



The Bethel Express

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Hello Bethel!

“You don’t even care about me!” Ever heard that, or maybe you are the one who said it! Our response to something brings on this reply because someone desperately wants us to do something to help them out. How you respond shows how much you care, is the thought. Deb and I recently read a devotional about Mark 4:35-41 and Jesus calming the storm. My thoughts went to their immediate response, “*Teacher, don’t you even care that we are going to drown?*” (NLT) Their response shows their thoughts about Jesus’ motives. They believed that he did not care, and he wasn’t going to do anything. The reality is that he not only cared, but deeply loved every disciple. How often do we judge God’s motives when he does not respond as we think he should? I know that sometimes I think, “God if you love me, this is how you will respond to this situation.” God, however, knows exactly what we need, and will always respond in a way that will not only bring him glory but will also be best for us. We live in a chaotic time in our country, and we must not think that God does not care. He does, and he is always right, always in control, and always loving in every response. Take heart, my friends, God has got it all under control!

A Thank You from Deb Safford

Bethel Friends,

I would like to say thanks to each of you that have been praying for our family through these difficult couple of months. My mom is home with her Savior, worshipping in His presence. The cards, texts, and amazing support that has been shown to me during this season have been so appreciated.

God's strength and peace were needed the very most through this experience, and His grace has been poured out in so many ways through your thoughtfulness and continued prayer. We are so blessed to be part of this wonderful faith community.

Praising and thanking God for all of you!

Hello From Your Bethel Office

Request from Bethel Kids Ministry

Bethel Kids are looking for names and addresses of loved ones who are quarantined in nursing homes. If you have a loved one who has not been able to leave or receive visitors in a nursing home, could you come by the Children's check-in and fill out a card with their name and mailing address. Our kids will then either color a page or write a note to them. Loved ones do not need to live in North Platte to receive a note from us. If you have questions, please contact Tami Littrell, tlittrell@bethenp.org or 520-1743



Anyone wanting to make donations and receive boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** can do so through the church office. Contact Val Hiser at 308.532.8544 if you can help. She appreciates volunteers to sign up for filling boxes, distribution, and loading between **November 16-23**.
