

# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

APRIL 22, 2020

## ZOOM MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Wednesday @ 7 pm

Sunday @ 9 am

Sunday @ 11 am

Be sure to email the church office to be included in one of these meetings. You will then be sent a link via email.

From Melody's Desk...As many of you know, the Lord took Ann Fagner home to be with Himself on Tuesday. As I come to work, my first order of business is usually preparing a cup of coffee. It was difficult to walk in the kitchen today, knowing that Ann will not be there fixing us those amazing meals anymore! That was truly her gift! She loved cooking, but she loved serving others. Ann never wanted to be in the spotlight, never wanted praise for showing up week after week, month after month, year after year to serve her church family. Here are some ways we can honor and remember Ann as a church family.

**Sunday April 26 Drive-in service at 4 pm. Along with celebrating the Lord's Table together we plan to take some time Sunday to remember and honor Ann. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be able to gather as a church family at a typical memorial service to mourn our earthly loss of God's servant. So we encourage you to send in memories and/or stories of Ann to the church office. We will be sharing a few of those stories at our drive-in service on Sunday, and then making a memory book for her sons with the rest of the stories that come in to show support to Ann's sons Brian, Jeremy, Chance and Zeb. Please email your memories to [bbcwinamac@gmail.com](mailto:bbcwinamac@gmail.com).**

Funeral arrangements for Ann. A viewing will be Wednesday, April 29 from 4-6 pm at BBC. Funeral will be Thursday, April 30 at 11 am at BBC. For clarification: You will need to go to [frainmortuary.com](http://frainmortuary.com) to sign up for a time for the viewing. This is limited to groups of 10. You are encouraged to wear a face mask of some kind to the viewing. This is a viewing and not a visitation. The family will have their viewing time before 4 pm and then leave, as the guidelines for public meetings set forth by the State are followed. The funeral will be a drive-in service in the Bethel parking lot Thursday, April 30 at 11 am. As with other drive-in services, everyone must remain in their cars.

There will not be a funeral meal after the graveside service. There are several already who have jumped in and taken meals to Ann's boys; if you would like to help with this, please contact the church office. If you have questions concerning the service, please contact Frain Mortuary at 574-946-3222.

We will send out more details concerning the Sunday drive-in service later in the week.

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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

Please remember the family of Ann Fagner. Ann went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, April 21, 2020. Pray for Brian, Jeremy, Chance and Zeb, and all of their respective families.

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.

Pray for the staff as we look to being able to meet together again soon as a church family and what that will look like.



It's that time of year when we anxiously start to plan for **Checkpoint Bible Camp**. Since camp isn't until the end of July (July 27-31), they are proceeding with the plans to have camp this year. Will you join us in prayer that camp can happen this year? We have so many campers and volunteers who look forward to this week all year long! We are excited to see God use this opportunity to continue to offer a biblical, fun, and cost-effective camp right here close to home at Camp Buffalo.

Camp is for those students who will be entering 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. At this time, early registration is open for supporting churches (like Bethel) and open registration for everyone begins May 1. If camp should have to cancel due to the Covid19, all funds will be refunded. To find out more info or to register, please visit [ifcaindiana.org](http://ifcaindiana.org).

Camp scholarship info has been mailed out to families, so look for that in the next couple days. Elementary and youth group have separate scholarship requirements, so they'll be coming separately.

If you have any questions about camp, scholarships, registering, please contact **Kelly** asap!

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Zooming at Bethel

Zoom is an interesting word. With a camera you zoom by making things that are far away appear closer. With a toy plane it is the noise you make when you make the plane go faster. If you hear zoom repeated, as in "zoom, zoom," you should duck as the plane is probably out of control! Zoom suggests making things closer and faster. In this season of distance and slowness, Bethel is trying to go "zoom, zoom" – of course in a biblical way!

### Prayer Zooming

Via Zoom, an online meeting app, Bethel meets on Wednesday evening at 7 PM to catch up with each other and pray. We have been doing this for the past several weeks at various times. All who have participated have been blessed and found the meeting rather easy to navigate once you get online. We are consolidating our times to just one prayer meeting at 7 PM beginning this week. Up to 100 of you can join us! Contact the church office or me and we will send you a link for the meeting. Join us this Wednesday at 7 to make things that seem far away come closer through prayer.

### Sunday Group Zooming

We also meet via Zoom on Sunday mornings to read scripture, share what God is doing in our lives and pray. Sometimes someone will even share a song with the group! These meetings are 9 and 11 AM and last about an hour. Several families join these meetings – it is a great encouragement to see and hear each other on the screen. I encourage you, if able, to join one of our Sunday morning groups this week. I know your presence will encourage everyone in the group. Make your distant Bethel family seem close this Sunday. Zoom, zoom!

Pastor Don

*Therefore, encourage one another with these words.*

*Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11*