

The Bethel Express

From Pastor Geoff

10/22/20

Prayer (#2)

I needed more light-I just plain could not see what it was that I was drilling into. I had my glasses on, so that was not the problem. I couldn't see because of the dark. The problem was that I could hit a wire if I missed the target! Once I had a light on the area, the rest was simple. Without the light, I wasn't just frustrated, I was dangerous! Think of prayer as a spotlight. When we pray for a specific thing, we call God's attention to that area. We are illuminating places that we have identified for God to work. Does he need our help to identify those areas? He does not need it, but he wants us to be broken for the things that break his heart.

We want to focus the light of God's love on those places, and on those people so that lives will be changed. One of the things that happen when we pray for God's light to shine on these specific areas is that we become aware of things that are happening, and we can be intentional in how we serve and share in this specific request. We will see and know how to engage, and how to be proactive in reaching out and in being lighthouses of God's grace and mercy.

When we pray intentionally, we open up our hearts and lives so that we can share not only the Gospel but our very lives. **1 Thessalonians 2:8** *"We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too."* (NLT)

Hello From Your Bethel Office

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We have two amazing pastors here at Bethel Church - Geoff Safford and Jim Strecker.

We are reminded of 1 Timothy 5:17 - The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

We pray that the Lord puts on your heart to drop off/mail a handwritten note or a quick heartfelt text/email of gratitude for their faithfulness to our

congregation. You can throw in a sweet gift card or monetary gift as a surprise! There are so many ways we can bring a smile to their faces - need some ideas?? Contact Earleen at 605.638.0966 or Kim at 308.520.4640.

Thank You!!! Thanks to your giving we were able to send \$990 to Table in The Wilderness, (Camp in WY) to help them with housing and feeding the firefighters.

November 1 - Bethel Church **Concert of Prayer** 6-7 pm. Plan to join us for a great hour of prayer!

We Need You! Greeters, Ushers, & Coffee Ministries need volunteers. If you would like to serve in any of these ministries, please respond to this email or call the office at 308.532.7040

New Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9-12 & 1-4

Friday - Sunday Closed

If the office is closed and you need assistance, please call:

Kim at 308.520.4640 - Pastor Geoff at 515.745.0631 - Pastor Jim at 262.237.4173
or leave a message at the office 308.532.7040.