

Read the Bible For Life
Begins in February 1st @ Bethel
Kick off Seminar
Saturday, Feb 4th. 9:00 am - 11:00 am
A Chronological Bible Reading Guide

The Bible may be the most bought book in the world, but it is also often the least read and least applied due to a basic lack of understanding and motivation on the part

of readers. **Read the Bible for Life** aims to improve biblical literacy in the culture and the church by simultaneously moving readers toward greater skill in reading the Bible well and toward a deeper commitment to applying Scripture to everyday life.

As we better understand how to read the Bible skillfully, we begin to see how every person of the Bible, every psalm, and every teaching fits into the Bible's powerful, overarching story, and we begin to realize our place in the story that God is still writing in the world.

The Reader's Guide to the Bible: A Chronological Reading Plan by **George Guthrie** invites readers into the world of the Bible and offers guidance for walking day-by-day through its pages.

Features:

- Offers a daily Bible-reading plan that enables people to read through the Bible in one year
- Offers daily coaching in how to read an assigned portion of Scripture each day
- Lays out the biblical story in 3 acts and 17 scenes to familiarize readers with the framework of the Bible's story Daily commentary provides orientation for reading Scripture day-by-day
- Small-group discussion questions are provided at the end of each week for processing the week's readings with others
- Three foldout timelines help readers keep track of their place in the biblical story.

Decisions Made in
December Business Meeting

In our regular Business meeting Dec. 14th, our church adopted her 2012 Budget totaling \$ 195,000. This



Budget includes only those items to be paid from our undesignated receipts. All indebtedness is paid for by "over and above" giving to our Building and Electrical Funds. Our Budget and Finance Committee will be monitoring our giving and spending closely.

BUDGET REPORT

We also voted to move to **Quarterly Business Meetings**. The dates for these meetings will be 3-14, 6-13, 8-29, & 12-12. They will include a fellowship meal with a special emphasis each quarter.



Mark

Your Calendar! of these meetings.

Attention Choir
Members:



Choir 2012 Planning Meeting

January 18th @ 8:00 pm
Come join us as we watch our Christmas Performance & talk about future plans.

Responding to the Acts 1:8 Challenge

Our Jerusalem

Serving dinner at Gift of God Street Ministries continues every fourth Saturday. See Bro. Wright about how you can be a part of this ministry.

Our Jerusalem/Judea/Samaria

“Stay tuned” for information about a recovery/rebuild mission trip to Minot, ND in the first half of 2012.

Ends of the Earth

Eastern Slovakia

Team Slovakia, East will be working on plans for mission teams to go to Slovakia in 2012. Right now plans are to have a group in Presov, Slovakia the last week of July to help with a summer day camp for children and youth.

Be sure to check out the newsletters on the Missions Bulletin Board for news and information from our international missionaries.

As The Cold Winter Subsides



Singspiration



February 25, 2012
starting at 5:00 PM. Come Join us for a Singspiration, warm yourself from your tummy to your heart with a light meal and singing favorite hymns of your choice. Please feel free to invite friends and family. More details and sign up to come.

AWANA Bible Quizzing Saturday January 28th, 2012

9:00 am at

River Valley Christian Fellowship
in Bourbonnais .
All TNT'ers are invited.



**AWANA
Grand Prix**

The AWNA Grand Prix

will be held on
Sunday,
February 26th in
the Fellowship
Hall.



Non-Fiction

- If You Want to Walk On Water, You've got to Get Out of the Boat - by John Ortberg
- From Grief to Glory - by Harry & Cheryl Salem
- One Prayer at a Time - by Lynne Bundsen

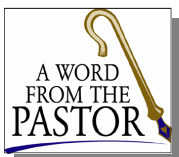
Fiction

- Easter Blessings - by Lenora Worth
- Rekindled - by Tamera Alexander
- The Maiden of Mayfair - by Lawana Blackwell
- The Widow of Larkspur Inn - by Lawana Blackwell
- Winds of Change by Gilbert Morris
- Sister Circle by Vonette Bright
- The Waiting by Suzanne Woods Fisher
- The Caregiver by Shelby Shepard Gray
- Into the Deep by Colleen Cable
- Postcards from Pullman Series - by Judith Miller
 - * Bk 1 In the Company of Secrets
 - * Bk 2 Whispers Along the Rails
 - * Bk 3 An Uncertain Dream

Come in
and check
them out.

Youth

- Taste Berries for Teens #4



Wright's Writings ...

Happy New Year! Can you believe it? I was just getting used to it being 2011 and now it's already 2012. With the new year comes new opportunities and new challenges and I hope we are all ready for them. Here are a few that I see from my perch in the "preacher's seat."

