

December 16, 2022



**Sunday, December 18 | Matthew 2:1-12**



## 3 Wise Men...

Oddly, the revelation of the Savior of the world was heard by foreigners. These men were those who studied the stars and compared them to the writings of those that had gone before. This revelation wasn't heard by priests, rabbis, or even prophets from the Jewish faith. It was heard and seen by outsiders. It must not have been that spectacular, for then throngs of people would have been writing about it. There was something about this particular star that drew these foreigners to "him." They knew it as "his" star. They traveled in search of a "king," not knowing where it would take them, but knowing that there was something very special about their destination. It would change their lives and their eternal destiny. *Will it change yours?*

Come on Sunday to hear about the Wise men and their journey into history.

***And there it was—the star they had seen at its rising. It led them until it came and stopped above the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overwhelmed with joy. Entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and falling to their knees, they worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:9b-11 CSB).***

## Building Christmas Children's Christmas Program 2022



**Performance Sunday:  
December 18 at 11 a.m.  
No bible studies on this  
Sunday so everyone can  
be at the program.**

**Saturday December 17  
4 p.m. dress rehearsal in  
the sanctuary. You are invited  
to come and watch if you  
are unavailable for the  
performance on Sunday.**

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**Store Night! Can you help us fill the store?**



The T&T group has earned points throughout the year by memorizing bible verses. **December 21** is when they can trade their points for prizes. Please consider donating a prize. Examples include Nerf toys, balls, games, and other gifts for boys and girls - 3rd to 5th grade.

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## Christmas breaks:

- Youth groups - December 21 through January 4
- Awana - December 28 through January 4
- Sunday Bible Studies - December 18 through January 1
- Bethel Office will be closed in observation of Christmas and the New Year on the following Mondays

*Please confirm dates with your group leader.*



## The Gathering - “We are Better Together”



The Gathering is a time for all our Bethel faith family to gather and celebrate our Connect Groups! Connect Groups at Bethel are one of the most important ways that we connect and grow in our faith together. Connect Groups are also the perfect place for you to live life together with people who genuinely love and care about each other!

The Gathering is a time to celebrate what God is doing at Bethel through our Connect Groups, to deepen our relationships with our Bethel faith family, to invite others to join a Connect Group, or to check out joining a different group.

Please plan on joining us at The Gathering on January 8th, 2023, from 6-7:30 pm for dessert, celebrating God, and connecting!



# Bethel Adults

BELIEVE | BELONG | BECOME | BLESS

## **Starting Point | Wednesdays beginning January 11th, 6 - 8:30 p.m.**

Do you have questions about God, Jesus, or the Bible?

A church might not seem like the best place to voice your doubts or ask questions about God. But we think it should be! Starting point is a series of conversations about faith that occurs in a casual setting over eight weeks. Everyone is welcome, and you can join at any time. Taught by Pastor Jim Strecker.

## **God's Story SHAPES US! | Sundays beginning January 15th, 10:45 a.m.**

God's story says you are "wonderfully complex." You are God's one-of-a-kind creation, and God created you with a purpose! This course is a journey into God's Word to discover how He has designed you and called you to serve. We will take an in-depth look at your SHAPE for ministry and help you get connected inside and outside the church. Taught by Pastor Jim Strecker.

## **Wise Stewardship | Sundays beginning January 15th, 10:45 a.m.**

The Bible speaks plentifully on the topic of money and stewardship. Good stewardship is a key component of a growing Christian life. Through this course, you will learn God's heart concerning money, time, and resources and how to apply biblical wisdom to your life. Taught by Greg Wilke.

### **Christmas Services**

December 24

4 p.m. - Family Service

9 p.m. - Vespers Service

December 25

Christmas message online

### **New Years' Service**

January 1 - 11 a.m. - Soup and share

### **The Gathering - "We are Better Together"**

January 8 - 6 p.m.

### **Bethel Adult Bible Studies**

January 11 - Starting Point

January 15 - God's Story SHAPES US!

January 15 - Wise Stewardship

### **Women's new bible study.**

Tuesdays at 9 a.m.  
beginning January 3.  
Led by Marcella Hofer  
in Room 304.

