



# June Newsletter

## 2020

### Trust, Lean, Look *by Pastor Jim Wright*

The past few months have been the most challenging I have faced in some time. Our family along with everyone else I know has been on isolation and social distancing under the provincial state of emergency because of the Pandemic. While the human losses in our circle have been few-thank the Lord- we have experienced loss on other levels that have pushed us to the edges of our patience and peace. I look forward with anticipation to the getaways to the cottage at Bethel Park.



But as Christians our experiences of true peace and the presence of God are not based on a place. Rather they come through choosing to align our heart, mind, and activities to His will. This internal harmony is nurtured in the day to day choices to walk in step with Him (Gal.5:25). It is cultivated in a spirit of total dependence upon God and full surrender to His plans and purposes. Proverbs 3:5-6 offer us three principles that will help us live daily in His will and know His presence and peace.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. (NIV)*

#### **1. Trust in the Lord with all your heart.**

What would happen if you only trusted in the chair or couch you are sitting on, or will sit on later, with a half heart? What if you really did not think it would hold you up? How would that change your behavior? Would you sit down gently and hold onto something else in case it was to give way? If you knew the chair or couch might collapse beneath you at any moment, you would not flop down on it with all your weight. Nor would you sprawl out and read a book or take a nap. This is because trust affects our choices. Dr. Elton Trueblood said a generation ago, "Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation." God wants all our decisions to declare our wholehearted trust in Him.

#### **2. Lean not on your own understanding.**

I cook, but I am no professional. I get on these trending diets at times and the only way to accommodate them

### 2020 Bethel Park Season

#### Cancelled Events

**Warden Kids Camp**  
June 28 – July 3

**Best Years**  
September 18 - 21

**Bethel Park Kids Camp**  
July 5 – 10

**July Sunday AM Services**

#### Events Still to Be Determined

**Heritage Camp**  
July 19 – 22

**Labour Day Retreat**  
September 5 – 6

**Family Camp**  
July 25 – Aug. 2  
Ministry opportunities will be rebuilt as information becomes available.

**Annual General Mtg**  
October 10

**Thanksgiving**  
October 11

**Annual General Mtg**  
July 25

## SAFETY ALERT

Construction, heavy equipment and excavating are occurring throughout the park. Please be extremely cautious and ensure you know where your children are.

is to do most of the cooking myself. Anyone who cooks knows that for a meal, dessert, or snack to turn out, the cook needs to follow the instructions. Leaning on your own understanding, especially if you have limited understanding about ingredients like I do, can be disastrous at worst and tasteless at best. Ever try and eat three cups all-purpose flour? Or 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder? How about 1 teaspoon fine sea salt? But blended with 1 ½ cups unsalted butter, 1 ½ cups granulated sugar and 2 large eggs and baked at 375 for 9-11 minutes makes a pretty decent sugar cookie! God made this world. He knows how it works. He knows what each of us must do to experience the abundant life He promised. To assemble the ingredients and figure out measurements based on our own finite understanding while neglecting the instructions of the Master Chef is disastrous at worst and empty at best.

### **3. In all your ways acknowledge Him.**

To acknowledge God in all you do does not mean to reference Him it means to look to Him.

In the Camp meetings of years gone by we sang:

*“Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.”*

*Words and music Helen Howarth  
Lemmel (1863-1961)*

Set your eyes on Christ and He will bring clarity into the moment. As you realign with Him you will be able to discern His way, to know the next step forward. Peace and the presence of God is all about where you choose to focus. Are you living out of a trust relationship with an eternal perspective in view or on a limited, personal perspective you Googled? Where you look determines where you will wind up.

When we make the choice to trust in the Lord with all our heart, to let go of our own limited understanding and to look towards God in everything we do, He promised to make our path straight. He will walk with us on the right road, headed in the right direction. Aligned with Him we experience His presence and His peace.

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## Greetings Bethel Park Family *by Doris Bilitz*

I trust you are all keeping well in these seemingly ever changing times. I must admit the thing that I find most challenging about this pandemic, is the uncertainty and the lack of being able to “plan.”

I am a planner at heart. I make lists everyday (even though I am retired) and I take great pride each day in stroking off what I have done during the day. I even add things to the list, after I did them just so I can stroke them off. I know that is weird, but we all have a little something about us that does not always make sense. Having said that, in this pandemic circumstance the lack of ability to plan ahead for our camp season has been a constant worry and source of stress to me. As much as I know there are things we cannot control and need to trust God; for knowing and actively believing is a challenge. However, I do know that God wants to grow us during these times, and he will turn our weaknesses into strengths, if we allow Him. God always keeps His word, and he knows what lies ahead. Bethel Park belongs to God. Let us

continue in prayer for Bethel Park, and for one another during this time.



