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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday, November 20—We are still in need of a couple of folks to help with the outreach booth we are having at the Hometown Holiday Celebration @ Meadow Springs in Francesville. We will be there from 12:00 to 4:00 pm this Sunday. If you are able to help for part of the time or even the entire time, contact the office or Angie Fox.

Junior Church—In the next few weeks Jan will be putting together a list of willing Junior Church helpers and will develop a schedule similar to what is done for the nursery. If you are in grade 7 or older (grandparents welcome!), you are qualified. There's nothing to prepare ahead of time except your patient, loving heart for these preschoolers. When Junior Church is dismissed during the service, go lend a hand! In addition, if you'd be willing to teach for a Sunday occasionally, let us know that too. There's a clipboard on the welcome table for you to add your name to the pool and to indicate any Sundays in the coming months that you know you will not be available.

Sound Booth—We are looking for some extra hands for our AV team! Not sure that you are qualified? We will get you the training needed to run the computer or the sound board—or both! This is a great ministry to the church each week. If you have questions, concerns or are ready to get on board contact Josh Hileman or the church office!

BBC ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP BANQUET

When: Sunday, December 4 @ 5:00 pm

Where: Bethel Family Center

What to bring: Everyone please bring a main dish to share and a side dish or dessert or both!

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4 at 5PM for this special time as we thank God for Pastor Don and Sue and bless them. The night will be filled with a delicious carry-in meal, funny stories, testimonies of eternal impact, singing, and opportunities for generosity. So, please prayerfully consider how you can sacrificially give toward these projects. You may designate your offerings toward individual projects. Any undesignated contributions will be dispersed by the elders among the three projects as they see fit.

PRAYER

Carrie Fritz: Carrie fell and fractured her hip and had surgery last week. She had a short stay in the hospital and is now home. Pray for strength as she does physical therapy. Pray that her body would heal quickly, and that God would guard her mind as well as continue to show her perfect peace!

Lance Alexander—brother of Amber Helt: Lance has been diagnosed with cancer. He will be going through chemotherapy in the coming weeks. Pray that God would protect his mind & body, as this is his second time facing cancer.

Faye Fagner: Faye will be seeing a cardiologist soon. Her stress test showed that her AFib is of some concern. Pray for an appointment to be made quickly and wisdom for the doctors involved.

Associate Pastor Search: Thanks for continuing to pray for the next man that God would have as our Associate Pastor. Pray for this weekend as the Holt family will be with us; pray that God would be clear in His direction.

Bethel Associate Pastor Search

This coming Saturday and Sunday, Aaron and Felicity Holt and their children will visit Bethel for the purpose of exploring further God's leading and getting to know one another better. Aaron will preach, they will share their testimonies, attend an activity with the teens and be available for a brief Q&A with the church family. Here are a few ways you can participate in the process of seeking God's will together as a church family regarding finding our next Associate Pastor.

Pray This process is far more than a search for talent, education, and experience. Our Search Team and Elders have interviewed the Holts, checked out references and read his completed doctrinal questionnaire. We need to ask God as a church family for the leading and direction that he has promised to give us if we trust him, do not lean on our own understanding, and acknowledge him in all our ways (Proverbs 3:5-6). Please pray that both Bethel and the Holt's will experience that direction clearly.

Ask If you have a question you would like addressed in the Q&A, please write it out and submit it to Mike McKay. Mike will be facilitating the Q&A time. You can hand your questions to him Sunday morning or send them ahead by email (mike@sober-nomad.com) or text (219-954-0063).

Listen and Share Whether your exposure to the Holt's is a lot or a little, we would love to hear your impressions, thoughts, or concerns. Please plan to share with one of the elders your impressions soon after this weekend.

Remember you can get a copy of Aaron's resume, a job description and last week's newsletter article with more information and FAQ's by contacting the church office.

Bethel Pastoral Transition Update

On June 26th the Bethel congregation voted unanimously (with the exception of one abstention) to approve the following recommendation from the Elders:

The Bethel Elders unanimously recommend appointing Matt Dodd as Lead Pastor effective at an agreed upon date by Matt and the Elders no later than December 5, 2022.

Well, December 5th is less than 3 weeks away! Everything seems to be on track for Pastor Matt to take on his new role as lead Pastor.

Pastor Don and Sue are relocating to Lafayette early in December and will complete ministry responsibilities at Bethel by the middle of the month.

Pastor Matt is busy preparing for his responsibilities of preaching and leading. Pray for him and the elders as they together navigate the next few months without an Associate Pastor to help bear the load. Matt will begin preaching regularly in December. Don will finish his preaching responsibility on 11/27 and 12/4.

God has answered prayer and provided our Bethel family with excellent pastoral leadership in both Pastor Matt and our Elders, Chris, Randy, Kerry, and Mike. Pray for these men. Encourage these men as they serve and shepherd our church family. As in any time of change or decision making, there will be questions, concerns and maybe even a misunderstanding or two. Please speak the truth in love by communicating clearly and directly with our elder leadership team.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, November 16: Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm, Family Night @ 6:00 pm, Operation Christmas Child 3:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, November 17: Operation Christmas Child 4:00-6:00 pm

Friday, November 18: Operation Christmas Child 4:00-6:00 pm

Saturday, November 19: Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am; Operation Christmas Child 11:00 am-1:00 pm; Youth Group Game Night 6:00-9:00 pm @ the church

Sunday, November 20: Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School @ 10:45 am; Operation Christmas Child 11:00 am-1:30 pm; Hometown Holiday Booth 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, November 21: Operation Christmas Child 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Don't forget....last day to bring in items for the BCH food shower is Sunday, November 20!