

Bethel United Methodist Church Chewsville

Bethel Tidings



July 2024

Exploring Worship through the Life of David

Dear Friends,

As we journey through the summer, we invite you to join us in an exploration of worship through the life of David, focusing on 2 Samuel chapters 5, 6, 7, and 11. David's story offers us profound insights into the nature of worship and its place in our lives. For David, worship was not confined to specific times or rituals; it was the very essence of his being. His life, with all its triumphs and failures, was a continuous offering to God.

Worship in Victory: 2 Samuel 5

In 2 Samuel 5, we see David's ascent to kingship over Israel. After years of waiting, David is anointed king, and he captures Jerusalem, making it the political and spiritual center of Israel. David's initial actions as king highlight his heart for worship. He sought to establish a place where God's presence would dwell among His people. For David, leadership and worship were inseparable. He led with the understanding that his authority was under God's ultimate rule, acknowledging God's hand in his victories and reign.

Worship in Celebration: 2 Samuel 6

Chapter 6 gives us a vivid picture of David's exuberant worship as he brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. David danced before the Lord with all his might, demonstrating a passionate and unreserved worship that came from deep within. This chapter challenges us to consider our own expressions of worship. Are we willing to worship God with abandon, without concern for others' opinions, as David did? His wife Michal's disdain for his display serves as a reminder that true worship may sometimes invite misunderstanding or criticism, but it remains a heartfelt offering to God.

Worship in Covenant: 2 Samuel 7

In 2 Samuel 7, David desires to build a house for God, but instead, God promises to establish David's house forever. This covenant is a pivotal moment, reflecting the reciprocal nature of worship and relationship with God. David's response is one of profound humility and gratitude, recognizing the incredible honor and grace bestowed upon him and his lineage. This chapter invites us to reflect on how we respond to God's promises and blessings. Do we, like David, approach God with a heart of humility and thankfulness, recognizing that all we have comes from Him?

Worship in Failure: 2 Samuel 11

Finally, 2 Samuel 11 presents a stark contrast, showing David's failure in his sin with Bathsheba. Despite his close relationship with God, David was not immune to temptation and sin. However, this chapter also underscores the importance of repentance and seeking God's forgiveness. Worship includes recognizing our failures and returning to God with a contrite heart. David's life reminds us that worship is not about perfection but about continually turning back to God, even when we stray.

Conclusion

Through these chapters, we see that worship was indeed the core of David's life. He worshiped in times of victory and celebration, in moments of covenant and promise, and even in his failures. David's example teaches us that worship is more than an act; it is a lifestyle, a constant orientation towards God in all circumstances. As we delve into these passages this month, let us be inspired to make worship the heartbeat of our lives, offering ourselves fully to God, with all our joys, struggles, and imperfections.

Blessings, Pastor Jim

Recent Activities:

All Men Together breakfast

Father's Day began with an awesome breakfast meal prepared by Teresa Rossiter. When questioned about the event, she replied "Wherever 2 or more are gathered". All in attendance enjoyed how relaxed and casual it was and felt that we should start a new "breakfast small group activity".

VBS – SCUBA



The week of June 17 will be put in the books as one to remember. Not only did we have traditional week long VBS but added a Spaghetti Dinner and a Combined Worship Service and a Potluck Lunch afterwards. The preparation started many months before with a group of dedicated planners from Bethel and New Faith Christian Fellowship churches. We had an average of 32 children attend each day and 25-28 volunteers of adults and teens and pre-teens who helped teach and guide the children.

Both congregations donated so much food and craft items. The children and volunteers were fed each day and the potluck meal cleaned up the leftovers. The unused food will be placed in the food pantry along with the items brought in by the children and the \$401.00 collected will be used for the pantry.

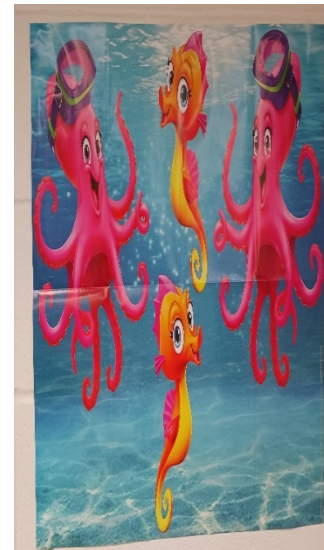
Recognition to Bethel's four pre-teens who served as "crew leaders" should be noted as it appears we may have some natural born teachers among us! Thanks to Abby Snyder, Madison Snyder, Jaye (Asher) Stone, and Bella Wagner.

