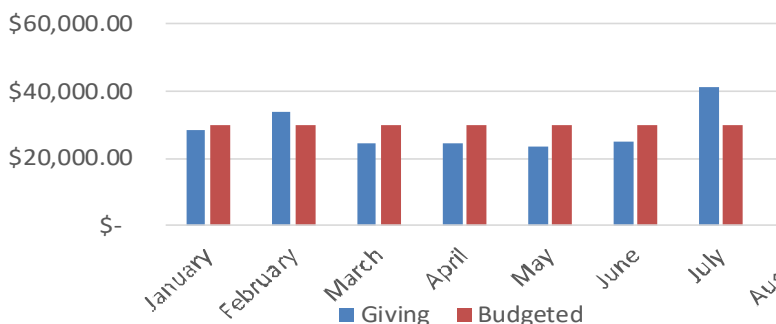
Year to date budget requirement was  
\$208,905.02.

Year to date giving, through June, totaled  
\$201,614.95.

Difference is (\$7,290.07)



Bethany Financials



## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

## August Birthdays

3rd Judy Spinkelink  
4th Susan Cunningham  
5th Debbie Oliver  
8th Frances Mayfield  
10th Nate Crawford  
11th Ralph Nelson  
19th Jay Grandberry  
21st Melba Wood  
24th Cecil Forcum  
27th Verna Miller  
29th Pat Amon  
30th Mick Casey



## August Anniversaries

8<sup>th</sup> Samuel & Dee Dee Buchanan

### *Bethany's Vision Statement*

### *To Glorify Jesus*

We desire to develop a loving, mature body of believers that is based on the teaching of God's Word, reflected in meaningful relationships with God and man and focused on reaching God's world.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Saturday, August 9, 8 AM--- Men join us in Emmaus Hall for a hearty breakfast and some great fellowship. We will see a challenging message from Irwin Lutzer from Chicago's famous Moody Memorial Church.

**CHURCH HIKE** Saturday, August 23, 8 AM--- Show up on our church campus for a hike on the cooler climes of Mt. Charleston. We will provide a lunch and embark upon an adventure in God's creation.

**YOUTH NIGHT** The Chapman family will host youth nights from 6-8 PM on Friday evenings, All of the kids are invited for a fun time which will include food, games, and a devotional.

### **JOY FOR OUR JOURNEY**

Our exercise classes "Forever, Faithful, and Fit" continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 2 pm in Emmaus Hall.

At our August 23 meeting at 10:30 in Emmaus Hall, we will meet for an Ice Cream Social. We will be sharing any summer trips we have gone on and plans for other travel plans. Bring a topping for our ice cream.

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Third Saturday Fellowship will meet Saturday, August 16 at 10 AM in Emmanus Hall for a movie, "A Carpenter's Prayer", an inspirational movie based on a true story. Popcorn and beverages will be provided. All ladies are invited to join us. Hope to see you there!

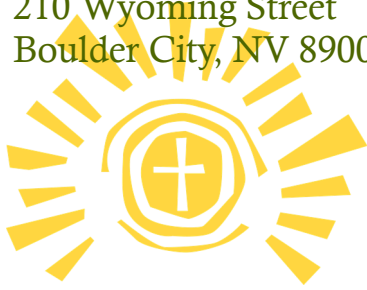
**ALWAYS BE JOYFUL  
ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING  
NO MATTER  
WHAT HAPPENS  
ALWAYS BE THANKFUL  
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL  
FOR YOU WHO BELONG  
TO JESUS CHRIST**



**GOD IS WITH US**



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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.

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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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