

Sunday Worship

Praise the Lord (Joyful Joyful)

Welcome & Announcements

As for Me and My House

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Child Dedications

Bethany Family Prayer

The Lord is Good

Sermon: Gospel Guardianship

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Benediction

Highlights

Prayer at Bethany

At Bethany, we believe in the power of prayer and count it a privilege to pray with and for one another. You can share a prayer request by writing it on paper and posting it to the Prayer Wall at the back of the sanctuary, or by submitting a request anytime at bethanycentral.org/prayer. Our elders and prayer team regularly pray over every request received. During each Sunday service, members of our Prayer Team are also available to pray with anyone under the large "Prayer" sign in the gym.

Summer Kick-Off Service

Sunday, May 24th, 9:30 am

Kick off summer with us at our single outdoor service (weather permitting) followed by a church-wide picnic. This is a great Sunday to connect with others from Bethany, build relationships, and enjoy time together as a church family. There will be no Sunday School, Children's Church, or ABC's that day.

Children's Ministry: Moooooove Up Day

Sunday, May 31st

We're excited to move all of our kids—3's, Pre-K, and Elementary—up to their next class on the same day! In the past, Elementary moved up in the fall, but this year everyone promotes together. Be sure to check the banners above each classroom for your child's new class.

Announcements & Events

Mother's Day Celebration

Sunday, May 10th

We are so thankful for all of our moms, as well as those who take the role of mom! We want to celebrate and thank you for your sacrifices and investment in the next generation. To celebrate that, we have Fannie Mae chocolates for every lady as you exit the service. Make sure to get yours!

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 24th

In just a few weeks we will recognize those who are graduating from the Bethany Church family. If you would like your graduate to be included in that list go bethanycentral.org/graduates and fill out the form there for each of your graduates. Let us know their name and where they are graduating from so we can recognize them.

BEST Lunch & Learn – Midwest Food Bank

Monday, May 11th, 11:00 am

BEST (Boomers Engaged in Serving and Sharing Together) is hosting a Lunch & Learn featuring Midwest Food Bank, a ministry dedicated to sharing the love of Christ by alleviating hunger and providing disaster relief. Register on myBethany or call the church office at 309-692-1755.

Ladies Bible Studies Starting Soon!

Bethany offers ongoing and short-term Ladies' Bible Studies with morning, afternoon, and evening options available. Join a four-week study through Ruth by David Platt. This study shows that Ruth is more than a love story—it's a powerful picture of God's redemption in our lives. Books are available for \$5. You can register through myBethany, call the church office for more information, or sign up at the registration table in the foyer.

Youth Group Summer Fest

Wed June 10, 2025 6:00 pm

SummerFest is a special youth group event for 4 Wednesdays each summer. The theme this year is Summer of Courage. It's a time of fellowship, fun, and teaching from guest speakers. It runs from 6-8:30pm on the dates of June 10th at Cottonwood, June 24th at the Plattner's, July 8th at Bethany, and July 15th. Go to bethanycentral.org/summerfest for more details and locations of each meeting place.

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Men's Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 9 AM in Room 817 and will continue throughout the summer. The group is beginning a study through the book of Judges. Please note that the study will not meet during VBS week.

Gospel Guardianship

Dr. Ritch Boerckel • Galatians 3:19–29

The Good Purpose of God’s Law

1. The Law _____ us.

2. The Law painfully _____ us.

The Greater Benefit of Faith in Jesus.

1. Faith _____ us.

2. Faith _____ into God’s family.

3. Faith _____ us to Jesus.

4. Faith _____ us heirs of God.