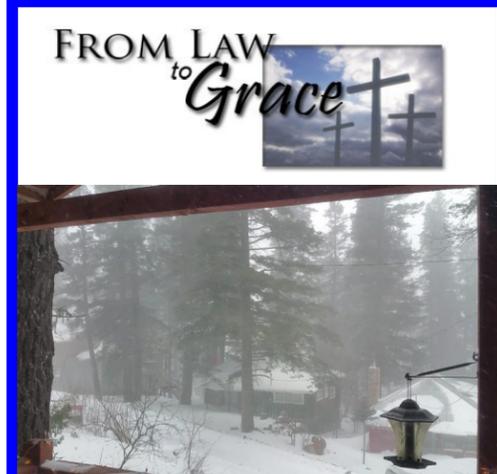
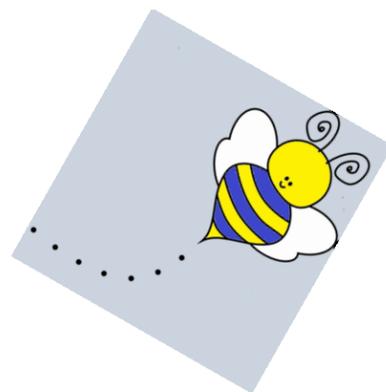




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A Message from Pastor Howell

Out like a lion! Well, at least that's how 2015 wrapped up in Cloudcroft and much of New Mexico. The Great Blizzard of 2015 may have spared Alamogordo from the snow, but much of the state, including a huge portion of eastern New Mexico, came to a standstill the weekend of Christmas. A full two days after upwards of three feet of snow fell, some roads in and around Roswell, Artesia, and Carlsbad were still closed. I'm quite sure than many folks in the Land of Enchantment would not want 2016 to end the same way.

Of course, the end 2015 and the beginning of 2016 allows us to reflect upon the year that was and look forward to the year that will be. While we should not live in the past, we know from experience— both personal and shared — what British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill once said, *“Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”*

So, as you look forward to turning the page on 2015 and starting 2016 with a bang, what are some of the (hard) lessons that you learned this past year that you do not want to repeat in the new one? If we are honest with ourselves and with God, there are at least a few things that we would do differently in 2016.

And, even though we don't have to wait until the beginning of a new year to start over, a new calendar gives us the opportunity to wipe the slate clean, to have a fresh start. The Apostle Paul gives us encouragement for just such a forward-looking approach:

“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.” (Philippians 3:13-15, ESV)

What is Paul trying to tell us? Don't dwell on your past mistakes and shortcomings. Don't allow the enemy to keep your mind — and your heart — consumed by what you did or didn't do in 2015. Instead, focus your mind's attention and your heart's affection toward Jesus Christ. Despite adversity and setbacks — spiritual, relational, financial, physical — keep pressing on.

Satan would love nothing more than for us — individually and as a church — to become so paralyzed by our past that we cannot move into our future. But, God is not a God of the past. He is the not the great “I was.” He is the great “I AM!” And, the great “I AM” wants to walk with you into 2016 and wants to walk with you every step of the way into the future that He has planned for you and for Bethel Baptist Church:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. ‘They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.’” (Jeremiah 29:11, NLT)

As God prepares to walk with you into the new year, the question for you is simply this, *“Am I ready to walk with God in 2016?”* Regardless of what you

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did in 2015, the new year brings new opportunities to walk closer to the Lord than you ever have. To make better choices than you last year. To use your time more wisely in 2016 than you did in 2015. To press on toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus is not calling you backwards. He is calling you onward and upward. Which way you go is up to you. Only you can decide whether you will walk with God in 2016 or whether you will walk your own way. Which road will you choose in 2016?

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Howell

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What's the Buzz?

Check us out on our website: www.bethelnm.org

Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday, January 24
at 6:00 p.m.
in Room #508
of the Education Building.

Beginning January 20
Women's Discipleship Class
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.



Pursuing Intimacy with Christ through the Song of Solomon
We all want to be known and loved. Though we can experience deep relationships with others, there will always be a hole in our hearts for the perfect love of Christ. But, what does that really mean? How do we pursue intimacy with an invisible God? What if we do not feel worthy of His love? How can we respond when troubles kidnap our security in Christ?



Beginning January 20
Discipleship Class,
Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

We all need a plan for our money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!



