



January 7, 2021

Hello Bethel!

2021 has arrived! I personally learned a lot in 2020, most of it “hard” learning. We didn’t see a church we were a part of closing its doors. We didn’t know we would witness the bravery of a mom who would battle to the end in the face of cancer and a massive stroke. We didn’t know we would experience a health pandemic that would affect everything we do in daily life. We didn’t see social unrest that would change much of the cultural landscape and bring a whole new level of fear through riots, and a new understanding of what is right and wrong when it comes to understanding one another. We didn’t know that we would be caught in the wave of anger and frustration arising from a contentious election that would leave our country more divided than ever before. We certainly did not see at the beginning of 2020 a course that would bring us to North Platte, Nebraska, and a new faith family here at Bethel. As I write that all down, I am reminded how much has changed in just one year.

Lamentations 3:21 Yet I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: 22 Because of the Lord’s faithful love we do not perish, for His mercies never end. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! 24 I say, “The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him.” (CSB)

This passage reminds us that our faithful God will always be just that, faithful. In the midst of changing chaos, we have hope that flows from his heart of love and mercy. His faithfulness does not have a “use by” date on it, for it lasts forever. As we head into 2021—let’s keep our eyes, hope, and confidence in the one that will never, ever, ever change. God is in charge of my future—I will put my hope in him alone!

Happy New Year!

Pastor Geoff

Happy New Year from your Bethel Office

[Online giving changes](#)

If you are giving online presently especially if you have a recurring donation, you will need to go to our website, bethelnp.org, and re-enter your giving since our current program will end at the end of January.

With the new program, Planning Center, giving with a credit card we will be charged 2.5% of your donation plus a \$.30 service charge. If you use ACH automatic withdrawal from your bank account we are charged only a \$.25 service fee giving us a greater amount of your donation. You will also be asked if you want to pay the service fee adding to the amount of your donation. Some people also do automatic giving through their bank as Bill Pay, and the bank sends us a check (there is no cost to you or the church when giving this way).

Thank you for your faithful giving to Bethel!

Bethel Kids News

As we begin 2021, the worship song *The Blessing* expresses my prayer for the coming year for Bethel's children and their families. If you have not heard this song, I will encourage you to listen to it. One of the verses reflects Psalm 78. Bethel is committed to teaching the next generation of "the glorious deeds of the Lord." As parents have the primary responsibility to train their children in the Lord, Bethel desires to join them in this journey. With this in mind, we are excited to share that *Sunday, February 21, is set apart for baby dedications*. If you would like to have your baby or child dedicated, please contact the office at 532-7040. There will be a class on February 12.

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thess 1:2-3 ESV)

I share this verse because I would like to thank two groups of people, first to those involved in the Praise Kids Christmas program. The second group of people is those who donated items or money for the AWANA store. Thank you all from Bethel Kids!

REMINDER

This Sunday, all kid's ministries will resume. We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday! "Helping to Lay the Building Blocks for a Disciple of Christ!"



We are back to two services this Sunday, January 10, @ 9:00 & 11:00 am.