The children received prayer buddies figures with scriptures daily along with crafts and science projects and some expended energy in the recreation station. Upon arrival they were given name lanyards and draw string backpacks. Then on Friday they each received a t-shirt, a certificate of attendance, and a drink bottle.

Saturday was the **Spaghetti Dinner** with about 66 in attendance. We all moved to the Sanctuary to watch the children sing and quote scripture.

Then Sunday we all worshiped God with praises and led by the NBCF Praise Band with upbeat music and enjoyed a Potluck Lunch together. There were 99 in attendance. Many that we hosted commented what a welcoming church we are.

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Science ...always a favorite!



Dinner each night...



Learning in the sanctuary!



We were all blessed by the experience!

Ongoing Programs:

Altar flowers:

Bethel continues to be blessed by the talents of the Altar Committee. Sandy Hose continues to expand her creative side along with Kellar Smith and Kathy Morrissey!

Currently there are multiple dates open throughout the summer. Please consider signing up. The cost is \$45.00 for the 2 vases that you may take with you after the service. Be sure to let the office know a week in advance what you would like in the bulletin. Thank you!

Women at the Well

The Women at the Well will not meet for bible study until September. However, we will meet the 3rd Wednesday of July and August for brunch at a local restaurant. Look for the announcement in the next few weeks for the time and place. This invitation is open for anyone (men or women) to join us.



Bethel Coat Closet

The closet is now empty. Therefore we will throughout 2024. If you have any questions



again collect coats of any type anytime please contact Diane Stevens. Thank you.



Supporting our Homebound

Bethel Caring Connection

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galations 6:9

Please continue to pray and send cards to our shut-ins. Summer can be a lonely time when others are out enjoying fun with family and friends but our home and nursing home bound members are unable to take part in these activities. Perhaps you could choose one of these folks to visit once a month. If you need names, telephone numbers or addresses call me (301-992-7831 or the church office at 301-733-8387)

This past month two of our members stayed with an elderly friend while her daughter went for a procedure. Time spent caring for this church member was greatly appreciated. I praise God for those who help in these situations. Again, we **could use more folks to join our group. We do not meet often; we just share the needs that are brought forward.**

**Blessings in Christ,
Pam Brubaker**

Homebound birthdays...

July 28 – Alvey Moser
20036 Landis Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

July 31 – John Kalbflesh
P.O. Box 65
Chewsville, MD 21721

Micah's Backpack

Healthy Meals for Healthy Families



That said, we have completed stocking the supplies for the end of the year. We will begin again in August. If you see canned pasta, soups, tuna, etc. on sale, we are packing for 21 students. Money is also welcomed.

Thanks for your continued support to this program!

Linda Barnhart

Food Pantry/Blessing Box Update

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Our blessing box has continued to serve many. This has been such a great blessing to our church family to serve others. At this time we give many thanks to our wonderful volunteers.



In addition, the blessing box could not work without your love and contributions. If you have any questions please contact me 301-991-9759.

Your sister in Christ, Elaine Snyder

Leadership News:

To be the people of God on the move for Jesus to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Leadership Board Updates:



The Financial status was discussed as weekly offerings are not meeting the budgeted amounts. Your Leadership Team is keeping a close watch on this as well as planning fundraisers and the possible need for a special campaign for the new boiler.

Trustees are focused on getting estimates for repairing or replacing the boiler. We will have Campaign to raise “Furnace Funds”. You may donate at any time as these monies will be kept in a designated fund. The old boiler should be repaired soon.

Other projects needed are outdoor painting, possible removal of the cemetery fence, replace fiberglass areas, and removal of dead trees and brush. A Prayer Garden is in the design stage.

