

# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Time changes this Saturday! Don't forget to set those clocks back!



**Gotcha Shower:** Ladies—you're invited! Sunday, November 6 @ 2:00 pm, Maggie & Tari will be throwing a "gotcha shower" for Levi Maynard. As many of you know, Kenyon & Katie Maynard (daughter of Randy & Donna Hutton) officially adopted Levi last month! The shower will take place in the West Fellowship that afternoon. For gift ideas, please contact Maggie.

Thanks for praying for the Called Out Conference this past weekend! We all had a great time! Here are a couple of ways that it impacted our kids:

I recently had the opportunity to go to Called Out 2022 with the Bethel youth group. It was truly a blessing to go and worship and learn about our God with over 400 other teens. There were many learning opportunities throughout the three different sermons and two different breakout sessions. My personal favorite preacher was a man named Dexter. His message encouraged me to continue to fight for God's kingdom, and if I continued to fight for Him, He would continue to fight for and keep me. It was extremely encouraging and touched my heart, I'm sure it touched many others as well. During worship, it was incredible to be able to praise and worship a living God with so many others. It was truly such a blessing to go.

Allie Sanders

I really enjoyed going to the Called Out conference for it was fun yet moving. The sermons over Jude were great and helped me understand it for it was one of the chapters I didn't truly understand. The first breakout I went to was God's Persevering Mission. In that one I learned how God has promised his people greatness, yet they turn around and disobey/sin. God shows his mercy and lets them live and keeps his promises. In the second breakout session I went to My Crazy Family. I learned about imperfect families in the Bible and how to cope with mine. One of the main points I got was it starts with me. I need to change for the better first. Overall, I was deeply moved and loved it. I can't wait to go back next year.

Josiah Helt

## PRAYER

**Please pray for Janice Whybrew.** Pray for Janice as she is currently at Hickory Creek. Pray that she will continue to gain strength so that she will be able to return home soon.

**Please pray for Phyllis Kross.** She has some back issues. Pray for the doctors as they determine therapy treatments. Pray also for Phyllis to be able to rest and take things easy while she is recovering & doing her treatments.

**Please pray for Kim Rife.** Kim was diagnosed with cancer and will have surgery next week. Pray for the team doing the surgery, that they will have steady hands, as well as wisdom during this process.

## Community Outreach Event

### A Hometown Holiday Celebration

When: Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-4:00pm

Where: Meadow Springs in Francisville, IN

Bethel will be having a booth at this hometown holiday craft bazaar! We will have take-home crafts and activities for kids!

If you would like to help, please contact Angie Fox or the church office.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, November 2: Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm,  
Family Night @ 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 5: Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am

Sunday, November 6: Worship service @ 9:15 am which  
will include Communion as well as Baptism; Sunday  
School @ 10:45 am; Shower for the Maynard family @ 2pm

Monday, November 7: Elders meeting @ 7:00 pm



Thanks so much to all those who helped make our annual Trunk or Treat night such a success! It's amazing to watch our teens dig their heels in to serve the community and have fun doing it! Thanks to all you who stepped in to serve—from making the best popcorn ever to the clean-up process—you truly do make planning these events a breeze!



Bethel will once again serve as a drop-off site for Operation Christmas Child this year!

Drop-off dates will be November 14-21, 2022. Be sure to contact Randy Mitchell if you are able to help serve in the ministry.

## Adult Sunday School Report:

At the conclusion of our last adult bible fellowship/study sessions, we requested feedback for the classes that had just been completed and input of what you would like to see in the future. We just wanted to give you a quick update on that information and share how that data is informing future plans.

The data collected overwhelming expressed a desire to have both instruction and fellowship in our Sunday adult bible fellowship/study sessions. In addition, a key criterion desired in these sessions was the development of intimacy within the class. Also, many asked for a Homebuilder type of class covering topics such as marriage and parenting (perhaps with a small series with an emphasis for fathers).

What we are learning is that it is very difficult to meet both the instruction needs of some and fellowship needs of others in the same setting. Either fellowship or instruction will assume the prominent role in a class, and once that has become established it is very difficult to change, much less present each in a way that satisfactorily meets the desires of both groups.

We all recognize there is not one single "thing/element" that will magically cause us to grow and mature in Christ...several things are needed. That said, the goal for our Sunday School hour is to be challenged to become more like Christ. We're working to develop class offerings that cause us to be challenged and grow spiritually but accomplish that goal in settings based on what we've learned in the surveys.

Please reach out to me or another elder if you have thoughts or ideas...we would love to hear them. Also, know that we would appreciate your prayers as we continue to develop class offerings.

Chris Krohn