

# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

LOVE/PRAY/REACH OUT TO EACH OTHER...WE STILL HAVE A BOND THAT  
CANNOT BE BROKEN ! MARCH 25, 2020



## PRAYER

- ❖ Pray for the many in our midst who are on the front lines, battling this threat. This is all of those in the healthcare profession—doctors and nurses—along with the First Responders/Police. Pray for a hedge of protection to surround them and their families, rest for their bodies and for the peace of God to guard their minds.
- ❖ Pray for Irma Germann’s granddaughter, Deanna, who is a doctor & has tested positive from the Covid-19 virus. Praise the Lord—she is home! Still has much recovery ahead, please continue to pray for her in the days to come.
- ❖ Pray for Chris Shell, as he is struggling with effects from Lyme Disease.
- ❖ Pray for opportunities to share your hope in Christ with others in these days of confinement.
- ❖ Find a church directory & pray for the Bethel families listed around your name. Let them know you are thinking of them.
- ❖ Pray for our church staff & leadership that God will give wisdom as they lead & care for our church family.

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

**“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as we see the day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25). Thankfully in this day and age of technology, we can “meet together” without actually leaving our house. Whether that’s through texting, YouTube videos, Facebook, even the mail, I encourage you to keep connections during this time. I’d love to hear from you (send me a text or email) how I can best encourage you and your kids during this time. There is so much out there right now to do with your kids, that it can seem overwhelming and impossible to wade through. I don’t want to give you anything else you feel you have to do right now, but instead want to meet each family where you’re at. I mailed out some packets to kids/families last week and have already started to get some letters back from kids. What an encouragement to my soul! If your kiddos didn’t receive any mail from me, please get me your contact info. I am working on a video of our next Wired lesson (The New City Catechism #34) and will post it on the Bethel Bible Church YouTube channel and the Bethel Bible Church Wired Facebook page once it’s completed. Also watch for a special video made especially for the Jr. church kids! Fun idea for this week: Make a blanket/sheet fort with your kids and use it as a place to read the bible and pray together each day.**

**KELLY**

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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.

## Missions Spotlight

Paul & Jean Biggers



I would encourage you to take the time to look up [missionsdoor.org](http://missionsdoor.org) and search for the article about Paul & Jean entitled “My Fruit Grows on Your Trees”. This is a great article highlighting the Biggers’ ministry. To quote Paul from his interview, “It’s all about Jesus; I have not changed a single life. I am just the water boy! We simply make available the Water of Life to thirsty hearts! That’s why Jean & I have as our goal to help as many people as possible to find and follow Jesus.”

### Mike & Brenda Cooper

Where do they serve?  
Auckland, New Zealand

Pray for the church in New Zealand, as they are also experiencing a time of panic. Pray for wisdom & peace for the leaders as they seek God’s leading in developing an action plan for the church in the coming weeks.

Pray for continued extended outreach opportunities for the church.

Pray for Mike & Brenda, as Brenda faces many daily challenges now from dementia.

## FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

### Homework from Pastor Don



What’s the point? That seems to be the question Peter is answering in his letter to the suffering, stretched and dispersed readers of his letter, 1Peter. What is the point of being separated from each other and experiencing various levels of hardship (1:6-7)? Zoom in with me to the one clear summary that he gives in chapter 5:5-11. I encourage you to study it on your own while I draw your attention to several highlights.

**5:5b-6—Humble yourself before each other and before God**

**5:7, 10—Humble yourself because God cares for you and is at work in you.**

**5:8-9—Humble yourself because the lion-like devil must be resisted. Also look at what your brothers and sisters in Christ are facing around the world!**

**5:10-11—Humble yourself because brief suffering always leads to eternal glory.**

A study pointer...humble or humility occurs in 5:5b-6 three times. It essentially means lowliness or cast down. It is illustrated in the humility of Christ in Philippians 2:3-8 as putting others and their concerns as more important than your own. It is a deep sense of one’s littleness and limitations. Compare Proverbs 3:34 and James 4:6.

The point of separation and suffering is to lose the infatuation and high opinion that you have for yourself and humbly adore the God of all grace who has given all dominion and glory to Jesus for ever and ever.

Write out your answer to the question “What’s the point?” for your life in this time of stress.

Write out and share with someone your summary of this study—how would you preach it?

Write out a prayer that expresses to God your response to Him and others from this passage.

Pastor Don

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1Peter 1:6-7