

THE BETHEL EXPRESS

From Pastor Geoff

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“Can I help you?” We often hear or even say those words to someone. Those are the words that I was taught to say when I worked in the hardware store in High School. Sometimes it gets changed up a little, “What can I do for you?” Either way, it is an opportunity for us to ask for what we need. Nehemiah knew what was needed to build the wall, and before he asked the King for the list, he shot an arrow prayer to God asking for support. Nehemiah 2:4 gives us the response to the King’s question: “So I prayed to the God of the Heavens, and answered the King.” We are not told what he prayed, just that he shot this prayer to God and kept right on going with his conversation.

Prayer is intended to be a day-long conversation with our God. We may have intentional times set aside to be in prayer, but because we have a relationship with the God of heaven, we can and should shoot a prayer to him at any time. We should not be afraid to ask anything of God when we live in a constant relationship with him. When we live apart from him, our prayers become self-focused and we may become self-conscious about a conversation with God.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 records this quick little reminder to us about our prayer life: **16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

Just a reminder that we will have our concert of prayer this Sunday at 6 pm. We will have packets available on Sunday morning for you to pick up if you cannot make it. You will be able to connect on our Livestream on Sunday evening or after on YouTube.

Hello From Your Bethel Office!

Bethel Church will be providing the **Salvation Army Dinner** on Friday, November 13 at 5:30 PM. The Missions Team is looking for volunteers to help with dinner preparation (3:00-5:30) and/or serving (5:15-6:45 PM). If you are interested contact Jack Price at 308-530-8786.



Operation Christmas Child

What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan’s Purse project **Operation Christmas Child** collects shoebox gifts-filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls.

During **National Collection Week (Nov. 16–23, 2020)**, Samaritan’s Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Learn how to pack a shoebox, view gift suggestions, get your Follow Your Box label and find the nearest drop-off location at samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Val Hiser has headed this project up for many years and could use some help on Sunday, November 22nd @ 1:30 pm to help pack boxes into cartons. Then on November 23rd @ 1:00 pm she will need some help loading cartons onto the trucks. Please let Val know if you could help with this project. 308.532.8544