In our communications with members the past few months, we have shared the government directives that dictate and severely limit what we are able to do as members of Bethel Park. We are grateful that we are now able to stay overnight at camp, provided that our cabins or trailers are self-sufficient in electricity, water and sewage. However, regulations such as no guests and social distancing remain in force and could remain for quite some time. I understand that people come to camp to socialize, especially our children and our youth. However, these regulations are in place for them as well and I need to remind parents and grandparents that you are responsible for the children under your care ... even if you are not at camp. Please talk to your children and let them know the importance of following the government directives. We do not want to be in a position of where we could be fined for not following the rules. I know this is

tough and you may not even agree with everything that is dictated to us during this time. I often think of the Prayer of Serenity, “*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.*”

You will find attached to this Newsletter a Volunteer Matrix. Two years ago we sent out something similar but we did not receive a very active response. We thought we would try again. Volunteerism is so important to Bethel Park. We would not be in the

position we are today if it were not for volunteers. It is so important for us to have a list of volunteers that we could call on for specific needs at camp. We know there is so much talent in our membership that would benefit Bethel Park. I understand that people are often reluctant to “sign up” for anything because they may be called upon to do more than they are able to. Please know, that it would never be our intent to take advantage of anyone. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Please prayerfully consider responding to this survey hardcopy or through this link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJLQWMY>.

## Finance *by Harald Drewtiz*

As you know, 2020 is a year never before experienced at Bethel Park Camp. I will say no more except we still want to ensure the long-term viability of Bethel Park Camp. While the physical grounds costs, including fixed costs for property taxes, fire insurance costs, as well as a Grounds Keeper, are covered by your Tax and Fee Notice. Other costs such as reduced ministry, administration and the waste management project, and other reduced capital project costs, are only covered by your charitable donations. It is the Board of Director’s prayer Bethel Park will get through this year and continue in ministry and fellowship for years and generations to come.

I just want to point out the various methods that are available to you to be able to make your donations.

- **Mail** your donation by cheque to: Bethel Park Camp, 310 Fairway Road South, P.O. Box 45070, Kitchener, ON N2C 1X0
- **Offering envelopes** are available in the front room of the office at Bethel Park and place your donation in the secure mailbox in the inside door of the main office.
- **E-transfer** is now set up for auto deposit. A password is no longer required. The email address is [bookkeeper@bethelpark.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@bethelpark.ca). In the **message box** indicate Camp-General, Capital-General or Waste Management. Donations with no message will go



to Camp-General. For payments, indicate your cabin address in the **message box**. Or send your cheque to the address above.

- **Bethel Park website** is another option via Canada Helps. Click on *Donate* on the Home page. You can make your donation via credit or debit card and PayPal. Canada Helps will issue you a receipt directly for your donation.

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## Selling and Buying Cabin TIPS

### If you are looking to **SELL** your cabin:

- Advise Camp Administrator, Ingrid Hook at [administration@bethelpark.ca](mailto:administration@bethelpark.ca) or call 226-964-2275.
- Information about the sale can be posted on the Bethel Park website, with pictures if you wish.
- You will be responsible to pay a transfer fee of \$100. to the [bookkeeper@bethelpark.ca](mailto:bookkeeper@bethelpark.ca)
- Complete a **Cabin Ownership and Transfer** form along with the individual who is purchasing your cabin (<https://bethelpark.ca/members/application-forms/>)

### If you are looking to **PURCHASE** a cabin:

- Cottages for sale are listed on the Bethel Park website.
- Contact the seller directly to plan a view of the cabin and sale arrangements.
- You will need a letter of recommendation from your Senior Pastor **AND** from a camp member who is not related to the applicant/purchaser.
- Complete a Cabin Ownership and Transfer form along with the individual who is selling the cabin you are looking to purchase. (<https://bethelpark.ca/members/application-forms/>)

Send your **COMPLETED** application and letters to the Camp Administrator, Ingrid Hook at [administration@bethelpark.ca](mailto:administration@bethelpark.ca) OR mail it to Bethel Park Camp Head Office

All transactions must be approved by the Board of Directors **AND** the \$100 TRANSFER fee is paid by the Seller. Once you have been informed by the Camp Administrator that the sale and purchase has been approved the purchaser can take possession of the cabin.



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## Administration — [administration@bethelpark.ca](mailto:administration@bethelpark.ca) or 226-964-2275

### New Information

Please notify the Camp Administrator of any address, name, telephone or email address changes. If you have an email address and are not receiving emails from head office, please ensure we have your correct information.

### Website

[www.bethelpark.ca](http://www.bethelpark.ca)

On the website you will find up-to-date information about our 2020 Season.

### Facebook

Be sure to like Bethel Park Camp, Rodney, ON. Share pictures and comments about what Bethel Park means to you.

### Volunteer Talent Inventory

Bethel Park has been blessed over the years with dedicated and faithful volunteers. Their service has come in many different forms and so valued. Bethel Park would not be what it is today without volunteers like YOU!

Over the years we have welcomed new members. There are so many areas of service and we want you to be involved if you are not already.

Attached is a Volunteer Talent Inventory and send it in OR follow <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YJLQWMY> to complete the survey online.



### Why be a volunteer?

It's not for money, it's not for fame.

It's not for any personal gain

It's just for love of fellow man

It's just to send a helping hand

It's just to give a tithe of self

That's something you can't buy with wealth.

It's not medals won with pride

It's for that feeling deep inside.

It's that feeling that you've been a part

Of helping others far and near,

That makes you a volunteer.