



# Bethel Praise & Prayer Booklet ~ March 2021

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## Answered Prayer in the Past Month!

- ◆ **More than 25 life-changing decisions**
- ◆ **Lots of first-time and recurring guests**
- ◆ **Great responses to recent sermons**
- ◆ **Baptism** service went well
- ◆ **Kids Clubs** are seeing new students
- ◆ **Financial Class** is having great discussions
- ◆ **Susan Justam** has challenged our thought process on reaching out to our community
- ◆ **Darla:** doing as well as can be expected
- ◆ **Al Salzman:** recovering well hip replacement surgery
- ◆ Used **Dollar Fund** to buy washer for gentleman
- ◆ Interest in Financial Class generated by **sign and website**
- ◆ Details for **Missions Emphasis Month** are all lined up
- ◆ Members and regular attenders are feeling more comfortable returning to service due to **covid vaccine**
- ◆ We were able to dedicate our **Live Stream in memory of Mike Myles**
- ◆ David was able to install a **new light switch** to make our service run more smoothly
- ◆ The **church finances** continue to be very encouraging
- ◆ **Loop system** is integrating well for the Worship Team and congregation
- ◆ **Pastor Derrick** was able to help the church he grew up in begin their live streaming journey
- ◆ **Tim Zatkiewicz** (Pastor Derrick's friend) is doing well with the radiation, no side effects other than being tired. They did get into the Fisher house and his double vision has ceased.
  
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## Worship Needs

- ◆ **Missions Emphasis Month**
    - **Missionaries** traveling and speaking
    - **Pastor Derrick and Brian Pound** (in Pastor's absence) as he leads services
    - **Faith Promise:** God would stir our hearts to give what He wants toward our mission program
  - ◆ **Worship Atmosphere**
    - Minimization of mistakes and distractions
    - The live stream will work well and continue to be a blessing to all who watch
    - Everyone would feel safe whether they choose to worship at home or at church
    - Renovation/décor decisions to be made
  - ◆ **Worship Team**
    - Be able to handle services well without Pastor Derrick and Andrea for two Sundays this month
    - Andrea's hands to remain strong
    - Productive practices (instruments and vocalists together)
    - Worship team to continue adding songs with the loop system
    - Worship team goal to record Andrea playing every song we know for when she is not able to come
    - That the Spirit of God will use the songs to move us to worship
  - ◆ **Messages**
    - Pastor Derrick's sermon prep week (3rd week of March) will be productive
    - God will use the missionaries presenting this month to challenge our hearts
    - That God will move our church into action, based on the sermons
  - ◆ **Financial blessing**
    - That our Deacon Fund will be replenished and will meet specific emergency needs of our church family
    - That God will abundantly supply the needs of those who are willing to give sacrificially for regular offerings and for ministry expansion
    - That God's blessing will provide for all of our church's current needs and future vision
    - Wisdom for how to use the Dollar Fund in order to bless our community
  - ◆ **Behind-the-scenes workers:** ushers, offering counters, AV techs, security team, nursery & Children's Church workers
    - More volunteers for our nursery, AV team, live stream team, and security team needed
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## Evangelism Needs

- ◆ Financial Class March - April
- ◆ Smash Tournament on 3/27
- ◆ Follow up visit to man with new washing machine soon.
- ◆ At least two unsaved guests every week
- ◆ Guest to return for a second service
- ◆ Website and Live Stream service will attract potential guests to Bethel
- ◆ One new family regularly attending by end of month
- ◆ Guests to understand the gospel
- ◆ Every member and attender would have a heart for the lost
  - ◆ Identify one or two people that they want to know Jesus
  - ◆ Pray for those people daily
  - ◆ Come to prayer meeting to pray for them corporately
  - ◆ Engage with them in some form every week
  - ◆ Invite them to church
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## Worship Needs

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## **MY** CIRCLE ~ March, 2021 PRAYER REQUESTS



