

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Happening this week:

Wednesday, August 25: Youth Group
from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, August 25—Deacons Meeting
@ 7:00 am

Sunday, August 29: Sunday morning
Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School
Hour @ 10:30 am

The Elders called a special business meeting that met on Sunday August 22, 2021, after the morning service to present a motion to the congregation for discussion and approval regarding discipline/restoration for one of our members. If you would like to see a copy of the motion that was approved unanimously at that meeting or have questions about this action, please contact one of the elders or the church office. Also, notes from a July 18th teaching time on church discipline/restoration are available from the church office upon request.



The church picnic has been postponed until next year. Thanks so much for your patience in this! We are happy to say that Aaron is doing well, still not at his normal level of energy, so thanks for your prayers in that. Thankful for protection over the rest of the Hines crew!

Thank you for continuing to pray for Alyssa Kreitl. Alyssa is home and baby Magnolia continues to grow, weighing close to 6 pounds! Pray for Alyssa's body to continue gain strength!

Update on the Leman's: Tina's recent doctor's visit went well! Her doctor is pleased with her progress, but says to remain patient, as this will be a long recovery time for her. Caleb is doing better! Thank you for continuing to pray for the entire Leman family with the loss of Mike. Pray for Tina especially, that she would rely on God to give her the strength & endurance needed during this time. We are so thankful that she is home from the hospital! Pray that Tina would continue gaining strength daily.

Pray that we would train our children to run to God's Word, that we would model His Word in our own lives!

Please be in prayer for the leadership of Bethel over this next year. Your elders for this fiscal year:

- Matthew Dodd
- Mike McKay
- Kerry Miller
- Randy Mitchell
- Don Norrick
- Don Whipple

Your deacons for this fiscal year:

- Dave Budd
- Darrin Field
- Randy Hutton (appointed to carry out Mike Leman's term as deacon)
- Scott Leman
- Matthew Scott

Treasurer: Jan Good

Assistant Treasurer: Randy Hutton

Sunday School Coordinator: Kelly Hines

Adult Discipleship @ Bethel

Most would agree that it is nonsense to expect children and teens to follow Christ if the most influential adults in their lives do not. We can think of exceptions, and we know the power of God to save, and transform is unlimited. However, one ditch that churches over time tend to drift toward is having expectations for children and teens that many adults in the church are not following or practicing. We want to encourage the grown-ups of Bethel, if at all possible, to be growing in their spiritual journey so that their love for Christ and His word will serve as an attractive model for the next generation. We have planned our Sunday morning classes with that goal in mind.

The new Sunday morning classes begin September 12 at 10:45 am. These classes will include all ages of adults and be focused on an active style of learning. We expect that through our participation in interacting with the Bible and each other that spiritual growth has the best opportunity to take place.

Here are descriptions of our Sunday morning classes as well as the Wednesday Family Night class. Ladies studies are highlighted in this newsletter as well. Plan to be a committed participant this Fall as we encourage spiritual growth in our adults for our kids sake!

Bethel Homebuilders Plus Class Family Center

You and Your Bible – Ephesians

Teacher/Facilitators – Don & Sue Whipple and Amy & Kerry Miller

The Homebuilders Class will be a slow guided tour through the book of Ephesians that will lead class members toward living a life of love in our families, work, and world. Each Sunday the class will read, observe, discuss, and pray through a section of Ephesians in a consecutive manner that builds on the major theme of the book – walking in love as Christ loved us. A book that will serve as a reference for this class is Ephesians for You by Richard Coekin.

Bethel Sanctuary Class Sanctuary

New Life in Christ

Teacher/Facilitators – Bill McNabney and Chris Krohn

The Sanctuary Class will be a thorough study, discussion, and application of what the Bible teaches about being born again. What really happens when a person is born again and why does it matter? One goal of this class is to increase our understanding of the supernatural work of God in the new birth as well as our joyful experience of the new life we have in Christ. A book that will serve as a reference for this class is New Life in Christ by Steven Lawson.

Family Night will start up again beginning Wednesday, September 8!!

Simple Supper will start at 5:30 pm. (I am still looking for some volunteers to make this possible! If you are able to come and enjoy the meal, please consider serving for a month! Please contact Melody if you are able to serve.)

Youth classes will begin at 6:00 pm (nursery, pre-school—still searching for a loving volunteer to minister to our young bundles of energy!—Wired—K—5th grade

Youth group will begin at 6:00 pm—6th grade -12th grade

Family Night Adult Class Begins Wednesday 9/8, 615 PM Sanctuary

A Book-by-Book Survey of the Old Testament

Teacher/Facilitators – Don Whipple and Chris Krohn

The Family Night Adult class is focused on developing both the big picture and the individual skills to better understand your Bible. Through brief video summaries, class participation and a brief lesson, each book of the Old Testament will be explored and explained in the context of the overarching themes of the Bible. This Fall class begins with the book of Job and will conclude with Hosea before we break for the holidays. Each class will have some time set aside for prayer as well. Our prayer is that our love for God and others will grow as we grow in our understanding of God's word.

LADIES: Our class time will start at 6:15 pm. The ladies will start the year off going through the book of Ephesians. ***Has it ever dawned on you that nothing has ever dawned on God?*** He knew before the world began that His people would face hardship, so He gave us His Word. The Book of Ephesians is a survival manual—it equips believers to thrive in a world that hates the message of Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle writes to encourage believers to live well—we've been lifted from the graveyard of sin and called to shout the gospel into the darkened world. Pastor and author J.D. Greear walks through the powerful words of Paul. If the people of your city, of your school, of your family are going to hear the gospel, it's going to be from your mouth. Encounter Ephesians and get swept up into the story of Jesus. This class will be facilitated by Amy Miller and Melody Perez.