
The Bentheim Bell Tower

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BENTHEIM
REFORMED CHURCH



From the Desk of the Pastoral Intern

BY MAX TYLER

One year ago, I made a decision that would change my life forever: I sold everything I had and flew off to Alaska. And on August 19, I'll do it again—this time, thankfully, with nothing left to sell.

I'm deeply excited to return to school. I look forward to reuniting with friends, galivanting around town, frolicking through the woods, and most of all, spending each day immersed in God's Word and growing closer to Him.

As much as I love Alaska, Bentheim is still my home church. This is the church that raised me, where I made my profession of faith, and where I preached my first sermon. This community is my family, and one of the greatest blessings God has given me. From Sunday mornings in the pulpit to laughing with Kim during VBS, I've seen the love of Christ lived out here in a hundred little ways—and I'm so thankful.

This summer, I was assigned a couple of books for my internship. One of them was *The Supremacy of God in Preaching* by John Piper. Reading it while preaching nearly every other week taught me a lot. One quote in particular struck me:

"Ten minutes on your knees will give you a truer, deeper knowledge of God than ten hours over your books."

He also writes, "Without the spirit of constant prayer, we cannot maintain the gravity and gladness that lingers in the vicinity of the throne of grace."

These words convicted me deeply. I'm not saying to throw out your books (please don't!), but rather to hold prayer and study together—hand in hand. When I began doing this, something shifted. My sermon prep changed, my preaching changed, and I sensed the presence of God in a deeper, more powerful way.

If you'd like to learn more about Alaska Bible Institute or my plans after Bible college, feel free to reach out to me—or to my assistant, Pastor Kristoffer Popovitch.

Whether on earth or in Glory, 'til we meet again.

Max Tyler



June 2025 Financial Report

General Fund

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| Receipts needed per month per budget | \$44,238.23 |
| Receipts: from offerings | \$60,323.37 |
| Disbursements: for the month | \$51,148.66 |

Building Fund

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| Receipts | \$11,740.00 |
| Disbursements | \$12,652.50 |

Mission Fund

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| Receipts needed per month per budget | \$6,916.67 |
| Receipts | \$7,082.00 |
| Disbursements | \$7,580.38 |

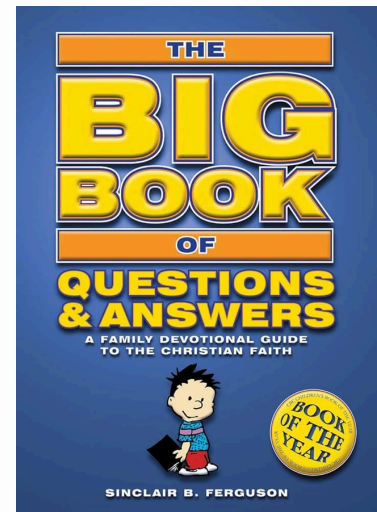


Registration is available online for youth and children's ministry programs.

For GEMS and Cadets, visit bentheim.org/cm-medical

For Middle School & High School Ministries, visit bentheim.org/sm-medical

Book-of-the-Month



"The Big Book of Questions & Answers" by Sinclair Ferguson

As a parent, one of my (Pastor Kris) favorite things to do was talk to my kids about the Lord. I always enjoyed seeing the wheels turn in their minds when we read Scripture together and explored God's truth; and it was always exciting what followed next - my kids would begin to ask questions. Maybe you have experienced this same thing with your children or grandchildren. "The Big Book of Questions & Answers" by Sinclair Ferguson is a great resource for families not only because it answers some of the questions children ask but also because it is interactive. I would highly recommend this book for growing families, and even though it is specifically geared towards children ages 6-10, I found it to be helpful for the early teen years as well.

Congregational Need

A member of BRC is looking for any leads on an Amigo Mobility Scooter. If you have a lead or information on one, please contact Renee at renee@bentheim.org or 616-218-7772.

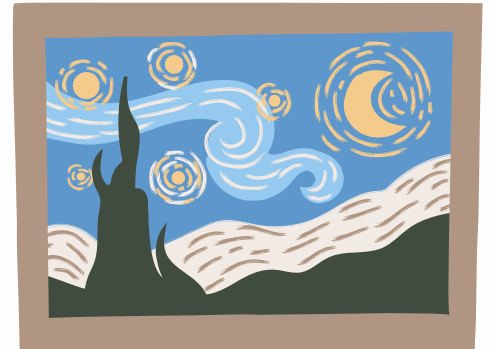
If you have a need that the BRC family may be able to fulfill, please see Renee Breuker.

Upcoming Events



August 19: Women's Ministries

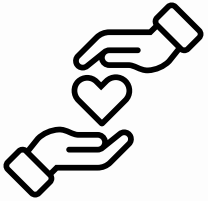
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September 3: Fall Fest

"We Are God's Masterpiece"

Dinner, chalk art contest, and Chalk for Christ program



September 7: BRC Showcase

Following the morning service.

