



To our **Bethlehem Home Group** a big hello and hope you all are safe and well!

This spring our semester ended with some additional online work and contact by our teachers as the coronavirus hit the US. In planning for the fall, there are steps to be taken as we go forward to ensure the safety and health of everyone in our program. As we open up in phases in NC, I will keep you abreast of decisions for BHG as they relate to our fall semester. We will be operating within the guidelines established by the church leadership at Bethlehem Baptist Church. We serve a Mighty God who works through all circumstances for the “good” of those who love Him. With that in mind, the planning and scheduling is in progress. Most of our wonderful teachers are returning and some good new ones will be with us in the fall.

The slate of classes that we are offering are now posted on the website, “Bethlehemhomeschool.group”. There are classes from kindergarten through High school. You may now register your family and sign-up for classes. The semester will begin **September 3th** and run through **November 19th**. To kick-off the semester we will have an open house on **August 27th at 10:30 am** in the church Fellowship Hall.

Please note our day will begin a little earlier at **8:30am and will run until 3:30pm**. The schedule for BHG classes will be in 1hour time blocks. Teachers will allow time for the students to get to their next class.

For lunch, we hope to continue our brown bag lunch in the Fellowship Hall. If the virus

restrictions do not lift, we may have to forgo this practice . Also if the restrictions remain tight our school may just start as Middle School and High School students only. They have the ability to social distance within a classroom. Our goal will be to operate safely for all participating in the program. There will be installed in the foyer of the Christian Life Center a new sanitizing station.

We are excited to have *Tracy Spragins* returning to teach math for our 4th/5th graders. She is a gifted teacher with many years experience and a love for children. *Jenny Creech* will also be offering a beginning writing class for the 4th and 5th graders. For our K-1 students *Mrs. Melinda Parks* and *Mrs. Kathy Wall* stepped aside from teaching the Science and Bible class again. They did an awesome job, and we are so thankful for their service. *Mrs. Kathy* will still be with us teaching K-1 and 2nd-4th music classes. Music is her area of expertise, and she has accompanied the EWHS and Rolesville High School choruses for years. She also teaches piano and sings with the Master Chorale. We are excited that *Wanda Saylor* will teach our K-1 students a Language Arts/ Bible class this year from 10:30-11:30. She is *Tracy Spragins* sister. She has a Masters of Arts in Ministry and a love for younger children!

For your High School children they may earn HS credit in our Art class, taught by *Amanda Cruz*, HS credit for the American Government class taught by *Justin White* and HS credit for writing with *Jenny Creech*. We are adding a new Algebra 1 class and a new teacher this fall. *Rebekah Jenks* will be joining us to teach High School and Middle school math. She is an instructor at Southeastern Baptist Seminary where she teaches Algebra. It is a joy to have someone with Rebekah's experience joining us at BHG.

The Middle School students will have the opportunity to take physical science, art, pre-algebra, writing and a literature class. They will be exposed to all the core subjects and the fine arts. To prepare for a successful fall, please set the bar high for you children. You must believe in them and challenge them to reach and grow. Only then will they see their full potential and determine their areas of giftedness. It is often in the struggle that we grow the strongest and the best!

Have them read good books starting with the Bible. Have them report to you what they

learned before they have play time. Teach them to cook, wash clothes, mow grass, wash and wax a car, change a tire, paint, nail, tend the animals, grow a garden.....teach them everything you know and love them in the process. Discipline them so someone else will not have to. And cast a vision for your child. *“Where there is no vision the people perish.”* Proverbs 29:18

I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall!

Michelle Woodard

“I give thee back the life I owe that in the ocean’s depths its flow, may richer, fuller be.”

Matheson