

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

APRIL 1, 2020

PRAYER

- ❖ Pray for many to come to faith in Christ. Think specifically of our children, families, coworkers, friends, neighbors as we ask God to use this pandemic and the message of the Easter season to convict and convince people of their need of Jesus.
- ❖ Join with millions of our brothers and sisters around the world in pleading with God for a genuine refreshment, renewal and revival of His church.
- ❖ Pray for our local helathcare and safety workers. One, who heads up the emergency and ambulance department, has asked us to pray for them that God would give them calmness, guidance and protection.
- ❖ Continue to pray for Chris and Jodi Shell as he struggles with his illness.

Encourage one another daily! A phone call would be a great encouragement to those who are alone!

If you are interested in one of the Zoom meetings (video conferencing), please be sure to contact the office.

The weekend meetings will be to discuss the sermon & focus on sharing & encouragement.

- Saturday, April 4 @ 6:00 pm
- Sunday, April 5 @ 9:00 am
- Sunday, April 5 @ 11:00 am



Emoji Bible Trivia

Name the bible person/story in each line. The first person/family to text Kelly with all the correct answers will win a free dinner! Look in next week's newsletter for the answers. Have fun!

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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

Office Hours:

Monday 2 pm-5 pm

Tuesday 9 am- 5 pm

Wednesday 9 am-5 pm

Please call ahead other times of the week.

KELLY

Missions Spotlight

Dylan & Rebecca Bailey



Pray for Dylan & Rebecca as they embrace some well-thought changes. They are transitioning to working full-time overseas while continuing to serve their church and teammates. He will be an international buyer/importer for his father's business. Pray for them as they are excited about new opportunities to share the Gospel.

Jim & Karen Getz

Michigan – Pray for Jim & Karen to serve well in their regional & national roles as well as in their local ministry. Pray for continued spiritual transformation for each of our friends. Pray for them as they are also being challenged during the COVID-19 pandemic.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



I think we all agree that the global health emergency that is getting more serious every day is certainly nothing to joke about.

However, to remove the concepts of gladness, joy and cheer from our vocabulary and conversations is to assign the global pandemic more influence than it deserves. The wisdom of the Proverbs reminds us of the value and necessity of spoken words that turn the heart from being sad and anxious to cheerful, glad and even joyful. Check out Proverbs 12:25; 15:23; 16:24; 17:22. We are directed to encourage one another, especially in perilous and uncertain times (1 Thess. 5:11, see context of 1-10).

Let me encourage you to be all about spreading gladness, joy and cheerfulness as you intentionally target others in and outside our church family to speak gentle, loving, gracious truth into their hearts. It is one sure antidote to the heaviness and anxiety that we all are sure to struggle with from time to time.

Changing directions, our Every Family Visits were a huge blessing! We were able to do 50 visits before the COVID-19 shutdown. We are in the process of evaluating and summarizing with a view to getting a report to the church family once we are able to meet again.

Every member and attender of Bethel is an important part of our church. The vision of EFV is seen in a few phrases from Ephesians 4:15-16:

...when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Thanks so much for all you are doing to “work properly” so our church family is being built up in love.

Thanking God for each “part” of our Bethel church family,

Pastor Don

For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, “Fear not, I am the one who helps you.”

Isaiah 41:13