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Valentine's Weekend Enrichment



Each year at Valentine's Day, Bethel offers a weekend of enrichment for couples - both married and dating couples. This year we will be offering a "Marriage Today" Simulcast Seminar for couples on **Friday, February 10 and Saturday, February 11**. The hosts for this on-line seminar are Jimmy and Karen Evans.

Jimmy Evans is one of America's leading experts on family and marriage relationships. He is founder of MarriageToday and co-host of MarriageToday with Jimmy and Karen, the marriage ministry and national award-winning broadcast that airs to millions of homes each week. A popular church and conference speaker, he has also authored a number of books, including Marriage on the Rock and 7 Secrets of Successful Families.

Friday, February 10 a live simulcast which includes two sessions will be shown in the sanctuary from 7:45—10:30 p.m. with a break in between.

Saturday, February 11 there will be Breakfast served in the Atrium at 9 a.m. with the final three sessions shown in the sanctuary live simulcast from 10—1 p.m. We will be closing with a renewal vow ceremony.

There is a table set up in the foyer where you can sign up. The cost is \$15.00. Childcare will be provided with a fee. If you have any questions please see Kevin or Debbie Wartluft at the table or call them at 717-334-0574.

Sabbatical Update from Pastor Jim & Mari-Lee Ruddy

As you have heard over the past few Sundays, we will be taking an 8-week sabbatical during February and March. We are grateful for the fine and capable leadership God has given us at Bethel who will help to advance the Church during our absence. If you have yet to receive a copy, you can pick up a letter at the Welcome Center that will help explain the sabbatical and introduce you to the other leaders who will be assisting us during this season. Our prayer is that God will use this time to refresh you even as He is refreshing us. We look forward to returning to the work in Littlestown refreshed and energized for fruitful labor in the new season that has already dawned upon us.

Love, Pastor Jim & Mari-Lee

Background on what a sabbatical is - For most people, the term "sabbatical" is connected to educational institutions. However, in addition to academic agencies, many corporations, as well as a growing number of religious groups, are offering their workers an opportunity for an extended time away from job responsibilities for the purpose of reflection, renewal, and revitalization. This release from employment obligations should not be confused with vacation or sick leave. It is an entirely different concept which embodies the idea of a conscious focus on physical, mental, and spiritual renewal. The word itself is biblically based. It is taken from the Old Testament Hebrew word "shabbath" which literally means "rest." The idea is first mentioned in the book of Exodus: He said to them, "This is what the Lord commanded: Tomorrow is to be a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to the Lord..." (Ex. 16:23). A simple definition of the Pastoral Sabbatical is "an extended leave of absence from the pastorate for the purpose of renewing the pastor and his wife physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually." In summary, a pastoral sabbatical is a structured program that allows the pastor and his wife to take a leave of absence of their pastoral assignments for a specified period of time for personal and spiritual renewal, after which they return to the pastorate and resume the pastoral responsibilities with refreshed vision, energy and passion. Adopted from <http://www.cogcmc.org/pdf/sabbatical.pdf>

