

SERMON NOTES

THE DYSFUNCTION OF THE FRIEND OF GOD GENESIS 16:1-16

1. Dysfunctional Impatience

The P_____ 16:1

The P_____ 16:2

The P_____ 6:2d-4

The P_____ 16:4d-5

The P_____ 16:6

2. Dysfunctional Reaction

D_____ 16:6d

C_____ 16:7-8

L_____ 16:13-16

To activate the **Bethany Prayer Chain** call

the Church Office at 248-681-2130

Being a family of faith means you don't have to go it alone. Call us.



You are encouraged to take this list home and offer your personal prayers for the following individuals and families.

From July 5

- Prayers for Tyler who is struggling with chemo, for Shaun and Lisa, and for Rob's mom and family. – Cindy Turner
- Marxism becomes public enemy #1 of the U.S./Eph 5:11 Have nothing to do with deeds of darkness but rather expose them. Lebanon-discernment in sharing faith in Christ Eph 4:29/may give grace to the hearers. – Pat Leitch
- Our son, Lynn, had an epidural this week in his neck/upper back area. It feels a bit better. Please continue to keep him in your prayers. – The Tisons
- Prayers for my cousin, Justin, as he undergoes surgery and cancer treatment. Pray for God's healing hand and wisdom for his medical team. – Matt Ericson
- My niece, Ashley Mink, 29, has stage 2 Hopkins lymphoma and will go to Walter Reed for chemo. Ashley just returned from a 326-day deployment on the USS Gerald R. Ford. – Tina Davis
- Prayers for my dad, Mike Schulz, who is having heart issues and is in the hospital. – Kelly Allen

June 28

- Pray for Trevor as he is having a tough time with his truck. Pray we find a solution and help him trust in God's plan. – C. Jennings
- Pray for Mark Ross in rehab, for peace in this world, and for all the children in need of rescue. – Maryann Dean
- For the closing of my condo to proceed without issues. Prayers for our President for guidance and wisdom. – Maryann Stephens

From June 21

- Prayers of thanks. Lin Priest has had her first surgery. She is very sore, but healing. – Michaelle Stidham
- For President Trump and for safe travels for all who are traveling.
- Eddie needs lots of prayers to help him with exercise and with his movement. – Lynn Williams