Learn about the 4 pillars of BRC and enjoy light refreshments.



September 10: Programs Kickoff

Sunday programs begin September 14

August Meetings:

August 4: Executive Committee Meeting

August 5: Ministry Committee Meetings

August 11: Elders & Consistory Meetings

August 18: IT Steering Committee Meeting



Joke of the Month

By Sutton Geurink (age 9)

I know a lot of jokes about retired people.



But none of them work.



Joke of the Month

Lane Geurink (age 6)

Q: What do you call a funny mountain?



A: "Hill"arious



Missionary of the Month: International Needs

Moment for Ministry: August 10
during the morning service

Transformed Lives Changed Communities

With the gospel in one hand and compassion in the other, we partner with local leaders reaching their own communities for Christ. Together we strive to make an impact within our 5 service areas of: Gospel Outreach, Economic Empowerment, Refugees & Relief, Education, and Health & Sanitation.

Our Mission

Empowering the poor and marginalized in order to restore their physical, emotional, social, and spiritual identity.

Our Core Values

Faith: We embody our Christian faith as the cornerstone principle of all we do at International Needs because it is by God's grace that we're able to do the work we do.

Commitment: We commit to long term support of our programming within our partner countries and their leaders. We value the security and sustainability of our ongoing partnership.

Collaboration: We strive to work relationally and in partnership with our country leaders, donors, churches, and corporate partners. We value the piece each of us provides in the transformation process.

Transformation: We cultivate programs that create opportunities to individuals, families, and communities to grow spiritually, physically, and socially.

Empowerment: We support indigenous development of country specific programs. We recognize the uniqueness and power of local leaders serving within their own countries.

Stewardship: We are committed to embodying sound Biblical principles in our programming, fundraising, and financial practices.

Where We Serve

We partner with local leaders in 18 countries who are performing life-changing work within one of our service areas: Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Nepal, Philippines, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, Uganda, United States, Vietnam, Zambia.

Make a Difference

Together we can reach people with a message of hope. Be a part of something bigger and change lives today. Sponsor a child or donate to a cause

Sponsorship: When you sponsor a child, you will provide exactly what they need. You will make sure your child has food to eat and gets a great education. Best of all, you will let your child know that Jesus loves her! That's what makes your sponsorship so special. Your \$38/month sponsorship will change a child's life and give them exactly the help they need! Will you help a child who needs you by sponsoring today?

Donate: Donate to help make amazing things happen around the world.

**Check out the Mission Bulletin Board for
more updates and missionary news!**

Nursery, Welcome, Hospitality Volunteer Schedules

| Date | Nursery | Welcome | Hospitality |
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| August 3 | Kylee Geurink Heather Scholten Morgan Koetsier Evelyn Busscher | Rick & Lisa Dirkse | Russ Lameris |
| August 10 | Carie Hoeve Nicole Blauwkamp Claire Debo Eastyn Geurink | Carol Brower Jodi Mesbergen | Sandy Hoeve Paula Scholten |
| August 17 | Emily Geurink Dawn Wedeven Chloe VanDyk Sadie Schutter | Bruce & Jill LaMar | Brielle Groenheide |
| August 24 | Charity Walters Lizzy Hagen Brinsey Hoeve Mallorie Koetsier | Cris Walters Hannah Walters | Erma Eding Nancy Sal |
| August 31 | Michelle Geurink Averie Brower Marisa Patmos Mia Brink | Dan & Jodi Geurink | Darla Groenheide |
| September 7 | Laura Lengkeek Kiel Patmos Kelsey Geurink James McCleery | Dan & Dawn Hoffman | Hannah Walters |
| September 14 | Cherish Nyboer Amanda Schurman Ellery Lampen Bristol Hoeve | Keith & Ann Walters | Russ Lameris |
| September 21 | Maryjo Mulder Lisa Lugten Evelyn Boeve Ava Lengkeek | Sandy Hoeve Jodi Mesbergen | Sandy Hoeve Paula Scholten |
| September 28 | Tammy Bosch Leah Walters Joelle Debo Taryn Schurman | Cris Walters Hannah Walters | Sheri Popovitch |

August 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 - Summer Bible Buddies | 4 - 6:30 pm: Executive Committee Meeting | 5 - 7 pm: Ministry Committee Meetings | 6 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 6:15 pm: Middle School Bible Studies | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 - Summer Bible Buddies | 11 - 6:15 pm: Elders' Meeting - 7:30 pm: Consistory Meeting | 12 | 13 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study - 6:15 pm: Middle School Bible Studies | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 - Summer Bible Buddies | 18 - 6 pm: IT Steering Committee Meeting | 19 - 7 pm: Women's Ministries | 20 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 - Summer Bible Buddies | 25 | 26 | 27 - 5:30 am: Men's Bible Study | 28 | 29 | 30 |
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