

THE BETHEL EXPRESS
From Pastor Geoff
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Thank you notes are almost a lost art in the digital world we live in. According to the New York Times, the norm now is to send a quick text thanking the individual for the gift, time, meal, or other gifts. Yet studies show that people love getting thank you notes. I think what folks really like about Thank You cards is that it shows a heart of gratitude. When someone is thankful and filled with gratitude, it shows in how they respond to others.

Deb and I finally made it through all the cards and welcome gifts from Bethel Church. There were so many unique and thoughtful gifts, and we are overwhelmed at the generosity and love displayed by your welcome. We truly have never felt so welcomed and loved as quickly as we have here at Bethel. Some gifts did not have a sender, and we wanted to be sure to say, “Thank You!” to all who were a part of the welcome party! We can’t wait to take you up on the opportunities to come to your homes and share a meal with you and your families! The whole tunnel walk experience was humbling and we are thankful for the display of hospitality that has been shown to us.

There is a direct link between gratitude and generosity. Deb is fond of saying, “generosity begets generosity.” We hope to be able to carry that out with each of you.

Thank you from grateful hearts. We love you all and are excited to walk this journey of faith with each of you.

Geoff and Deb

Hello From Your Bethel Office!

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.



CALL FOR HELP!!

Bethel received this information on October 6 and we support this mission effort as a church through our annual budget.

This is Dan Wahlgren @ Table in the Wilderness. We are putting out to all of our supporting Churches that we are doing a food & donation fundraiser for Table in the Wilderness to restock our shelves. We have been feeding & housing firefighters that are on the Mullen Fire which is now Wyoming's 3rd largest wildfire in history. It's moving towards the camp (about 6 miles away). We are feeding about 150 meals a day now! Pray for rain/snow!

If you would like to make a financial contribution, please make checks payable to Bethel or make a cash donation indicating it is for Table in the Wilderness. We will be accepting donations through Sunday, October 18, and then sending it to Dan.

Jack Price, Mission Team Chair



Praise Kids News!

Under the direction of Amber Browers, we invite all kids in Kindergarten through 6th grade to join them in presenting this year's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 13. October 4 and 11, we will have a sign up for kids who are interested. The first rehearsal will be October 18 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm in the Quad. The full rehearsal schedule will be provided that day. The title of the program is ***The Christmas Carol Special Report!*** We are also looking for a few helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Amber at amber.willard@doane.edu.

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

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