

# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## WARRIOR UP!

I NEED  
COOKIES!

Warrior Up is excited to be back meeting this summer! This program offers elementary and middle school age children a safe place in Winamac to learn life skills, play games, eat a meal, learn Bible Stories, and much more every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the summer. This program takes a lot of volunteers and YOU can help!

- 1) Pray (for the volunteers and the children)
- 2) Volunteer (there is always a need to help serve food or assist children with the activities) Contact Kelly for more info.
- 3) Provide cookies: It would be amazing if Bethel people could provide 12 dozen cookies for the first two week of June. Bring them to church Sunday, May 30 or June 6 or text Kelly (765-210-1206) and she can pick them up.

Alyssa Kreidl: Alyssa (daughter of Jeff & Susan Braun) has been diagnosed with a very rare form of slow-moving cancer. She is also pregnant. Pray for a healthy & joy-filled pregnancy and that the doctors will have wisdom in her treatment plans. Pray that God would guard her mind and grant her peace during this waiting season.

Please remember those who have lost loved ones recently:

- Dorothy Hagen with the loss of her son John
- Jan Good with the loss of her father Wes
- Cindy VanWienen at the loss of her sister Sherry

Pray for Sharon Cotner. Sharon is the sister of Mike & Dan Leman. Sharon had a small stroke. Pray that she will be able to get some rest as she looks to recovery and that God would guard her mind.

Thank you for continuing to pray for Neil Owens. His surgery to repair an aneurysm went well. Please keep both Neil and Debbie in your prayers as he goes through his recovery. Pray for God to strengthen his heart & mind.

Please continue in prayer for Joie Grenner. Joie had her bone marrow transplant. The surgery went well. She is now out of ICU. Her lungs are still fairly weak. Pray that her body accepts the new bone marrow/stem cells. It will still be a couple of months before she is able to return home. Pray for continued strength, patience and love for her entire family.

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

Pray for God to strengthen marriages & families.

*Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

1Peter 1:13



### **From the Pastor's Desk . . .**

How is your week going?

Sue and I missed worship with you this past Sunday as we traveled to Olathe, Kansas for the weekend to celebrate our granddaughter Kaelee's high school graduation. This picture is of her and me running the 2-3-year-old division of a 5K run in Lafayette a few years back. That halfway around the block was a good distance for both of us! We join many of you as you celebrate God's goodness at the various milestones of your children and grandchildren's lives. Kaelee will be a freshman in the Fall at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Let's remember to pray for and encourage our Bethel graduates as they transition from High School to the next season of their lives. These are crucial days for them in many ways, especially in the development and practice of their walk with God.

Here are a few updates and concerns for prayer from my side of the desk:

**Bethel Committees** It is that time of year when we are preparing for our annual business meeting in July. The Nominating Committee has sent invitations to several to consider serving as elder, deacon and other positions. These are important leadership roles – please pray for those who are considering whether to serve or not. The Finance Committee is beginning the process of drawing up a budget for 2021-22 to present to the church family. This is also an important task as we bring on an Associate pastor and adjust to lower giving than in past years. Pray for our Finance Committee and Elders as they lead us in this budgeting process. Also, our Missions Committee will be meeting to review our missions budget and the needs of our 14 missionaries and 3 ministries that Bethel partners with.

**Dodd Update** We are excited and grateful for God directing the Dodd's and Bethel together. Matt and Vange have accepted our invitation and will begin as Associate Pastor sometime in early August. Please pray for them as they finish up some classwork, travel to spend time with family and prepare to move. They will live in the parsonage and be well settled in by the time the baby arrives in October. They plan to be at Bethel the weekend of June 26-27 to connect with the Youth and Worship teams and join us for services.

**Suffering** After 7 months and 16 sermons in 1Peter, we plan to begin chapter 4 this coming Sunday. I have been consistently impressed with the relevance of God's word. I encourage you to find 30 minutes before Sunday and read the entire 5 chapters. Mark or note terms or concepts that are repeated. Select a 2-3 verse section that grabs you and commit it to memory. Note the multiple times suffering, testing and trials are mentioned. My favorite mind-boggling concept to chew on so far is the blessedness of suffering like Jesus did – unjustly while entrusting himself to his Father who judges justly.

Have a great week!



### **HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

**Sunday, May 30**—Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School Hour @ 10:30 am, Adult Sunday School Choices: **Home Builders Plus:** Would you like to get better at passing truth on to your children and grandchildren? The Home Builders Plus class will meet in the Family Center beginning next Sunday at 10:30 am. Our topic will be 'Teaching to Change Lives' using the book with the same title by Howard Hendricks. This class is not primarily aimed at classroom teachers but toward parents, grandparents and any others who want to have a greater impact in communicating God's word to those we care about. Pastor Don and Kelly Hines will serve as teachers. Plan to join us.

**Systematic Theology:** We'll continue our Systematic Theology Study. Our study will pick back up on the subject of the Trinity. Come join the learning and discussion as we wrap up the doctrine of God, and then move into the doctrine of man.