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# Services on January 21, 2024

## 9:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

ADULT LESSON: Faith and Encouragement

LESSON TEXT: 2 Chronicles 20:13-20

## 10:00AM MORNING WORSHIP

NURSERY available (6 months, up to 3 years)

JR / CHILDRENS CHURCH TODAY (K-5th grade)

PRAYER FOCUS: Sanctify of Life Sunday

MESSAGE: "Living Open-Handed in a Closed-Fist Culture"

Luke 12:13-21, By Shawn Otto

## WELCOME TO BETHEL!

If you are visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you worship with us!

We hope that you feel at home and come back to worship with us again.

Please stop by the Welcome Center to ask any questions you may have, share your contact information, and receive your welcome gift.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Jan 23, 30 - Ladies Weekly Sewing  
Jan 21 - 50's & 60's Social  
Month of February - Diaper Drive  
Feb 1 - Senior Luncheon  
Feb 3 - Men's DTP  
Feb 5 - Men's & Ladies Night Out  
Feb 12 - Women's DTP  
Feb 18 - Special Members Meeting  
March 8-10 - Lakewood Retreat Campout  
March 15-17 - Ride for Missions Florida  
June 2-6 - VBS

## 2023 GIVING STATEMENTS INFORMATION

- Jan-Aug statements were printed and placed in mailboxes in August.
- Aug-Dec statements were emailed this past week.
- If you do not have an email on file, Aug-Dec statements will be printed and placed in mailboxes next Sunday.

If you have any questions  
please contact the church office or email  
[brenda@bethelsarasota.com](mailto:brenda@bethelsarasota.com)

## THIS WEEK: (Birthday's listed in blue, Anniversaries listed in red)

SUNDAY 21	MONDAY 22	TUESDAY 23	WEDNESDAY 24
9am Parenting Class 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service 6pm 50's & 60's Social  Tori Stoltzfus Jean Otto Elliott Wagler		Ladies Sewing  David Graber Destiny Knepp Zachary Troyer	7pm Bible Study  Omar Beiler Marvin Zimmerman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **50's-60's Social** - A carry-in and game night is planned **TONIGHT** at 6:00pm at the pavilion. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some time getting to know others from our congregation.
2. **Ladies Weekly Sewing** - This Tuesday, **Jan 23**, join for a fun time getting to know other ladies as you quilt/knot comforters or make mats to benefit several of our local & international outreaches. The main dish will be provided, but please bring a salad or dessert to share. Contact Betty Stoltzfoos if you have any questions.
3. **Ride for Missions FL** - Do you enjoy cycling, getting outside, and spending time in community? Are you someone who also cares about supporting God's work around the world? Then, grab some friends and family, and join us **March 15-17** for Ride for Missions FL! You can also sign up to sponsor a rider or become a corporate sponsor. Our Bethel riders are Gary Helmuth, Scott & Jeanie Kauffman, Sandy Schrock, and Darrel Yoder. To register or sponsor a rider, visit [rosedaleinternational.org/florida/](http://rosedaleinternational.org/florida/)

## EVERENCE TOOLKIT NEWSLETTERS ARE IN!

Find them under the mailboxes.

## INFORMATION

1. **Elder Affirmations** - Members, please fill out the forms in your mailbox to affirm and re-affirm elders. Forms are due back in the ballot box by end of service next Sunday, **Jan 28**.
2. **Bible Reading Plans** - Start your new year right with a Bible reading plan! Pick one up today in the foyer.
3. **Christian Education Assistance** - Parents, if your child will be attending a Christian school or will be home-schooled for the 2024-2025 school year, please fill out the form that was put in your mailbox. Extra forms are in the church office. Forms are due back **Feb 12**.
4. **Mailboxes** - A few of the mailboxes have been shifted so please double check before grabbing your mail.

*"To my church family:*

*With the passing of Jolene you have shown her love and kindness all her years here. Friends all the way back from the 1960's attended Jolene's funeral . I am so grateful the way our church organized, helped, and showed Christian love with a servants heart doing this emotional task,  
Thank You"*

*~ Mark Becker ~*

THURSDAY 25	FRIDAY 26	SATURDAY 27	SUNDAY 28
	Clara Raber	John Hershberger	9am Parenting Class 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Service  Caleb Otto Edna Pendergrass Jon Yoder Gid & Betty Stoltzfoos

## 7:00PM WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

- ◆ Children & Middle School Classes
  - ◆ Youth at the Pavilion
- ◆ Book of Daniel (Led by Robert DeHaven & AJ Miller)

## LIFE GROUPS

If you would like to join, request to join through the Church Center app or contact the leader. Everyone is welcome!

Monday, 7pm: Glenn Miller Memorial Life Group

1st & 3rd Thursday, 7pm: Ryan Mayer's Life Group

Wednesday, 7pm: Scott Kauffman's Life Group

Wednesday, 7pm: Shawn Otto's Life Group

Wednesday, 7pm: Young Adults at Mahlon Strader's House

Last Wednesday of the Month, 6pm: AJ Miller's Life Group



## WAYS TO GIVE

**IN PERSON:** Wall mounted offering containers are located by the foyer doors. (Any \$1 bills or coins received will go towards our Change for a Dollar fund)

**MOBILE:** Church Center App or Scan the QR code.

**Change for a Dollar** - If you or someone you know needs help, you can submit a request for assistance. Forms are located at the Welcome Center or you can submit a confidential request online. Go to our website at [bethelsarasota.com](http://bethelsarasota.com) and under the Ministries tab, click Change for a Dollar. *Be the helping hand to those in need!*

### Board of Elders

Pastor, Shawn Otto  
Assoc./Youth Pastor, Ryan Mayer  
Pastor of Care, Jason Beiler  
Jeremy Burkholder  
Sheldon Campbell (Head Elder)  
Scott Kauffman  
Jason Mast  
AJ Miller  
Scott Miller  
Mahlon Strader

### Board of Deacons

Brandon Campbell (Missions)  
Benji Kauffman (Budget Team)  
Jim Schmucker (Facilities)  
Jon Yutzy (Chairman)

### Children's Ministry Coordinator

Laura Miller