

## BETHEL BIBLE CHURCH

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# THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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## Fall Session Family Night

We are super excited to announce that our Family Night sessions will begin September 23! While we are so happy to offer these options, we also recognize the fact that there are those who are not ready to participate.

This is what our sessions will look like through Christmas:

September 23—Family Night

September 30—Family Night

October 7—Family Night

October 28—Family Night

November 4—Family Night

November 11—Family Night

November 18—Family Night

December 2—Family Night

December 9—Family Night

December 16—Christmas Caroling

\*\*\*\*We will not meet on the Wednesday evenings which are not listed due to school calendars or holidays.\*\*

## Classes Offered

Nursery—0-2 years old

Pre-school—3years old through kindergarten

WIRED—1<sup>st</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> grade

IMPACT—6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Ladies Bible Study—Discerning the Voice of God by Pricilla Shirer, led by Amy Miller & Melody Perez

Pastor's class—topic to be announced next week

## There are just a couple of changes happening to allow for us to gather.

- **Classes will begin at 6:00 pm and will end at 7:30 pm.**
- Mask in/mask out. As long as the state mandate is still in place, we are asking that you wear your mask in and out of the building—as social distancing is more difficult at those times. As a reminder, younger children are not required to wear masks.
- **Our goal in each class is to have enough space so that you will be able to social distance from those outside of your bubble. Pastor's class will be taught in the sanctuary, so there will be plenty of space to spread out!**
- The Ladies bible study on Wednesday evening will be in the room by the bell. We will have limited seating available in that room, so we are asking that you sign up for that particular class. Contact Melody to sign up.
- **We will also be offering a Saturday morning Ladies bible study, doing the same study as the Wednesday night group. This class will be led by Jessica Libey and Sue Whipple. These sessions will begin at 9:00 am on Saturdays. Dates will follow the Family Night schedule, meeting the Saturday after each Wednesday evening class (for example, Family Night begins 9/23/20 and the Ladies bible study on Saturday morning will start 9/26/20)**

## How is Simple Supper possible?

Simple Supper will still be offered. For this to be possible, we will be following the guidelines from the Pulaski County Health Department. We will be serving everything for you and will be offering bottled water to drink. Please try to maintain social distancing in the serving line. We are also asking that everyone stay at their table group/bubble until class time. Weather providing, kids could play outside with adult supervision but we do ask that they do not run around in the gym.

Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

We will be having a bridal shower for Nicole (Krohn) Sears, Sunday, September 13 at 2 PM. Nicole is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Come celebrate with us!



#### 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.

#### Roof Project for Lois Lau

Monday, September 14 we will be working on a new roof for Lois. We are still looking for some able-bodied men & women who can be of some help! Please contact Mike McKay for more information.



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#### Family Night Restart Reflections

One score and seven weeks ago our usual ministry meeting schedule at Bethel came to a COVID induced stoppage. In this time, connecting with each other and the teaching of God's Word to all ages has been limited to our Sunday morning meetings – which we, even with the annoying guidelines, are so incredibly grateful for. As explained in this newsletter, we believe we can now offer some additional ministry opportunities by starting our Wednesday Family Night for those who are comfortable participating per the guidelines expected.

We are now in a new world regardless of how much we like it, agree with it, or hope it goes away. All meetings we do as a church are based on growing trust and love for each other. For example, if any of our Bethel family is not yet comfortable gathering, we want them to know of our love and respect. We want to do whatever can be done to keep a strong relationship with them. Another example of growing love and trust is the number of our people who do gather and submit to the guidelines while not personally agreeing with them. The point is that our growing love and trust for each other and for Christ is in fact the main issue. If we do not see the bigger picture of loving and caring for others as more important than our own perspective, we will weaken and perhaps lose the incredible ministry opportunities that God has given us.

Please join us if you are able for our Family Night ministry. We are praying that in our weakness, God's grace and strength will be seen in life transforming ways. Pray for each age group to that end with us.

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#### HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

- **Thursday, September 10, Church Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm**
- **Sunday, September 13, worship service @ 9:15 am, Junior Church & Nursery will be available**
- **Sunday, September 13, worship service @ 11:15 am; Nursery will be available**
- **Drive-in option will be available at BOTH services**
- **Sunday, September 13, Bridal Shower for Nicole (Krohn) Sears, 2:00 pm @ BBC**
- **Monday, September 14, Roof Project**