

SERMON NOTES

THE FEUDS OF THE FRIEND OF GOD GENESIS 21:1-21

I. The Family Feud 21:1-21

1. The S_____ Point Gen 16
2. The T_____ Point Gen 21:1-11
3. The C_____ Point 21:12-13
4. The T_____ Point 21:14-21

II. The Neighborhood Feud 21:22-34

1. M_____ the Neighbors 21:22-24
2. C_____ the Neighbors 21:25-32
3. W_____ before the Neighbors 21:33-34

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.

Featured Food Items
For

AUGUST

PANCAKE SYRUP
and
RAMEN NOODLES

Thank you for helping us support our neighbors in need.







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

From August 16

- Prayers for my Aunt Eva as she recovers at home. Prayers for Jim Seery, who is now home. Pray for Therese Ross as she needs strength to help with Mark coming home. – Maryanne Dean
- Thanks for the prayers to keep my job through the end of the year. – Jeff Starick
- Thank you for your prayers for Geoffrey Wiswall. He did not receive the well-qualified score, but God is faithful. Geoffrey will take the test again next year. God's timing is perfect! – Marianne Wiswall
- Prayer for all over the world, especially the Philippines. Also, my family, Saavedra and Karl Noffe. – Lorissa Yarber
- My mom, Rosalie Miller, is stable, but please keep her in your prayers. She feels your prayers. – Marsha Niles
- Prov 29:25 Fear lays a share; trust in LORD is safety/Fear and panic of man's plans. We need trust in LORD. Saudi Arabia and more for new believers/ Prof 18:10 Lord's name is a strong tower. – Pat Leitch
- Prayers for our country and leaders. – Mary Ann Stephens
- Pray God will listen and provide peace to each of these petitions as he heals us. Add Lin Priest to this list, as her second kidney surgery is scheduled for September 2. This one is crucial, whether God is ready to take her home. – Michaelle Stidham

From August 9

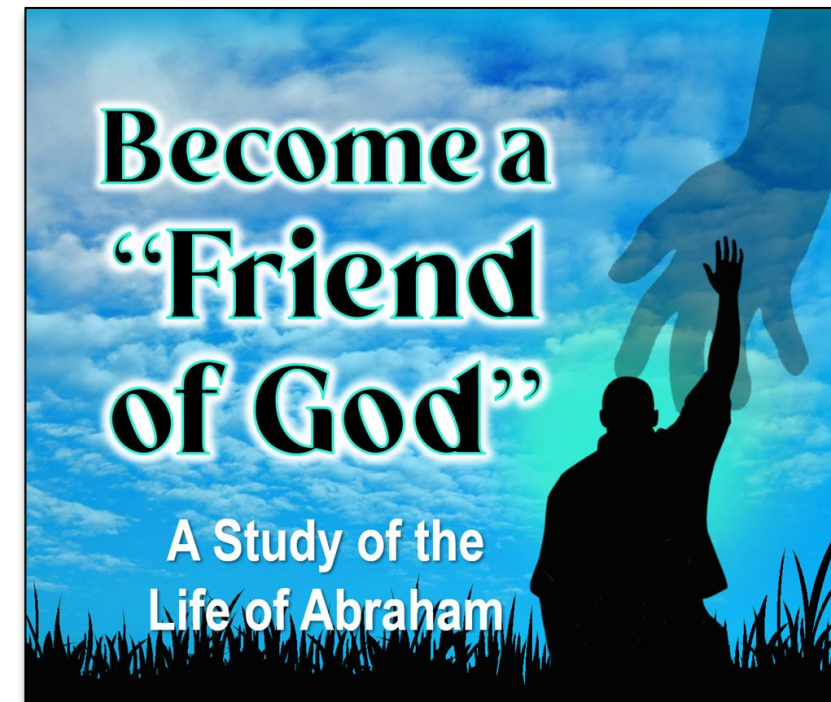
- A close friend passed away from cancer. - Tim Pepper
- Pray that the Lord heals my dad, Jerry Dean, who thought he was 20 but was reminded he isn't. Pray for Jim Seery also. - Jeremy Dean
- Healing for Marie Wheatly, who has pneumonia. - Diane Seitz
- For my granddaughter, Maya. - Dianne H
- Health of all members of our aging park community. We need Jesus to get us through every day and make good choices. – M. Stidham
- My mother faces many surgeries; give her body strength. For my Bethany family, making a difference beyond their community. – D. Esquibel
- Please pray for the wildfires in Albania to be extinguished and that my family will remain safe. – Emily Mustafa

