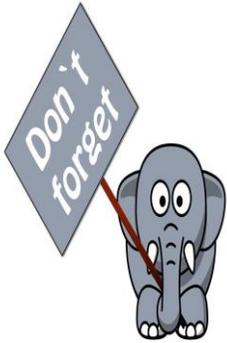


THE BETHEL CONNECTION

September 15, 2021

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- Simple Supper—pulled pork sandwich, corn, fruit, dessert
- Youth Group Parent meeting during Simple Supper
- Family Night Classes
 - Nursery
 - Pre-school
 - Wired
 - Youth Group
 - Ladies study on Ephesians (Hospitality room)
 - Adult study on the book of Job (sanctuary)

If you would like to provide a meal for the Dodd family over the next couple of weeks, please contact Maggie Hershman at 574-242-9825. Maggie is coordinating meals for the family.



Missions Conference

Sunday, September 26: Justin & Sarah Hutts will be joining us in the morning worship service. Justin will be preaching during the morning worship hour. The Hutts will be updating us on their ministry during the Sunday School Hour. They will be having lunch with the Missions Committee then will need a place to stay for a few hours until the start of the Harvest Fest. If you are willing and able to host their family, please contact Don Norrick or the church office.

Sunday, October 3: Sarah Menefee will be sharing her ministry with us she works with the International Student Missionaries on Purdue campus. Jim & Karen Getz will be updating us on their ministry at Michigan State University, as they also work with many international students.



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.

Dates for this year are November 15-22. For more information, feel free to contact the church office.

Announcing . . . BBC Soul Care

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
1Thessalonians 5:11

So, Monday at the Bethel elders meeting I asked our pastor elders what they thought some strengths of Bethel are. What are we doing well? One of the early responses was that our people care for one another well. While we know that some needs and people may fall through the cracks occasionally, we thank God for your obvious and intentional love for each other expressed in so many timely ways.

The Bethel Council, our elders and deacons, want to add another dimension to strengthen our care for each other. We are calling the ministry Bethel Soul Care. The purpose of Bethel Soul Care is to provide a connection between the Bethel leadership team (the Council) and the congregation so that care, communication, and encouragement can happen at a personal level.

Every person or family in our church directory has been assigned to an elder or deacon for the purpose of regular contact. Please understand that Pastors Don and Matt, any Council member, as well as the church staff are all available for the church family to reach out to at any time. The soul care program allows the leadership team to be confident that everyone is being cared for while providing each member a specific 'go to' person with questions or concerns.

The elders and deacons are responsible to reach out to those on their list at least monthly by phone, text, visit or a conversation at church. They will also pray for their list regularly.

Remember, we are just getting started. If you are listed in our church directory, you should expect to be contacted in the next 3-4 weeks by your elder or deacon so you will know who your 'soul care buddy' is. If you do not receive a contact in that time, please let us know in the church office and we will help get a connection made. We will post the Soul Care lists 4-6 weeks from now after initial contacts have been made and lists are finalized.

Please pray with us that we can continue to care for and encourage each other even in greater ways in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Caring for one another through COVID

To say COVID has been hard, challenging, confusing, painful, and distracting sounds incomplete to many. We are confident it is a tool in the hands of our loving Father to refine and grow our faith in painful ways at times. Let's remain diligent in our care for one another in the many opportunities this virus has provided.

We encourage continued diligence at our meetings and services here at Bethel. We know of a handful of people who were in our service this past Sunday who did not have symptoms but have since discovered they had been exposed to COVID or have tested positive themselves. Remember that we encourage, not require masking, have plenty of more distanced seating in overflow areas and broadcast the service to the parking lot. We also are sanitizing the building more often with a 'fogger' machine to limit any exposure. Thanks for your caring and being careful! Let's not allow this to wear us down as we continue to serve and love one another here at Bethel!

Happening this week:

Wednesday, September 15: Mom2Mom @ 9:30 am, Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm, Youth Group Parent Meeting during Simple Supper, Family Night @ 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 18: Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am

Sunday, September 19: Sunday morning Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School Hour @ 10:30 am

Sunday September 26: Save the date for our annual Harvest Fest!

Please remember in prayer:

- Loretta Disinger is still in the nursing home at Parkview in Francesville. Pray for her appetite to increase. Pray also for Dan as he is able to go and visit with her, that he might be encouraged as well.
- **Carrie Fritz is at home recovering from a broken hip as a result of a fall. Pray that she continues to remain strong and continues with the physical therapy.**
- Tina Leman is still facing a long road of recovery ahead. Pray for daily grace and strength as she leans on the Lord.