

## BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## Bethel News

Our church constitution states that *the Council of Elders and Deacons shall constitute the governing body of the church and shall conduct its spiritual and business affairs*. We thank God for those who serve on our Church Council and encourage you to pray often for them. Our 20-21 Council members are:

Elders Mike McKay, Chairman

Keith Schladenhauffen, Secretary

Don Norrick

Chris Krohn

Don Whipple

Deacons

Mike Leman

Scott Leman

Matt Scott

Darrin Field

Gary Gudeman

There are two significant initiatives currently in process at Bethel for you to be aware of and pray about.

As was announced at Sunday services, the Council is bringing a proposal to the church family for a decision regarding paving the north parking lot. The specific proposal, an information sheet, and a plan to answer questions and vote will be shared in the newsletter next week. There will be Sunday meetings on 8/30 and 9/6 at 1030 AM in the West Fellowship for Q&A with Council members who are leading this project. Please pray for God's clear direction and a sense of unity as we move through this decision-making process together.

Another project that has taken shape is equipping our auditorium with video capabilities so the service can be seen and heard simultaneously in overflow areas such as the West Fellowship room or the Family Center. We are receiving bids from contractors to provide a live feed to those possible overflow areas and the nursery rooms so workers can watch the service as well. Our hope is to be able to provide enough seating in the auditorium and an overflow area to have one service during this season of distancing and guidelines. With one service, we can then expand to a Sunday School hour when the time and circumstances are right for that. Being equipped well for video will also allow us to post a higher quality video to be viewed on our website for those unable to attend. Just a reminder, we will continue to offer the option of FM radio transmission to the parking lot for all services. Please pray that God will direct us to a qualified contractor who can get this project done soon.

Thinking ahead a bit, we are looking forward to having our missionaries, Charlie and Rachel Armstrong here to report on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, we have the Gideons scheduled to be with us on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to present their ministry.

We do not yet have a start date established for either our Wednesday youth and children's programs or a Sunday morning Sunday School. There are a number of factors that influence these decisions including having enough volunteers who are comfortable serving and how our children and families do with the guidelines at school. Please continue to pray for Kelly and our staff as we wait on the Lord for direction.

Thanking God for you and the joy of following Christ together!

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Please continue to remember those who have ongoing physical challenges and those who have recently undergone surgery:

- Sue Baker
- Virginia Barr
- Connie Davis
- Faye Fagner
- Carrie Fritz
- Clifford Fritz
- Phyllis Fritz
- Curt Kramer
- Paulette Krulik
- Judy Luckey
- Linda McNabney
- Mike Schultz

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:10-18

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Wednesday, August 19, Zoom Prayer Meeting @ 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, August 23 service at 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **Sunday, August 23 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**

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.

## 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.



If you are looking for an opportunity to serve, look no more! We need volunteers for:

- Junior Church Helpers (7<sup>th</sup> grade & above)
- Greeters
- Parking Lot Attendants
- Ushers

Contact the church office & let me know where you would like to serve!