Bible Focus: I see us continuing our church-wide focus on reading and knowing our Bible. In 2011 we challenged one another to read the Bible through, Genesis-Revelation, all in one year. I have really enjoyed that; so much so, I'm challenging us to read it through again; only this time we'll do it chronologically. Our Bible study is so often focused on themes and stories, and that is good, but sometimes it means we don't get a sense of what comes first or last in His-story. We will start this journey in February, so watch for info on the Kick-off event.

Mission Focus: I see a church growing in doing missions. Your Missions Council will be meeting in January to seek the Lord's direction for our involvement in reaching our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the rest of the world. The goal is to have a strategic way *every member* of Bethel can participate in being *On Mission*. Join us in prayer, and get your passport; just in case God says, "Go!" to you.

Financial Support: I see our church meeting this challenge in the months ahead. We have a yearly budget of just under \$200,000 and a combined debt of about the same amount. Still, God reminds us in His word that "...nothing is impossible with God." Please consider what you can do to support God's work through Bethel. If you are a member and not giving at the tithe level (10% of your income) let me challenge you to grow in your faith and obedience to take that step. If you are at that level, awesome! And consider what God would have you do, next. Remember, giving isn't just about money. If you have time or talent to give- tell somebody. It takes all of us working together to be God's church called Bethel.

It's a new year. Let's make it count for Christ!

Serving Alongside,

Dear Friends & Family,

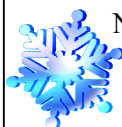
I would like to make a memory book of my dad, Rev. Rick Ozee, for my daughter, Kenzee. I am hoping that through the memories, stories & pictures from others, she will be able to get a better understanding of who her grandpa was. This is where you come in..... I would appreciate it you could jot down a memory or story about my dad or copies of any special pictures of him that you may have & send them to me so I can make this special memory book. I know that you all have busy lives and this is one extra thing to add to your to-do-list, but it would mean the world to me and my family to have these memories in print. Thank you SO much!

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Hello, Bethel Youth!!!
Winter is here!!!



November & December were some busy months. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!!

I am sure that everyone had a great time at Youth Encounter, & A GREAT BIG THANKS to all the parents who chaperoned. It is comforting to know that we have parents that are willing to help with the activities.

It's hard to believe that January is already here. Activities are planned and we are going to have a great start to the year.

Ice Skating has been planned for **Saturday, January 14**. We had a fun time last year, so I thought I would try it again. We will meet at the skating rink at 1 pm and it will be over at 4 pm.



February brings in the Sweetheart Banquet again. The banquet is planned for **Sat, Feb. 11th, from 6:30-9:30 pm**. There will be food, games & prizes. A theme is yet to be planned so get your ideas in by January 8th so the whole youth group can vote. A theme needs to be chosen by January 18th so the leaders can start planning the event. It will be a blast.

Also, **Saturday, February 25**, the Youth are planning on providing the meal to Gift of God. Please keep this date open as this is a great opportunity to go on mission for others. More information later.



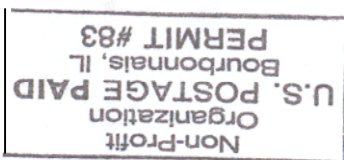
In Christ,
Your Youth Leaders *Kyle & Kim Desler*



Pastor: L. Wright Evenson
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 Church Clerk: Iris Broschka
 Deacons Chairman: Dale Weaver
 Small Group Dir.: L. Wright Evenson
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Return Service Requested

**Bethel Baptist Church
 Sermon Series**

New Year Opportunities

- 1/08/2012 *Behold, All Things Are New*
- 1/15/2012 *Bethel's Future Begins Today*
- 1/22/2012 *A Call To Fast & Pray*
- 1/29/2012 *A Call To Rejoice & Pray*

Read the Bible For Life

- 2/05/2012 *Why Do We Have the Bible?*
- 2/12/2012 *Why We Can Trust the Bible*
- 2/19/2012 *God's Purpose for Mankind*
- 2/26/2012 *God's People of Promise*

WOMEN ON MISSION



WILL BE MEETING ON
 TUESDAY, JAN. 3RD AT 6:30 PM
 &
 TUESDAY, FEB. 7TH AT 6:30 PM



We prepare and serve supper for the **Gift of God Street Ministries** every 4th Saturday. If you are interested, please be in touch with Pastor Wright for more information.

The next supper will be:
 Sat., Jan. 28th @ 7:00 pm
 & Sat., Feb. 25th @ 7:00 pm