THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

Office hours will vary over the next couple of weeks. Please be sure and call ahead if you are needing in the church.

Beginning Sunday, January 8 we will be offering some new classes for our Adult Sunday School. Please take advantage of either of these classes to be involved with other adults in the congregation.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS---DOCTRINE

It is a joy to be involved in a local body of Christ-followers who place a high regard in scriptural truths. This high regard for scriptural truths began many years ago when Bethel Bible Church was forming. A document was created defining who we were and what we believed. That document became our constitution and includes Bethel's Statement of Faith. The Statement of Faith establishes twelve core scriptural truths which, through Christ, provide the foundation of our fellowship and bind us together as spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ.

In January and February an adult Sunday School class will be offered reviewing these core truths. In this eight-week class, we will walk through these twelve foundational truths Bethel Bible has stood and will continue to stand on. This will be a great class for newer members, non-members wanting to know more, and even those of us who want a refresher on our scriptural foundation. Bill McNabney and Don Norrick will co-lead the class and discussion and will meet in the worship center.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS---FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship is a pretty common word that is used in church circles. Often times it is associated with good food–which is completely fine if you were to ask me (Pastor Matt) ☺. However, it would serve us well as a church to be reminded from a biblical standpoint of what fellowship involves. Fellowship carries the ideas of partnership and sharing something in common. Christians who have covenanted together as a church are partnering together for the sake of Jesus and His gospel around common values and a common mission. It is an agreement that we need to be hearers and doers of God's Word.

I am so thankful that our church values fellowship (as the results overwhelming showed from our last Sunday School evaluation). Therefore, we would like to try something in one of our adult Sunday School classes in January and February. We will offer a fellowship class that will encourage purposeful discussion from the sermon that morning. The goal would be to fellowship around the truths of the sermon in order to apply it to our lives that we may live it out and pray for one another as we purpose to do so. Chris Krohn will lead this class which will meet in the West Fellowship.

PRAYER

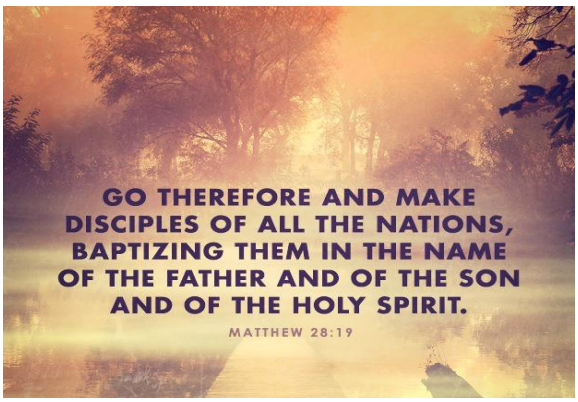
Char Norrick: Char is home! Please continue to remember her in your prayers as her body heals from her surgery.

The Holt Family: Remember Aaron, Felicity and family as they look to finish well at their current church and search for a home here in Pulaski County.

Continue to remember **Janice Whybrew, Carrie Fritz & Faye Fagner** as they all face different health issues.

Youth Group Lock-in!!

The youth group will have a lock-in on Friday, December 30th from 8:00 pm – 7:00 am. Bring your friends, a drink, and a snack to share. Be ready for games, a hot wings challenge, a movie & fun!! Separate boy/girls sleeping areas available if you dare to sleep!!



Have you been able to stay up to date with our Missionaries? Don't forget to check out the Missions Wall at Bethel! But if you are not receiving updates as they come in, please contact the church office—we would love to get you contact information for our Missionaries!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Sunday, January 1: Worship service @ 10:00 am

Bethel Bible Church Phone Tree

There have been several who have been experiencing difficulties receiving the phone tree messages over the past few weeks. Many new phones/cell phone companies see the toll-free number coming in and mark it as spam. After a bit of research, we have asked the company to have the church number show up as the caller ID and not the previous toll-free number. So, you will be seeing more calls coming from 574-946-6229—which is the church number. There will be no way to decipher when a call comes to your phone if it is the phone tree from the church or if it is a pastor calling from the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office. If you are not currently receiving the phone tree or the church newsletter, please speak with Melody.

Bethel Giving: All giving to Bethel that is to be recorded as 2022 giving for tax purposes needs to physically be in the church office by December 31, 2022 regardless of the postmark. Thank you for your faithful giving throughout this past year!

FYI: There will be NO Junior Church this Sunday, January 1, 2023. Parents, please be sure to plan accordingly.

Looking Ahead:

The semi-annual business meeting for Bethel Bible Church is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18 @ 7:00 pm. If you are in charge of an area of ministry, please be watching your emails! You will be asked to prepare a verbal report to be given at this meeting.

FAMILY NIGHT IN JANUARY:

Please be aware of the following dates in January for Family Nights:

- Wednesday, January 11
- Wednesday, January 25