

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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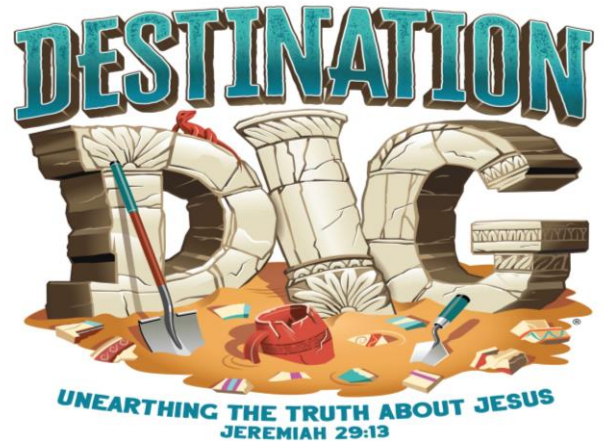
It's time to start thinking about VBS!!!

Here is what you need to know:

When: July 12-16 from 9:30 am until noon

Where: Bethel Bible Church

Who can attend: Entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade



WE NEED YOU!

How can I help? Wow! I'm so glad you asked! VBS at Bethel has been super successful in the past because of all of our amazing volunteers! There are [sign-up sheets](#) on the bulletin board here at the church for you to start letting us know how you would like to serve. We need teachers, assistant teachers, help with set-up and decorations, registration helpers, folks to help in the kitchen during the week. We also need some daring individuals who can wrangle the kids during game time—this typically involves some water games! We will be adding a different component to our opening and closing activities, so if you have always wanted to be a game show host, this is your time to shine!

VBS is more than just fun. At Destination Dig, kids will unearth more than just dirt. They will discover real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus. Stories from the Bible will leap off the pages as kids explore where Jesus walked and examine artifacts that bring the world of the Bible to life. As junior archaeologists, kids will study tangible pieces of the past to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way they will discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13 that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts!

Most importantly, we need your prayers! Pray for wisdom and discernment as we plan for this amazing event, and that God will use it to further His kingdom.

If you have and questions, contact Kelly Hines, Melody Perez or Jessica Libey.



PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Jan Good's father, Wes Martin, went home to be with his Savior. Pray for Jan, Kelly and the family as they grieve this earthly loss but rejoice in heavens gain.
- Please remember Cindy VanWienen and her family at the loss of her sister, Sherry Bell. Pray that God will continue to use Cindy mightily in her family! Pray for God's peace to surround them.
- **Kathy Leman:** Kathy is recovering from a fall, which resulted in having to put a pin in her hip. Pray for her as she takes time out to heal. Pray for God's precious grace each day.
- **MaryAnn Fritz:** MaryAnn is recovering well from her hip surgery. Continue to pray for a complete healing and for patience in the healing process.
- **Neil Owens:** Neil is scheduled for surgery on May 19 in Indianapolis to repair his aneurism. This will be an extensive surgery, as the artery above the aneurism is very thin. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and staff who will be doing this surgery and also for peace for both Neil and Debbie as they wait on God's timing.
- **Joie Grenner:** She will have another bone marrow biopsy on April 27. The doctors continue to be cautiously optimistic and are in the early stages of planning for her bone marrow transplant. Pray for the donor to stay healthy for this process!
- **Alyssa Kreitz:** Alyssa (daughter of Jeff & Susan Braun) has been diagnosed with a very rare form of slow-moving cancer. She is also pregnant. Pray for a healthy & joy-filled pregnancy and that the doctors will have wisdom in her treatment plans.
- **Brad Garling:** Continue in prayer for Brad as he continues with his treatments.
- **Randy Hutton:** Randy had a tumor removed from around his eye. Pray for him as he looks to upcoming treatments.

Chris & Lynne Strange

Those who have been at Bethel for a while should remember supporting Missionaries Chris & Lynne Strange.

Chris has Stage 4 adenocarcinoma of the esophagus located at the base of the esophagus and into the sphincter at the top of the stomach. It is a dangerous and very aggressive type of cancer and is going about things even faster than predicted. It has already spread to the pancreas, lymphatic system, into the bones, (specifically the femur and hip that are at risk of snapping), soft tissues and lungs. Initial reports give him no more than 6 months but it's moving rapidly. Hospice has been called in to help with comfort.

He does have updates on Caring Bridge, <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/chrisstrange/journal>

Here is their address if anyone wants to send cards.
Chris & Lynne Strange
1671 Dicks Creek Rd
New Castle VA 24127



Church Picnic/Softball Game

When: Sunday, May 2 @ 4:00 pm

Where: Winamac Town Park

What to bring: Bring your mitt, bat and a folding chair.

Tate's Dogs will be providing hot dogs and chips once again for us! The church will be covering the cost of a hot dog, chips and a drink for everyone!

We will be at the same pavilion as our last event.

See you there!

As a reminder, there will be a special Business Meeting of our Bethel Bible Church membership taking place on Sunday, May 9 regarding the calling of Matthew Dodd as our Associate Pastor. Please pray that God will direct and unite our hearts in this decision.

Interested in becoming a member of Bethel Bible Church? We are offering classes during the month of May for those who are interested in becoming a member. Please talk to Pastor Don or one of the elders for more information.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Today, Wednesday April 28—Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night classes @ 6:00 pm**
- **Saturday, May 1—Ladies Bible study @ 9:00 am**
- **Sunday, May 2—Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School Hour @ 10:30 am**
- **Sunday, May 2—Church picnic/softball game @ 4:00 pm**