

## BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## Praying & planning for a year of growth!

I press on toward the goal for the prize of the  
upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14

## 2021 Bethel Gathering Plan

Thanks so much for your patience and cooperation as we try to do all we can as a church while being wise and loving within the limitations of the pandemic. We are looking forward to gathering again on Sundays beginning this coming Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for restarting after the holidays is as follows:

January 10	Sunday worship at 9:15
January 20	Semi-Annual Business Meeting
January 27	Simple Supper Family Ministry begins

Our guidelines remain essentially the same. Mask in and mask out to all meetings. We encourage but will not require a mask while singing in worship service. Worship service will be broadcast to the parking lot and video/audio recordings will be posted each week online. We ask that you do not attend if you are not feeling well and let us know if you have questions or concerns.

We are planning to restart our Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings early in February. More about that in the coming weeks as plans are firmed up.

### New Outreach Ministry to Area School Children

LifeWise Academy is a gospel centered program that provides Bible teaching to students in a Released Time Religious Instruction format. A group of area churches led by a few members of the Francesville Apostolic Christian Church are considering a LifeWise Academy at West Central elementary school. It is legal as long as it meets off property, is privately funded and has parental approval. You can learn more about this ministry at [lifewiseacademy.com](http://lifewiseacademy.com). In this early stage of development, there are some ways you can help:

1. Share your support of this ministry by signing a 'community interest' list found online at <http://lifewiseacademy.org/francesvillein>. They are hoping to collect 200 signatures to help school officials understand there is parental interest.
2. Pray for God to direct in this initiative and for the committee as they follow through on all the details
3. Let us know if you have a special interest in this ministry – the local committee is looking for people from area churches such as Bethel who could serve on the leadership group.

## Bethel Prayer Concerns

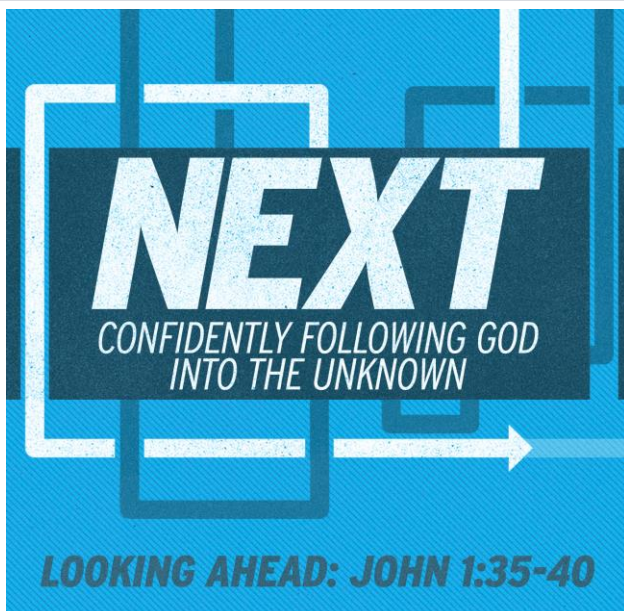
- Please remember Joie, the 19 year-old granddaughter of Bob & Carrie Fritz in your prayers. Joie is in a Chicago hospital and has been diagnosed with an acute form of leukemia. She has had a bone marrow biopsy and some extensive bloodwork done. They are waiting on test results to determine the next steps of treatment. Please pray for Joie and the whole family during this season. She has had an amazing testimony and a peace that can only come from God. Please continue your prayers!
- Please remember those who have recently lost loved ones: Clifford Fritz with the loss of Phyllis, Schultz family with the loss of Dorothy Nice, Budd family with the loss of Ruth Budd, Miller family with the loss of Gregg Inskip, Lemman family with the loss of Howard Lemman
- 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.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, January 10—Worship service @ 9:15 am**
- **Wednesday, January 13—Church Council meeting @ 7:00 pm**

## Our Semi-annual business meeting will take place Wednesday, January 20 @ 7:00 pm.

- We will be offering ice cream & hot chocolate @ 6:30 pm before the meeting.
- If you are needing nursery care for your little ones, please contact Kelly Hines prior to the meeting.
- There will be kid supervised activities in the gym.



- We will still be offering our Ladies Bible study on Saturday mornings, beginning again at the end of January. If you would like more information, please contact Jessica Libey or Sue Whipple.
- We are planning a BBC movie night for January 31. Watch the newsletter/bulletin for more details.
- **VB\$ is being planned for JULY 12-16! This is not our usual timing for VB\$, so please take note!**