

The Bethel Express

From Pastor Geoff

10/15/20

No Time to Pray

"I just don't have time to pray." I don't think I have ever heard a follower of Jesus make that statement. In my own life, however, I have thought that, and in practice, have followed that. How can Jesus followers end up in this place? In most of our lives, we have it pretty easy, compared to the rest of the world. We have first world issues that many in our world would scoff at. The health pandemic, social unrest, and economic struggles that have been part of our world for the last several months have moved us into a place that is uncomfortable, and some of us have resorted to prayer to call upon God for help.

The reality is that we are distracted from praying, distant from God in our prayer, and maybe we don't feel like we even know how to pray. One of the long term goals for Bethel Church is to be a praying church. I love that we have a prayer list that comes out every week, and that folks are asking for prayer, and others are faithful in prayer.

Next Sunday, October 25, we will be hosting a concert of prayer here at the building. The emphasis will be from Nehemiah 1:5-10. We will have several different ways to pray, and we will be teaching on how to pray. Parents, there will be a great way for you to teach your children how to pray. There will be a place for worldwide prayer for the persecuted church, and we will take time to pray for our leaders and the upcoming election in our country.

The concert of prayer will last from 6-7 pm. There will not be childcare, and we encourage you to bring your family to be a part of this time where we as a church will pray. We are just too busy NOT to pray!

Hello From Your Bethel Office



Praise Kids will have their first practice this Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 pm in the Quad. Any questions please call Amber Browers at 308.660.4323 or amber.willard@doane.edu

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.

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

The **Tuesday** morning women's bible study groups need a babysitter. It would be every Tuesday morning from 9-11 am. ***An offering is collected for your services.*** If you are interested, please contact Nancy Fabik at 308.534.0260 (home) or 308.532.4199

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.