Milestone Birthdays and Anniversaries

Ryan Oberholtzer
February 1
30 years

Elizabeth Taylor
February 2
30 years

Donna Albaugh
February 8
50 years

Laura Mullen
February 8
50 years

Jerry Dotson
February 17
50 years

Gerhard Noerr
February 17
65 years

Frances Duttera
February 18
85 years

Bonnie Arthur
February 19
60 years

Brandon Lovell
February 19
30 years

Wayne & Dawn Zumbum
February 19
35 years together

Sue Graefe
February 21
65 years

Randy Brumgard
February 24
50 years

Linda Steinhauser
February 27
65 years

Cathy Bohn
February 28
65 years

Debra Hafer
February 29
60 years

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/1	Romaine Croft Debbie Fisher Ryan Oberholtzer Kathy Orewiler	2/10	David Cook, Jr. Marcus Cruz, Jr. Tom Stylc Ron Strausbaugh, Sr.	2/23	Cindy Gebhart Alaina Rebert Tommy Taylor David Toth
2/2	Jonathan Lemmer Al Renshaw Bruno Schott Elizabeth Taylor	2/11	Hannah Hottenstein Melvin Lewis Ron Martin Lonnie Mullen	2/24	Randy Brumgard Kevin Wagner Mason Adams Mary Rippeon
2/3	Tori Bigham Paul Hallameyer	2/12	Lane Butt Pam Flickinger Maggie Ledford	2/25	Mickey Anderson Alex Fabre Bonnie Warehime Corey Wolf
2/4	Curtis Mullen	2/13	Jerry Dotson	2/26	Linda Householder Autumn Nelson Linda Steinhauser
2/5	Carolyn Stambaugh	2/14	Gerhard Noerr	2/27	Cathy Bohn Derek Pearson Ed Reckard Leslie Szabo
2/6	Joseph Boraten Bill Dell Joan Knight	2/15	Andrew Bennett Frances Duttera Bonnie Arthur Marti Clapsaddle	2/28	Abby Thomas Debra Hafer Neal Wagner
2/7	Zachary Myers Zachary Williams	2/16	Ashley Lippy Brandon Lovell Kerrigan Toth		
2/8	Donna Albaugh Felicia Crist Kristy Colon Laura Mullen	2/17	Janae Roop	2/29	
2/9	Jeannette Roth Donna Boraten Burnell Kessler Tonya Lardarello Amanda Nicolazzo	2/18	Sue Graefe Morgan Adams Jason Harner Don Shaffer Hannah Weaver		



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2/8	William & Rose Burness	2/17	Paul & Stephanie DiMisa
2/12	Toby & Tori Bigham		Greg & Donna Imes
2/14	Dennis & Linda Austin Brian & Debbie Bennett Wayne & Janet Houck	2/19	Wayne & Dawn Zumbum
2/15	Pastor Garry & Wanda Sheaffer	2/22	Eric & Kristen Roop
2/16	Alex & Tracie Fabre Joe & Traci Storm	2/27	Don & Dorothy Shaffer



On **Sunday, February 5** at **4 p.m.** we will hold our **Annual Business Meeting**. This is for all members, as well as those who consider Bethel Assembly their home. We will be going over the 2011 financial report, updates from all departments and the election of 3 new Board Members.

There will be nursery and child care available. (There will be no evening service.)

The 2011 Financial Report is now available at the Welcome Centers.



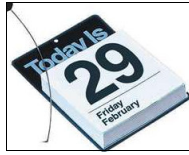
Bill and Karen Grammer will hold a weekly Bible Study in their Hanover home beginning on **Tuesday, February 28 - Tuesday, April 3 from 6:15—8:30 p.m.** This study is entitled "**Beyond A Shadow Of A Doubt**" by Roger Sapp.

This study's focus is on faith for healing by removing doubts. The cost will be \$10.00. To register please contact the Grammer's at 717-632-2224 or email them at kirinth@comcast.net.

Please note that there is no childcare available.

