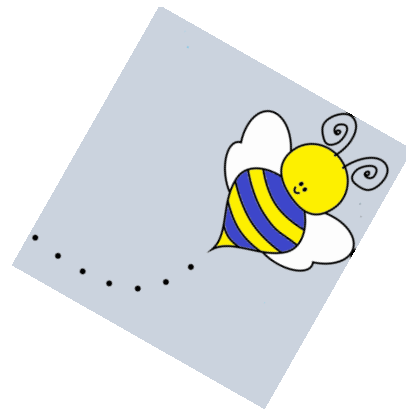




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FROM LAW  
to Grace

### *A Message from Pastor Howell*

*“Who has believed what they heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed.”*

**Isaiah 53:1-5**

Of course, the prophecy from Isaiah was fulfilled in and through the Messiah, Jesus Christ. As we rapidly approach Easter, we are reminded that Jesus Christ’s sacrificial death on the cross was a demonstration of God’s great love for sinners like us. Because of Jesus’ death, burial, and Resurrection, we not only have our transgressions and iniquities — our sins — forgiven and covered, but we have peace with God. As Paul reiterates in Colossians 1:19-20

*“For in Him (Jesus) all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him (Jesus) to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.”*

It is only by the blood of the cross that we can have peace with God. And, it is only as we place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ — and Christ alone — that we can experience the peace of God in our lives. That may not be what people want to hear today, but it is what people need to hear. In a culture — including many within Christianity — that would rather not talk about the blood of Jesus, the Church of Jesus Christ simply has no other message to proclaim but the cross and the empty tomb!

As we prepare for Easter, we have an opportunity to share a counter-cultural message that has power and that can transform lives. But, we must be willing to share the message. We must be willing to share the message with our family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. We must be willing to share the message with all kinds of people, including all kinds of sinners, both the good kind and the bad kind. We must be willing to share the message when it is inconvenient. We must be willing to share the message when it will be rejected. We must be willing to share the message when it will be mocked and ridiculed. We must, at the end of the day, simply be willing to share the message no matter the cost to us. Easter is a reminder of the cost of the message. The cost for God was

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enormous — the life of His one and only Son, Jesus Christ. But, it was a cost that God was willing to pay because:

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16*

This Easter Season, might we not only experience the love, peace, and forgiveness of God in and through Jesus Christ. Might we also be willing to share freely the message of God’s love, peace, and forgiveness with sinners like us. If not us, then who? If not now, then when? Pray for God to give you the opportunity to share the message of the cross and the empty tomb. Pray for wisdom to see the opportunities when they come. And, pray for the boldness to proclaim the life-transforming message of Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Howell*

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# What's the Buzz?

Check us out on our website: [www.bethelnm.org](http://www.bethelnm.org)



## Holy Week Luncheons

Monday, March 21 - Thursday, March 24  
from 11:45-1:00 p.m. in the Bistro

**Maundy Thursday Service with the Lord's Supper**  
Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bistro

## Good Friday Service

Friday, March 25 at 12:00 p.m. in the Worship Center



Join us for a  
**Mother's Day Tea!**  
Invite your friends,  
your mothers, &  
your daughters!

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Bistro**

Hosted by  
Bethel Women's Ministry  
Honoring our Pastor's Wives

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## Music Ministry 7 Biblical Reasons Why Singing Matters Tom Olson, Author



### 1. When you sing, you obey.

Singing isn't an option in Scripture. It's a command.

Ephesians 5:18-19: "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, *addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart...*"

God's people are more than just invited to sing – we are commanded to sing. When we sing, we're doing what God asks of us!

### 2. When you sing, you dig deep roots in the Word.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs..." Colossians 3:16

The Apostle Paul lays out this exhortation to let God's Word dwell in us richly, and then, he tells us how to live out that command. The first, of course, is teaching. But the second, is singing!

*Singing is one of the two chief ways that the Word of God dwells in us richly.*

And, as we observed in the last point singing is a command. But also that this command comes with a promise: as we sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs together, we are promised that the Word of Christ will dwell in us richly – which is what we should crave as believers!

