

Bethel

Sunday, March 19, 2017

WELCOME TO BETHEL

REPENTANCE

What do you do when your child runs out into a busy street? Do you ignore it? Of course not! When you see your daughter run into that busy street, you call her back because you love her.

Our Heavenly Father loves us wholeheartedly. When we sin against Him, He calls us back because He knows that sin is always harmful to us. At first, sin may seem like fun, just like playing in a busy street might seem fun at first. But as long as we play in the busy street of sin, we are in danger of losing our life – our eternal life. So, loving Father that He is, God calls us to repentance.

God has always done this for His people. In Old Testament times He sent prophets like Jeremiah to call His people to repentance. Jeremiah told the people of his day, "Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your

God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you." (Jer. 26) However, instead of heeding God's warning, the people wanted to put Jeremiah to death.

What will you do when God sends his messenger to warn you about your sin? He may use a friend, a family member, a teacher, or a pastor. Will you attack the messenger rather than listen to the message? Will you say something like, "Who are you to tell me what to do? You're not so perfect yourself!"

Even Christians need to repent. We need to pray that God will forgive us for the times we have not listened to His messengers when they have warned us about our sin. We need to pray for God to help us turn from our sin when He calls us to repentance. And we need to pray that God would grant us the confidence to know that when we turn back to Him, He is waiting with open arms and a forgiving heart to welcome us back home.

We need to repent!

"The more generous we are, the more joyous we become. The more cooperative we are, the more valuable we become. The more enthusiastic we are, the more productive we become. The more serving we are, the more prosperous we become."

~ William Arthur Ward ~

SERVING IN THE KINGDOM

UPCOMING EVENTS

• BREAKOUT THURSDAYS

This Thursday, March 23rd – 7:45 PM
Information in box at right
Please attend the class of your choice

• BETHEL TEEN SCENE EVENT

This Saturday, Mar. 25th – 11 AM to 1 PM
\$20 pp – plus sock (purchase if needed)
See Jonathan or Lindsy Walker for details

• TGI – THURSDAY FAMILY FUN FELLOWSHIP (off-site)

Saturday, April 1st
More Information to follow

• MEN'S PRAYER

Monday, April 3rd – 7:45 PM
In the Sanctuary

• DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Sunday mornings – 10 AM
For those who are registered

• HOME CARE GROUPS

Call Church Office for location near you

Church bulletin and events
are listed at www.BethelUPC.org

BAD WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, call the church at (516) 338-1032 or check the calendar on the Church website at www.BethelUPC.org for more information.

- Sundays – call after 8 AM
- Thursdays – call after 5 PM

Bethel BreakOut Thursdays

4 STUDY COURSES

Thursday Breakout Classes continue through, March 30th. Choose one specific course of study for the entire four-week time period. Classes begin promptly at 7:45 PM in each of the four separate classrooms.

COURSE LIST

Financial Stewardship – Financial Freedom

Harry Valetk & Jose Marquez
In Room M (east side of the Multipurpose Room)

The 7 Churches of Revelation

Pastor Joe Ferragamo
In the Sanctuary

Church History

Pastor Tom Vayna
In the Multipurpose Room

God's Gift of the Family

Rev. Tony Miller
In the Refuge

Children's and Youth Classes
are being held as usual

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