



**Bethel Pentecostal Church exists to introduce people to, and nurture them in a dynamic relationship to Jesus Christ, within our community and beyond, in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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Information on our **YOUTH** meetings is found on our **BETHEL YOUTH** Facebook page. Ask to join today.

*The church office will be open from 8 am to 2 pm daily.*

*Check us out at our Facebook page at **Barrhead Bethel Pentecostal Church** for prayer needs and other information.*

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in  
God my Savior, Luke 1:47

# TODAY AT BETHEL

Sunday, December 17, 2017

We are glad you have joined us! If you are a guest with us, please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-55

Pastor's Message:

The Journey To JOY

**7:00 PM HOUR OF POWER PRAYER**

Come and Seek His Presence & Power

*We welcome the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our services. If you feel led to give a message in tongues or prophecy, please speak to the Pastor.*

**Today's Nursery Assistants Are:** Juanita and Val

FM Hearing Assist transmitters are available to use on Sundays. Speak to our sound people for more information.

## UP-COMING SUNDAYS

**Sun. December 17** – 7 PM Christmas Candlelight Service

**Sun. December 24** – 11 AM THE JOURNEY TO PEACE

6 PM Family Christmas Eve Program

**January 2-7, 2018** – WEEK OF PRAYER

## **BIBLE STUDIES AT**

### **BETHEL:**

**Ladies Bible Study:** Book of Esther. Thursdays @1:30 pm. Room 2

**Mom's & Tot's:** Bible Study is "The Quest" and will start Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Sunday School** at 10 AM each week

**Thursday Daytime Bible Study,** I Timothy, @ 2:00 PM

**Robert Rempel** is in the Gray Nuns Hospital, **Unit 43.**

Anyone interested in the **Babysitting Course** should please call the office to register. It will be arranged on a PD day from school.

**A Journey to Christmas:**  
December 17, Candle Light Service 7:00 PM  
December 24, 11:00 AM Service  
No Sunday School  
December 24, 6:00 PM Service

**Christmas Caroling** – December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Call Kirstie Schatz for more information

Shepherd's Care Service  
Mondays @ 2:00 pm.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**High Octane** will resume in the New Year on **January 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Missions Trip** to Vicente Guerrero, Mexico Feb 24 to Mar 9, 2018. If interested please contact Irma Kryger.

Our thoughts and prayers go to **Clara Wiklund** on the loss of her sister.

**Children's Church:**  
December is **Kevin MacKinnon.**

**Advent Books** are available. Limit one per family please.

**40 DAYS of PRAYER** starts in January. Host a Bible study, teach a study attend a study. Let us Pray!

**Floor Hockey:** 7:00 pm  
Tuesday evenings

Thought and prayers to **Shelley Lavallee** on the loss of her father.

## **PRAYER NEEDS**

Art Harder, Garry Lorenz, Robert Rempel, Aubrey Schatz,

## **JOY: Not As We Know It**

The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people (Luke 2:10). Christmas is about joy. In fact, the Bible tells us that God wants His people to be filled with joy (it is one of the fruits of the Spirit-filled life – see Galatians 5).

We tend to see joy as if it were all giddy laughter. But real joy can be found in difficult and painful circumstances.

**Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:8,9).** The recipients of this encouragement were facing painful persecution for their faith, yet they could be filled with an *inexpressible and glorious joy*. Do you have that?

**Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. (Habakkuk 3:17,18).** We can have joy even when we have no “stuff.” When things go bad in life, we can still have joy. Note the words, “I will...” Joy becomes a choice.

**Nehemiah said, “Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10).** After 70 years of exile in a foreign land, Israelites returned to Jerusalem and worshipped their God. It was time to celebrate and to remember – the joy of the Lord is your strength!

May you be strengthened with joy this Christmas season and the whole year through, whatever may happen.