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574.225.0288**THE BETHEL CONNECTION****August 12, 2020****We Will!**

What a delight this past Sunday in our worship services to celebrate God's goodness to two of our Bethel families in a time of dedication of their children. This is a time when as both parents and a church family we renew our commitment to teaching, modeling and leading our children to know and love Jesus Christ. That commitment renewal is based on the truths that children need the Lord, parents are the primary teachers and trainers of their children, and churches have a crucial role in supporting and helping insure that the next generation are full hearted worshipers of the one true God.

**Enjoy this blast from the past!**

As a church family, we said an enthusiastic "We will" to the following commitments for the Scott and Ledford families:

1. Will you partner with these parents by praying for them as they lead their children spiritually?
2. Will you encourage these parents by modeling gospel-centered marriages, parenting, and relationships?
3. Will you support these families by maintaining a Christ-like community of faith in this church?

These are crucial commitments for the glory of God and for His being known and loved by future generations.

Psalm 78:1-8 explains the generational impact of reaching and teaching children about God. 3 prayer requests for our families and children emerge from verse 7:

- That our children will set their hope and trust in God.
- That our children's thinking will be influenced and informed by God's truth.
- That our children will obey God.

During this pandemic season, our families are facing significant challenges regarding school, sports, activities – establishing some kind of schedule and rhythm to life so our children and teens can be successful in their education and training. Along with that, here at church we are uncertain of how and when we can offer the classes and programs that we love to do to support families in reaching our children and young people for Christ. We are not limited in our praying! Let's follow up our 'I will' with fervent prayers for our parents, children and young people especially in these days as schools are beginning to open.

Pray for our little ones such as Eleanor Susanne and River Jo and all their buddies in the nursery. Remember to pray for Emily, Madsyn, Jaybin, Lucas, Joel, Leah, John, Nathan, Sophie & Larry as they move into youth group along with all our children and teens. Pray for our recent grads, Katie, Juan, Kyle, Kassie, Sammy, Brenna, Camille & Ryan as they move on to what's next along with others who are headed back to college. Ask, seek and knock for God's strong hand to be on and with our families and kids so that our children will know the glorious deeds of the Lord and the wonders He has done in Christ Jesus.

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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
- Online giving through the website
- Offering box is available at the back of the sanctuary.

Office Hours:

We will be in the office Monday ~ Wednesday from 10am-3pm, while still working hours from home.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Wednesday, August 12, Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, August 16 service at 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **Sunday, August 16 service at 11:15 am; Nursery will be available**
- **Drive-in option will be available at BOTH services**
- **Sermon audio available on website by noon on Sunday**
- **Monday, August 17, Men's Meeting @ 8:30 pm**
- No sign-ups are necessary as we will be offering the Drive-in option at both services. If seating is not available, you can participate in your vehicle by radio. We are still asking that you wear your mask into the service and mask when you are leaving the service, when social distancing is not attainable. Also, please consider wearing a mask when singing; this is recommended but not required.

PRAYER

Please continue in prayer for the leadership of BBC as they strive to provide effective & fruitful gatherings in a safe & cautious way. Pray for each other, as there are many who are not getting regular exposure to the ministry of the Word & fellowship that is so essential.

Say a prayer of thanksgiving for the Libey family! Makayla and William were involved in a car accident on Monday of this week. Thankfully, everyone walked away from the accident; however, Makayla does have a broken scapula. They are thankful that surgery is not needed, but please pray for her body to heal well over the next few weeks.

Please continue to pray for Connie Davis. She is recovering well from her knee and hip replacements, but is struggling a little with her RA, especially in her feet and wrists. Pray for the medicine to bring relief to her body.

Missions Spotlight from Paul & Jean Biggers:

Christ Church Windsor began meeting monthly for previews last Sept-Dec. Jan 12 was the beginning of the first regularly scheduled worship gatherings.

I have been investing in Pastor Andy for almost two years since his arrival in Windsor. March 15 was our last gathering at Grandview Elementary School. Currently, there is no expectation to be able to return to this facility during 2020. We did the virtual online broadcasts—which most of you did. We heard the message but were isolated from connecting together to encourage and build up one another.

By the end of June we were gathering in a local city park limited to 25 participants even when spread by distance. This week we were given permission to gather up to 99 participants. That means our small developing flock can gather together as one. We are excited—just one worship gathering! We have around 30 regulars. We are trusting God to build His church even in restricted times.

A key prayer request is an inside location for the changing of the seasons: summer to fall and sometimes abruptly to winter by October. Meeting places are difficult to find in Windsor. Pray as I invest in Pastor Andy and for him as he invests in our church plant. Currently, we are working on small group connections and disciple-making activities for this fall.