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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

December 30, 2020**Thankful for Bethel!**

What a year this has been! As I think over events that have taken place in all of our lives this year, it brings tears of both joy and sorrow. We have had to find new ways to communicate with others, stretching our technological abilities to new heights. We have made plans for gatherings, only to have them shortened or in some cases even canceled. But what encourages me, is the intentionality of relationships! Watching this develop in a year filled with weariness, has been nothing short of God, showing His care for His people.

However, what I am most struck by is the generosity and compassion of His people at BBC! In a year that has certainly stretched us all, it has been most encouraging to sit at my desk as Ministry Assistant and to see how folks are still being ministered to in various ways. I have had the unique privilege of getting to know many of you in different ways since taking on this position. There is so much that goes on behind the scenes...so much that I never

knew was part of Bethel Bible Church. I am truly thankful for the group of men that serve as Elders and Deacons. There are seemingly endless meetings/calls/emails/texts that happen throughout the weeks, decisions to be made...thank you all for your part! The families of these men give up time with them so that they are able minister to others! Thank you! There are those who volunteer time to minister to our babies & toddlers all the way through our crazy teens in high school! Those who give their time each week to ensure that we have a meal on Wednesday evenings. We have folks who help take care of details all the way from the bulletin board to yard work to what bible study is coming up next! Those who make sure that our money and finances are running properly/going to the right places. Amongst all the struggles that we face with technology, I am so thankful to have several who make it a priority to find new & better ways to serve you! Thanks for letting me continually bug you with questions! There is so much more that I could say. Thank you all for your kingdom work!

I am beyond thankful for Pastor Whipple and for Kelly Hines! Much goes on that is not noticed! It is a joy and a challenge to work with folks who think intentionally about the goal & the purpose behind each event that we do!

Thank you for challenging me!

Personally, I have been so blessed by many this Holiday season! Your generosity is treasured!

Looking forward to what God has planned for us in the new year!

Melody



Bethel Prayer Concerns

- Please remember Joie, the granddaughter of Bob & Carrie Fritz in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with a severe case on mono and then Covid on top of that. She is currently in the hospital at LaPorte and not doing very well. Pray for peace during this time. Thankful for the technology to be able to communicate with her during this time as she is not allowed visitors. Pray for strength to return to her body.
- Please remember those who have recently lost loved ones: Schultz family with the loss of Dorothy Nice, Budd family with the loss of Ruth Budd, Miller family with the loss of Gregg Inskeep, Leman family with the loss of Howard Leman
- Continue in prayer for Chris Shell as he struggles with his Lyme disease.
- Continue in prayer for Brad Garling. Pray for good health; pray that God would guard his mind.
- Pray for our Associate Pastor search process. The McKays, Hines, Bungers and Whipples are serving as a search committee. There is a conversation that started recently with an individual. Ask God to direct our paths as we gather resumes, get to know possible candidates and discern what He would have us do in this important process.



Reminders:

- **There are no in-person services 1/3/20. Sermon will be available on the website by Sunday morning.**
- **BBC Semi-annual Business meeting will be held Wednesday, January 20 at 7 pm.**

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 1:3

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