

**June 2025**

# **COMMUNICATOR**

**A PUBLICATION OF BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**

## **“A Significant 1700th Anniversary for Us Christians”**

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3.16*

Seventeen hundred years ago this spring and summer Christians from the known civilized world had a significant meeting that solidified the basic understanding of Jesus which has stood the test of time in the centuries since then. One of the first things that early church leaders had to do in terms of biblical understanding was to figure out who Jesus was and is. In the first couple of centuries there was a struggle to figure out who Jesus was and is. Some questioned whether He was fully God. Some questioned whether He was fully human. A few thought that God took three forms: Sometimes He appeared as God the Father, sometimes as God the Son, sometimes as God the Holy Spirit.

In the early 300s AD the bishop of Alexandria Egypt, who was named Alexander, was dealing with a pastor in his area named Arius who questioned the full deity of Jesus. He argued that the Son of God had a beginning. He was subordinate to the Father. He was also capable of change, alternating between good and evil. Arius was a dynamic speaker, and his views took root in other parts of the Empire, leading to riots in several cities.

In 312 AD the Roman Emperor Constantine had a dramatic conversion. The next year he made Christianity a legal religion. He discovered the disputes going on among Christians and called for a conference of church leaders at his summer palace in Nicea in what is today Turkey. One early leader says that the conference convened on May 20, 325. It was to continue through July. Between 250 and 300 bishops showed up along with over a thousand other assistants.

The conference quickly recognized the heresies of Arius. Part of the problem was his misunderstanding of the original Greek word in John 3:16 often translated as “only begotten.” All but two of the bishops agreed that Jesus Christ was fully God as well as fully man. Arius and those two bishops were exiled. The conference also adopted what has become known to us as the Nicene Creed.

The first part of the creed reads like this: “We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made.”

The Council also adopted some basic rules for church leaders, and it set a date for Easter, which calculation is still used by most of the Christian church today. It would be left to later conferences to hammer out an understanding of the Holy Spirit and of salvation and of the church. But the Nicene Creed has been accepted as an orthodox statement of faith by most all Christian groups. You can visit our church web site at [BCBethany.com](http://BCBethany.com) to find my pod cast with more details about the Council of Nicea.

Pastor Kurt

## June Birthdays

4<sup>th</sup> Eric Eskam  
7<sup>th</sup> Lola Bell  
7<sup>th</sup> Jeanette Gant  
14<sup>th</sup> Linda Davis  
15<sup>th</sup> Mac Jaynes  
21<sup>st</sup> Mike Peñuelas  
27<sup>th</sup> Margy Williams  
29<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Hill



## June Anniversaries

2<sup>nd</sup> Ken & Cathy Braithwaite  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jim and Barbara Lomen  
14<sup>th</sup> Ernie & Phyllis Eskam  
26<sup>th</sup> Ralph & Marilyn Nelson



## NURSING HOME OUTREACH

Join Rob Hedlund at Boulder City Hospital at 9:45 AM on Saturday, June 7, for a service that we do in the Long Term Care unit. After that service we minister to the residents of Mountain View care center. Volunteers who help out are a blessing to the residents.

## MEN'S LUNCH

Guys, join us at the church on Tuesday, June 10, at 11:30 AM for an inspirational video. We will then go out to lunch at Boulder Creek Golf Club.

## CHURCH HIKE

Our hiking group will meet in the church parking lot at Saturday, June 28, at 8 AM, to go on our monthly hike somewhere up on Mt. Charleston. We will provide a lunch.

## Joy for our Journey

Book study: Be Joyful- study of Philippians - lesson 10.  
Saturday, June 7, 10:30 Meet at Jenny's house, 1290 Browder Place.

Joy for Our Journey:  
Saturday, June 28, 10:30. Meet in the Worship Center.  
We will be having a Movie Day. Popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

A **Big Thank you** to all who helped make the Ladies Tea a success. Many hands made for lighter work. Women's Ministry and Joy for Our Journey were the committees who made this happen.

A special thanks to the team of men who served at the Tea. Bravo!! You did a fantastic job!

And Rob for taking photos. And thanks to Don, Pastor and Dan for all the help in setting up the tables and doing all the lifting of heavy boxes. Our speaker, Lois Olmstead was great and Sharon Walling did a beautiful job with music.

Thank you so much, - Jenny

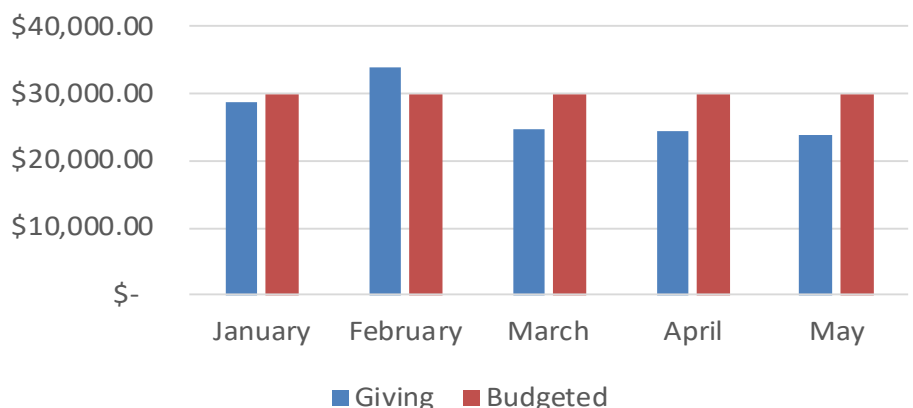
Bethany's 2025 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$29,843.36 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$149,218.30

Year to date giving, through April, totaled \$135,299.95.

The difference is (\$13,918.35)

## Bethany Financials



# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	4 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	5 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	6	7 Nursing Home Outreach 9:45 am JFOJ Bible Study 10:30a
8	9	10 Men's Lunch 10:30a 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	11 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	12 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	13	14
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29	30					

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

**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...**

## CARE CENTER VISIT

Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 7th. Meet at 9:45 AM.



Come share time and sing some songs with the residents. Spend some time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



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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

***Web Site:*** www.bcbethany.com

**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**

**Property Maintenance Board - Eric Eskam, Chairman**

**Missions Board - Rob Hedlund, Chairman**

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