

BETHEL MATTERS

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VISION PRINCIPLES

BROCK YOUNGREN

It has been a busy 2023 for the Elders so far. You should be very proud of them.

In the last month, the elders have put a large amount of effort into one project – the vision for Bethel for 2023. Not only did the individual guys spend time thinking through it on their own, but we also got together for a weekend and spent hours talking through where the Lord was leading us. The conversation continued back in Marquette after our weekend away with the different boards and will culminate on March 5th, sharing both the vision and how the boards plan to implement it with the Bethel Family as a whole.

If you are at all able, please join us on March 5th as we discuss “Moving Forward 2023.” The meal starts at 12 with the “Moving Forward” following at 1:30.

While this is not the time to share what the specific vision is or how it will be implemented at Bethel, there are some principles that we can look at to understand what the future holds for us. First, we need to make sure we know what a vision is, however. A vision is a picture of where you want to get to as a person, group, or organization – it is a “preferred future” for Bethel. Our vision

for the church will not change who we are, though it should give us focus for choosing what we should and shouldn't do, for choosing where we should or shouldn't put our efforts and resources. It is also important to recognize that a vision is not static or permanent – it needs to be able to flex and grow as the organization grows and it will be revisited from time to time to make sure that it is still taking us where we sense the Lord is leading.

Vision Principles:

1. We must allocate resources to specifically accomplish our task.
2. We will not be able to do everything.
3. We are seeking church-wide success, not just for specific ministries or individuals.
4. We need to undertake it collectively.

Every person, family, and organization has limited resources – we are limited in how much money we have, in how many people there are, in how much energy people have to give, and in how much time we have. So, we must choose wisely where to use those resources – a vision is intended to help us make those decisions. Ultimately, everything we do as a church needs to fit within the specific focus of the vision, for that is where we sense the Lord has called us. If there are things that fall outside of it, even if those are “good things” to do, we need to set them aside for the time being for the purpose of fulfilling what the Lord has given to us.

Inevitably, this will lead to some disappointment, though hopefully it will only be short-term disappointment. We will not be able to do everything. The goal is to see the greatest church-wide success that we possibly can as we focus on what we are doing to

specifically accomplish what the Lord is leading us to do.

We are not looking for success in just one area of the church, we are looking for the church to succeed holistically. We cannot rely on one ministry or board to accomplish everything that needs to happen. Each board has their own area of focus. We need to make sure that (a) they are free to focus on that area as their primary concern and (b) they are given the needed resources to accomplish what we have asked them to do. When put together, the boards collectively fulfill all the aspects of the vision.

Not only do the boards need to function together, but we as a church also need to combine our efforts to accomplish what the Lord has put before us. The typical M.O. of churches is said to be 20% of the people do 80% of the work. We cannot allow this to be true of us. We must choose to undertake the ministry of the church together. We will still have certain people who are more heavily invested in the ministry of the church, specifically the staff. God has given us a very gifted set of ministry leaders on this staff, and they will put in more hours than the rest of us to accomplish the vision. However, even in their giftedness, they cannot succeed alone or with only a modicum of help. The boards are in the same situation. We need you as our people to choose to invest with us.

We are in for an exciting future. God has great plans for us, and I am looking forward to hearing about the things that He does in and through us!

[We will see you all on March 5th if not before!](#)

GRAND PRIX



Front Row: Hildi Summersett, Remington Sullivan, Serafina Anderson, Shrenny Maki
 Back Row: Declan Hanson, Anders Summersett, Maddie Sullivan



Drew Pelton, Vince Ansell, Owen Edge, Katie Sweringen, Elliana Frederick

Sparks & Cubbies

	Speed	Design-parent help	Design- child only
1st Place	Anders Summersett	Anders Summersett	Maddie Sullivan
2nd Place	Hildi Summersett	Declan Hanson	Serafina Anderson
3rd Place	Shrenny Maki	Remington Sullivan	Hildi Summersett

T&T

	Speed	Design
1st Place	Owen Edge	Katie Swearingen
2nd Place	Vince Ansell	Elliana Frederick
3rd Place	Drew Pelton	Owen Edge

NEW MEMBERS

In February, we welcomed 2 new members into our church family! They are Andy & Erica Griffin. Take a moment to welcome them! If you are interested in Membership or learning more about Bethel, contact Lynn Miller.

SOFTBALL

Did you know that Bethel has a slow-pitch softball league? This family-friendly co-ed team for ages 16 and up plays against other churches throughout the summer. The commitment is 1 to 2 times a week. This is a great way to exercise and get to know other people at Bethel. The season runs from April to August. Please get in touch with Miranda Millin(mirandarm2000@yahoo.com) for more information.

