

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

APRIL 15, 2020

If you are interested in one of the Zoom meetings, please be sure to email the office for each session you would like to attend.

The following will be our Zoom meeting times over the coming weeks:

- **Wednesdays @ 6 pm**
- **Wednesdays @ 7 pm**
- **Sundays @ 9 am**
- **Sundays @ 11 am**

The current Stay at Home order is up on Monday April 20th. It appears we can expect an extension or revision with guidelines to continue as we have been for the past few weeks. The church building will continue to be closed at least through April 26 or until authorities grant permission for us to meet.

Thanks to all those who came out for the drive-in service! God is still in control!



I wanted to take this time to share with you a great opportunity for praise: JJ Mitchell's latest EEG was 100% normal! He's been on anti-seizure meds since 2014, and now will get to wean off the final one. Praise God for this healing and answer to prayer.

This is also a great time to remember all of the kids in our church in prayer. They have had to abruptly adjust to a change in schooling, normal routines, time at home, change in parents' schedules, etc. While this is easier for some than others, it can cause both fear and worry in our kids. Pray also for our parents to use this time to draw their children to Christ. God, in His unchanging love for us, provided a Savior, who is all we need. What a great time to teach and model to our children that there will always be disappointments in this world, but Christ is enough!

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What about the offering?

We encourage you to continue giving generously to the Lord's work here at Bethel. Here are some different options available:

- **Mail**
- **Bank bill pay**
- **Drop off at the office**
- **Call & have an elder or deacon pick it up for you**
- **Online giving through the website**

Office Hours:

We will mostly be working from our homes in the coming weeks. Please contact our cell phones or email us!

PRAYER

Remember your BBC family with ongoing physical challenges:

Paulette Krulik	Clifford Fritz
Phyllis Fritz	Carrie Fritz
Sue Baker	Becky Arthur
Faye Fagner	Dorothy Nice
Virginia Barr	Linda McNabney
Irma Germann	

Pray for BBC Elders & Deacons. They continue to meet via Zoom meetings. Pray for guidance & endurance as they seek to minister to the BBC family.

Pray for ways to seek out those who need encouragement and love during these uncertain times.

Missions Spotlight

Joel & Cindy Reed

The Reed's minister in Ireland through Biblical Ministries Worldwide. Please pray for Joel as he ministers to a neighbor, that God would protect their meeting times. Pray that God would grow a love for His word in this man's heart. Pray for others to be eager to join their bible study.

Wayne & Susie Vanderwier



As with many other events, OIC planning have all either been postponed or canceled. Because no one knows when current restrictions will be eased, we cannot make plans to be in supporting churches. Pray that God will sustain & encourage our national prayer partners during this time. Pray that the teams will be productive in ministry despite their limitations. Pray that God would use these days in our lives to deepen our love for our Lord and His church.

FROM THE ELDERS

EASTER'S JOYS

In the days leading to Good Friday, my devotions brought me to John 17 where Jesus is praying right before He is arrested. In verses 20 through 23, we see Christ praying for us (those who believe in Me through the disciples' word). Our hearts should soar as we consider this prayer and the context of this scene in scripture. Jesus was directly facing the darkest hour of His life...He was about to be killed. In that moment, a thousand things could have been going through His mind, but they weren't. The item that consumed His thoughts, just before being arrested and ultimately crucified, was you...was me. Here we see again the heart of our Savior and get a glimpse of love that is so foreign, so unfamiliar to us. A love so consuming, so perfect, that Jesus willingly went to the cross!

Further, Jesus' prayer should encourage us and certainly had a purpose. Jesus' prayer was that these future believers would be one in Christ. Oneness in Christ essentially means that we are so intimately associated and connected with Jesus that everything we do, say or think is done under the scrutiny of God's Word. But there is more...the purpose for believers to be one in Christ is to practically show and demonstrate to a lost world that Jesus is the Son of God. Wow...love that cannot be described and purpose too!

In these four short verses we see that Jesus was thinking about us, praying for us, and giving us purpose in His ultimate, sovereign plan right before going to the cross. How encouraging! Let's remember to look for God's love toward us in the cross of Christ as we read scripture. As we do, there will be constant opportunities for joy...just like Easter.

Chris Krohn

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises.

2Peter 1:3-4