Those Serving in the Military

Brian Faulkner	Aaron Parma	Austin Temperly
Ashley Mink	Max Rollison	Henry Wiswall

To add or update a current prayer request, please call the church office at (248) 681-2130

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AUGUST 23, 2026

Welcome	
Praise Songs	<i>Holy Is The Lord</i> <i>Agnus Dei</i>
Pastoral Prayer	
Offering & Special Music	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
Sermon	The Feuding Of The Friend Of God
Closing Song	<i>Who You Say I Am</i>
Final Thoughts	
Announcements	



SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
GENESIS 21:1-34

COMING EVENTS

- Aug 23

Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10 am
- Aug 26

Praise Team rehearsal; Tech 6 pm, Praise Team 6:30 pm
- Aug 30

Coffee and Fellowship 9:30 am
Worship Service 10 am
Safety and Security Team meeting after worship service

OUR SHEPHERD TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Do you have a heart for people? The Shepherd Team is looking for new members to help us stay connected and care for our church family.

Shepherds are assigned a small group of people to stay in touch with through calls, emails, cards, prayer, and simple acts of encouragement. You'll also help us notice when someone may need extra care or support.

You don't need to do anything complicated—just be willing to care, connect, and pray.

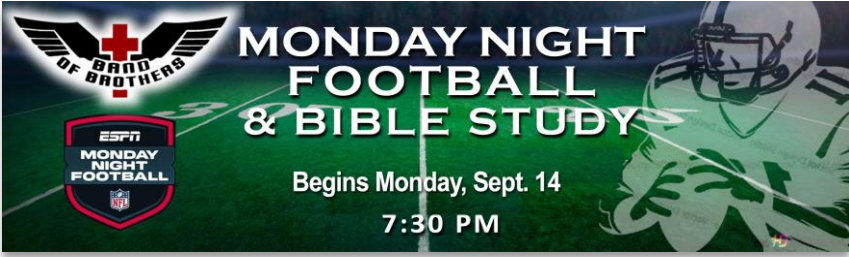
Interested? Please contact Pam Rooney at 248-763-7234.



It's time to start thinking about the 2nd Annual Pinewood Derby. All participants need to build a new car—previous entries are not eligible.

- Build Workshop: Saturday, September 12, 9 am–12 noon
- Paint Shop: Saturday, September 19, 9 am–12 noon
- Final Touch Workshop (Weigh-In): Saturday, September 26, 9 am–12 noon

The big race will take place on Sunday, September 27, immediately following the worship service, with lunch provided. We hope you'll join us for another exciting day of friendly competition and fellowship!



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Getting Started:

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- Select the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and install the Church Center app.
- Open the app and tap Log In.
- Enter your phone number, and a security code will be sent to you by text message.
- Enter the security code to complete your sign-in.



That's it! After the initial setup, open the app anytime—you'll already be logged in.

Need help getting started? Contact the church office or see Christi Dean on Sunday morning, and we'll be happy to assist you!

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS – THE WELL MINISTRIES



The Well Ministries is a Christ-centered, nonprofit ministry serving women and girls through outreach programs, hospitality, counseling support, life-skills training, and residential homes. Their structured programs walk alongside women navigating trauma, transition, and restoration. At the heart of The Well is a passion for helping women experience freedom, discover their God-given purpose, and build hope-filled futures.

- **THE COMMUNITY HOUSE** is a welcoming, unique, and beautiful gathering place that offers meaningful experiences for individuals and groups. Programs may include personal testimonies, group support sessions, family-style meals, crafts, tea gatherings, art therapy, themed events, life-skills classes, and team-building activities. Their goal is to be a blessing to the community while providing opportunities for others to serve and connect.
- **SINGLE MOMS' HOME (UNLOCKING DESTINIES)** serves single mothers ages 18–32 who are committed to living in a drug-free, Christ-centered home. Through biblical instruction, practical support, and community, mothers are equipped to build safe, stable, and faith-filled futures for themselves and their children.
- **YOUNG WOMEN'S HOME (HEALING SPRINGS)** serves young women ages 18–30 through a Christ-centered Independent Living Program. Residents receive practical support, life-skills training, mentoring, and encouragement as they transition into independent adulthood.

For additional information, program details, and eligibility requirements, visit www.thewellofwaterford.org.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Financial Gifts

- Monetary donations – cash, check, or online (designated for “The Well”)

Most-Needed Items

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets



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