

Bethel Leadership Team Meeting November 28, 2018 notes

Attendance: Steve Roach, Mike Peters, Mike Farley, Chris Bishop, Joey Anderson, Pastor Tony, Kathy Moss, Joe Davis, Joel Davis, Justin Cox, Elizabeth Hart

The plan “BLT Plan leading to calling for new pastor resumes BLT approved 11-28-18.docx” was discussed and agreed on as the goal.

The Core Values document was discussed. Several changes were recommended. The “Bethel's Core Values Draft after the 11-29-18 BLT Meeting.docx” (see below) is the next draft that attempts to combine all the comments made as well as those from several people made earlier in the week that could not be at the meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 5. A text and email will sent out to confirm it.

It is requested that comments on the “Core Values” be sent via email or hand notes to Kathy Moss ( [bethelbc@bellsouth.net](mailto:bethelbc@bellsouth.net) ) and me.

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**Bethel's Core Values:** (as of 11-29-18 after 11-28 BLT meeting)

## **Biblically Faithful**

The Bible is our guide, given to us, and written for us by God himself. The Bible is our source of truth and the foundation for everything we do. It explains how life is designed to work including how we should relate to God and to all people.

## **Spiritually Growing**

We are passionate about growing spiritually in our relationship with God. We conduct each ministry to grow our relationship with God by following our discipleship process: loving God, making disciples, and serving others. To grow spiritually we will have ministries, programs and activities that motivate all of us to walk with the Lord all the time. We will be intentional about studying Scripture, praying, and training to prepare ourselves to be effective followers of Christ.

## **Connected in Fellowship through small groups**

We believe spiritual growth and uncommon unity with each other happens best in the context of deep and honest relationships. These kinds of relationships can be developed and maintained best in small groups. In small groups of caring people, individuals will share and encourage one another in their walk with God. By engaging in fellowship within small groups we develop these uplifting relationships with other Christians who will pray, support, and mentor however needed. Here, individuals come together, build one another up during the week, sharing life together at a time that best fits their schedule and their communication method.

We grow spiritually better when we study God's word in small groups and share what God is teaching us. We nurture and care for each other in these groups. We share what is going good in our lives and where we need help. In small groups we will carry out an intentional outwardly focused ministry regularly and consistently.

Our leadership team will align our ministries, programs, and activities so that personal, family, and small group Bible study, prayer, and outwardly focused ministry are maintained. These God focused disciplines are the foundation of our discipleship process. This ensures that the people and financial resources God has entrusted to us are planned and used effectively.

To grow deeper in our knowledge of God we establish a deep and true relationship with God and others while living and walking this journey together and seeking to know His Will for our lives and the life of His church.

We will grow our church through multiplying small groups. The close relationships developed through the small group process enriches lives resulting in long term sustained growth.

## **Passionate about Worship**

We believe our weekly worship time should be an overflow of our daily walk and our small group time with the Lord. We will worship and honor God with our whole heart, mind, body and spirit. We will support our pastor's allocation of his time to studying the Bible and praying so that he can lead us in Bible centered preaching that comes from an overflow of what God is doing in his life. We come together to praise and celebrate what the Lord is doing in our individual lives and in our small groups. We lead our weekly worship times to honor and praise God in ways that will bring unity in our church and attract those in our community that are not yet in our church family. By being passionate about worship and passionate about effectively bringing the message to all people, we bring glory and honor to our Father in Heaven. We do this by staying relevant and adaptive within biblical parameters to best reach our community.

Though we have set times to worship as a church family, we also make worship our everyday lifestyle; our daily actions are inspired by our desire to worship the Lord.

## **Committed to the Uncommitted**

We know that all people matter to God. Because He sent His Son to seek and save the lost, we believe He has commanded us to do the same. As we grow more and more in our relationship with God our lives will reflect this conviction. We are passionate about serving the needs in our community and sharing the love of Christ with those, young or old, who may not know Him. We use our resources and various forms of outreach to be the hands and feet of Jesus to reach the lost and serve the community around us.

Connecting with and serving others not in our church family is a commitment we make because all people matter to God. Because we have a personal relationship with God it motivates us to help others experience that same relationship.