

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

And I say, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest; yes, I would wander far away; I would lodge in the wilderness; Selah I would hurry to find a shelter from the raging wind and tempest."

Psalm 55:6-8

Have you ever watched an airplane go across the sky and wished that you could be on it? Anywhere but here would really be nice, just for a while. The Psalmist felt that way. He used the imagery of a bird flying away to capture the reality of his worries, restlessness, and fears. Life does that to us at times. Casting all your cares on God is a key habit of faith that does produce multiplied grace and peace in our lives. Check out the rest of Psalm 55 (16-17) to see how you can follow the Psalmist's example in aligning your heart with God's in the distracting times of your life. It really is about humbling ourselves under the mighty hand of God. Is it OK to pray for wings? Must be.

Bethel VB\$ begins next Monday the 12th! Melody, Kelly and Jessica and their team are working hard to prepare. Please pray! This is a wonderful opportunity to reach children and families with the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray that as the theme of the week indicates, that 'unearthing the truth about Jesus' will not only happen but that many young lives will come to saving faith. We will try to get updates out throughout the week via Face Book, email, and Phone tree to let you know how the week is going.

On Sunday, the 18th during the Sunday School hour the elders are calling a meeting for the purpose of teaching and reviewing **a biblical process for church discipline**. Our Bethel Church constitution states that among other things, the elders are responsible for 'overseeing the process of church discipline.' We plan to review our constitution and members covenant as well as study pertinent passages from the Bible. Sunday school classes for children and teens will be available for this hour. Please pray for this initiative and plan to join us.

Here are a few ways you can **help the Dodd's** as they move and begin ministry with us. First, they will need help unloading their stuff sometime over the weekend of July 30th. Check with Kerry Miller for details or watch the bulletin for a specific day and time. Also (Dodd's if you are reading and want this next thing to be a surprise then stop reading now), we want to have a gift card shower for them. There will be a clearly marked box like bin container in Kelly's office for you to deposit your cards and greetings. Let's use this opportunity to give a generous welcome to them as well as perhaps introduce them to local vendors and wonders. Let's have these collected by August 1st.

Sue and I are planning to be away for **a vacation** July 19 – August 2. Nate Braun will preach on the 25th. Nate grew up at Bethel and we look forward to having him back to minister the Word. Lee and Mary Hargitt will be here on Sunday 8/1. Lee is an elder at Zion Bethel in Monticello and serves with Mary as International Student missionaries at Purdue University.

Tossing my cares toward God with you.

Have a great week!

Pastor don

Thank you for continuing to pray for Alyssa Kreidl as she continues to struggle with health issues.

Baby Magnolia was born 12 weeks early at 2 pounds 12 ounces; her health is fragile. Pray for strength in her lungs.

Thank you for praying for Faye Fagner. She is gaining a little more strength each day. Pray for endurance, as recovery will take a while. Thanks so much to all of you who have sent cards & messages! Thanks also to those of you who have provided meals for us!

Update on Joie: Huge praise!! The last tests showed that Joie is cancer free! Joie is giving God all the glory! Pray for continued healing in her body, as they are looking to have her home by the end of this month! She will still need to go back to the hospital weekly for a while for check-ups. Pray for Joie as she makes decisions in the coming weeks and that she would continue to be a blessing to those around her. We are so thankful for her testimony!

Thank you for continuing to pray for Neil Owens. He is healing well from the surgeries. Pray for continued patience and healing in the days to come.

Pray that God would deepen our passion & commitment to live the Gospel.

Pray for God to strengthen marriages & families.

Continue to pray for our Missionaries. If you would like to have a list/update on all or any of them, contact the church office.

VBS 2021

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- Monday—Friday, 9:00 am—12:15 pm
- VBS is offered to those kids entering Kindergarten through entering 6th grade.
- Sack lunches will be provided daily.
- We need cookies!! Kids love the cookies at VBS. Thanks for helping in this ministry! You can bring cookies on Sunday and leave them in the kitchen.

SEEK
TRUTH!
FIND
JESUS!

Happening this week:

Sunday, July 11: Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School Hour @ 10:30 am

***All Volunteer Meeting for VBS during the Sunday School Hour July 11. We will be meeting in the gym.

VBS---Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 12:15 pm daily.

Wednesday, July 14—Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

