

BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Bethel Regathering Plan - The Next Phase

It has been 13 Sundays since we last met together for a church service the old-fashioned way. Our missionaries to Ecuador, the Regiers were with us that Sunday back in early March. It seems like a long time ago. So, as we move closer to Stage 4 (July 4th) on our State's reopening schedule, the leaders of Bethel want to map out our regathering schedule for the next 5 weeks.

Service Schedule

Sunday June 14 We are planning just one service at 9:15 am in the parking lot. The service will be amplified through a speaker system as well as through an FM station on your car radio. We will have a time to honor and pray for our graduates as well as a time in the Word together. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and sit outside around your car. We will practice distancing in an outdoors kind of way.

Sundays June 21 – July 12 We are planning to continue 2 one-hour services on Sunday morning. One at 9:15 and one at 11:15. Two repeated services allow us to keep the number of people at each service within the space necessary for social distancing. We are rearranging the seating in the sanctuary to allow for 85-90 to participate in each service. We are also planning to broadcast the 11:15 service over the FM radio transmitter to cars in our parking lot as we have been doing the past several weeks. This allows those who are at risk or are uncomfortable going inside for the service to still come to church and listen to the service live over the car radio in the parking lot. One of the services will be recorded and posted online for viewing later as well. We are unable to offer nursery or children's ministry for these services – we hope to do that soon but want to be prepared to do it safely.

Guidelines for Inside Services

Guidelines for 915 and 1115 services will remain the same with mask in, mask out and no mask fine while at your seat in your area. Guidelines are posted at the entrance as well. In all venues and gatherings, we encourage a sensitivity and concern for each other understanding that there are varying opinions and responses. Remember even in the pre-COVID good old days, the guiding rule was 'love your neighbor as yourself.' Add to that 'love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind' and we will have a great time of worship together!

How to Sign Up Please register for the Sunday services by contacting Kelly Hines at 765.210.1206 or bethelbiblekids@gmail.com **by Saturday noon each week.** This is important so we can help as many attend the services as possible. Feel free to invite others to our services as well. It would be helpful for us to know if you plan to attend the drive-in service as well.

An additional thought, we completely understand if you, for any reason, are not able to attend one of these church service options. These are unique circumstances for everyone. Please attend if you are able with the option that best fits for you.

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
- Drop off at the office
- Call & have an elder or deacon pick it up for you
- Online giving through the website

Office Hours:

We will mostly be working from our homes in the coming weeks. Please contact our cell phones or email us!

UPDATES:

June 14 we are planning to have one drive-in service only at 9:15 am. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and worship with us outside! We will be honoring our graduates during this service.

Pastor Don will be taking a vacation week Monday, June 15 through Sunday June 21. Drew McKay will be filling the pulpit on Sunday, June 21. Thanks for continuing to pray for pastor as he shepherds the flock at BBC!

Children's Ministry Update: As excited as we are to think about getting to meet together again, we want to make sure we do it wisely and to the best and safest of our ability. We are closely following local and state guidelines for re-opening children's programs. The state has recommended churches follow public school opening time-lines and procedures. So, as we wait to see what that will look like locally, we'll adapt as best we can with our Sunday school and Wednesday evening activities this fall. Our hope is that we'll be able to open the nursery sooner and then junior church as well. We look forward to continuing to worship with families and support you in any way we can!

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

Kyle Smith

Saturday, June 20

5pm to 10pm

10832 West 600 South

Francesville, IN

Katie Allen

Sunday, June 28

2pm to 7pm

1780 North 1550 West

Medaryville, IN

Brenna McKay

Sunday, July 12

3pm to 6pm

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PRAYER

Pray for Paulette Krulick. She had knee replacement surgery Tuesday, June 9. Pray for her during the healing process, that God would give her a quick and full recovery.

Please be in prayer for Mike Schultz. He is having back surgery June 10. Pray for those involved in his surgery, for steady hands and for him during the healing process.

Please be in prayer for Erika Bunger. She will be having surgery June 18, to remove some cysts which have been causing her some pain. Pray for wisdom for those involved in the surgery and for Erika during her recovery time.

Connie Davis is scheduled to have her hip replaced on June 10th. Please keep Connie in your prayers. This has been a long-awaited surgery. She had her knee replaced several months ago and was scheduled to have her hip replaced around the time that the Covid-19 hit their area, pushing back her original surgery.

Pray for the unrest that is facing much of our country. Pray that God, in His infinite wisdom, would use each of us as a beacon of His light!