

WHAT'S NEXT

Welcome to Bethel. What's your next step on your spiritual journey? Here are some suggestions:

1) Sign up for our next **CONNEXION** lunch. It is a free lunch after church where you get to meet our pastors and leaders of the church. It is a chance to meet some new friends. **Sun. Nov. 18th.**

2) Get involved in a Bible Study. In a small group setting, get to study the Bible and meet some new friends. We have different options for this:

- Sunday morning at 10:00 AM we have several classes, including **Discover Bethel**, a class designed to help you learn about our church and prepare you for ministry in the church. This class is required for all who want to become church members, but it also gives everyone a good understanding of why we do what we do. Join anytime!
- Wednesday nights are Family Nights. We have classes for all ages. We have supper at 6:00 PM and our classes start at 6:30. Cost of supper is a donation (we suggest \$5/person or \$10/family).

Come take the **Next Step** with us!



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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TODAY AT BETHEL

Sunday, September 23, 2018

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;

General Offering

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51: 1-19

Pastor's Message:

YOU BELONG HERE!

There is NO ONE who does not belong!

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.

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

New **FACEBOOK** page: Bethel Pentecostal Church Barrhead. Look for it Share it and Like it. This will be a place where we will advertise.

UP-COMING SUNDAYS

September 30 - You Belong Here

October 7 - GET OUT OF THE PIT

October 14 - GET OUT OF THE PIT

October 21 - GET OUT OF THE PIT

October 28 - VANGUARD COLLEGE TEAM

Thursday afternoon Bible Study has begun...2:00 pm. We are studying the book of Job and the problem of Suffering. Why does God allow good people to suffer, and how should we respond?

Prayer Team meeting, Sunday, Oct. 14th, 6:00 PM

Friday Night Youth, 7:30 pm. Check out our Facebook page, *Bethel Youth* for more information re: activities and times etc.

Vanguard College Team, Sunday Oct 28, 11:00 am.

Thanksgiving Sunday Oct 7th, 11:00 am. Lunch to follow. Bring Salad and a dessert. Come join us.

Ladies Retreat – Nov 2 & 3 @ Bethel Church Watch for details!

Finger of God 2, movie showing **Sunday, October 14th**. Also, if you are a part of our Prayer Team, or would like more information on how to be a part of that. Plan on joining us for this at 6:00 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD

Men's Floor Hockey starts Sept 25 @ 7 pm.

PRAYER NEEDS

Art Harder, Garry Lorenz, Lighthouse Fellowship in Wetaskawin, Erwin Sonnenberg, Norma Marsh, Rhonda Tischer, Laurie Loitz, Elfrieda Kristel, Dwayne Gross

Discover Bethel, an introduction to what we believe and what we do, 10 AM in classroom #6.

Our next **Connexion's Lunch** will be Nov 18 after church. Sign-up sheet on the information counter.

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

Thanksgiving Sunday Oct 7th, 11:00 am. Lunch to follow. Please bring an extra large salad and a dessert.

We will need **Group #1** and **All Group Leaders** to help with Thanksgiving Dinner.

Our **Church Office** is open Monday to Friday, 8 AM-2 PM. We are often called away, so call before you come to make sure someone is here.

ACE OF HEARTS

Pastor Dave Findlay



On the last Saturday of August, Lead Pastor Andrew Stoecklein, of the Inland Hills Church in Chino, California committed suicide. He was thirty years old and he left behind a wife and three young children. He had been suffering from anxiety and depression ever since his father, the former pastor of the church, died.

His suicide had prompted a lot of discussion about Christians (yes, even pastors) and mental health.

LifeWay, a Christian company that produces church materials primarily for Southern Baptist congregations, says that only a quarter of churches have a plan to assist families affected by mental illness and even fewer have trained leaders on how to recognize mental illness (13%).

Meanwhile, those with a mental illness (59%) and their families (65%) want pastors to talk openly about these subjects.

The stigma that comes with mental illness often prevents people from seeking help. The perception that a person so afflicted is weak, or unspiritual, or may lose their job means that people will avoid going for counseling, or seeking medical help.

Doug Carver, a former military chaplain in the U.S. Army says that the Army uses an ace of hearts as an acronym for “**A**ct **C**ompassionate and **E**scort”. If a soldier notices anyone suffering from mental or emotional troubles, they’re to be kind and bring them to someone who can help. He says, “If I could do that for the church, that would be the win of a lifetime.

Sadly, some of you may be more concerned that I have used the image of a playing card in this article, or bulletin. That is what Jesus was saying when we “*strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.*”

May we learn to be compassionate and practical in how we minister. We pray, but sometimes more is needed. Being open to discuss and share, and going for help is essential, too. May we learn to have a heart and always speak life.