- ◆ **Tricia:** Bre, Mike, Ryan
- ◆ **Sara Pound:** Jessica P, Yvonne, Sandy
- ◆ **Patti Leo:** **Janice**
- ◆ **Jessi:** several coworkers, friend Natalie
- ◆ **Dale Peterson:** Crystal's mom and dad
- ◆ **Alene Peterson:** Sister would come to church, brother Allen
- ◆ **Ross Cali:** Four friends with whom I am having spiritual conversations: Doug, Andy, John, Joe
- ◆ **Lottie Abers:** Brother Patrick and his wife Lisa
- ◆ **Pat Salzman:** my sister-in-law and brothers, two neighbors
- ◆ **Fizzy:** neighbor Karen Walsh – planned to visit and share Christ on Monday
- ◆ **Jessi:** friend Natalie
- ◆ **Mitch:** brother Rick
- ◆ **Joe Inman:** brother Mark
- ◆ **Pastor Derrick:** Nick, Brandon, Tyler Keith, Greg, John, and Ashley. Chuck and I continue our dialogue on a regular basis. I started texting Marty again in hopes of connecting with him. Follow-up conversations with Ryan, Mark, and Jessie.
- ◆ **Debbie Hotchkiss:** Bill and his family
- ◆ **Wagners:** friends and neighbors
- ◆ **Dick Z:** 3 different people. One was a person who Dick gave a ride several years ago and connected again. Dick invited this person to church. One has made a profession of faith but has walked away from the faith. One is totally antagonistic toward spiritual things.
- ◆ **Jean Wenger:** to be able to invite her neighbor to church

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Loving people on purpose



## Missionaries

- ◆ **US:** Joel & Jen McLeod (CEF), Rod & Jamie Whitney (Word of Life)
- ◆ **Overseas:** Sandra Heim (Peru), Peni Howder (Bangladesh), Joe & Jenny Mifsud (Malta), Joanne Tompkins (Gambia)
- ◆ **Retired,** yet still actively serving: Muriel & Lucio Casas, Bob & Esther Howder, Lloyd & Marty Larkin (Utah)
- ◆ **Organizations:** Bethany Camp, Love INC

## Discipleship Needs

- ◆ That both adult Sunday School classes would have great conversation leading to action
- ◆ That Right Now Media will be used by individuals and families for independent growth
- ◆ Impact of one-on-one discipleship - we have a number of people currently involved in this process
- ◆ That God would work in teachers' hearts as they prepare
- ◆ That teachers would be able to impact lives with their lessons
- ◆ Kids' Sunday School Teachers
  - Nursery:** Teacher Fizzy Jones; Assistant Barb Krudys
  - Preschool-1st Grade:** Teacher Debby Ceci; Assistant Paige Jones
  - 2nd-6th Grades:** Teacher Laura Inman; Assistant Janet Price
- ◆ **Worship Service Nursery Workers** - Dianne Shaw (director)
  - First Sunday:** Jessie and Stephanie Locklear
  - Second Sunday:** Dolores, Carolyn, and Lydia
  - Third Sunday:** Debbie Hotchkiss and Brian Pound
  - Fourth Sunday:** Debby Ceci and Dianne Shaw
- ◆ **Children's Church Workers**
  - Leader:** Janet Price
  - Assistants:** Carol Vinciguerra
- ◆ **Weekly Programs**
  - *Wednesday evening* **Word of Life Kids Clubs has resumed!** Workers: Laura Inman, Fizzy Jones, Debbie Hotchkiss, Debby Ceci
    - **Game Leader needed!**
  - *Sunday evening* **Teen Café** Workers: Brian and Sara Pound, Barb Krudys, Tim Stairs
- ◆ Continued growth for all programs
- ◆ That the programs would continue to train adults & kids for God
- ◆ That God would continue **changing lives** at Bethel
- ◆ That every believer would find someone to **grow with**
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## School

- ◆ **Answered Prayer**
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- ◆ **Requests**
  - **Teachers** dealing with both in-person and remote teaching at the same time—it's been a bit crazy! We have five students doing remote learning in high school.
  - **Good health for students and staff** —Protection against COVID
  - **Wisdom** for the BBCA School Committee and Admin Team
  - **Unity and kindness** to be shown by students and parents
  - Smooth process of finalizing the **501c3 status**- waiting for response from NYS
  - **Financial stability**
- ◆ **Current enrollment: 56.** More students needed—for God to include exactly the students He wants in our student body.
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# Fellowship Needs

