



<u>Every Sunday Morning</u> 9:30 AM

Remembrance Service/Lord's Supper **11:00 AM** Family Bible Hour



April

3 James 5:7-20 Patience and Prayer Dave Walton

10 Palm Sunday Jon Siebert

New Series: Genesis - focussing on the key doctrines in this book: doctrine of God, man, male/female roles, Satan, sin, salvation, law. We find their foundation in these first chapters of Scripture

......

17 Genesis 1:1,2 Intro; God exists; the universe created Ted McKellar

24 Genesis 1:3 - 2:7 Creation; rest George Idema

May

1 Missionary Report Ron Eagles



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Children's Programs</u> Nursery – At this time we are operating the nursery on a self-serve basis. Parents can supervise their children as necessary.

Sunday School – Children will be able to attend Sunday School when dismissed by the Chairman during the Family Bible Hour. Please be praying for our teachers. If you would like to help with this ministry, please talk to Doris Walton.

Brown Bag Prayer

Join us on **April 3**rd (and each first Sunday of the month), right after the Family Bible Hour for a quick lunch (bring your own!), followed by a season of prayer.

Ladies' Bible Study

If anyone is interested in a Thursday afternoon ladies' Bible study this spring, please talk to Barbara Congo, Miriam Love or Dianne Parker **before April 10**th. Thank you.

Men's Bible Breakfast

The next Men's Bible Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday April 23rd, 8-10 AM** Details to follow during announcements–Listen for details!

Bethel Food Pantry

We are continuing to host a Food Bank initiative for our neighbourhood. Non-perishable food stuffs and donated clothing are available free of charge **every Monday afternoon, 3-5 PM.** If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some extra food assistance, access to the food storage can also be arranged during the week. For more information, or to help out, talk to Frank Parker.

Bethel Online

We continue to offer *online services via Zoom* from 9:30 (Breaking of Bread) until the end of the **Family Bible Hour**. Those wishing to participate audibly in the Breaking of Bread, should use the Zoom 'Chat' feature first, so that the host can un-mute you. Please be patient with the sound techs as technology can be unpredictable.

Coffee List

Please consider signing up on the coffee list to help out with out our fellowship time between services. Drinking refreshments and some snacks are supplied by the church but please feel free to bring in your own goodies to share as well. Thank your from the Social Committee.

Bethel Bulletins

Bulletins are on the website for those who are unable to come in to church to receive one. Just go to the Bethel Website and enter the password on the 'Member's Page' to access it and other Bethel Information such as the Annual Meetings etc. Forgotten the password? Talk to Frank, Sonja or Bethany.

DRC Container Project for DRC

We are pressing ahead with sponsorship of a shipping container to Eastern Congo. If you would like to support this project, you can either include it in your regular offering envelope (noted on the outside), or a separate envelope designated DRC Container Project. For more information talk to Pascal Gisenya.

Looking Ahead

April 6th – Brown Bag Prayer

23rd – Men's Bible Breakfast

May 1st - Brown Bag Prayer

8th – Mothers' Day **21st** – Men's Breakfast

 $27^{\text{th}}-28^{\text{th}}$ – Camp cleanup

29th – Bethel Picnic at Meadowlodge

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible study meets **on Friday mornings at 6:30 AM via Zoom**. We are currently studying the Pastoral Epistles. For more information talk to Frank.

OTHER WEEKLY ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME

_	
_	

MONTHLY DUTIES

Listed below are the people serving with the following duties for the month of **April**. **Persons on Duties subject to change.** If you are not able to fulfill your duties, please remember to arrange for an alternate. Thank you.

April	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	(May 1 st)
LS Setup	George B	George B	George B	George B	George B
Door Duty	George B	George B	George B	George B	George B
LS Opening	Frank P	George I	Joe J	George B	Frank P
Announcements	Frank P	Frank P	Frank P	Frank P	George I
FBH Usher	Steve McP	Steve McP	Steve McP	Steve McP	Storme M
Soundboard	Rob S	Theryn M	Rob S	Theryn M	Bethany I
FBH Chairman	Paul F	Frank P	Paul F	Frank P	George I
LS/FBH Pianist	Anna S	Dave W/ Sarah T	Anna S/ Sarah T	Dave W/ Sarah T	Sarah T/ Anna S
Coffee Hosts	Barbara C	ldemas	Kings	Kings	TBD

Please have items for the bulletin sent to Sonja by the Thursday prior. Thank you! If you would like a visit from the elders, contact George Idema (780-433-7599), Frank Parker (780-479-1330), or Dave Walton (780-909-0630)

We cannot learn fear of God and the basic principles of godliness, unless we are pierced by the sword of the Spirit and destroyed. It is as if God were saying that to rank among his sons our ordinary natures must be wiped out.

