

# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## CHECKPOINT BIBLE CAMP

- Camp dates are July 25-29
- We are still in need of volunteers to help in the craft cabin at Checkpoint. If you can volunteer Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, please let Pastor Matt know and he will give you further details.
- We have a list of kids who will be attending CBC and would like to shower them with our prayers and our love during that week. Each camper's name will be on the bulletin board at church available for you to take and write a letter to.
- Thanks for praying for all those involved with camp!



Join us Wednesday, July 20 @ 6:00 pm for a 'sweet' time of fellowship with friends, family and ice cream!

Then stay for our annual business meeting at 7:00 pm.

### LOOKING AHEAD:

July 20: Ice cream bar @ 6:00 pm; BBC Annual Meeting @ 7:00 pm

July 23: Deacons meeting @ 7:00 am

July 25-29: Checkpoint Bible Camp

August 3: Youth group float trip

August 7: Promotion Sunday

August 10: Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm

August 15: Elders meeting @ 12:00 pm

August 21: BBC Church Softball game, Winamac Town Park @ 4:00 pm

August 28 & 31: BBC Volunteer Training (more info in the coming weeks)

September 4: Celebrate & Connect, during Sunday School Hour

September 7: Family Night begins!!

## PRAYER

- Thanks for continuing in prayer for the family of Dave Budd. Dave passed away unexpectedly this past weekend. Pray for Karen, Becky, Katie and Jenny as they face this journey. Pray especially for them on Wednesday and Thursday during the viewing and funeral times. Pray that God would guard minds & hearts in the days ahead.
- Please continue in prayer for Lois Lau. Pray for continued strength physically as well as spiritually.
- Checkpoint Bible Camp is quickly approaching! Pray for hearts of those campers who will be attending as well as those involved in leadership roles. Pray that hearts would be softened to hear God's word.
- Lifewise Academy Winamac: Please pray for the school board in Winamac as they make decisions surrounding a possible beginning of an academy in Winamac. Pray that God would guide their thinking and open hearts to this opportunity.

## Important Updates from Bethel's Missionaries

**The Armstrong's** Here is an excerpt from Charlie and Rachel's recent newsletter. Please pray for the huge transition and number of decisions they bare facing in the weeks and months ahead.

*It's hard to know how to begin this newsletter...but here it is: After six years of serving the Arab-world from a base in France, we conclude with sadness but also clarity and confidence that it's time for us to leave overseas ministry and return to the US. As you can imagine, there is a lot of sadness in that, but also we would not be taking this step if we weren't convinced the Lord was leading in this way. There are multiple factors in the decision, none of which individually force us to leave but all of which together make it clear that it's time: (1) a sense that our season of helping PALM (our ministry team, Preparing Arab-World Leaders for Ministry) make important transitions and grow into the next phase of ministry, is coming to a close; (2) timing - This is an opportune moment to transition our family back to the US, particularly Eli entering high school but also valuable in other ways for Miriam and Ansel; and (3) significant, ongoing stress that we don't believe is wise or God-honoring to keep living with or trying to serve under.*

**The Bigger's** At the end of June we heard from Paul and Jean about their retirement plans. Let's remember to pray for them in this time of transition as well.

*Our official retirement from Missions Door will be December 31, 2022. We need prayer for transition: loading here in Windsor, unloading in storage in AR, finding the right house, living in our RV over the next months when we hand over the keys here on July 20. Lots must happen in the next three weeks. Pray we finish well during these days leading to our retirement. Serving with Missions Door and our partners have been an incredible ride! Thanks for the many of you who have been with us from the 1999 or anywhere along the way! Thank you!!!*

**The Cooper's** In a July 9<sup>th</sup> email we received the following from Mike:

*The rest home where Brenda stays raised their fees \$400/month and are planning to increase it again in three months. this was completely unexpected and is much more than we can budget. I have found another facility that is more economical and looks to be a bit better in many areas. Please pray for the transition for Brenda. The planned move date is 1st of August. My Mum is declining and my sister and I agreed I should fly back to see her in August. I will only be in South Carolina for the visit. Please pray for her and my travels. Pray as well for Brenda in my absence. Our church here was hit hard with covid this week, over half our families have been infected. So far everyone has had mild symptoms. Please pray for us. I am scheduled to speak at New Lynn Bible Chapel Sunday the 17th and have to be covid free for 7 days. So fay I have been covid free.*

If you would like to read the complete newsletters from any of our Missionaries, please let us know in the office and we can get those to you.

### Happening this week:

Wednesday, July 13:  
Youth Night at the  
Dodd's from 5:00 -  
8:00 pm, Ladies  
book club @ 6:30  
pm

Sunday, July 17:  
Worship service @  
9:15 am; Sunday  
School Hour @  
10:45 am

### Nominations for 2022/2023:

Elder: Chris Krohn  
Randy Mitchell  
Deacon: Gary Gudeman  
Dave Gagnon  
Randy Hutton  
Treasurer: Jan Good  
Assistant Treasurer: Randy Hutton  
Sunday School Superintendent: Chris Krohn

### For Sunday:

In our journey through the messages of the minor Prophets, we will be studying the book of Jonah. It is an incredible story full of twists, humor and lessons. Try to read the 4 chapters before Sunday and answer the question that God asks the reader at the end!

