

# Bethel

Sunday, September 30, 2018

## JUBILEE

Next weekend, Bethel will celebrate her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee.

In the Old Testament, the year of Jubilee was to occur after seven sets of seven years (49 years total) were completed. God established this special, 50-year celebration and declared that at this time a man's family inheritance should be returned to him (if it had been sold) and personal freedom would be reestablished throughout the land.

The year of Jubilee was God's reminder that we humans are not the owners of material possessions but instead are stewards under God's ownership. It was a time to reflect on His past provision and for the future provision that He had promised for His people.

Leviticus 26 states the reason ancient Israel eventually went into captivity was that they did not allow the land to rest every seven years to enjoy its own Sabbath rest. Many theologians believe that the Jubilee year was never properly celebrated in ancient Israel, another reason for their eventual captivity.

Jesus Christ, as He began His public ministry, quoted from Isaiah 61, saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me; ...to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18 - 19). His reference to the "acceptable year of the Lord" is a Biblical synonym for the Jubilee year.

While the Jubilee was part of the Old Covenant, it has true spiritual significance to us today, reminding us that we should periodically take time to rest and reflect on the blessings that God has given us in the

past and to rejoice that His blessings are promised to us in the future.

It's time to blow the trumpet in Zion and declare the acceptable year of the Lord!

See you next Saturday and Sunday at 12:00 noon for two glorious days as we celebrate JUBILEE!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NO MIDWEEK SERVICE**  
*There will be NO Midweek Service and NO Children's and Youth Classes this Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*
- **BETHEL CHOIR REHEARSALS**  
*This Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 PM  
Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – 4 PM*
- **BETHEL 50 YEAR JUBILEE**  
*This Week: Sat. & Sun. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>  
(See box)*
- **MISSIONS SUNDAY**  
*Next Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*
- **MEN'S PRAYER**  
*Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:45 PM  
In the Refuge*
- **MARRIEDS RETREAT**  
*October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Glen Mills, PA  
Information available in the lobby*
- **CARE GROUPS**  
*Meet at various locations  
Call the Church Office for info*
- **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**  
*Sundays – 10 AM*

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# 50 YEARS

## JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 noon

*Dr. David K. Bernard  
General Superintendent, UPCI*



Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 noon

*Stan O. Gleason  
Assistant General Superintendent, UPCI*

## Marriage Matters

### Marrrieds Retreat

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>  
Glen Mills, PA

**Marvin & Claudette Walker**  
Detroit, MI

Register for the retreat and make  
your hotel reservations now!