

Bethel

Sunday, April 8, 2018

Welcome to Bethel

IS IT ALL OVER?

We celebrated the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by shouting, "Hosanna!" Then we memorialized His suffering and death on the Cross by receiving Communion. Last Sunday, we rejoiced with the entire Church worldwide, singing, "He's Alive" as we celebrated His glorious Resurrection. What a wonderful week! What an amazing series of events!

But now it's all over and done with. *Now what?*

It's possible that this same question was in the minds of the disciples after those momentous events nearly 2000 years ago.

Luke records that two men were walking on the road to Emmaus discussing the fateful events that had transpired in Jerusalem. The risen Jesus joined the two men as they went on their journey.

For some reason, the men did not recognize Jesus. We don't know whether this was a supernatural thing or Jesus simply covered His head with His cloak. Regardless, they certainly wouldn't have expected Him to show up and walk with them.

They were going about their day's duties and Jesus was right there next to them. And they didn't realize it.

Sometimes we do the same thing.

When Mary and the women went to the tomb – Jesus was there. When the apostles gathered in the upper room after

the resurrection— Jesus was there. When the disciples walked along the road to Emmaus – Jesus was there. When the disciples tried to return to their former careers – Jesus was there. When Thomas doubted – Jesus was there. When the Holy Ghost fell on the Day of Pentecost – Jesus was there. When Saul of Tarsus was knocked off his horse – Jesus was there.

The Resurrection is not just an event to be celebrated one day a year. It is an event that affects every single day of our lives. It is an event that changes everything.

Yes, the official celebration is over for the year. But the reason for the Resurrection is at work every day of the year in the lives of Spirit-filled disciples.

Tomorrow when you are at work – Jesus is there. Tuesday when you are in class – Jesus is there. Saturday when you are grocery shopping – Jesus is there. And the power of the Resurrection is within you! Every single day!

So don't be sad that the Resurrection Week is officially over. Because the celebration continues!



UPCOMING EVENTS

• MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

This Thursday – 7:45 PM

• PURPOSE INSTITUTE

*April 13 – 14
For registered students only*

• DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Last class next Sunday, April 15th

• BYG SERVICE (Youth)

Thursday, April 19th – 7:45 PM

• BETHEL TEEN SCENE (BTS)

Friday, April 20th – 7:30 PM

• BETHEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Friday, April 27th – 8 PM

• THROUGH THE BIBLE CLASSES

*Begin Sunday, April 29th – 10 AM
Sign-up in the Lobby today!*

• SPRING BREAKOUT CLASSES

*May 3rd – May 24th
Thursday nights at 7:45 PM*

*Church events are listed in the calendar
at www.Bethelupc.org*

APOSTOLIC YOUTH CORPS

Bethel has 16 young people who will be participating in overseas missions trips this summer through the Apostolic Youth Corps (AYC) of the United Pentecostal Church, International. Each of these individuals is responsible for raising the funds for their tour.

However, as their church family, we want to help these young people fulfill their goal of ministering to people in other countries.

We will be receiving a special offering at Bethel next Sunday, April 15th, for this purpose. Let's help our young people reach their world!



breakout
THURSDAYS

5 great courses

5/3 – 5/24

Sign-up begins Sunday, April 15th