



February 2017 Newsletter

Bethel Wesleyan Church

Bethel Wesleyan Church exists to love our community and world with Christ's love, offering everyone His fulfilling way of life.

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Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
John 10:10

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PASTOR'S PEN



"Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but no one has the right to have the facts wrong!" This was the stern warning my high school history teacher, Mr. Zaharia, gave our class before assigning report topics. I will never forget those words. They are so ingrained in me that to this day I go to great lengths to confirm the veracity of my information before I share it with others.

It seems that fact checking has become a regular part of the media's coverage of our current President. Everything from the number of people who attended his inauguration in person to the number of people who voted illegally is in question. And while the news media is quick to point out that his facts are unsubstantiated or outright false, President Trump is just as quick to blame the media for being "dishonest." So who's telling the truth and who are we to believe?



Perhaps this fixation on factual content stems from a much deeper shift in our social landscape – a shift from absolute truth to relativism. Without getting too technical, absolute truth can be defined as information that is always valid regardless of parameters or context. For example there are

absolutely no square circles and there are absolutely no round squares. Relativism, on the other hand, believes that truth is in the eye of the beholder, and is based on differences in perception and consideration. Hence the statement, "what might be true for you, may not be true for me." Which begs the question then, what is truth?

This is exactly the question Pilate asked Jesus during his interrogation in John 18. Pilate was convinced that Jesus was innocent of wrong doing. There was insufficient evidence to substantiate the claims that Jesus was instigating an uprising against Rome. And even though

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(Matthew 12:36-37).

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Pilate found “no basis for a charge against him,” he ultimately gave into the wishes of the Jewish leaders and the angry crowds to avoid a potential riot. Pilate allowed popular opinion rather than factual evidence to decide Jesus’ fate.

Our society’s shift from absolute truth to relativism is a slippery slope. For a reporter to have to ask the White House press secretary whether or not he intends to tell the truth from the podium seems to indicate that we have moved a long way from the old adage “honesty is the best policy.” In fact, relativism is a direct result of our culture’s attempt to remove God from the public square.

Humanist John Dewey (1859-1952), co-author and signer of the Humanist Manifesto, once declared, *“There is no God and there is no soul. Hence, there are no needs for the props of traditional religion. With dogma and creed excluded, then immutable truth is also dead and buried. There is no room for fixed, natural law or moral absolutes.”* Humanists believe that one should do what he or she feels right – that then becomes their truth.

But as followers of Jesus who said, ***“I was born and came into the world . . . to testify to the truth,”*** and ***“everyone on the side of truth listens to me”*** (John 18:37), there are absolutes that outweigh popular opinion and take precedence over our preferences. One of those absolutes is that one day we will all give an account for our words and our actions. ***“But I tell you,”*** Jesus said in Matthew 12, ***“that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned”*** (Matthew 12:36-37).

Therefore, let us be people of the truth, people who believe facts matter and opinions must always be based on substantiated evidence. Rather than believing everything we hear and spreading as truth everything we see on social media, let us do everything in our power to make sure our words are true and our actions trustworthy. In the words of my history teacher, ***“Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but no one has the right to have the facts wrong!”***

Come In and Warm Up in February!



The month of February marks the end of our Winter quarter so come in and warm up with us during Sunday School.

Our Pre-K/Kindergarten class will be learning about worship, grades 1-3 discuss Jesus-Son of God and Man of Miracles while grades 4-5 learn about the Trinity.

Our youth discuss the Power of God in their lives and the adults complete their study of the Gospel of Matthew.

BELONGING Classes Begin Sunday, February 12



Starting Sunday, February 12 and running through April 2, Pastor Doug will be leading a class entitled **BELONGING: Becoming Better Acquainted with The Wesleyan Church** during Sunday School, 9:45 to 10:35 a.m.

Anyone interested in knowing more about being part of Bethel Wesleyan Church should mark "B" on their Communication Card and/or contact Pastor Doug at 410-482-8714 or pastor@goldsborowesleyan.com

Global Partners Prayer Guide

FEBRUARY

AMPLIFIED LABORERS

Amplified Laborers is a Wesleyan Church initiative to mobilize holistic church planting teams to unreached global cities. Visit gponline.org/pray to choose a people group of focus for the month.

For the next 28 days, I will pray each day for _____ (an unreached people group) and for _____

- Laborers to cross cultural, linguistic, and national boundaries to share the gospel with them
- Our hearts to be gripped with a sense of urgency to do whatever it takes to see this people group reached with the gospel
- God to soften hearts among this people group and lead missionaries to those who are most receptive

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PRAY FOR THE UNREACHED

Sobering Facts

There are over 7000 unreached people groups in the world. In some areas, Christ-followers account for less than 1% of the population. There are over 1 million communities without one local church.

AMPLIFIED LABORERS is a Wesleyan Church initiative to mobilize holistic church planting teams to unreached global cities. This effort must be bathed with focused prayer.

Unreached People Groups:

- **Iraq:** Population 14,899,000 / 0.50% Christian / 0.20% Evangelical / Arabic / Islam / No Bible
- **Saudi Arabia:** Population 9,901,000 / 0.30% Christian / 0.10% Evangelical / Arabic / Islam / No Bible
- **Yemen:** Population 11,296,000 / 0.00% Christian / 0.00% Evangelical / Arabic / Islam / No Bible

SAVE CANS & CANCELLED STAMPS TO SUPPORT OUR MISSIONARIES

Please give your Cancelled Stamps to Mary Sard.

Please place your Cans in the Container located behind the Church or see Bob Black for information.

Thank You!



Mission Moment

Cory & Kris Thede, Global Partner Missionaries to Haiti

On the road again....

