



Diaconate Highlights

"And He said to all, 'If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.'" - Luke 9:23 ESV

Brothers and sisters of Bethel,

Peace be with you always. The following are some updates from the diaconate as well as other ongoing at the church.

Going forward, there will be two deacons as usual greeting and distributing worship guides in the vestibule of the sanctuary. One deacon will now be located at the new annex distributing worship guides, and one will be at the east side entrance, closest to the cemetery, distributing worship guides. In this way, newcomers and congregants alike will be greeted wherever they enter the sanctuary for worship. If we do see any newcomer or unfamiliar face, please welcome them as Christ did with Zacchaeus (with name, invitation and sense of belonging).

I am still waiting for our Operation Christmas Child goal page to be made live, but I will send that link out when I am notified that it has been approved again for 2026. Again, our goal is 60 total shoeboxes, whether physical or made online through the goal page.

I have confirmed with the Clover school district that we will be doing the Thanksgiving meal program again this year. We have requested 30 families, same as last year. When the school district sends

me our completed list of families, I will send that out as well.

Please continue to pray for our church, pastors and staff, leadership, and our congregation. Pray that we may be "salt and light" to others. Pray that we live gospel disciplined lives and that we practice sacrificial love amongst each other. Pray that we are uncompromised in the stewardship of our work and that we treat our work as worship as we have been commanded. Pray that we are a gentle and ready witness while we defend biblical truth. Pray that we explicitly confess our sins in repentance and seek restitution.

Please continue to pray especially for our youth and young adults. Daily, they are amongst worldviews that seek to deconstruct and undermine their faith and reframe the truth of sin. They are ambassadors of the faith that face intense pressure to "conform to the spirit of the age." We must not let them fight these battles in their own strength. As a covenant body, let us go before the throne of grace and ask for their preservation, boldness in the gospel, and daily spiritual discernment. Pray that their parents continue to catechize their children and ground their family in sound doctrine and daily worship together.

We give unceasing thanks to our Heavenly Father for your faithful labor, generous hearts, and steadfast love. May the Lord continue to strengthen this assembly as we walk together before His face, seeking His glory in all that we do.

In the service of Christ,
Seth Neely

this week	events		volunteer schedule
Sunday's sermon:	ILPC Session Meeting 10/11 at 2:00 pm	Circle #3 10/12 at 7:00 pm	<u>Infant Nursery</u> Renee Nix and Kyla Ferguson
<i>Blessings that Motivate Obedience</i>	Session Meeting 10/11 at 3:00 pm	Men's Bible Study 10/14 at 6:00 am	
	Circle #2 10/11 at 3:00 pm	GriefShare 10/14 at 1:30 pm	<u>Toddler Nursery</u> Sheridan & Carter Miller and Kristine DeRousse
	Kids' Quest 10/11 at 5:00 pm	Colleen Riddle Circle 10/14 at 2:00 pm	
Exodus 4:18-31	Youth 10/11 at 5:00 pm	Mentors & Moms 10/15 at 9:30 am	<u>Worship Training</u> Cullie Mounts and Jane McCall