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| July 4 | Independence Day |
| July 6 | Cheerleading Meeting 6PM—8PM |
| July 12 | Senior's to Dillard's Ice Cream Parlor |
| July 16 | Deacon Nomination |
| July 16 | Mission Lunch |
| July 30-Aug. | 5 Big Creek Mission Trip |
| Aug. 5 | If My People Performance 7 PM |
| Aug. 6 | If My People Performance 10 AM |
| Aug. 6 | If My People Performance 2 PM |

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Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m.; Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Services - 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

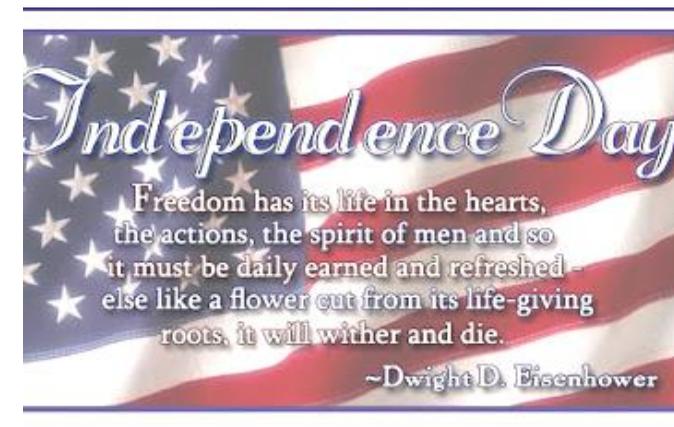
A Bible Believing, Christ Centered, Mission Minded, Friendly Fellowship

“To be light by proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and to be salt by standing against evil”

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I John 4: 7-8

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.





A Word from Our Pastor

Greetings in the name of the Lord. It is hard to believe that it is already July. Time does fly. I trust you are having a good summer. I know many of you have had the opportunity to go on vacation and I hope you were able to rest and relax.

As I write this, we are beginning the week of VBS and I think it is going to be a good week. It is always a tiring week, but it affords a great opportunity to minister to our children.

Dawn, Ethan, and I were able to travel with some of our Senior Adults to Kentucky. It was a wonderful trip and we were reminded of how great a God we serve.

I am glad to have Vernon and Rylan on Staff now. I am looking forward to the patriotic musical in August. Also, Rylan has one other Adult and 5 Youth going to Bear Branch, Kentucky at the end of July and beginning of August. Pray for them and pray for our Staff as we try to lead El Bethel to be the church God wants us to be.

The Placement Ministry has started their task of getting Team Ministry Leaders and other workers for the next church year. Pray for them and pray about how you could serve the Lord here at El Bethel.

As I discussed last Sunday, the recent months have been difficult on many of us here at church. I am thankful that we serve a mighty God who cares for His children. Take time to encourage others.

Thank you for your continued prayers and for your friendship.

Love in Christ,
Joe

MUSIC NOTES



The work is well underway for the Patriotic presentation,

“IF MY PEOPLE”

to be presented by our Choir and Supporting Cast here at El Bethel on Saturday, August 5th @ 7:00 PM and Sunday, August 6th @ 10:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

Since we have only about a month left in rehearsals and preparation, will you be found faithful in this endeavor? Watch your bulletin each week that will notify you of all rehearsals and days of preparation to make our Church ready for ***“If My People”***.

And will you, as the Church who meets at El Bethel, continue to pray “daily” for this special endeavor? Pray for the Choir, and those who will assist the choir in presenting this story calling America back to God. Also, pray for the audio-video operations and especially pray for those in attendance that together we as Christian Americans will follow the instructions found in II Chron. 7:14. **God Bless America Again!**

Sing-cerely,
Vernon and Ernie

Jolly Senior News

Jolly Seniors welcomes Rylan, Kayla, Caroline and Ava to our church family. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for our Children and Youth Ministry.

I would like also to share about our trip to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum. It was an awesome experience to see. We have read about Noah and how he built the Ark, but when you see how big it actually was, it is totally amazing. It is also amazing that God gave Noah the exact measurements and he

was able to accomplish the task without all of the technology that we have today.

Once inside the ark just feeding the animals and keeping Noah’s family safe was a huge undertaking. So was keeping the ark clean. God knew all along what a big task this would be and just how many people it would take to get it all done.

I think everyone on the trip would tell you to go see the Ark and the Creation Museum if you can get an opportunity and take your children. The story in the Bible will mean so much more to them and the children will realize what an awesome God we have.

Seniors, thank you again for being so faithful to El Bethel. It does not go unnoticed.

Seniors, we will take a trip to Mt. Airy in August. Details later. Also, we will go to Dillard’s, July 12th, right after Prayer Meeting and enjoy ice cream. Have a safe and great Summer with family and friends.

Lots of Love,
Butch and Kathy

Transformed Student Ministries

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your warm welcome to our family! Because of your love and warm embrace, we felt at home immediately.

I am very excited for the opportunity to be able to come along side of you and minister to the students of El Bethel. I believe in the next generation, and the time to invest in them is now. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for our Student’s and Children’s Ministry!

As of now there are not many students in the Student Ministry, but if I know one thing and only one thing, then I know that God is able. God is able to take the Student Ministry at El Bethel to heights that we cannot even fathom. I believe God is able. Do you believe God is able? If you do, then I ask you to pray with me,

and brainstorm along with me for ways to reach students in our community. Pray that God will give me guidance and courage to make a lasting impact on our students through proclaiming to them the greatest news this world has ever heard – The Gospel!

Some important news to keep in mind is that we are going to Big Creek Missions in Bear Branch, Kentucky the week of July 30th through August 5th. Pray with me for the staff at Big Creek, and for our students as they begin to prepare their hearts for this mission trip. We will be raising money for those going on the mission trip throughout the next few weeks. If you would like to sponsor a student for the mission trip, please feel free to let me know and we can make arrangements for that to take place.

Last but not least; as you are going throughout your week look for opportunities to share the gospel with those whom God has placed in your path, and if they are looking for a church home, help connect them to our wonderful church. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is found in Ephesians 2:1-5 and it states “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following it’s desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved.”

God did not make us alive just so we could act dead to those around us! Let’s share the greatest news in the world! I love you all!

Count it all as Joy,

Rylan Johnson