Posted: 24 Jan 2017 08:40 AM PST

Two trips to southern Haiti in October; one to LaGonave and two to Délice in November; December and January travel to and from the USA and today we head to Cap Haitian for our 5th medical team with the Holy Cross Lutheran team. Back in 2013, we joined the medical team for the first trip not dreaming we would continue to do so once a year. We look forward to serving with this team, joining old friends and meeting new ones.



We spent yesterday (January 23rd) packing, as well as working in the gardens/plant nursery, school, and office. We are praying for good weather. In the past rain has prevented holding clinics as well as complicated travel on the dirt



Peach Palm & A Malay Apple

roads. Following a windy night we've had a few light sprinkles so far today. If things go as planned, we will hold medical clinics at the same four locations as last year.

Eli will be finishing up his January class today with a two-minute good-bye speech before heading to Allegan for the rest of the week. He plans to visit a business on Thursday

that may be a site for his summer internship. Thank you for praying.

Once we return we will only be one week from my folks coming for a two-week visit; and the week following their visit we will head down for missionary meetings and hopefully a trip up to Délice. Some parts of the road reduce our speeds to less than 10 miles an hour making for very long, bumpy hours in the truck. Thank you for your prayers for our travels.

Cory and Kris Thede



Through agricultural, medical, and spiritual education, Haitian Christians can live better and touch others for Christ. One improved life impacts many others within a community. By helping to meet needs, Cory and Kris strive to strengthen the faithful and draw people to the Lord.

Cory and Kris encourage, pray, work, and partner with nationals and international visitors. As part of the Haitian community—sharing in the sorrows and joys of normal life—the Thedes desire to glorify God by helping build His kingdom.

Ephesians 4:12 NAS: “for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.”

Power Kids ~ Being The Church!



During the month of February, our **POWER KIDS** are going to discover the difference between attending church and **BEING THE CHURCH!** As followers of Christ we are all called to help others, love others, be good neighbors to those around us, and look for opportunities to lead others to become fully devoted followers of Christ. This is what it means to **BE THE CHURCH!**

February 5th MISSION: HELP HUMBLY –
Nobody's better than me, and I'm not better than them.

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12:3 NLT –
"Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given you."

February 12th MISSION: LOVE ONE ANOTHER
– Sisters and brothers, let us love one another.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 4:7 NIV –
"Dear friends, let us love another, for love comes from God."

February 19th MISSION: BE GOOD NEIGHBORS –
A good neighbor cares, shares, and is always there.

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 10:27 NLT –
"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

February 26th MISSION: PEOPLE FISHING –
I'm on a mission to go people fishing.

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 1:17 NIV –
"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

POWER KIDS is for ages 3 years through 5th grade, meets every Sunday at 10:45 am in the Children's Wing (behind worship area). Parents, please assist and/or encourage their children in using the restroom in preparation for POWER KIDS. POWER KIDS will end each week at 12:15 when parents are able to sign their children out.

GREENSBORO NEW LIFE WESLEYAN



Ready for the **BIG GAME** up on the **BIG SCREENS?**
Bring whatever you want to eat and share.
Hot wings in a crock pot, nachos and cheese, potato chips and dip, veggies and dips, two liters of soda to share.

INVITE EVERYONE - PLENTY OF ROOM !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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Sunday Services
Discipleship Classes 9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:45 AM
Power Kids 10:45 AM
Pray Together 4:00 PM

Coming to FAITH in Christ
FORMING Christ-like Character
FORWARDING Christ's Mission



50+ Ministry

OASIS plans to join the guests at His Hope Haven with Food and Fellowship on Feb 16th at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join in, just let us know. Also, if you have any Outreach ideas that we may pursue, just let us know that, too! You are welcome to join us on the **3rd Thursday** of the month when we meet to fellowship and endeavor to be of service to others.

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Sun

Mon

Tue

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Fri

Sat

Jesus answered "...For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

John 18: 37

Seek the Truth...

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Destiny Hood

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Jonathan & Davette Thompson

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4 **Barbara Walters**

The Great Date Night Crowder Center 5:30 pm

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Prayer Time 9:15 am
Sunday School 9:45
Worship & PK 10:45 am
Praying Together 4:00 pm

Super Bowl Party
New Life Wesleyan 5 pm

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David James

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James Rash

11 **Dona Marcum Lindsey Shuba**

Youth Game Night ~ Pizza & Drinks Provided 6:00 pm



12 **Prayer Time 9:15 am**

Sunday School 9:45 am
BELONGING 9:45AM
Worship & PK 10:45 am
ENVOY Nursing Home Service 2:00 pm
Praying Together 4:00 pm

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Happy Valentine's Day



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James & Linda Rash


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His Hope Haven Outreach 6:00 pm

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Cody Bishop

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Men's Prayer Breakfast New Life Wesleyan 8:00 am

19 **Sara Beth Thompson**

Prayer Time 9:15 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
BELONGING 9:45 AM
Worship & PK 10:45 am
Praying Together 4:00 pm

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Presidents' Day

Newsletter Info Due

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JOY Luncheon Denton Wesleyan 11:30 am

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Jennifer Bartz

Samuel Foster

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Dan Jones

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26 **Masyn Richard**

Prayer Time 9:15 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
BELONGING 9:45 AM
Worship & PK 10:45 am
Praying Together 4:00 pm

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Angela Shamp

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Jennifer McGinnis (29th)

February Greeters Schedule:

5th - David & Mary James, 12th - Larry Gary & Nikki Brown, 19th - Kevin & Michele Covey, 26th - Bob Black & Adrienne Turner

Fruit Providers: 5th - Virginia Jones, 12th - Barbie Semans, 19th - Sandy Fitzcharles, 26th - Michele Covey