## ◆ Health needs

- **Darla Loucks:** healing after stem cell reinsertion.
- **Benjamin Anderson:** cochlear implant to be turned up gradually over the next several months
- **Enzo Leo:** speech and swallowing difficulties
- **Pastor Derrick:** friend Brenda recovering from motorcycle accident - she is home and makes progress every day
- **Pastor Derrick:** friend Tim Zatkiewicz will have radiation until 3/24. Please pray it eradicates all cancer cells. His wife Emily is 33 weeks pregnant. Pray for a safe delivery.
- **Al Salzman:** recovering from surgery on 2/1
- **Jean Wagner:** strength & healing for back
- **Nancy Schuyler:** Son Rick - lung cancer. Granddaughter Jonette - female cancer. Niece Becky - liver cancer. Continued prayer for Jim Currie in VA.
- **Jessie Locklear:** battling chronic headaches
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## ◆ Other Needs

- **Grieving:** Curry family, tenPas family, Reid Minich's family, Stormont family
- **Jessie & Stephanie Locklear:** moving into new home soon
- **College students:** Austin Myles, Lexi Grissom, Ben D'Angelo, Breanna Hill (Fitzgerald family)
- **Several unspoken requests** involving families, friends, neighbors, marriages
- **Snow Birds**
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## ◆ Shut-Ins

- **Heritage Village:** Phyllis Frank
- **Home:** Dong Nyo Galbraith, Ginny Johnson?, Carl Lucas
- **Lutheran:** Alberta Larson, David tenPas
- **Orchard Grove Assisted Living:** Lucille Labart





## Leadership and Staff

- ◆ **Next Deacon Meeting: 4/5**
  - ◆ **Pastor Derrick, Andrea, and their family**
    - Health - physical and spiritual
    - Time management and prioritization
    - Marriage relationship
    - Parenting
    - Restful vacation
  - ◆ **Deacons & Families:** Paul Near, Coordinator, Mitch Abers (Lottie), Brian Pound (Sara + 4), Tim Stairs (Ashley + 4), Josh Stormont
    - Health - physical and spiritual
    - Marriage relationships
    - To be able to handle church responsibilities well, prioritizing time so that they are also able to handle personal life
    - Wisdom in decision making
  - ◆ **Office Manager:** Arlene Coulter - health during winter, safety traveling to work during winter weather
  - ◆ **Custodian:** James Francisco - regular cleaning of the facility plus added work caused by weather. Dad (Bud): health
  - ◆ **BBCA School Committee Members: (Next Meeting 3/15)** Enzo Leo, Patti Leo, Mitch Abers, Lottie Abers, Debbie Hotchkiss, Janet Price, Dianne Shaw (Erin Pangborn: financial reports)
  - ◆ **Christian Ed Committee: (Next Meeting 3/7)** Pastor Derrick, Josh Stormont, Tim Stairs, Jessi Anderson, Laura Inman, Janet Price ***Need more committee members***
  - ◆ **Finance Committee:** Brian Pound, Joe Wenger, Jean Myles, Patti Leo, Arlene Coulter
  - ◆ **Missions Committee: (Meeting with Joel McLeod on 3/21)** Josh Stormont, Tim Stairs, Carolyn Curry, Dolores Himes, Alene Peterson
  - ◆ **Music Committee:** Josh Stormont, Andrea Hicks
  - ◆ **Property Committee: (Meeting 3/8)** Mitch Abers, Brian Pound, David Phelps, George Sielski, Jerry Vinciguerra
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## Community and World Events

- ◆ **Unity in our nation**, where differences can be discussed not attacked
- ◆ **For the church to remember that God is in control** and will raise the leaders He chooses and also take down those He chooses.
- ◆ **The church would show this nation the love of Christ**
- ◆ **For everyone as we recover from COVID**
- ◆ **Newly-elected representatives** transitioning into positions
- ◆ **Governor Cuomo investigations**
- ◆ **Government**
  - ◆ **National:** President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Senator Chuck Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Representative Tom Reed
  - ◆ **State:** Governor Andrew Cuomo, Representative Tom Reed
  - ◆ **Local:** Mayor Eddie Sundquist, Jamestown, NY
    - ◆ **Emergency Services** - police, rescue, hospital, etc.
    - ◆ **Local Schools**
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