

THE BETHEL CONNECTION

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Family Night starts back
tonight!!



A note concerning Simple Supper: We will be providing Simple Supper once again this year. Our prayer and goal is to do this in a way which is safe, cautious and delicious! We are asking that you continue to watch the distancing and be courteous of those around you. We will be serving your meals for you. We will continue to follow any new guidelines/restrictions given by the state/local authorities and will do our best to keep you informed. Thanks so much for your continued patience in this matter! Let's make this a great year! On the menu for tonight is Baked Spaghetti, salad and dessert!

We truly have something for everyone! We will provide nursery care for the little ones, classes for youth through high school, combined adult studies and a ladies study. Hope to see you tonight!

Mom2Mom
Where Mothers Come to Connect

We are so excited to be launching another year of our Mom2Mom ministry. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 15, from 9:30-11:30. What can you do:

- 1) **PRAY:** Pray for the moms who come to be encouraged and energized for their work of motherhood relying on Christ their savior as their strength. Pray for the kids to learn about and feel the love of Jesus. Pray for our childcare volunteers to have energy and strength while caring for the kids and be blessed for their service.
- 2) **INVITE:** This is a great time for new moms to start joining us. Invite your family, friends, neighbors who are young moms.
- 3) **SERVE:** We could still use one more volunteer to serve in childcare the first meeting (9/15) and a few willing to sub or fill in if ever needed. If this is something you'd be able to do, please let Kelly (765-210-1206) asap.

Francesville Fall Festival

Bethel again has the opportunity to serve our community during the Francesville Fall Festival on Saturday morning, September 18th, at 10:00 am in the grassy lot. Please join us as we provide a fun and free time for kids to play games while we're intentional about sharing with the parents the many ministries that Bethel offers. If you'd be willing to help for an hour with this community event, please talk to Kelly (765-210-1206).

Carrie Fritz: Carrie is still in the hospital after her hip surgery. Pray for her as she does her therapy, that the pain would be minimal and that she would be able to get back home in another week. Pray that God would guard her mind during these days, and that she would draw closer to her Savior.

Josh Hileman: Huge praise that Josh has been home for a few days now and doing better! Pray for continued strength in his body and for Dee as she continues to care for him and the family.

Tina Leman: Tina is getting along a little better, but still has a long road of recovery ahead of her. Thanks for praying for her strength and endurance to increase daily.

Loretta Disinger: Please continue in prayer for Loretta and Dan. Loretta is now at Parkview in Francesville. She will need to stay quarantined for another 11 days per their policy. Pray for her rehab to go smoothly and quickly so that she will be able to return home soon.

There are several in our midst who are dealing with Covid or are just getting over Covid. If you know them by name, please pray for them specifically. Pray for the doctors and health care workers as they are facing different trials daily.

Just a note to express our appreciation for your prayer and concern at the passing of Don's older brother David last week. David knew the Lord and had recently been serving as a Vice-President and Treasurer for Baptist Church Planters, a church planting mission located in Grafton, Ohio. We will travel to Ohio on Thursday and Friday for memorial services. For the more curious among us, David's obituary can be found at Hemplefuneralhome.com.

Pastor Don and Sue

Pilgrim's Progress

reviewed by Mike and Cindy Schultz

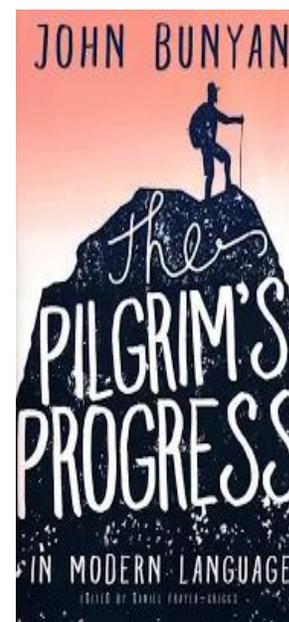
Pilgrim's Progress is a religious allegory written by John Bunyan in 1678. The book is a symbolic story of one's journey through life seeking God. Bunyan wrote the book while in prison for refusing to cease preaching true Christianity which was an offense against the Church of England.

The main character's journey begins in the City of Destruction. Christian is seeking the Celestial City after reading a book, the Bible. He wants to be relieved of the burden he is carrying on his back. There are many obstacles and dangers on his journey. Many of the places and characters he meets are recognizable in today's world.

One such character is Worldly Wiseman, who is reasonable and practical, but also very wise in the ways of the world. He unsuccessfully tries to urge Christian to give up his religious foolishness and live a contented secular life.

We have been studying this book with a study guide in Life Group and have had many great discussions. Everyone has enjoyed the challenges presented in Pilgrim's Progress.

*note- Pilgrim's Progress has been released in a modern language version, making it accessible for today's audience. The various persuasions used by the characters are so timely, proving that there truly is nothing new under the sun. This book is great for reassurance, but also for examination of our Christian life. Highly recommended!



Happening this week:

Wednesday, September 8: Simple Supper @ 5:30 pm, Family Night @ 6:00 pm; Council Meeting @ 7:45 pm

Saturday, September 11: Ladies Bible Study @ 9:00 am

Sunday, September 12: Sunday morning Worship service @ 9:15 am; Sunday School Hour @ 10:30 am

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