

BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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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!

A Praise Story

As you remember, we have been praying for Cindy Vanwienen's sister, Sherry Bell; she was diagnosed with cancer a while back. She recently had a scan and the report came back that her tumors have shrunk considerably and the tumor under her armpit is gone! To God be the glory! While all of this is wonderful and amazing news, the best news of all is that Sherry also has attributed her healing to God, with our prayers! Her heart has been softened toward our Father, and she has had no fear through the whole ordeal. What an amazing God we serve!

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

May 27, 2020

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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

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

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

- **Sunday, May 31 Service at 9:15 am, sign up with Kelly Hines**
- **Sunday, May 31 Service at 11:15 am, sign up with Kelly Hines**
- **Sunday, May 31 Drive-in service @ 11:15 am**
- **Contact Kelly Hines...765-210-1206 or bethelbiblekids@gmail.com to sign up for a service time.**
- **Sermon recording available on website by noon on Sunday.**

PRAYER

Remember those in our midst who have ongoing physical challenges:

**Paulette Krulik
Phyllis Fritz
Sue Baker
Faye Fagner
Virginia Barr
Irma Germann**

**Clifford Fritz
Carrie Fritz
Becky Arthur
Dorothy Nice
Linda McNabney**

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 church leadership as they continue making plans for Bethel Bible Church. Pray for wisdom as they discuss everything from policies to bible studies!





MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Mike & Brenda Cooper

As with much of the world, New Zealand has also been in lock-down. A tremendous side effect is that their church has grown through the Zoom services! Ministry is thriving even through the isolated circumstances! They are thankful that Phillip and Susannah (associate pastor to begin soon) have been able to join the Zoom meetings, which has been a great encouragement & blessing. Pray for the church as they transition to being able to meet again & adjusting to changes in the culture.

Jim & Karen Getz

The pandemic has truly brought significant change in many aspects of our lives. For us, it includes the way we are connecting with our international friends. We have moved from in-person group gatherings and from person to person mentoring times to using various media means – Zoom, Face Time, etc. Interestingly, in using Zoom, the consistency of Bible study attendance has actually improved and new people have joined the English groups! God is always working for good! Praise Him! Romans 8:28. During this pandemic outbreak, please pray we will stay well connected with our international friends, for continued good attendance in the Bible study and English groups and for protection from the virus.

COVID 19 and Prayer

I did not plan it this way.

I did not plan to preach 3 Sundays on learning to pray while in a time of such anxiety, confusion, and challenges. Looking back, it would have been a good plan! The plan was to preach through Matthew 5-7 and God lovingly and graciously managed the timing.

To restate the hopefully obvious . . . our understanding and practice of prayer should grow and deepen as the current challenges drive us to see our weakness and dependence on God more clearly.

So, let me encourage you in your own prayer growth spurt! You can listen to the sermons and download the notes from the Bethel website. One of the next steps (5 steps are listed in the sermon notes) I encouraged you to take in your prayer journey was . . . memorize or designate a few 'go to' prayers in the Bible.

Here are two examples of specific prayers you can use to shape and express your talking to God. The first is a model for how to talk to God about your sin. The second can shape your prayers for your children, loved ones, church family and even those you desire to come to faith in Christ.

Let's keep growing!

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalms 51:10-12

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11