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COMMUNICATOR

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“The Value of Citizenship”

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philippians 3:20

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside.” Fourteenth Amendment, US Constitution

We Americans value our citizenship. People from other parts of the world have tried to come here to gain US citizenship. On January 20, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order prohibiting the granting of citizenship to babies born of parents unlawfully present in the US or temporarily present here. US courts have consistently held that simple birth in the US grants US citizenship. The US Supreme Court is scheduled on April 1 to deal with this issue and decide on the legality of the President’s executive order.

This part of the Fourteenth Amendment was originally passed into law in order to insure that children of slaves would become US citizens. Since 1868 when the Fourteenth Amendment passed into law parents from other countries have sought to have their children born here to make the children US citizens with the additional hope in many cases that the parents may have a path to citizenship as well.

It has not received much attention in the press, but the Communist Chinese have figured out a way to take advantage of this system. In testimony before Congress it has been revealed that since 2013 the Chinese have formed over 1,000 birth tourism companies that focus on bringing pregnant Chinese women to US territories or states to have their children become US citizens. The appeal in China has not been to political dissidents but to high-ranking Communist Party officials. The concern is that once the children turn 18 they can vote in US elections, donate to political campaigns, and apply for government jobs.

In addition to this some of these tourism companies offer American women anywhere from \$50,000 to \$60,000 to carry their children by means of artificial insemination to give birth to them in the US. According to Congressional testimony one Chinese real estate mogul got 26 US-Chinese children by this means. Another had 100 children by means of surrogacy. These children, now US citizens, are raised in China.

Citizenship is a valuable thing. But the best citizenship is heavenly citizenship. It comes from being born again. It is available to anyone who trusts in Jesus. The Apostle Paul recognized the value of this. Heavenly citizenship was established not by an earthly constitution but rather by a heavenly one which involved the events of Good Friday and Easter. Because of Jesus’ death and resurrection and His work in our lives, we can claim a heavenly citizenship that will have eternal value. Maranatha!

- Pastor Kurt

April Birthdays

11th Nita Wright
12th Clive Bevan
14th Edie Aldrich
16th Kathy Sloan
18th Nancy Quinn
19th Linda Burns
19th Christina Nycek
29th Celia Torres
30th Mike Barth



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday:

Outside Service - 8:00 a.m.
Worship Services - 10:00 a.m.
Ladies' Sunday School @ 11:15 a.m. in Emmaus
Adult Study @ 11:15 w/ Mac J
Bible Study @ 6 pm w/ Pastor Kurt

Wednesday:

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

April Anniversaries

17th Kurt & Suzy Hedlund
28th Irv & Patti Childress



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3rd, 6 PM--- Join us as we remember Jesus' death for us. We will have a message, music, and celebration of the Lord's Supper.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, April 11, 8 AM- Men, join us for breakfast in Emmaus Hall on the church campus for a hearty breakfast, great fellowship, and a stimulating Bible study.

CHURCH HIKE

Saturday, April 25, 8 AM- We meet for our monthly hike in the church parking lot. We provide a lunch. You provide the sweat and energy for a hike in our beautiful outdoors. We are usually back at church by around 2 PM.

JOY FOR OUR JOURNEY (Widows) April 4, 10:30 Bible study: Mary the Mother of Jesus at Jenny's, 1290 Browder place. "Forever Faithful and Fit" (widows) meets every Tues. and Thurs. at the church at 2:00 pm. Chair Exercise, Yoga and Balance. We Also meet Saturday, April 25, 10:30 at the church. Special Guest...

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Begins April 12th, with Pastor Kurt... Sundays during the Sunday school hour.
If you are interested in becoming a member of the church please let pastor Kurt know.

Easter Sunday April 5th beginning with a special service and music at 10:00 am and then Potluck and Kid's Candy Hunt @ 11:15 am following the service. Also, outside service at 8:00 am.

The first graphic on the left is for 'Joy for Our Journey', featuring a banner of colorful triangles and the text 'For Our JOY JOURNEY' and 'A Widow's Support Group'. A blue oval contains the text 'Saturday April 25th 10:30 am'. The middle graphic is for 'Men's Breakfast', featuring a circular logo with 'MEN'S BREAKFAST' and a banner, with a blue oval below it saying 'April 11th - 8a'. The third graphic on the right is for 'Take a Hike', featuring the text 'take a hike' in green and a green oval with 'With Pastor Kurt'. Below the oval, it says 'April 25th at 8a'.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	2 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	3 Good Friday Service @ 6:00p	4 Care Home Services 9:45am JFOJ Study 10:00am
5 EASTER 8am Out 10am In then Potluck & Candy hunt	6	7 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	8 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	9 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	10	11 Men's Breakfast 8a
12 Membership Class 11:15 am Begins Today	13	14 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	15 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	16 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	17	18
19	20	21 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	22 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	23 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	24	25 Hike 8a Joy for our Journey 10:30a
26	27	28 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	29 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	30 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit		



Bethany's 2026 budget is based on receiving offerings averaging \$29,975.89 each month.

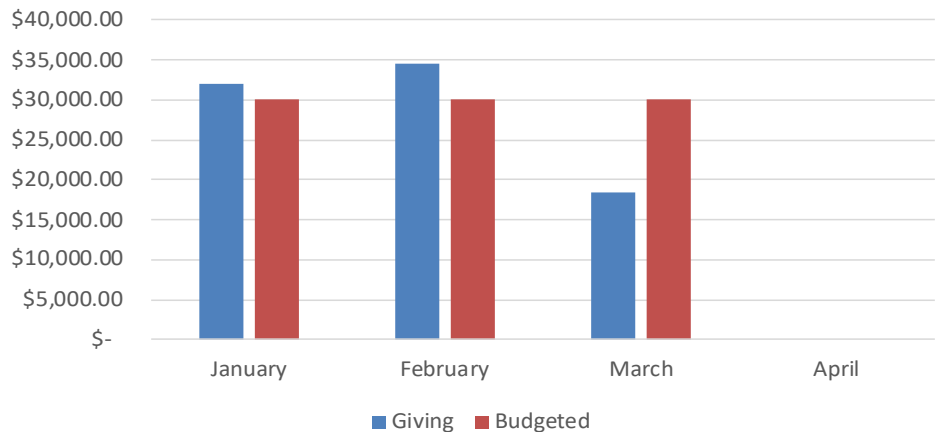
Year to date budget requirement was \$89,927.67.

Year to date giving, totals \$85,021.00.

The difference was (\$4,906.67)



Bethany Financials



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