



April 2025

# COMMUNICATOR

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## **“The Resurrection and Hope for the Most Hardened of the Lost”**

“...Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Ayaan Hirsi Ali is the most unlikely of Christian converts. She was born in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1969. Her father was an Islamic scholar. He escaped imprisonment from the Communists in that country and brought the family to Nairobi in 1980. There Ayaan was enrolled in an Islamic school. She enthusiastically embraced Islam. She wore a hijab. She expressed support for the Muslim Brotherhood.

Under threat of a forced marriage she sought asylum in the Netherlands. She was 23. She began to read and study a variety of subjects beyond her earlier explorations. She also picked up other languages quickly. She is today fluent in six languages. She was accepted at Leiden University in the Netherlands and proved to be a scholar. She received a Masters degree in political science. During this time she was helping other Somali refugees in the Netherlands.

As a result of her study and personal experiences she was becoming disillusioned with Islam. When the attacks in the US on 9/11 occurred, she studied the work of Osama bin Laden. She decided to break away from Islam. In 2002 she declared herself to be an atheist. In 2003 she was elected to the Dutch parliament. She spoke and wrote about Islam. She began receiving death threats. A colleague who helped her produce a film critical of Islam was murdered. She went into hiding for a time.

In 2006 she moved to the US. She was invited to become a research fellow at Harvard. She became connected with a group of scholars known as the New Atheists. She joined many of them at the 2012 Global Atheist Convention. But then something happened.

She describes it in her own words: “I had a personal crisis... I lived for about a decade with intense depression and anxiety, self-loathing. I hit rock bottom. I went to a place where I actually didn’t want to live anymore, but I wasn’t brave enough to take my own life. I was self-medicating. Over a long period of time, I saw psychiatrists and other doctors. I was trying to understand my condition and I was trying to treat it with the help of pure evidence-based science..”

“I saw one therapist who said, ‘Perhaps you have something else.’ She described it as ‘spiritual bankruptcy,’ and that resonated with me. And having reached a place where I had absolutely nothing to lose, I prayed, and I prayed desperately. And for me, that was a turning point. And what happened after that is a miracle in its own right.”

In a recent interchange with atheist professor Richard Dawkins, Hirsi Ali declared, “It has to go back to, ‘Is there something or is there nothing’ I choose to believe that Jesus rose from the dead.” That’s the Easter story. If there is hope for a Muslim and atheist like Hirsi Ali, there is hope for your resistant relative and coworker and neighbor and friend. He is risen!

Pastor Kurt

## April Birthdays

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



## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Sunday:

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/ Rob H.

### Wednesday:

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

## April Anniversaries

17<sup>th</sup> Kurt & Suzy Hedlund  
28<sup>th</sup> Irv & Patti Childress



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 18, 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 12, 8 AM--- Guys, show up at Emmaus Hall on the church campus for a hearty breakfast, great fellowship, and some spiritual input.

## CHURCH HIKE

Saturday, April 26, 8 AM--- Our church hiking group meets in the parking lot. We explore God's beautiful creation in our area. We provide a lunch. Usually we are back at the church between 1 PM and 3 PM.

## BASEBALL OUTING

Friday, May 2--- We will meet to see a baseball game at Las Vegas Ballpark in the evening. The Aviators are calling it "Fellowship Night at the Ballpark." There will be a pre-game worship service and player will share their testimonies after the service.

**JOY FOR OUR JOURNEY** (Widows) April 5, 10:30 Book study: "Be Joyful" 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 26, 10:30 at the church. We will be reviewing our Easter celebration. Bring a salad to share. Work project: getting ready for our Ladies Afternoon Tea. This special event (for all ladies) will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2:00 at the church. Tickets are \$10 and we will begin selling them on Sunday, April 6. Get them early because space is limited. Come Join Us!

Three promotional graphics for church events. The first is for "Joy Journey" on Saturday, April 26th at 10:30 am, featuring a banner and the text "For Our JOY JOURNEY A Widow's Support Group". The second is for "Men's Breakfast" on April 12th - 8a, featuring a circular logo with a banner. The third is for "Take a Hike" on April 26th at 8a, featuring a green background with a hiker and the text "With Pastor Kurt".

# APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	2 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	3 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	4	5 Care Home Services 9:45am JFOJ Study 10:00am
6	7	8 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	9 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	10 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8a
13	14	15 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	16 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	17 2p FF&F "Last Supper With Jesus" @ 6:30 pm	18 Good Friday Service @ 6:00p	19
20 EASTER 8am Outside 10am Inside Potluck-11:15a	21	22 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	23 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am	24 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	25	26 Hike 8a Joy for our Journey 10:30a
27	28	29 2 pm Forever Faithful & Fit	30 Ladies Book Club 10a Prayer Meeting 11 am			



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

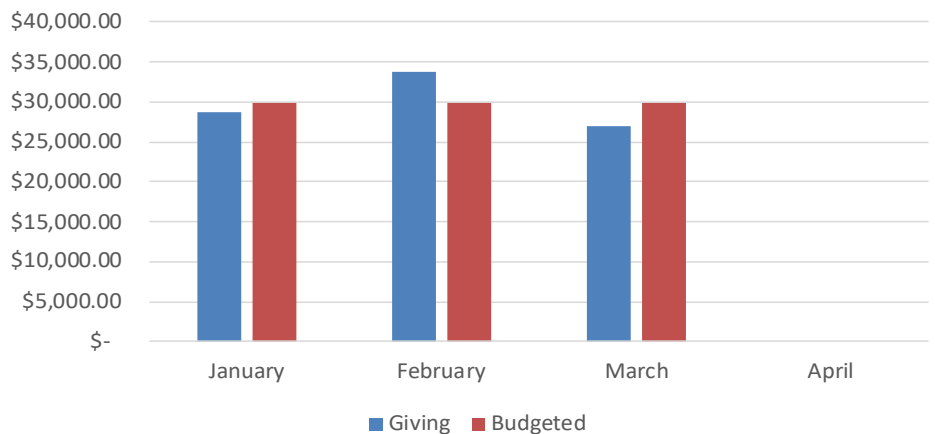
Year to date budget requirement was \$89,530.98.  
Year to date giving, totals \$89,554.00.  
The difference was \$23.02

### "Last Supper With Jesus"

Ladies, The women's ministry invites you to join us on Thursday April 17 @ 6:00 pm to experience a once in a lifetime "Last Supper With Jesus". The evening will be very symbolic, so PLEASE eat dinner at home before you come. We will need an exact head count, so you must sign up and please do not bring unregistered guests at the last minute. Count on a blessing.



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

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

**2025 Boards**

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

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

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