Our singing is more than a warm-up for the sermon or a filler in the service. Colossians 3:16 is clearly laying out for us that: *Singing stands alongside of preaching as one of the two great ways that God has ordained for His Word to dwell RICHLY in each one of us!*

C.J. Mahaney calls church singing "Take Home Theology," because the best songs we sing together end up serving you as a 3 minute, easily memorizable, deeply biblical summary of important truths from Scripture. Take for example, "In Christ Alone." There, in an easily memorizable form, you've got a thorough theology of the cross of Jesus Christ with clear and practical applications that you can use for your life this week!

To be continued....

**Pastor Stephen**



## Friday Fun Timer's Game Night!

**Friday, March 18**

**Join Us at 5:30 p.m. in  
the Education Building  
for a night of  
fun and games!**

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# Ministry Memos



## Prime Timers!

Join us Thursday,  
March 10 for a road  
trip to Cloudcroft!  
We will be enjoying  
a meal at Mad Jacks  
Barbeque  
Sign Up Sheet in  
The Foyer



Join us April 14  
in the Bistro  
Gods Will, Your Will



## Deacon of the Week

06 Mar	Eldon Hawkins	443-8153
	George Davis	437-3282
13 Mar	Darryl Leslie	434-4523
	Scott Rhodes	437-9936
20 Mar	Bob Coker	415-0015
	Neal Schoeneberg	491-3012
27 Mar	Harris Blankenship	437-3885
	Allen Campbell	443-1774
03 Apr	Joe Snyder	437-3099
	Ken Wozniak	437-0590
10 Apr	Rex James	430-9108
	Harold Bentley	434-5270
17 Apr	Carl Beagle	551-2397
	Bill DeNike	434-4910



Join the Bethel  
Women's Ministry  
on Monday, April 4  
at 11:45 a.m.  
in the Bistro  
for their monthly  
Fellowship Meeting



Monday, March 14  
at 9:30 a.m.

Education & Conference Center  
Room # 523

Invite someone and join us the  
Second Monday of  
every month.  
No Supplies Needed

## Library News



Thank you for Celebrating  
Sheila's 80th and 20th  
birthday with us!

### LIBRARY HOURS

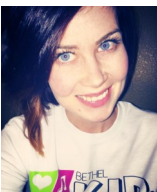
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sheila Harrison, Librarian

The library is in room 116, in the same hall as the nursery.

Don't forget to stop by before Sunday school, after worship, or anytime during the week that the building is open.

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~ Kristen Geary,  
Children's Ministry Coordinator



## VBS Training

Saturday, April 2  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

In depth training for all classes!

There will be classes available for:

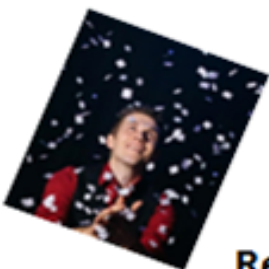
- Directors/Pastors
- Snacks/Rec
- Preschool
- Music
- 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- Missions
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- Crafts
- Preteens

Every participant can choose **TWO** classes to attend!



\*\*This training will be run by the BCNM and other churches from around Alamogordo will be attending.

Bethel's VBS team will have a meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, for further planning.



## Young Lives Ablaze

April 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

Ages: 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

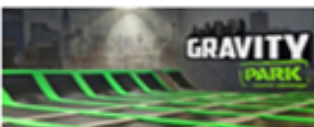
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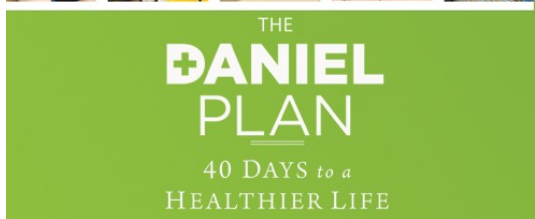
Registration will be from February 14-March 30

We will be leaving for Albuquerque at 8 a.m., on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, and have the opportunity to spend the afternoon at Explora and Gravity Park! The conference will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., on Saturday. The conference will include entertainment from Magicians: BAM Magic, Concert Artists: Mission 6 & Hidden by the Light and Guest Speaker: David Holland. We will return home Saturday evening.

