

AIM

All In Ministry

Our team consists of families represented with special needs, professional educators, and members of Bethany Covenant Church.

The AIM Team is comprised of the following individuals:

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"As it is, there are many parts, but one body... Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor"

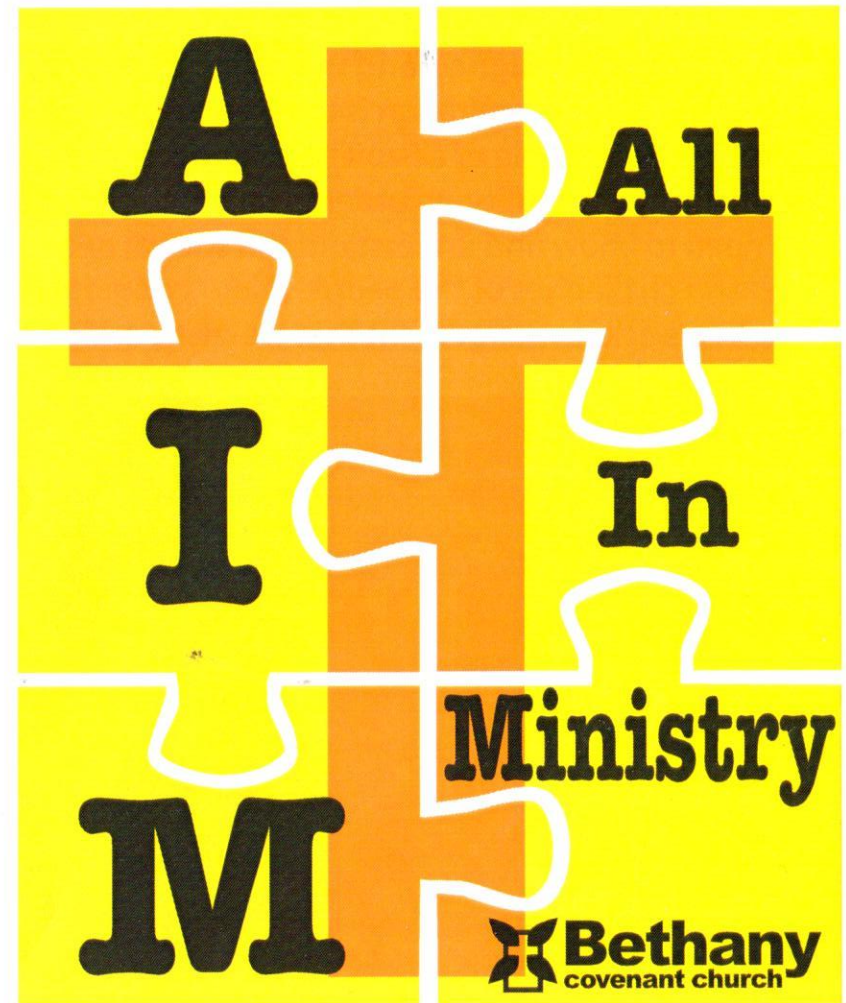
(First Corinthians 12:20 – 23a)



"Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made (Isaiah 43:7) and there is no favoritism" (Colossians 3:25b)



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AIM is the ALL-IN-MINISTRIES initiative. **We believe that all people are uniquely designed and universally loved by God.** Through Him, our inspiration is to provide an inviting environment where people of all abilities can worship and grow in faith and community. In order to create this environment, we need to know and understand the special needs, disabilities and challenges of the people in our congregation. It is through this acknowledgement that we make our commitment to “join the journey” of each individual whom God has called to be His own.



In this inaugural year, our service **focus extends to the children in our congregation.** We hope to expand our ministry to include more individuals, as God leads us in the coming months and years.

AIM plans include providing **a faith formation and social support model that is centered on relationships:** from teacher to child, from parent to teacher, from child to child and parent to child, and perhaps most importantly, the relationship of each child to God! With this goal in mind, we have designed four service vehicles to best nurture the **spiritual, social and emotional needs and relationships** of the children at Bethany Covenant Church.

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Life Together Classes:

AIM will provide training and awareness education for teachers, leaders and peers to include topics like creating an inclusive environment for all.

Buddy Mentor Program:

Trained adults and senior high teens who show compassion and are able to connect 1:1 in partnership to children with disabilities.

Children’s Church Program: This sermon model designed for children ages 4-8 may be piloted to extend to youth through age 18 with special needs on a once-a-month basis. Customized worship experiences to children with disabilities, their family members, mentors and other volunteers would include interactive, multi-sensory, disability-sensitive worship event!

Ask AIMee column: A written forum for curiosity and awareness about disabilities found in the monthly newsletter and confidentially facilitated by professional educators on the AIM team.