

# Bethel

Sunday, October 8, 2017

## WELCOME TO BETHEL

### “SUM IT ALL UP”

Solomon, the ancient king of Israel, was a man who had everything anyone could possibly want. He had extraordinary success and wealth, incredible intellect, more power, possessions, pleasure, and accomplishments than any modern Hollywood star or professional athlete. Yet, even though he “had it all” and was “living large”, it was all meaningless to him. He writes that he felt empty inside.

How could this be? The answer is really quite simple: things do not satisfy. Things can be good, fun, and enjoyable, but ultimately they cannot satisfy the deep longings of the human soul.

King Solomon was searching for fulfillment in the material goods of this

world. He had turned his back on God to pursue all that he thought he needed. He was a classic example of a good man who started strong, but turned the wrong way and wound up empty.

The good news is that later in his life, Solomon turned back to God. He wrote these immortal words:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: *(Let's sum it all up!)* Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

Solomon came to the conclusion that while the world has many things to offer, it is only when we put God first, reverence Him and obey Him in all our ways, that we find genuine fulfillment and satisfaction.

A powerful message from the wisest man who ever lived!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CUSTODIAL MINISTRY SIGNUP**  
Today & next Sunday – after service  
In the Lobby
- **MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**  
This Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 PM  
Classes for children, youth, and adults
- **BETHEL LADIES RETREAT**  
This week! October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Fishkill, New York  
Guest Speaker: Aurelia Hopkins  
For those who have registered.
- **BETHEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**  
Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 8 PM
- **BETHEL – FAMILY BLOCK PARTY**  
Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 11 AM to 2 PM  
**Families with children up to age 12**  
\$5 per person  
Sign-up in the lobby  
(See insert for details)
- **DISCIPLESHIP LEVELS 1 AND 2**  
Sundays – 10 AM  
For registered students

## CARE GROUPS

Meet at various locations  
Call Church Office for location near you

Church events are listed in the calendar  
at [www.bethelupc.org](http://www.bethelupc.org)

**Bethel** family **BLOCK PARTY**

- Fun & Games
- Bouncy Castle
- Cotton Candy
- Popcorn
- Catering by Famous Dave's & Chik-fil-A

**Saturday, October 21st**  
**11 am – 2 pm**

**\$5 per person**  
Bring a snack or a dessert

**Sign-up in the lobby!**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

students, staff, and ministry teams  
for an outstanding  
**OVERFLOW CONCERT**