

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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October is Pastor Appreciation month, and our tradition at Bethel is to demonstrate love and appreciation to our pastors by showing them double honor. As a church we will give a gift to Don and Matt, and in addition to that gift the Elders and Deacons want to encourage each of you to express your gratitude for the incredible love and concern our pastors demonstrate. Please consider sending a note, a message of encouragement, maybe even a small gift as a token of your appreciation. This should be simple, since it is the kind of thing we see people already doing week after week! Throughout the month of October, we have an opportunity to elevate our gratitude, so let's try to outdo one another in love!

Mike McKay

Harvest Fest 2022

When: Sunday, October 2 starting @ 4:00 pm

Where: Bethel Bible Church

What to expect: Hayrides, cookout, campfire, singing, fellowship & fun!

What to bring: Please bring your favorite Fall dessert and a lawn chair for outside

Contact the church office if you have any questions!



Ladies: Save the date! Our next gathering is Sunday, October 30. We will meet after Sunday School for lunch. Plan to have a time of fellowship, a little bit of music and then we will be making some special gift tags for the upcoming holiday season! You won't want to miss out!



Mark your calendars! Sunday, November 6 is scheduled for baptisms in the morning service. If you have trusted Jesus as Savior and want to take this next step of obedience, please attend the baptism class beginning October 9 in the Hospitality Room or contact Randy Mitchell. If you have any questions about baptism, feel free to ask any elder - we would welcome this opportunity.



Praying our way into October

One incredibly encouraging part of our journey through the heavenly visions of Revelation on Sunday mornings at Bethel has been the few times we have seen the 'prayers of the saints' come into play in the outworking of God's plans in heaven and on earth. Our prayers matter. When we cry out for God's kingdom to come, he hears us. Bethel family, pray. Pray for each other. Pray for the events and meetings on our church calendar. Pray grateful prayers for God's goodness among us. Here are two other items for our October prayers:

Associate Pastor Search The search team has invited a young man, named Adam Dierker, to visit Bethel on the weekend of October 7-9 for the purpose of getting to know him and he to get to know us better. This step of interest comes after initial interviews, a completed questionnaire and some reference contacts. He will meet with search team members and elders in various ways throughout the weekend and attend services at Bethel on Sunday morning. Please pray for our search team, elders and Adam that they may all sense God's clear direction throughout this 'get to know each other better' weekend.

Pastor Don's Bethesda Outreach Trip Don leaves for South Africa on the 9th and returns on the 17th. He will participate in Bethesda Board meetings for 2 days while there, meet with the Executive Committee, preach twice at Central Baptist Church (<https://www.central.org.za/>) on the 16th and spend time throughout the week renewing fellowship with several friends and staff. Please pray for Don that he will be a blessing in the various ministry opportunities he finds himself in. Pray also for the Bethesda Board (<https://bethesdaoutreach.org/about/#ourteam>) as they need wisdom for the ongoing challenges this ministry faces.

Submitted by Mike McKay:

I read the newsletter last weekend asking how I personally hang in there and am finally taking time to respond. For me, there are four primary ways I stay encouraged and keep plugging away:

1. Podcasts...I often listen to podcasts when I am working around the yard, driving, and walking. My favorites are The Briefing by Albert Mohler, The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill by Christianity Today (Mike Cospoer is the host), and a secular outdoor/hunting podcast hosted by a Christian called Bear Grease (a MeatEater podcast hosted by Clay Newcomb). I have tried many, many podcasts over the years and have found them to be helpful from time to time, but these are the ones that have stuck with me.
2. Books...I carry a book with me pretty much everywhere I go, as well as dozens of books on my iPad. In addition to regular Bible reading (my reading has been from the epistles, while my study for a while has been from Psalms), I love to read biographies (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, William Wilberforce, and David Brainerd have been favorites) and anything by C. S. Lewis or J. C. Ryle.
3. Conversations...gospel conversations with non-Christians (I particularly enjoy engaging with atheists, although I haven't had the opportunity to do so for some time since I'm off social media) always reinvigorate and sharpen me.
4. Fellowship...time spent with Christian brothers is always encouraging, fun, and relaxing. These times always point me toward Christ and away from less crucial things.

Trunk or Treat is coming soon!

Wednesday, October 26

Make plans now to come and help! We need your help with the following:

- Run a game (bring your own or use one the church provides)
- Registration (be willing to direct folks & have a friendly smile!)
- Friendly Floaters (we are expecting many families from the community who don't typically come to Bethel & would love to have those who are free & available to interact with folks throughout the evening)
- Kitchen help (we will be serving hot apple cider & popcorn)
- **If you would like to donate candy, there is a tote on the table in the Children's Ministry Resource office for your donations.**

Talk to Melody for sign-up or if you have any questions!

Happening this week:

- Wednesday, September 28: Mom2Mom @ 9:30 am, Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm; Family Night classes begin @ 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 1: Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am
- Sunday, October 2: Worship service @ 9:15 am with Communion; Sunday School Hour @ 10:45 am; Harvest Fest @ 4:00 pm
- Monday, October 3: Elders Meeting @ 7:00 pm