



July 25th, 2021

A Personal Note from Pastor's Pen



Of all the things that seem to be lacking in the hearts and lives of some people in recent days are goals and ambitions. A personal vision that gets an individual out of bed in the mornings with motivation. Plans for the future that instills drive and focus in their life. And then, have you ever considered what God says about making plans and setting personal goals? Is it right or is it wrong? Although the Bible speaks much on the subject of laziness and its demise in a person's life, there are two stories in the Bible that seem to suggest caution in the area of goal setting. Luke 15's story of a rich fool who through great ambition in harvest, tore down his barns to build bigger, as well as James 4's man who said he was going to a certain place, to do a certain job, for a certain amount of time, that he would get gain. These stories from God seem to suggest not to set future plans. However, God did not give us these stories to suggest goals and ambitions in life are bad things. The principle that God wanted us to see from these stories is that leaving God and His will out of those plans is a bad idea. *James* will go on to say in *4:15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.* We find in this text that having a vision and plans for the future are actually God's intent for everyone's life, as long as we filter them through God's Word and His will for our life. You see, the best laid plans are crumbling projects without God's blessing upon them, but when a person sets their goals with wisdom from the Bible and allows God to change them as He wishes, there is no telling what God can do in that person's life. It is clear from the Bible, to live without motivation or planning is not God's desire. God wants each of us to have plans of faith; visions of what we can accomplish for His Glory in this life. Even so much that He states in *Proverbs 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish:* So what are your goals? I pray that you have some personal ambitions that drive you in life. But, in all of those plans for the future, be careful to allow God to have the reigns. Allow Him to add to or cancel out any goal, knowing He knows best! Pastor Tommy

Watermelon and Softball

Following the evening service tonight, we will have a time of fellowship with ice cold watermelon and a softball game. Please bring your softball glove and lawn chair, and join us for a great time of fun and laughter. Anyone 10 years of age and older can play.

American Sign Language Classes

We begin our ASL classes on Thursday August 5th. There will be a day-time class at 10am and one at 7pm located in the Super Church room. These classes will continue for 8 consecutive week. Please use door #5.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Saturday August 7th at 9am we will be having a Men's Fellowship Breakfast at the Activity Center. Following breakfast, we will have a devotional, and then a time of fun. You will have the option of going to K1 Speed Track (\$50), Golfing (\$30), or Shooting and Fishing (bring your own supplies). There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome desk, today will be the last day to sign-up.

Kidz Club

Wednesday night Kidz Club starts back on August 4th. Our children 12 years and under will not want to miss this great time around God's Word.

Ladies Sewing Project

On August 14th, 21st, and 28th, for all of those who can sew or would like to learn basic machine sewing, we will be meeting at the Activity Center from 11am-1pm to fellowship and work on making lap quilts to donate. We ask that you bring a small snack to share each week. Drinks will be provided. Sign up at the welcome desk today! We also will need sewing machines. Please see Mrs. Gayla if you have one we can use.

Upcoming Events

- *August 8th Special Guest Preaching, Bro. Brian McBride
- *August 22nd Special Guest Preaching, Bro. Brent Carr with The Carr Family providing special music.
- *September 11th Church Festival
- *Oct. 6th- 10th Missions Conference with Dr. Kurt Skelly and Dr. Don Sisk
- * Oct. 24th-28th Men's Missions Trip to Still Waters Boy's Home

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Early Morning Worship	9:00 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Prayer Time	5:30 pm
Evening Service	6:00 pm

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
Youth	7:00 pm
Kidz Club	7:00 pm

Our audio & video sermons are available on our website bethelbcg.org
Use the media tab for video sermons or the sermon tab for audio sermons

New Member

What a joy it is to our church to have Sarah Gray join our family at Bethel by transfer of letter. Sarah graduated from Bob Jones University in 2010 and works at Estes Design in the planning and scheduling department. Sarah began taking piano lessons at the age of 5 and continued lessons for 17 years. Sarah is a joy to be around and we know that she will be a blessing to you as you take this opportunity to know her better.



Last Weeks Blessings...

Worship Service	418
Total Offering	\$26788.54
Mortgage Fund	\$170
Missions	\$4492.50
Television Ministry	\$350
Lend-A-Hand	\$5