Outreach to Small Groups and Young Adults

A group from the Board gathered and met. They spoke with the younger adults in the area to gather thoughts. Overall people want to feel welcomed and that they are attending a joyous worship. Would a Worship Leader to help with songs and inspiring the crowd help? Do we need more hospitality and refreshments before or after the service? Should sermons be designed to relate the Bible to present everyday struggles in life? Do we need to change the time of the services.

All things to consider and pray for guidance about. You may see some temporary changes as we “try out” some of the ideas and would appreciate your feedback to any of the Board Members.

The next meeting will be on Wed July 17th at 7pm in the Parlor...Join us!

Readers:

If you would like to volunteer to read the scripture, contact Elaine Snyder at 301-991-9759.

Attendance – June 2024

Date	In person Church S.S./ Worship	Special Events
May 26	21/70	
June 2	24/53	
June 9	24/56	
June 16	15/56	
June 23	0/99	No S.S. Combined worship
June 30		

Upcoming Events:

Camp Manidokan

This year we have 3 youth who have received Campership Endowment Program Scholarship Funds. They will be having a first time church camp experiences the week of July 14th. Please keep Cameron, Azalea, and Bella in your prayers.

CH Youth

This will be held on a **Wednesday of July and August** at alternating churches. Our turn will be July 10 at 6pm. We will need to provide a potluck meal and create games. Last year we had approximately 40 youth and adults. It is open to the community...pass the word!

Treats under the portico?

Would you like to see this restarted? There is a sign-up page by the entry doors. Another option would be more potluck lunches and use the pavilion. Let us know what you think!

July Birthdays:

1 – Peggy Snyder
4 – Marlene Young
4 – Billy McCartney
9 – Nancy Robinette
10 – Faith Palmer
21 – Valerie Kaufmann
23 - Celia Ausherman
23 – Pam Brubaker
23 – Joe Robinette
24 – Beverly Miller
24 – David Lidie
25 – Madison Snyder
26 – Kassie Symonds
28 - * Alvey Moser
30 – Barbara Simmons
31 - * John Kalbflesh
31 – Steven Rice
31 – Lily Ross



July Anniversaries:



4 – Brady & Kaelii Boyer
7 – Dave & Tammy Wagner
10 – Drew & Heather Ross
13 – Duane & Roni McNairn
14 – Tim & Teresa Rossiter
15 – Alvey & Deanie Moser
20 – Paul & Tammy Gantz

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Sunday Pastor on vaca...	Monday 1 Pastor away Returns July 10th	Tuesday 2 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	Wednesday 3 11:00 lunch drop 12:30-3:30 Band	Thursday 4 OFFICE CLOSED Independence Day	Friday 5 12:30-3:30 Band	Saturday 6
7 Communion 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship 2:00 pm Western MD Hospital	8	9	10 Pastor returns 11:00 lunch drop 12:30-3:30 Band 6:30- G.S. Leaders/upstairs 7:00 Leadership/Parlor	11	12 12:30-3:30 Band	13
14 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship	15	16 6:00 p.m. Lions Club/FLC	17 11:00 lunch drop 11:00 W@W lunch 12:30-3:30 Band 7:00 Leadership Council	18	19 12:30-3:30 Band	20
21 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship Treats on the Portico	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24 11:00 lunch drop 12:30-3:30 Band	25	26 12:30-3:30 Band	27 10:00 Embroidery Guild/ Pav/FLC
28- 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary & Virtual Service Worship 11:30 Pot Luck meal	29	30	31 11:00 lunch drop 12:30-3:30 Band			

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Our Mission: To be the people of God on the move for Jesus and to transform the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Vision: To be the Church of Jesus Christ to all God's children through discipleship grounded in God's Holy Word. We pledge to God and each other to accomplish our mission: Through prayer, worship and education, we will be seekers of God's will. Through witness, we will kindle the fire of spiritual and physical growth. Through Christian community we will love, nurture and support each other and those in need throughout the world.

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Sunday Service Times:

Traditional mixed with Contemporary

Worship @ 10:00 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Online Sun 10:00 am @ www.bethelumchurch.org

Family Care Ministry:

Please let us know if you or a family member wish a pastoral visit during a time of grief or hospitalization, including the birth of a child. We will pray & minister to you.

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