



WELCOME TO BETHEL

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION!

Pollster George Gallup states that the majority of Americans believe in the resurrection. His polls show that even 84 percent of the people who never go to church believe that Jesus rose from the dead. It is historical fact; it wasn't done in secret. The whole city of Jerusalem and the whole Roman Empire knew about it. It was big news. If CNN had been there, they would have covered it live.

There are at least 15 historical references to Jesus meeting people, touching people, and talking with people *after* he had been crucified. On one occasion, He actually cooked breakfast for His disciples. In another incident, He talked to about 500 people after he had risen from the dead. Doubters saw Him. Unbelievers were witnesses to the proof of His resurrection. Many people saw Him. There could be no doubt – He was alive.

Jesus Christ literally defied death. But He did more than just a Houdini move. Crowds "ooo" and "ahhh" over the breathtaking getaways: of "escape artists" and "slight of hand performers", but eventually even those daredevils will face death. Their power is limited.

What Jesus Christ did was far, far greater than just the trick of a conjurer – He literally defied death forever. He

completely conquered mankind's greatest enemy.

He lives and reigns for eternity. He is who He said He was; He has the power that He said He had; and He keeps the promises that He makes.

He promised that He would die and would rise again. And He did. He is the first to come back from death and never die again.

That truth makes all of His promises and proclamations of utmost importance. Not only was He the product of the resurrection, but Jesus declared that He Himself WAS the resurrection.

At a funeral in Bethany before His own death, He boldly declared, "...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die..."

He promised that we who believe on Him shall live and never die. And we will! Even if we depart life through death, we shall live again and never die!


So, what does the resurrection mean today? It means this:

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Romans 8:11)

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ today. And if you are a Spirit-filled disciple of Christ, you can celebrate your own resurrection too!

CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE

Now you can go to our website on www.BethelUPC.org and check out the church calendar for the entire year. On the home page, just click on "View Monthly Calendar". The calendar is updated weekly and you can get more details about events with a simple mouse click. You can also ask the online calendar to send you email reminders of upcoming events or you can have the online calendar send an email to a friend inviting them to an event. Stay up-to-date with the church calendar – online!



HYC
Metro Holiday Youth Convention
"INSIDE OUT"
April 23 – 25
Westchester Marriott Hotel

Speakers:
Greg Godwin
Wayne Francis
Rober Emery
Omar Jolly
Jonathan Walker
Lindsi Walker
Steve Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **MONDAY NIGHT PRAYER**
Tomorrow: All-Church & Children's Prayer – 8 PM
(No prayer meeting next week)
- **MIDWEEK SERVICE**
This Thursday – 7:45 PM
- **BETHEL CHILDREN'S REVIVAL**
March 28th – 30th: Mike & Vickie Oliver
Friday, Mar. 28th: Staff Training - 8 PM
Sat., Mar. 29th: Staff Training - 10 AM
Mar. 29th: Children's Service - 12 PM
Sun. Mar. 30th: Children's Service in SC Room – 12 Noon
- **YOUTH TRIP TO DANBURY, CT**
Saturday, March 29th
- **SINGLES FELLOWSHIP DINNER**
Sunday, March 30th – 4 PM
"Smokin Sloe's" Restaurant, Northport
\$15 per person (includes tax & tip)
Sign-up at bookstore table
- **BETHEL TEEN SCENE**
(Ages: 13 – 19)
Friday, April 4th – 8 PM
- **LADIES TEA**
For women aged 51 & up
Saturday, April 5th: 2 – 5 PM
Please sign-up in the foyer
Directions available week of event
- **YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL**
Saturday, April 5th – 5 PM
- **MARRIAGE MATTERS RETREAT**
April 11th – 13th, Mystic, CT
\$380 per couple
Balance due April 6th
- **DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES**
Sundays – 10 AM
- **ENDTIME CLASSES**
Sundays – 10 AM
- **CARE GROUP MEETINGS**
Inquire at Bookstore regarding a Care Group in your area.



DON'T MISS IT!

**Bethel Children's
Revival and Staff
Training**

March 28 -30, 2008
with Mike and Vickie Oliver

Friday, March 28

8pm-Staff Training

Saturday, March 29

10am-Staff Training

12noon-Children's Revival

Sunday, March 30

12 noon—Children's Revival (SC room)

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