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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Timothy Project

1 & 2 Timothy are letters written from the apostle Paul to Timothy, his son in Christ who was the young pastor of the Ephesian church. Paul was Timothy's mentor and he was a great encourager. In 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Paul wrote, "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." Timothy was faithful to Paul's instruction. At Bethel, we recognize our crucial task to entrust the gospel of Jesus Christ to faithful saints who will be able to teach others also. Our vision statement is "Bethel Bible Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ by faithfully teaching, loving, and communicating God's Word." Unlike how we are often tempted to think, teaching, loving, and communicating God's Word is not the sole responsibility of Pastor Don. Each of us bear that responsibility, that amazing privilege! Privileged responsibility that it is, bearing witness to God's grace can be daunting. How do we go about that? What do we say? How do we prepare for questions that may arise when we share the gospel with unsaved, unchurched family and friends? How do we provide wise counsel when a coworker comes to us and asks for our advice in a difficult situation? Thankfully, resources abound to help us prepare! First, pray for the Holy Spirit for discernment. Second, spend ample time reading and studying God's Word. Third, listen to and hear Pastor Don's preaching and that of other faithful proclaimers. Fourth, avail yourself of the plethora of resources available in print, online, and in places that provide training. To facilitate this, Bethel has monies designated for resources and training in what we call the Timothy Project. We have had this project in place for quite some time but have not done an adequate job of keeping it before our church in such a way that everyone is encouraged to consider how to utilize the resource. Among other things, Timothy Project funds have been used for:

- Counseling training
- Personal and group Bible studies
- Bible college classes

The idea behind the Timothy Project is to prepare to faithfully teach, love, and communicate God's Word. That doesn't necessarily mean preparing to teach an adult class or to communicate in some major, public venue. If you have a heart to grow in Christ and to help entrust the gospel to others, the Timothy Project is for you! Contact Melody at the church office to apply for Timothy Project funds, and the elders will be in touch soon.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14.

We have the opportunity each year to share gifts in shoe boxes with children around the world. Gifts are great--many children have never received any gift--but more exciting is that each child also individually receives the clear Gospel of Jesus and is presented the opportunity for even further study. The Greatest Gift of all!

Please be encouraged to give a shoe box gift this season.

Watch for more information in the coming weeks...many volunteers needed!

Randy

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday, October 18, worship service @ 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **Sunday, October 18, worship service @ 11:15 am; Nursery will be available**
- **Drive-in option will be available at BOTH services**

Bethel Prayer Concerns

- Please pray for Thomas & Jordan Best. Their grandfather, Robert Sipekema, went home to be with the Lord. Pray for God's peace to surround them at this time.
- Please continue in prayer for Brad Garling. Brad is home after having a tumor surgically removed. Pray for his recovery from the surgery and also for upcoming decisions concerning any needed treatments.
- Continue in prayer for Linda McNabney's family at the loss of her 13 year old great-niece, Livia.
- Pray for the closed-circuit TV installation to go well so that we will be able to gather soon in one service.

BBC Announcements

- Leadership of the church has come to the difficult decision to cancel our regular Trunk or Treat event.
- The next Simple Supper/Family Night will be held October 28.
- **Youth Group News & Information:** Youth group will still meet the next 2 Wednesday evenings during Fall Break. October 14 we will meet at the church for games & pizza (be prepared for both physical & mental games!). October 21 we will meet at the Bungers home. Their new address is 2216 South 400 East, Francesville. Look for more information to follow for this event.
- **There is a need for more volunteers to help in the Audio Visual ministry.** We thank God for those who currently serve. With the installation of Closed-Circuit TV to broadcast to other areas of our building we will soon transition to one service on Sunday AM. This will require more sound techs and an upgrade in training. If you currently serve in the sound booth or would like to begin, please plan to attend a meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at 6PM at the church to talk about scheduling and further training. Please contact Tyler DeMoss with any questions.

BBC Office Hours: For the next month, I will be in the office Monday's from 10 am to 3 pm, Tuesday's from 9 am to noon, Wednesday's all day and Friday's from 9 am to noon. One-Eyed Jack's is opening a second location; I have been asked to go and help to get this up and running! Please pray for me during this month, for the physical strength that is needed! Thankful for family to surround Lucas during this time!

Melody