



September 2, 2021

Hello Bethel!

Ephesians 5:15 “Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise— 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil” (CSB).

We aren't quite to this part of Ephesians yet, but this verse has been popping into my mind frequently. As I reflect on all that God is doing here at Bethel, we must be mindful of all this verse reveals to us.

- “Pay careful attention” This idea is revealed in our intentions-what are we doing and why are we doing it? We have had a very busy summer with many ministries involved in reaching our community. We need to be careful that we stay focused on what God has called us to do as a disciple-making faith family.
- “How we walk” This phrase speaks into our daily actions. Are we completely surrendered in our everyday worship, stewardship, and how we celebrate God's presence in our lives? Do we work like we are called to our vocation by God? How do we love our community daily?
- “But as wise” Do we live in everyday wisdom that is seen by those around us so that God is revealed. I have learned that wisdom is making the right choice at the moment of truth. Do I ask for God's insight into every part of my life so that I am not living a compartmentalized faith?

- “Making the most of the time” Do I take the time to live differently than the world. It is said that we should live like we have died, not like we are dead. The thought is that we are not dead as the world in rebellion to Christ, but that we have died to sin and now live a new life.

There are great opportunities ahead for the Bethel Faith Family. Let's pay attention and live the everyday gospel for the world to see!

Pastor Geoff

Bethel Church Happenings



Registration

AWANA registration is open. To sign-up, click on the link <https://bethelnp.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/948680>, or you can fill out a paper registration, available at the by the children's check-in.

- Sept 8 is the first regular night of AWANA. All regular AWANA nights begin at 6:25 pm.
- AWANA registration is open throughout the AWANA year.
- Postcards about AWANA are available to share with friends.

AWANA has a few areas we need help in:

- Male leaders for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades, this is the T&T group.
- A team of two for the van to pick up kids.
- If you can help in either of these areas or would like more information, contact Brian Baxter: 308-530-9232, or Tami Littrell: 308-520-1743 or awanap@betheln.org

Exciting Sunday Morning Changes

September 12th we will begin our new service time at 9:30 am, and then at 10:45 am the Bethel Faith Family hour. We are needing volunteers in children's ministry for the following times and areas:

Both hours, 9:30 am and 10:45 am needs:

- Nursery workers
- Check-in/greeters at the children's check-in station

Starting in Oct during the 9:30 am service:

- 3 children church teams.
1. If you would like to learn more and/or sign-up to help, contact Tami Littrell, tlittrell@betheln.org or 532-7040



Bethel Faith Family, have you heard the good news?

- New schedule beginning Sunday, September 12, 2021
- Worship service at 9:30 a.m.
- Bethel Faith Family (BFF) hour at 10:45 a.m.
 - Children's ministry hour
 - Adult Bible Studies and prayer groups
 - Student Studies for grades 6 - 12
 - Other options as identified
- Please expect some adjustments as this new season approaches
- Coming soon... 'Connect Group' signups in September

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RSVP by Monday, September 6th

2. The Women's Resource Center is *United for LIFE*! The WRC has been serving our community for over 50 years...offering hope, help, and healing and empowering individuals to make informed LIFE choices by sharing the truth of the Gospel in word and deed. Plan to attend to 22nd Annual Women's Resource Center Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, September 16th to learn more about the ministry, how they serve our community, and how you can give of your time and talents. Contact **Julie Fletcher** at **308-368-5520** or the WRC at 308-534-1440 for more information.



Community Build Playground

For more information go to:

3. [North Platte Community Build Playground \(webuildnp.org\)](http://webuildnp.org)
4. If you would like to donate snack items for the volunteers at the community Playground Build Week - items need to be individually packaged. Items can be homemade cookies, etc. but each need to be wrapped individually in plastic wrap. Contact Georgia Osbon for more information 308.539.2764



Next Steps—Production lighting, cameras and monitors

Budget **\$74,353.45**

Balance Remaining **\$8,972.93**

5. If you would like to give towards this purchase you can indicate on your check or offering envelope for Next Steps. Or scan the QR Code with your phone to give online.



Bethel Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm / 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Closed: Friday - Saturday - Sunday