

BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Gathering this week:

Lord willing, we will gather together for one worship service this week at 9:15 am! There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes for this to be accomplished. Huge thanks to Jason Bunger for coordinating this project!

What to expect:

We will begin our service at 9:15 am. There will **not** be an 11:15 am service. We will still be broadcasting to the parking lot at 9:15 am. Please continue to mask in and mask out, where social distancing is not easily attainable. There will be approximately 30 to 35 seats available in the West Fellowship area. We will have Elders/Ushers available to guide in seating or answer any questions you might have concerning the different options.

Junior Church & Nursery will be available.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate a new format of worshipping together! Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

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
- Online giving through the website
- Offering box is available at the back of the sanctuary.

Bethel Prayer Concerns

- Please continue to remember those who have ongoing physical challenges:
Sue Baker Virginia Barr
Connie Davis Faye Fagner
Carrie Fritz Clifford Fritz
Phyllis Fritz Paulette Krulik
Judy Luckey Linda McNabney
- Remember Brad Garling, as he has begun treatments.
- Continue in prayer for Chris Shell as he struggles with his Lyme disease.
- Congrats to Jason & Maggie Hershman! Adalynn Louise was born Monday, November 16! Pray for Maggie as she recovers and for good health for the family.
- Continue in prayer for the Associate Pastor process. The McKays, Hines, Bungers and Whipples are serving as a search committee. There is a conversation that started recently with an individual. Ask God to direct our paths as we gather resumes, get to know possible candidates and discern what He would have us do in this important process.



HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Simple Supper/Family Night Wednesday, November 18**
 - Simple Supper this week will be Corn Dogs, Baked Potato Bar, dessert & bottled water
- **Saturday, November 21, Elders Meeting @ 7 am**
- **Saturday, November 21, Ladies Bible Study @ 9 am**
- **Sunday, November 22, worship service @ 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **This Sunday, November 22 will be the last day to bring items in for the Baptist Children's Home Food Shower. Thanks for participating!**

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Looking Back...Looking Forward

Calendar year 2020 has been full of trying situations and unique opportunities. As we approach the conclusion of 2020, it's important to reflect on what God has accomplished at BBC. Listed below is a quick overview of this year's activities and some key milestones...

- January – March 50 Every Family Visits
- March 8 Last Sunday service schedule unaffected by the pandemic
- March 15 & 22 Services canceled
- March Weekly newsletter developed to improve communication
Sunday morning Zoom meetings offered
Sermons recorded and posted online
Wednesday night Zoom prayer meetings offered
Live by the Stream and FB messages posted
- April 12 Held Easter drive in service
- May 10 Began meeting inside with two services offered, broadcasting to the parking lot
- July 19 Began offering nursery and children's church
- September 23 Family Night/Simple supper begins
- November 22 Single service with live camera feeds into overflow area(s)
- December 6 Planning Stewardship Sunday brunch

The guiding values which served to formulate policy in these uncertain times were threefold:

1. Let love be our guide. Consider others and their needs or perspectives above our own and view this hardship as an opportunity to serve and proclaim the good news.
2. Submit to and cooperate with local, state and federal governments as much as we can within our biblical convictions.
3. Submit to and cooperate with local medical authorities and look to area schools for direction and example of how to handle children's ministry.

In light of these values, the existing guidelines to wear a mask in/out (mask not needed in your seat/area), have chairs/tables properly distanced, have hand sanitizer readily available for use, and staying home if ill will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

As we look to the future, the goal of leadership is to resume the ABF/Sunday School hour shortly after the start of the new calendar year, following our existing meeting guidelines. Accomplishing that goal will require meeting the challenges of securing an appropriate number of volunteers to properly staff an ABF/Sunday School hour and evaluating the status of the pandemic given the three guiding values noted above.

We thank God for the freedom we have enjoyed in our state and community to meet and serve - only restricted by our values of submission, wisdom and love for others. However, if oppressive or targeted limitations are placed on churches, Bethel leadership would carefully and prayerfully consider all options for continued gatherings.



As we cautiously & optimistically look forward to resuming our ABF/Sunday School hour, we will need volunteers to make this happen! Please use this time as an opportunity to pray about volunteering! If you are willing to help with Nursery or Sunday School, please contact Kelly Hines.

If you are willing to help with ushering in the coming months, please contact Melody Perez.