MOVING FORWARD

MARCH 5 AT 1 P

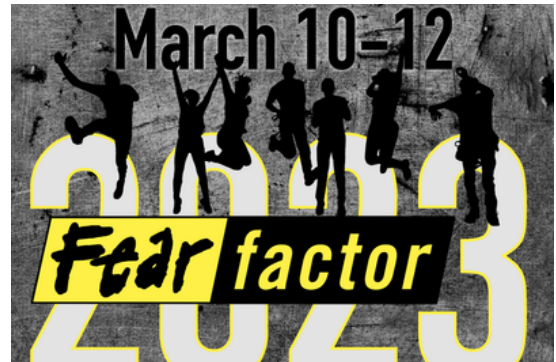
This gathering will share the vision for Bethel for 2023 and beyond. Both members and attendees are encouraged come. We will have a potluck beforehand. See our website for more details!



YOUTH RETREAT AT UPBC

MARCH 10-12

UPBC is hosting B.A.S.H (Bible Application & Savior's Hope), a youth retreat for grades 6-12, and our own Chris Mauser is the speaker! Register at upbiblecamp.org.

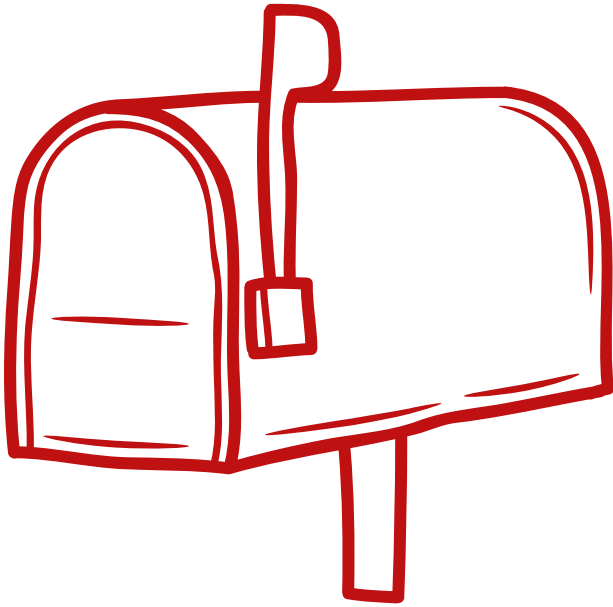


LADIES' DAY OUT

MARCH 25 AT 11 A

The ladies are invited to join us for lunch and shopping in Downtown Marquette. More details on where we will do lunch coming soon. Following lunch we will explore the shops downtown and enjoy time together. Register at bethelmarquette.com!





Dear Bethel Family,
Thank you so much for the financial support to help with recent medical bills! We are blessed to be part of this body. Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement and support. There is no way we could have made it through the past two years without your love!

Sincerely,
Drew & Amy Quinn

Family,
Thank you for the flowers and cards we received after the passing of Julie's dad. We appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness.
-The Glovers

IN SYMPATHY TO:

Pete & Julie Glover and family following the February 1st death of Julie's father, Jerry Rybak. The funeral was held in Romeo, Michigan

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Hank & Ann Steede on the February 11th birth of their great granddaughter born to their grandson Dalton & Molly. Eden Lynne Kristine Steede was 8 lbs 2 1/2 ozs and was 22 1/2 inches long.

EVENTS

Moving Forward Meeting
March 5
1 P

BASH Youth Retreat
March 10-12

Ladies' Day Out
March 25
11 A

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1 Fred & Georgie Baij A
2 Levi Linna
3 Stevie Snow
6 Selah Haehnel, Patti Lingle, Bea Wertanen
7 Myrna Peters
8 Pam Beauchamp
9 Chad & Sarah Holsinger A, Kyla Loewen,
Silas Loewen
10 Luke Pell
13 Susan Moore
14 Alice Aho
16 Tim & Judy Larson A
18 Pete Glover, Dan Johnson, Karl Kytta
20 Sandra Paul
22 Eli Edge, Rylyn Lingle
24 Lowell Hintsala, Dave Powers
25 Shelley Gould, Madi Kytta, Kathy Millin,
Delaney Nye
27 John & Irene Janofski A, Barrett Linna
28 Laura Ferris, Laurel Perko, Judy Taylor
30 Amy Hovis, Vicki Purdon

March