— John Calvín



Bethel Bulletin-Back Blog (BBBB) Five Hundred Fiftieth Posting April 2022

James 5

The sin of swearing is condemned; but how many make light of common profane swearing! Such swearing expressly throws contempt upon God's name and authority. This sin brings neither gain, nor pleasure, nor reputation, but is showing enmity to God without occasion and without advantage It shows a man to be an enemy to God, however he pretends to call himself by his name, or sometimes joins in acts of worship. But the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. In a day of affliction nothing is more seasonable than prayer. The spirit is then most humble, and the heart is broken and tender. It is

necessary to exercise faith and hope under afflictions; and prayer is the appointed means for obtaining and increasing these graces. Observe, that the saving of the sick is not ascribed to the anointing with oil, but to prayer. In a time of sickness it is not cold and formal prayer that is effectual, but the prayer of faith. The great thing we should beg of God for ourselves and others in the time of sickness is, the pardon of sin. Let nothing be done to encourage any to delay, under the mistaken fancy that a confession, a prayer, a minister's absolution and exhortation, or the sacrament, will set all right at last, where the duties of a godly life have been disregarded. To acknowledge our faults to each other, will tend greatly to peace and brotherly love. And when a righteous person, a true believer, justified in Christ, and by his grace walking before God in holy obedience, presents an effectual fervent prayer, wrought in his heart by the power of the Holy Spirit, raising holy affections and believing expectations and so leading earnestly to plead the promises of God at his mercy-seat, it avails much. The power of prayer is proved from the history of Elijah. In prayer we must not look to the merit of man, but to the grace of God. It is not enough to say a prayer, but we must pray in prayer. Thoughts must be fixed, desires must be firm and ardent, and graces exercised. This instance of the power of prayer, encourages every Christian to be earnest in prayer. God never says to any of the seed of Jacob, Seek my face in vain. Where there may not be so much of miracle in God's answering our prayers, yet there may be as much of grace.

It is no mark of a wise or holy man, to boast of being free from error, or to refuse to acknowledge an error. And there is some doctrinal mistake at the bottom of every practical mistake. There is no one habitually bad, but upon some bad principle. This is conversion; to turn a sinner from the error of his ways, not merely from one party to another, or from one notion and way of thinking to another. There is no way effectually and finally to hide sin, but forsaking it. Many sins are hindered in the party converted; many also may be so in others whom he may influence. The salvation of one soul is of infinitely greater importance than preserving the lives of multitudes, or promoting the welfare of a whole people. Let us in our several stations keep these things in mind, sparing no pains in God's service, and the event will prove that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. For six thousand years He has been multiplying pardons, and yet his free grace is not tired nor grown weary. Certainly Divine mercy is an ocean that is ever full and ever flowing. May the Lord give us a part in this abundant mercy, through the blood of Christ, and the sanctification of the Spirit.

It is no mark of a wise or holy man, to boast of being free from error, or to refuse to acknowledge an error. And there is some doctrinal mistake at the bottom of every practical mistake. There is no one habitually bad, but upon some bad principle. This is conversion; to turn a sinner from the error of his ways, not merely from one party to another, or from one notion and way of thinking to another. There is no way effectually and finally to hide sin, but forsaking it. Many sins are hindered in the party converted; many also may be so in others whom he may influence. The salvation of one soul is of infinitely greater importance than preserving the lives of multitudes, or promoting the welfare of a whole people. Let us in our several stations keep these things in mind, sparing no pains in God's service, and the event will prove that our labour is not in vain in the Lord. For six thousand years He has been multiplying pardons, and yet his free grace is not tired nor grown weary. Certainly Divine mercy is an ocean that is ever full and ever flowing. May the Lord give us a part in this abundant mercy, through the blood of Christ, and the sanctification of the Spirit.

Taken from: https://www.christianity.com/bible/commentary/matthew-henry-concise/james/5