Those Serving in the Military

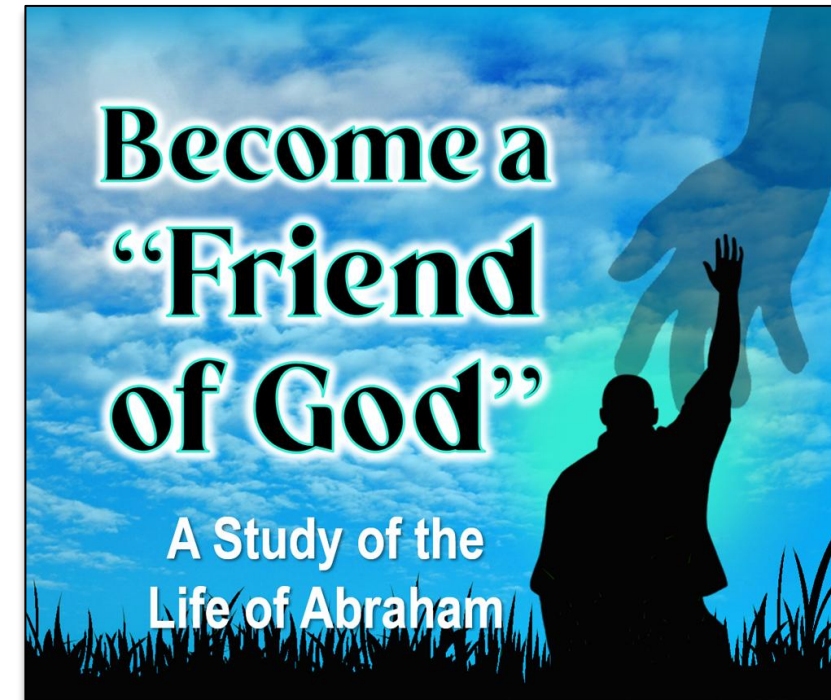
Brian Faulkner
Ashley Mink

Aaron Parma
Max Rollison

Austin Temperly
Henry Wiswall

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JULY 12, 2026

THE LORD'S DAY 10-11:30 AM JULY 12, 2026

Welcome	
Praise Songs	<i>The Heart Of Worship Blessed Be The Tie</i>
Noisy Offering	Fueling Kids' Futures
Pastoral Prayer	
Offering & Special Music	<i>Here I Am To Worship</i>
Sermon	The Dysfunction of the Friend of God
Closing Song	<i>O Come To The Altar</i>
Final Thoughts	
Announcements	



SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19
GENESIS 17:1-27

COMING EVENTS

- July 12 Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service—Noisy Offering 10 am
- July 15 Praise Team rehearsal; Tech 6 pm, Praise Team 6:30 pm
- July 17 Bethany Book Club 10 am
- July 19 Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10 am
Sisters inC – Women's Team Picnic at the Asmers – all women are welcome! Please bring a dish to share.



Celebrating the Life of Sven Eryk Johnson

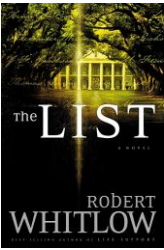
October 19, 1994 - June 15, 2026

July 13 - 3 to 7 pm
The Fed, 15 S. Main St, Clarkston, MI

Baptism Class

Coming Soon!

Contact Pastor if you are interested in attending.



BETHANY BOOK CLUB—JULY

The List, by Robert Whitlow, is a story of a young attorney, a mysterious inheritance, and a hidden legacy that challenges Renny Jacobson's future and faith.

Join us on July 17 at 10 am for a light breakfast and discussion.

Women's Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 19

at the Asmer's
after worship service



WOMEN'S SUMMER PICNIC sponsored by Sisters inC

Sisters inC invites all women of Bethany to the Asmer's for a summer barbecue picnic! Bring a dish to share and enjoy a relaxing afternoon filled with good food, fellowship, and friendship.

July

FEATURED FOOD ITEMS

For Open Door

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need!



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Every donation makes a difference

JULY MISSION FOCUS: FUELING KIDS' FUTURES

Noisy Offering Today!
Find all your change before the service!

Fueling Kids' Futures is a "neighbor-helping-neighbor" program designed to help meet the nutritional needs of school-age children experiencing food insecurity.

Each Friday, eligible students receive bags filled with enough non-perishable food to provide six meals over the weekend. The goal of the Fueling Kids' Futures program is to keep these children from going hungry on the weekends and to remove barriers to academic success.

Children who arrive at school healthy and well-nourished are better prepared to learn. Poor nutrition increases fatigue, shortens attention spans, and decreases a child's work capacity. Food-insecure children may also miss school more often due to illness. Fueling Kids' Futures helps families provide the nutrition their children need to thrive.

Each backpack contains several pounds of food, including items such as tuna, chicken, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, fruit juice, pasta, oatmeal, fruit bars, and soup. The food is provided through special arrangements with the Kroger grocery chain.



Scan this QR code to give online. Be sure to set the optional transaction fee to zero.

As little as \$4.33 fills a backpack for a child to take home on Friday. A donation of \$160 provides food for one child for an entire school year.

Keep saving your change for our next NOISY OFFERING on Sunday, July 26, to support Fueling Kids' Futures. Bethany children will collect your loose change in metal bowls – hence the "noisy" offering. Of course, we will gratefully accept checks, paper money, or online donations as well.

Help us make some noise for a great cause!
Thank you for helping fuel the futures of children in our community!

Keep Saving Your Change

NOISY OFFERINGS TODAY and again on Sunday, July 26



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