

## SERMON NOTES:

Knowing Jesus

Ephesians 1:15-23

1. Paul's prayer for the believers. Vs 15-17
2. The incomparably great power of Jesus Christ. Vs 18-21
3. Jesus Christ, who is all and in all. Vs 22-23

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# WELCOME

BETHEL CHURCH - JULY 4, 2021

*Ephesians*  
1:18-19a

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YOUR HEART MAY BE  
ENLIGHTENED IN ORDER  
THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE  
HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS  
CALLED YOU, THE RICHES OF  
HIS GLORIOUS INHERITANCE  
IN HIS HOLY PEOPLE, AND HIS  
INCOMPARABLY GREAT  
POWER FOR US WHO BELIEVE.



## Welcome & Announcements

**Worship in Song**

**Prayer Ministry**

**Children's Feature - Grace Toews**

**Scripture Reading - Ephesians 1:15-23**

**Sermon: Gerald Thiessen—*Knowing Jesus***

**Worship in Song**

**Benediction**

## WHATS COMING UP AT BETHEL



**Youth is happening this week!!** Senior Youth Monday July 5th from 7-9:30 and Junior Youth on Tuesday July 6th from 7-9. Youth will be held at the church. Please Bring a Lawn Chair! Masks do not need to be worn outside and social distancing will be encouraged. We look forward to seeing you there!! This event is for youth according to the grade they are finishing. There will be information sent to those going into grade 7 and they will be invited to our July 20th event! As always, feel free to contact Pastor Eli at with questions or concerns.

**CHURCH COUNCIL NOTE:** Bethel has a policy to encourage our pastors to take a two-month sabbatical time after each four years of service. Pastor Randy has served at Bethel since August of 2002. **He will be off duty for July and August** for rest and renewal. Please pray that Randy and Cindy can benefit from this time of stepping back from the day-to-day requirements of pastoral care. For pastoral care please call Gerald Thiessen 204-362-6377, or Pastor Eli 431-774-4747. **Pastor Mark will be back in the office July 12.**



**Bethel ladies** are invited to participate in a **baby shower** for **Leighton** (Dylan & Tiffany Fehr), **Isaiah** (Eli & Rachele Klassen), **Levi** (Richard & Emily Quiring), **Olivia** (Kurtis & Shaylyn Wiebe) by showering them with gifts of love and encouragement from afar! Gifts may be dropped off at the church. (Deadline - July 4th at noon.) Cards for monetary gifts will be available. We will also have a town drop off for gifts @ Jake & Eleanor Wall (2 Harvest Bay. July 5th from 10-4).



We are excited to announce our plans to host "Hometown Nazareth: where Jesus was a kid" VBS program this summer, Sunday, Aug 22-Thursday, Aug 26 from 7:00-8:30 PM. We are looking for lots of adult and youth (grades 7 and up) volunteers. Please contact Pastor Mark or Pastor Eli to volunteer. **Signing up your children to attend the program will begin on July 12.** Details of how the program will run will be answered as we have more details about what will be allowed under the current Health Orders.

### Praise & Prayer

- Alison Hesom
- Irvin Enns
- Peter (Linda) Elias
- Frank (Mary) Enns
- Olga Dyck



## MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

*Dan & Melissa Whitcombe*

**Praise:** We are grateful God continues to open doors for our literacy work to grow. We are so excited by all of the opportunities ahead of us! This last quarter we trained 250 people in our contextualised Jolly Phonics program, 50 who were inmates/prison workers at a maximum security prison!

We recently held a Dignity event at a local school, inviting girls in grades 6 and 7 to a day where they spent time learning about their identity and purpose in God. The girls really seemed to receive the truth of what God was saying over their lives.

**Requests:** We are still trying to figure out how we can get to Canada and have a furlough. It has been four years since we last made it back to Canada. We would like to travel fully vaccinated however it's hard to know when Zambia will receive their next batch for us to get our second doses. It has been extremely complicated with lots of unknowns. Please pray that we would be able to travel within the next couple of months and that we'd have a valuable time of connecting with friends and family back home.

Please pray for strong relationships within the Ministry of Education and a real sense of collaboration with them. We have many open doors within the Ministry however there is a lot of bureaucracy and they are heavy on hierarchical leadership. These things can make getting meetings and making plans together quite difficult. Please pray we would be able to build a good relationship with the Permanent Secretary for General Education as that would give a certain ease to all of the other government relationships.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank-you for the responses received to help welcome a new family to Canada. Your assistance in providing some grocery goods could be helpful. Please contact Jakob Toews at 204-362-7895 to confirm how you can best help this family.

**FREE PARENTING CLASS:** At Nobody's Perfect Parenting sessions, you can learn about your child's feelings, behaviors, body, and safety as well as share what it's likes to be a parent. Sessions are organized around what parents want to learn! The program is free and available to all parents with children between 0-5 years old. To register, contact [info@regionalconnections.ca](mailto:info@regionalconnections.ca)

### ----- OUR MISSION -----

Exalt Christ - Equip for Service  
Edify one Another - Evangelize the Lost - Extend Christ's Love