THE BETHEL CONNECTION March 8, 2023

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Are you interested in being baptized? We are looking at scheduling a baptism service in the near future. If you are interested, please contact an elder.

Who are your elders? Matt Dodd, Aaron Holt, Chris Krohn, Mike McKay, Kerry Miller, & Randy Mitchell.





**Don’t forget to change those clocks this weekend!**

**Ladies**: **Don’t forget to sign up for the next gathering to take place Saturday, March 11 @ 10:00 am. We will be working on some sewing projects (special thanks to the BBC Sowers for putting this together!), having a time of fellowship as well as hearing from Tatiana Vasquez. If you would like more details about this, please refer to last week’s newsletter or contact the office.**



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**LIFEWISE 101 EVENT**:

On Monday, March 20, Pastor Aaron is leading a group of people to go to West Central High School at 9:40 am to learn about what goes on in their LifeWise program at the school. As of now, we only have a couple people who have shown interest in going from Bethel. We understand this is during work for a lot of people, but if you have interest or if there is any way for you to attend, we would love for you to be with us! If you would like to go, either talk to Pastor Aaron or sign up on the table at church by the sanctuary doors.

**LIFEWISE SUPPORT:**

We've had quite a few people sign up to show their support for starting a LifeWise school at Winamac High School, so thank you for those of you who have signed the petition! But we need more. Even if only 10 more people would sign the petition, that would help us out a ton! Would you consider signing that if you haven't? Thanks!

Pastors Matt & Aaron



The dates this year are July 24th-28th. Also, if you are a junior in high school or older and are interested in being a counselor for camp this year, please contact Pastor Aaron. **We are in need of both adult counselors and high school counselors** (also known as counselors-in-training).

Checkpoint Bible camp registration is coming up starting April 15th!

**The Mission Task & Prayer**

As we approach our missions conference starting this Sunday, let us prepare our hearts by **praying**. We will be hearing reports from four of our missionaries and hearing God’s Word preached with an emphasis on taking the Gospel to the nations. But let us guard our hearts from being only hearers of God’s Word–rather, let us also be doers. The Bible clearly states that the task of taking the Gospel to the nations is the church’s task, done in the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we must **pray**–**pray** for a renewed zeal for this task; **pray** for a refined focus of the global need for Jesus; **pray** for the missionaries we support for perseverance, faithfulness, boldness, encouragement, and fruit. Would you take 30 minutes on **Saturday, March 11** and commit to **pray** these ways? **Prayer** guides were in last week’s bulletin to help us **pray** in specific ways.

Also, remember other ways you can participate with this emphasis in the missions conference:

* Pick-up your copy of *How Can I Support International Missions?* on the back lobby table sometime this Sunday or next Sunday. This will give you tangible ways for you to participate in the task of global missions.
* Write a note of encouragement to one of our missionaries and return it to the office by Sunday, March 26. Cards can be found on the bulletin board at church.
* Attend the conference these two Sundays (March 12 & 19). Hear God’s Word preached. Stay for the Sunday School hour to hear from our missionaries–hear what God is doing. Ask good questions. Stay for the carry-in dinner this Sunday, March 12.

May God be glorified in us and through us as we once again look at the task of exulting Jesus among the nations.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday, March 8: Mom2Mom; Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night @ 6:00 pm; Council Meeting @ 7:45 pm

Saturday, March 11: Ladies Gathering @ 10:00 am; Missions Day of Prayer 6:00 am-6:00 pm

Sunday, March 12: Missions Conference worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School Hour @ 10:45 am; carry-in lunch to follow.

"Show Them Jesus" -Jack Klumpenhower

Reviewed by Aaron Holt



THE BOOK LOOK

This book is about getting kids to the Lord Jesus Christ every time the Bible is opened with them: the why, the when, the where, the what, and the how. So many times in the church, or even in our homes, we only talk about Jesus and Him dying on the cross for our sins when we get to those "special times a year" (Easter, Christmas), or when we're actually going through the Gospel narratives. The author comes to show us how the whole Bible is about Jesus and how (along with what, when, why, and where) we can get to Jesus every single time we open the Bible with kids; regardless of where we are in the Scriptures. This quote strikes me from the book and starts to get at what he is trying to do. Maybe it will make you curious enough to read it. "Now I had to teach a good-news lesson about Balaam. I'd have to figure out what the talking donkey had to do with Jesus" (p.102). The author has been in children's ministry for over 30 years as a Bible teacher and a curriculum writer.

I thought this book was incredible. I don't think there was a thing about it that I disliked (and I've learned over the years to read books with a constructively critical eye). The author incorporates interesting introductions, emotion, and story into this practical how-to, step-by-step guide in teaching kids/youth about Jesus. This book fortified in me the conviction of 2 things: 1. Every bit of the Bible is about Jesus; 2. Kids/youth need to know this as well. They need to know how to see Jesus on every page of Scripture.

I would absolutely recommend this book to anyone, especially parents or teachers in the local church. I've actually utilized this book in a project I've created before. I've also recommended it to another lady in a previous church who had been doing kid's ministry for 40 years and she got something out of it. This book is available on Amazon and Christian Book.