We need male and female sponsors to make this trip possible!







In this six-session video-based Bible study pastor and bestselling author, Rick Warren, teams up with doctors Daniel Amen and Mark Hyman to explore both the spiritual and the health benefits of following a healthy lifestyle based on Daniel's fast found in scripture. This study will highlight the five F's: Friends, Food, Faith, Fun, and Focus. Each session will highlight testimony from Rick as well as others who have incorporated The Daniel Plan into their everyday lifestyle, plus tips on getting started and medically based information on maintaining a healthy lifestyle by following The Daniel Plan.

Join us on Mondays  
at 7:00 p.m. in Room #510

## March 2016

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### Weekly Activities at Bethel

#### Sundays

8:15 a.m. Morning Worship - Pastor Howell Scott  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Life Group Bible Studies  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship - Pastor Howell Scott  
 11:00 a.m. KIDz Jam & KIDz Jam jr

#### Wednesdays

4:45 p.m. Dinner  
 6:00 p.m. Discipleship Classes  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Education Building  
 6:00 p.m. KIDz Praize (Children's Choir) - Room #101  
 6:00 p.m. KIDz Klub jr - Room #117  
 6:30 p.m. 4:12 Youth - Student Center  
 6:45 p.m. KIDz Klub & Bible Drill - Room #120  
 7:00 p.m. Praize Choir

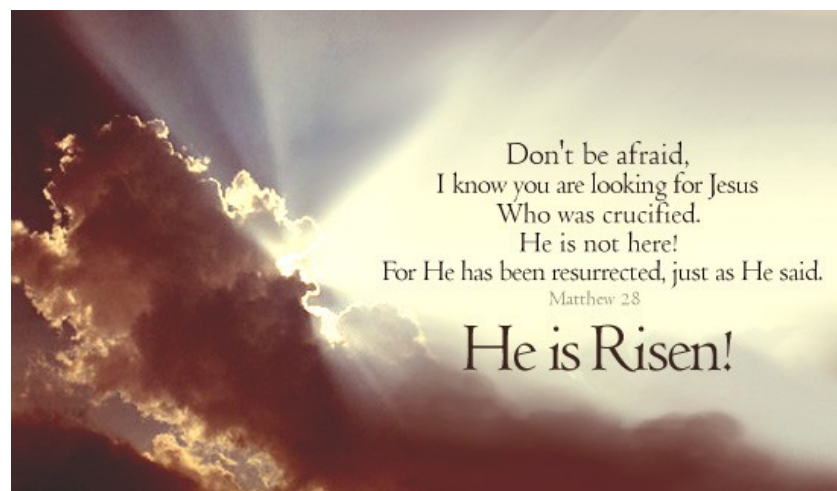
#### Thursdays

10:00 a.m. Singing Seniors



### Other Activities in December

Thursday, March 10 - Prime Timers Trip to Cloudcroft  
 Monday, March 14 - Craft Fellowship  
 Friday, March 18 - Friday Fun Timer's Game Night  
 Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)  
 Thursday, March 24 - Maundy Thursday  
 Friday, March 25- Good Friday  
 Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday



*Pastor Jon Dowling*

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# CAMPFIRE THEOLOGY

KNOW THE STORY, TELL THE STORY

Wednesday Nights 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Center

Parents and volunteers are welcome to join us Wednesday nights to check out this great ministry and find where you can plug in and get involved!

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*World Changers*  
*Mission Trip*  
*Fresno, California*  
*June 26-July 4, 2016*  
*Cost: \$250 Space Is Limited!*  
 Contact Pastor Jon  
 with any questions or  
 for more information  
**ADULT SPONSORS**  
**NEEDED!!!**

**Deadline to register is**  
**March 15, 2016**