

BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! Psalm 96:3

One of our newer partners in our Bethel Missionary family are Charlie, Rachel, Eli, Miriam and Ansel Armstrong. The Armstrong's will be with us this weekend to renew our fellowship and update us on their work. They will meet with the Missions Committee on Saturday and speak in our services on Sunday. They live and work in Marseilles, France in a strategic ministry (Preparing Arab-world Leaders for Ministry) of nurturing groups and training leaders of Christ followers in Arab countries across North Africa and the Middle East. Their Mission agency is Pioneers and their sending church is Kossuth Street Baptist in Lafayette, IN. They have completed their first term of ministry. We look forward to hearing what God is doing in this part of our world and having our hearts stirred for global gospel ministry.

Attached are PDF files of their previous two updates to give you a head start on getting to know them a bit. Below is an article from one of their updates that Rachel wrote a few months ago.



Reflection from Rachel

I will remember Ansel's wide-eyes-of-wonder expression for a long time...

After picking Ansel up from school Friday afternoon and on our way walking to Miriam's school to pick her up and take my turn on the cleaning rotation, I stopped in at the bakery for an after-school snack for Ansel. However, they only took cash and I was all out of cash. Since there were no ATMs near and we had to get to Miriam's school, we continued our walk to school, with a very disheartened Ansel, and I told him, let's pray together and ask God to give you an afternoon snack. I was then talking to him about how God answers prayers: "Sometimes he says 'yes' right away, sometimes he says 'wait' and other times he says 'no' and we get to wait and watch to see what his answer is."

After I had finished my cleaning at the school, it was pouring down rain and since we had a bit of a walk home, I asked my friend if we could catch a ride home. She said, "Sure, but let's have a cup of tea first, and oh, look, here is some left-over cake from the day for the kids and also some candy." As Ansel was starting in on his cake, I asked him, "Do you remember what we asked God about?" and he looked at me with huge, round, surprised eyes. It was priceless.

And **that's how** I was encouraged to pray for an afternoon snack and see what kindness God would show to a little one only beginning to taste the sweetness of walking with God.

FELLOWSHIP & SOFTBALL IN THE PARK!



Please join us for the East/West Softball game this Sunday at the Winamac Town Park. We have Tate's Dog's (a food truck) secured to serve from 4 pm to 6 pm—be sure to find Kelly Hines for a ticket. We will be playing on the Babe Ruth field (the first field on the left as you drive in). Bring your lawn chair and your baseball mitt. Feel free to bring your own food if you don't like hot dogs.

We also have the pavilion close to that playing field reserved for BBC. Contact the office if you have questions/concerns.

See you Sunday!

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 3, worship service @ 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **Sunday, October 3, worship service @ 11:15 am; Nursery will be available**
- **Drive-in option will be available at BOTH services**
- **Communion celebrated at both services**
- **East/West Softball game, Winamac park @ 4pm**

Bethel Prayer Concerns

- Praise God for an attendance of 132 this past Sunday in 2 services and in the parking lot. Pray that God will continue to bless and encourage as we do our best to gather in a careful and responsible manner. There are several of our church family who are not yet comfortable for various reasons to gather with us. Continue to reach out to those God brings to mind and ask God to grant encouragement, wisdom and endurance.
- Pray for our Elders, Deacons, staff and officers as they serve our church family in so many ways. Pray for wisdom and grace as they lead us in our mission of making disciples of Jesus and modeling lives of humility, love and faith. We thank God for them!
- Pray for our college students: Jenny Budd, Dustin Dahn, Audrey Wuethrich, Camille Wuethrich, Luisa Dugan, Emily Field, Becki Fox, Kayla Gagnon, Nate Krohn, Brenna McKay, Noah Perez & Kyle Smith. *(Apologies if there are mistakes in the names! Please let me know if I have missed someone!)*
- 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.
- Pray for the closed circuit TV installation to go well so that we will be able to gather soon in one service.

Please continue to remember those who have ongoing physical challenges:

Sue Baker
 Connie Davis
 Carrie Fritz
 Phyllis Fritz
 Judy Luckey

Virginia Barr
 Faye Fagner
 Clifford Fritz
 Paulette Krulik
 Linda McNabney

The church directory has been updated. Feel free to pick up a copy from church. Let Melody know if you would like to have a directory mailed to you.

Wednesday September 30, Family Night

Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm.

- Ground Beef Nachos, applesauce & bottled water

Classes begin @ 6:00 pm

Nursery—0-2 years old
 WIRED—Pre-school through 5th grade
 IMPACT—6th grade through 12th grade
 Ladies Bible Study—Discerning the Voice of God by Pricilla Shirer, led by Amy Miller & Melody Perez
 Pastor's class—The Christian & Politics

**Ladies, be sure to sign up for class so that we have a book available for you and also that we have adequate seating available.

***Ladies Bible Study on Saturday morning October 3. Class starts at 9 am.