



Harvest

November 18 – December 30, 2018

Bethel Church

**'The Lord will indeed give you what is good,
and our land will yield its harvest.'**

Psalm 85:12

The Gallery at Bethel announces *'Harvest'*, a photography contest and exhibition showcasing the different ways that God's bountiful blessings are apparent in each of our lives. Entrance into the exhibition is open to anyone ages 15 and up wishing to present a photograph celebrating God's blessings in the autumn of the year as we celebrate harvest in our agriculturally centered community. Whether or not you come from a farming background, this season is often a time to reflect on God's blessings and goodness during the previous year. Bountiful blessings may look to you like long days in the field, or afternoons in the kitchen canning and preserving the fruits from a summer garden. If you live in town, it may look like a morning visit to the Red River Market downtown. A bounty of blessings may be the sight of all of your children crowded on your spouse's lap to read a book, or a small group of your closest friends meeting at a coffee shop early in the morning to study God's word. This aim of this exhibition is to visually celebrate and praise God for all that He has given us. Application is open to

anyone-you do not have to be a member or regular attender of Bethel Church to participate. *'Harvest'* will be on display from November 18 – December 30.

Prizes will be awarded for the following:

1st place

2nd place

3rd place

People's Choice

Important dates and deadlines

August 26 – November 14 – Applications available in the office, online, and at the Information Desk

November 14, 12:00 p.m. – Applications and artwork due for submission at the main office

November 15 – Selection date

November 16 – Notice date – all applicants will be notified by email of the status of their entry.

November 18 – Exhibition opening – Reception after second service in Solid Grounds

November 19 - 21 – Artwork not selected available for pick up in Main Office

January 7 - 9 – Pick up artwork at Main Office after close of exhibition

Eligibility

1. This exhibition is open to anyone ages 15 and up wishing to present a photograph celebrating God's blessings in the autumn of the year as we celebrate harvest in our agriculturally centered community. Application is open to anyone-you do not have to be a member or regular attender of Bethel Church to participate.
2. All photos must be original work of the artist submitting. Both traditional (film) and digital photography will be accepted.
3. The artist certifies that the photograph(s) submitted represent their current original work, completed within the past 2 years. (November 2016 - present)
4. Any and all sales of art work on display will be handled by the artist. Personal contact information/business cards will not be posted during the exhibition. All inquiries to purchase will be directed to Gretchen Barker and distributed to the requested artist to complete the transaction. Bethel Church is not responsible for any steps in any sales of artwork including, but not limited to: pricing work, accepting/handling payments, contacting buyers, or delivery of artwork to buyers. Bethel Church reserves the right to purchase any and all pieces they desire prior to opening of the exhibition.
5. All photographs must be ready to hang with eye screws and hanging wire installed on the back of the piece. All artwork must lay flat and extend no further than 3" from the wall when hung. The minimum image size (not including mat and frame) is 8 inches by 10 inches. All pieces submitted must be smaller than 60 inches by 60 inches – including mats and frames. Although there are many ways to present a photograph, for the sake of continuity within this submitted body of work, each piece **must** be presented with a traditional window mat and frame. Any artwork not meeting these criteria/not ready to be hung will not be accepted. Triptychs,

diptychs, or any other piece with multiple elements must fit these criteria when all pieces are displayed together.

6. To allow for a blind jury, do not sign the front of the artwork with a legible name. Signatures consisting of symbols and/or signatures on the back are acceptable.
7. Each artist will be allowed to submit up to 2 entries. Each entry must have its own separate entry form affixed to the back of the piece. Multiple pieces using one entry form will not be allowed.
8. Due to the family-friendly nature of our venue and our status as a religious organization, we reserve the right to reject any artwork we deem inappropriate for a church setting due to (but not limited to) these following reasons:

Overt sexual themes (nudity, depiction of sexual acts, distracting immodesty), inappropriate language, symbols, or gestures, graphic violence, use or depiction of illicit substances, or any piece or theme that could be perceived as conflicting or defying the beliefs and teachings of the EFCA.

9. Bethel Church takes all reasonable precautions to maintain a secure facility and to prevent damage to work while in our possession prior to/after judging and while on display. Bethel Church is not liable for any damage to or loss of artwork suffered during transport or while on public display.
10. Bethel Church reserves the right to use images of any artwork submitted for promotion of the exhibition. Any images used will credit the original artist when in circulation.
11. No set number of photographs will be accepted; winners will be prioritized and from there, work will be accepted until the exhibition area is deemed full, or until all accepted pieces have been displayed.

12. While they are very much encouraged to participate, no employee of Bethel Church or their spouse will be eligible to win any cash prizes and are not allowed to offer their work for sale while it is displayed on Bethel property. Please direct any questions to Gretchen Barker.

Application process

Please fill out the application form and **affix to the back of each piece to be submitted**. Please submit your photograph with the completed application to the Bethel office, attn. Gretchen Barker **no later than 12:00 p.m. November 14**. Please direct any questions to Gretchen Barker at gretchenbarker@bethelfc.com.

Jury and Selection Process

Work submitted by each artist will be judged based on the criteria listed below:

- Artistic Theme: All pieces must fit the theme of 'Harvest' – depicting the ways that God's blessings in your life are apparent, particularly in the season of autumn as the surrounding communities begin the season of agricultural harvest.
- Technical Competence: all photography will be judged by a professional on technique, skill, degree of difficulty, and mastery of materials used. (Exodus 31:1-11)
- Originality

Notification

Once the jury process is complete, all artists will receive an email from Gretchen Barker informing them of the status of their application. Any art not selected will be available for pickup from November 19 – November 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*please remove and affix to the back of your submission with tape or some other easily removable
fixative (i.e. masking tape) *

Name:

Title of piece:

Dimensions:

Year:

Price:

Mailing address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Artist agreement

I _____ understand that by submitting this application I am certifying that this photograph is fully my own original work. I understand that Bethel Church is not liable for loss or damage of the work while it is displayed publically on their property. Bethel Church is not liable for any damage sustained during transportation to/from the exhibition. By signing this, I am allowing The Gallery at Bethel Church to display my artwork 'Harvest' from November 18 – December 30 and will not remove work before the end of that time. I will allow Bethel to use images of my work for promotional reasons, both in print (bulletin, postcard, etc.) and digital (Facebook event, website). I recognize the right of Bethel Church as a religious organization to reject any artwork they deem inappropriate by the previously listed criteria.

I have read, understand and hereby agree to all rules and criteria set forth in the document

Print Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____

*Please submit along with (but separate from) artwork and entry form to the Bethel Office, attn.

Gretchen Barker

