

## **BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH**

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# **THE BETHEL CONNECTION**

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## **Parking Lot Paving Project**

For the past few months, the Deacons and Elders have been discussing and gathering quotes for paving the north parking lot on the church property. The Church Council at our August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting agreed to recommend to and seek approval from the congregation to proceed with paving and striping the parking lot. Here is the proposal along with more information in a Q & A format.

### **What is the Council's proposal?**

The Council recommends that Central Paving (Logansport) be contracted to black top the north parking lot for no more than \$115,000 with the understanding that there may be up to a 5% increase if the project is delayed until the Spring of 2021. We are planning to have a congregational vote the first week of September.

### **Why pave the church parking lot?**

While the topic of paving the parking lot has been discussed in the past, it came up again in the Every Family Visit interviews held earlier this year. In recent leadership discussions, we have tried to ask the question how would paving the parking lot help Bethel accomplish our mission of making disciples? A few responses to that question include:

- A paved lot is more welcoming and convenient for both our guests and our church family.
- Parking arrangement and number of parking spaces can be maximized through striping and arrows on the surface.
- It provides additional options for children and teen ministry for games and sporting events.

### **How did the proposal come together?**

The Deacons collected 3 quotes and worked through each one carefully. The quote from Central Paving includes grading and compacting, a base layer of binder asphalt, a layer of surface asphalt and striping the lot for parking spaces.

### **How will the project be funded?**

There are sufficient funds in undesignated reserves to pay for this project. We also encourage our church family to prayerfully consider designating a gift over and above their regular giving toward this project. These gifts would reduce the impact on our current reserves.

### **Are there any expected additional or long-term costs?**

Yes, it is recommended that every 3-4 years the lot will need to be resealed at a current cost estimate of \$12,500. That would be planned for in the property maintenance part of the annual budget.

### **When would the project be completed?**

Hopefully, the project would be completed this fall sometime. We would like to have congregational approval the first week of September if possible. If for various reasons, the contractor is not able to complete the project this Fall, we would have it done in the Spring of 2021 at a price estimated to be no more than 5% higher.

### **What if I have other questions?**

We are planning 2 Q&A opportunities with Council members on Sunday, August 30 and September 6 at 10:30 AM in between the morning services. You can also contact the church office or any of our Council members with your questions and either have your questioned answered or pointed to someone who can.

## Attention Ladies!!

Are you looking for a way to get connected with other ladies of BBC? We have a closed Facebook group set up, that will allow us to share what God is laying on our hearts, prayer requests, praises or just to encourage each other! We will also be using this to share different bible study opportunities coming up. You will need to be added to this group, it is not something that you can search for. If you are interested, please contact Jessica Libey (219.954.0064), Amy Miller (219.954.0152), Kelly Hines (765.210.1206) or Melody Perez (574.225.0288).



We will be having a bridal shower for Nicole (Krohn) Sears, Sunday, September 13 at 2 PM. Nicole is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Come celebrate with us!



### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, August 30 service at 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **Sunday, August 30 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. **By removing the blocked off rows of seating, we were able to increase the seating capacity in the sanctuary by another 20 chairs, while still keeping the rows 6 feet apart.** 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.

### 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.**