

BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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June 14 Sermon Clarification

This past Sunday in my sermon entitled 'What Matters' from Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman in John 4, I made some comments about Black Lives Matter. From my notes, what I said (or close to it) was:

One of the greater challenges we face as a church and a nation today is racism. That belief expressed at varying degrees that one person or group of people is superior to another person or group. Given the 400 year history of black people in America and the multiple shooting deaths of black people by police in the past several years, I am growing in my understanding of and agreement with the message that is seen and shouted - black lives matter. Helping people change their thinking about what matters is what the gospel is all about. Not taking anything away from the phrase black lives matter or the memories of those it honors, I want to draw your attention to this passage of scripture under the theme or title of seeing what matters.

I believe at this point (it may be later in the sermon), off script, I added a comment about even wearing their tee shirt. Some of our Bethel family have helped me understand that Black Lives Matter is a global organization with an agenda, while having some noble aspects, that clearly embraces a world-view that is unbiblical.

I apologize for any confusion I may have caused and will try to do the necessary research in the coming days to be as clear as possible. I do believe and stand by the comments made later in the sermon that I believe reflect the teaching and example of our Lord:

Whether it is the current racial tension manifested after 400 years of partiality and prejudice against people of color in our country – or giving your lives to reach out and over to others who are not like you, please understand that 'God loves you and so do I' is not nearly enough without a life commitment of entering their world, listening well and offering the living water that only Jesus can provide.

Repent of your reactions to this woman. Commit to learn more about her journey, hurts and needs as Jesus did. Replace your partiality and superiority with the humility of Christ that acts like people matter.

Love doing ministry of the Word with all of you,
Pastor Don

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- 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!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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!

▪ **Zoom Prayer Meeting Wednesday @ 7 pm**

Be sure to email the church office to be included in this meeting. You will then be sent a link via email.

SERVICE TIMES AND PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR THIS WEEK.

- Sunday, June 21 service at 9:15 am, sign up with Kelly Hines
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- Sunday, June 21 Drive-in service @ 11:15 am
- Contact Kelly Hines...765-210-1206 or bethelbiblekids@gmail.com to sign up for a service time.
- Sermon audio available on website by noon on Sunday.

*****Those ladies who had a prayer gal for the year, it is time for you to reveal your secret identity! Please be sure, if you haven't already done so, to reveal yourself to the young lady whom you have been praying for this year.*****

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 had back surgery June 10. The surgery went well. Please continue to pray for Mike as he heals.

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 had hip replacement surgery last week. The surgery went well! Please continue to pray for Connie as she heals from the 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!