Detailed information is available at the Welcome Centers.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 	2 Family Night 7:00 p.m.	3	4 BLAST Dance Ministry 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. <i>Photography Club</i> Atrium—9:30 a.m.
5 Communion & Missions Sunday <i>Annual Business Meeting</i> 4:00 p.m. Super Bowl Party 6 p.m. <i>No Evening Service</i>	6	7 WM's Workshop Valentine's Luncheon In the Multi-purpose Building at 9:30 a.m.	8 Heritage Ministries Valentine's Day Party in the Multi-purpose Room - 10:30 a.m. <i>Littlestown Bible Study</i> at the Nusbaum home 7 p.m.	9 Family Night 7:00 p.m.	10	11 <i>BLAST Dance Ministry</i> 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. HCO at Gettysburg Homeless Shelter 5:30 p.m. Valentine's Weekend Enrichment
12 Rev. Dave & Sheri Hess will be our guest speakers and Russell Fragar will lead us in praise and worship in the 8 & 10:40 a.m. services	13	14 	15	16 Family Night 7:00 p.m.	17 <i>Impact's Valentine's Day Party</i> 6—9:30 p.m. in the Atrium	18 BLAST Dance Ministry 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. <i>Photography Club</i> Atrium—9:30 a.m. Gettysburg Soup Kitchen - 10:30 a.m. H.C.O. Baltimore Outreach - 3 p.m.
19 Rev. Dennis Shearer will be our guest speaker in the 8 & 10:40 a.m. services	20 Church Board Meeting 7 p.m.	21 WM's Workshop Atrium 9:30 a.m.	22 Littlestown Bible Study at the Nusbaum home 7 p.m.	23 Family Night 7:00 p.m.	24 H.C.O. at the Baltimore Mission 6:00 p.m.	25 BLAST Dance Ministry 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
26 Evangelist Christopher Alam will be our guest speaker in the 8 & 10:40 a.m. services	27	28	29 	1 March Family Night 7:00 p.m.	2	3 BLAST Dance Ministry 9 a.m.—12:30 p.m. <i>Photography Club</i> Atrium—9:30 a.m.

PARENTS: We ask that you encourage your teenager to join the **small group discussions** with our **Youth Leaders** beginning on **Thursday, February 2**.

The topic is **"Does the Bible Have Real Answers for Me?"** Living out loud our faith." Along with the discussions will be **topic related activities** and **tools** that your **young person** can use in their daily lives.

"The Big Game" Party

On **Sunday, February 5** from **6:00 – 10:00 p.m.** Impact Youth Ministry will be watching the Super Bowl in the gym. They will have food, fun, and prizes (and football!)

IMPACT YOUTH'S VALENTINE PARTY

On **Friday, February 17** from **6:00 – 9:30 p.m.** Impact Youth Ministries will host a **semi-formal Valentine's Day Dinner Party** in the **Atrium**. The cost is **\$10.00** and is due by **Sunday, February 5**.

Please sign up at the **Impact table** and see **Lucinda Bankert** with your money.





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<p>The Women's Workshop will be meeting on Tuesday, February 7 in the Multi-purpose Building at 9:30 a.m. for a Valentine's Brunch All women are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and fun!</p>	<p>The Heritage Ministries (for ages 60+) will hold their Valentine's Luncheon in the Multi-purpose Building on Wednesday, February 8 at 10:30 a.m. To register please fill out a gray card and circle the letter "H" or use the Events Notebook.</p>
<p>On Tuesday, February 21 the Women's Workshop will be meeting in the Atrium at 9:30 a.m. We will go out to eat for lunch. If you have any questions, please call Mel Crabbs at 717-359-7291.</p>	<p>There is a 2012 Schedule and a questionnaire in the Events Notebook, please stop by the Welcome Center and pick them up. The Questionnaires can be returned to Debby Taylor or to the Welcome Center.</p> <p>If you have any questions please contact Debby at 717-359-5063.</p>



How To Set Up Your Mybethelag.com Account

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Thank you to those who have set up an account on myBethelAG.com. For those who do not have access to the internet but would still like their information included in the directory for other Bethel family to see, please call the Church Office at (717) 359-4675 or fill out a gray card and circle the letter "D." We would love for everyone to be a part of our Bethel Family Directory. For those who have not had a chance to set up an account, you can find detailed steps on how to do this on our website at www.bethelag.com.

On-line giving - With on-line giving you no longer need to use personal checks on a weekly basis to submit your tithes, offerings, missions, etc. but this allows you to go on-line and schedule your giving in just a few clicks. You can go to www.bethelag.com and get full details to help you set up your account and also begin your on-line giving. Please call Dianne Dell in the Church Office at (717) 359-4675 if you need any assistance or have any questions.