THE BETHEL CONNECTION July 6, 2022

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**Communication Project Update:**

Bethel family—thanks so much for your patience with the office as we navigate our new software management system! We are pleased to announce that we are ready to roll out the beginning of our system to you!

In this online/mobile app, you will be able to access & edit your own/family’s own information, upload pictures of yourself/your family, view others information (but you will not be able to edit another family’s info) as well as see the church calendar. In the coming months, we will also be using this as a way to manage volunteer scheduling. For example, the nursery volunteers will be able to block out any dates in which they are not able to serve, and then view the schedule online once it is completed—more on all of this to come!

**The Process**: Using an internet connection, download the Breeze Church Software Management (Breeze ChMS) app. If you have an email on file with us (for those of you that still have yet to submit your updated information, we will use the email which is in the old directory) you will be sent an invite via that email. It will ask for the church’s subdomain. Our subdomain is bbcwinamac. From this invite, you will set up your own username and password. Just as a note, if you are a husband/wife sharing an email, you will get one invite and will set up one user account. If you would like to have separate accounts but only have one email on file in the office, please contact Melody to set up the other account with a separate email. As with any other app, please be sure to remember your username and password.

**Your Profile**: Once you have accessed the mobile app, you will be able to see your profile (along with others in the church). Let’s talk about how you can manage your profile. If there are any corrections which need to be made, for example if I messed up your address when your information was entered, you will be able to click on that particular section and update that information on your own. This can be particularly useful if you move or change phone numbers, etc. If you are a family with children, please take time to enter in which school and grade they will be entering in the fall, as well as giving us information for any college kids. This will be a very useful tool for us in the office if we are able to have that information. There is also a place for you to upload pictures of each member of your family and a place for a family picture. Please refrain from putting pictures of your pets on your personal profile. By all means, you can certainly have your pet in your picture with you, but the purpose is for folks to be able to put a face with a name!

**Planning**: You will also have access to the calendar. We will be using this for many things in the future, such as registering for certain events as well as volunteer scheduling. For now, you will be able to see events scheduled out as far as December for the church calendar.

We understand that learning new things can be difficult! As with anything, please don’t hesitate to reach out to the office if we can be of any help. For those who still need a printed directory, there will be one coming out shortly.



**Checkpoint Bible Camp**:

Camp is approaching quickly! It will run from July 25-29. If you are interested in helping in the craft cabin, please contact Katie Budd.

JULY EVENTS @ BETHEL

**PRAYER**

Thanks for continuing to pray for Lois Lau. She is hoping to be home soon. Pray that God would continue to guard her mind and give her peace.

Please continue in prayer for Judy Luckey. She is home recovering from a heart attack. Pray that she would continue to gain strength and that God would be her guide and stronghold.

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.

Happening this week:

Wednesday, July 6: Ladies Book Club @ 6:30 pm

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

We will be canceling the Ladies Gathering which was scheduled for this Saturday.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Class: ***Sharing your Faith*,** taught by Chris Krohn in the West Fellowship: Sharing our faith is to be a natural part of our walk with Christ.  As a believer, we are to always be ready to give a defense of the hope we have (1 Peter 3:15).  Yet for many sharing our faith or sharing our testimony can be very uncomfortable, and in some cases just plain scary.  The goal of this interactive class is to provide some practical techniques that will guide and shape how we share and how we develop a testimony.  The format of the class will encourage conversation in an effort to sharpen our sharing skills.  As a participant in this session, you will be encouraged to write out your testimony and share it with each other.  In our efforts to learn how to share more effectively, we’ll have some fun and be encouraged by each other.  So, if you get sweaty palms or a pit in your stomach when you think about sharing your testimony or talking to someone about God, come join us.

Class: ***How to Interpret the Bible*,** taught by Matt Dodd in the Family Center: Interpreting the Bible is a basic skill every Christian should have as well as every Christian should endeavor to grow in. This skill is basic because it touches on other disciplines that involve the Bible (hearing, reading, meditating, studying, and memorizing). It is something that everyone can grow in because the Bible is so rich and vast (because it is indeed God’s very words). In this class, we will cover principles of Bible study as well as survey different types of writing styles in the Bible and how we should interpret them accordingly. At the conclusion of the class, you will also walk away with a plan of how to grow in one particular Bible disciple. So, whether you are a new believer who has never opened the Bible or you have been a Christian for decades who regularly reads through the Bible in a year, you are welcomed and encouraged to go deeper in Bible interpretation.

**Sunday School Classes beginning this week, July 10:**

Chris and Matt will be teaching their respective classes again during the Sunday School Hour. Below is a description of each of those classes. As a reminder for the teens, you will have the opportunity to join in on either of these classes for the month of July. Teen Sunday School classes will begin again in August.

**Annual Business Meeting:**

Wednesday, July 20 @ 7:00 pm

We will begin the night with ice cream @ 6:00 pm! Plan to join us!