

# Congregational Information Profile – February 2024

## ▼ BASIC INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

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1. Name of Congregation.....Bethel Fellowship Church  
 Address .....37830 Bethel Church Rd  
 Fortuna, MO 65034  
 Church Telephone .....573-378-4879  
 Website.....yourbethel.com
2. Lead Pastor.....Jerry Bush  
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3. Denomination .....Fellowship of Evangelical Churches  
 Website.....fecministries.org
4. Sunday Morning Worship  
 Attendance during last 12 months .....150  
 Worship Style ..... Contemporary Blended

## ▼ CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

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1. Primary Governing Bodies  
 Spiritual Leadership of the Church ..... Church Board  
 Financial and Logistics Leadership ..... Church Council  
 Building and Grounds Maintenance of Church Properties..... Trustees
2. Youth Ministries  
 Grades 7-12
  - Average Attendance ..... 20-25
  - Leaders..... Volunteer
  - Meets ..... Weekly, Wednesday Evenings
  - Other ..... Mission Trips, Camps, Work Projects,  
 Yearly Trips, Outreach Projects
 Grades K-6
  - Programs ..... Kids Klub, Children’s Choir
  - Average Attendance ..... 30
  - Leaders..... Volunteer
  - Meets ..... Weekly, Monday Afternoons
  - Other ..... Yearly Vacation Bible School

## ▼ CHURCH FACILITIES

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### 1. Main Church

Sanctuary Capacity: .....300

Facilities: ..... Education wing with Sunday school rooms & Pastor/Church office. Full Kitchen and fellowship area in basement. 15 passenger van.

### 2. Providence Fellowship Center

Available for youth group meetings and use

Close proximity to main church

Schoolhouse building with meeting area, kitchen, and restrooms

Baseball Field

Sand Volleyball Court

Basketball Court

Covered Pavilion

## ▼ WE BELIEVE

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### 1. We Believe in the Bible

We believe the Bible is the very Word of God, verbally inspired in all parts and therefore wholly without error as originally given of God, altogether sufficient in itself as our only infallible rule of faith and practice (Matt. 5:18; John 10:35; 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21).

### 2. We Believe in the Triune God

We believe that God eternally exists in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and that these three are one God (Matt. 28:18–19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3–4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Heb. 1:1–3; Rev. 1:4–6).

### 3. We Believe in God the Father

We believe that God the Father is the First Person of the Triune God, who is best understood in His nature and relationships as the perfect Heavenly Father who loves and cares for His creation, is in unity with Jesus Christ, and is the One who sent Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world (2 Cor. 1:3; Eph. 4:4–6; John 14:6–7; 3:16; Gal. 3:26).

### 4. We Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Second Person of the Triune God, who being fully God became fully man through the miracle of the virgin birth, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and that He is the one mediator between God and humanity (Matt. 1:23; John 1:1; 1:14; Titus 2:13; Rom. 9:5; 1 Tim. 2:5–6).

### 5. We Believe in the Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Triune God; that He was the divine Agent in nature, revelation, and redemption; that He convicts the world of sin, regenerates those who believe, and indwells, baptizes, seals, empowers, guides, teaches, and sanctifies all who become children of God through Christ; and that He bestows spiritual gifts upon each believer for the common good (Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3–4; Gen. 1:2; Psalm 104:30; 1 Cor. 2:10; 2 Cor. 3:18; John 16:8–14; John 3:5; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:13; Eph. 4:30; 3:16; Rom. 8:14; John 14:26; 1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Cor. 12:7–11).

6. We Believe in the Existence of Angels  
We believe that angels are created beings whom God uses as His ministering servants (Heb. 1:6, 14).
7. We Believe in the Existence of Satan and Demons  
We believe that Satan was created as a holy and perfect being, but through pride rebelled against God and thus became the originator of sin and that Satan opposes the work of God; Demons are fallen angels who followed Satan in his rebellion against God (Ezek. 28:13-17; Isa. 14:13-14; 1 Tim. 3:7; Matt. 4:1-11; Matt. 25:41; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6).
8. We Believe in the Creation and Fall of Mankind  
We believe that mankind was created in the image of God; that through Adam's disobedience to the revealed will of God he became the progenitor of a sinful race and as a result all have sinned and are guilty before God, and as a consequence are under the condemnation of God (Gen. 1:26-29; Gen. 3:1-24; Gen. 5:3; Rom. 3:23; 5:12; Eph. 2:3; Rom. 1:18; 3:19).
9. We Believe in Salvation by Grace through Faith  
We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for the sin of the world; that He rose from the dead; and that he ascended into heaven to appear before God the Father as our Advocate and Intercessor; We believe that salvation is the free gift of God that is received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Isa. 53:5-6; Matt. 20:28; Gal. 3:13; John 1:29; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:25-28; Heb. 4:14; 9:24; 1 John 2:1; Rom. 3:24; 6:23; John 3:16; 6:28-29; Acts 16:30-31; Eph. 2:8-9).
10. We Believe in Righteous Living and Good Works  
We believe in righteous living and good works as a way of life for a believer, not as a way of salvation; we believe that spiritual gifts are given to believers for the purpose of ministry; we believe in prayer as having fellowship with God and as a sincere desire to be open to God's divine will and power; we believe in works of mercy in order to bring relief to those who are suffering (1 John 3:9-11; 4:19; 5:4; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:14; Matt. 7:16-18; 1 Cor. 15:10; Rom. 12:1-2; 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Eph. 4:11-13; Matt. 6:5-15; Gal. 6:9-10; Luke 10:25-37).
11. We Believe in the One True Church  
We believe that the one true church is the spiritual body and bride of Christ and is composed of all true believers; the local church is an organization of believers who band together to fulfill the Great Commission through worship, instruction in the Word of God, fellowship, and evangelism; we believe that as a local community of believers we share in the ordinances of baptism and communion (Eph. 4:4; 5:25-32; Matt. 16:16-18; Acts 2:42-47; Rom. 12:5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Gal. 3:26-29; Eph. 1:20-23; 4:3-10; Col. 3:14-15; Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26).
12. We Believe in the Second Coming of Christ  
We believe that the return of Jesus Christ from heaven will be personal, visible, and glorious (Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7; Mark 13:33-37; Titus 2:11-13; Rev. 22:20).
13. We Believe in Future Life, Bodily Resurrection, and Future Judgment  
We believe that at death the saved go immediately to be with Christ in heaven until His second coming, when their bodies shall be raised from the grave and changed into the likeness of His own glorious body. We believe that the spirits of the unsaved at death descend immediately into Hades where they are kept under punishment until the final day of judgment, at which time their bodies shall be raised from the grave, they shall be judged according to their works, and cast into the place of final and everlasting punishment; we believe that the present heaven and earth will pass away and that God will create a new heaven and a new earth (Phil. 1:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Cor. 15:35-58; 1 John 3:2; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8; Mark 9:43-48; Jude 13; Isa. 65:17; Rev. 21:1-2).