Beginning January 17
Discipleship Class, Sundays at 4:30 p.m.
Christian Education & Conference Center,
Room #514

It hurts to lose someone.
Find help at GriefShare.

If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

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Notes from MoM

Thank You to all who participated in the 2015 Christmas Musical "I'll Be Home for Christmas"

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- David Lawrence, *Custodian*

Ministry Memos



Prime Timers!

Thursday, January 21
Join us for a trip to Hatch!
enjoy a meal at Sparky's!
Sign Up in the Foyer



Thursday,
February 11
In the Bistro



Deacon of the Week

03 Jan	Eldon Hawkins George Davis	443-8153 437-3282
10 Jan	Darryl Leslie Scott Rhodes	434-4523 437-9936
17 Jan	Bob Coker Neal Schoeneberg	415-0015 491-3012
24 Jan	Harris Blankenship Allen Campbell	437-3885 443-1774
31 Jan	Joe Snyder Ken Wozniak	437-3099 437-0590
07 Feb	Rex James Harold Bentley	430-9108 434-5270
14 Feb	Carl Beagle Bill DeNike	551-2397 434-4910
21 Feb	Kevin Norwood Tim Wolfe	437-4548 430-4525



Join the Bethel
Women's Ministry
on Monday, January 4
at 11:30 a.m.
in the Bistro
for their monthly
fellowship Meeting



Fellowship

Monday, January 11
at 9:30 a.m.

Education & Conference Center
Room # 511

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



~ Kristen Geary,
Children's Ministry Coordinator



KIDz Jam and KIDz Jam jr will resume January 10

We are still in need of volunteers to teach and help. These programs will not be possible without your help and we will not be able to continue offering them without volunteers.

KIDz Praize/Klub/Klub jr will resume January 13

Mark Your Calendars!

Parents Night Out:

- ◇ February 12
- ◇ April 22
- ◇ August 26
 - Registration will open one month prior to PNO date

Young Lives Ablaze:

- ◇ 3rd-6th Grade
- ◇ April 8-9
- ◇ \$50 (includes conference fee, hotel, food and special event)
 - Due to Spring Break, we plan to leave early on Friday morning, April 8, and take the kids to the Zoo or Cliffs Amusement Park.
 - Registration will be from February 14 - March 30

State Bible Drill:

- ◇ 4th-6th Grade
 - Students must qualify at Church and Associational Level
- ◇ May 6-7

Connection Camp:

- ◇ Completed 2nd-6th Grade
- ◇ June 20-24
- ◇ \$125
 - Registration will be from May 1- June 12

We will need both male and female sponsors for these trips to be possible.
Please be in prayer about where you can serve!

Library News



Happy New Year From the Bethel Baptist Library.

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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Discipleship Classes

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in Bethel's Discipleship Classes Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Beginning in January

Including "Financial Peace" and others!

Join us Wednesday, January 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 510 for preview of upcoming classes.

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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

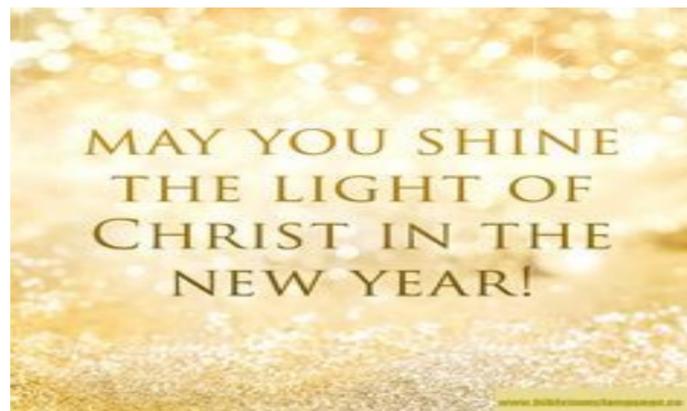
Thursdays

- 10:00 a.m. Singing Seniors



Other Activities in December

- Friday, January 1 - New Year's Day
- Monday, January 4 - Women's Ministry Fellowship
- Sunday, January 10 - Life Group Luncheon Meeting
- Monday, January 11 - Craft Fellowship
- Wednesday, January 13 - Wednesday Activities Resume
- Sunday, January 17 - Grief Share
- Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King Jr.
- Thursday, January 21 - Prime Timers Trip to Hatch
- Sunday, January 24 - Quarterly Business Meeting



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Happy New Year!!!
Thank You For A Great 2015!
Looking Forward To An Even Better 2016!



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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!!!