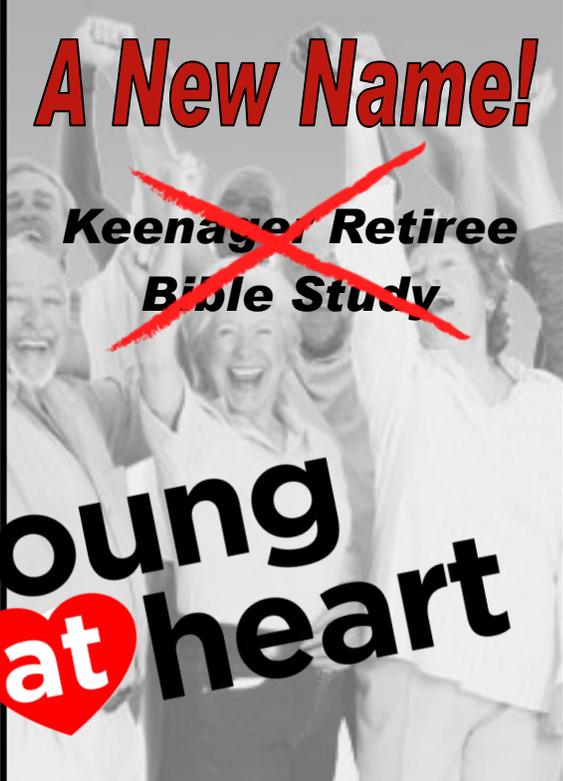


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SUNDAY MORNING:
9:00 A.M.
Worship
Sunday School
Kids Church

10:30 A.M.
Worship
Sunday School



A New Name!
~~Keenager Retiree Bible Study~~
young at heart

It was with great excitement and anticipation that a new name for replacing the former “Keenager Retiree Bible Study” was announced during the meeting of March 2nd. The new name of “YOUNG at HEART” was selected from more than 50 names and will be used going forward. A new logo will also be selected before this article appears.

Activities confirmed through June:

- April 6** Steve Jackson – Moravian Mission on White River, Pt 1
- April 20** Steve Jackson – Moravian Mission on White River, Pt 2
- May 11** (Moved from May 4)
Wick’s Plant Tour
Vans will leave at 8:00 am from Bethany. Please notify Dallas or the church office to make sure adequate vans and drivers are secured.
- May 18** Normal Meeting
- May 30-June 3** Senior Saints in the Smokies (See information on back page)
- June 1** Meeting cancelled due to Senior Saint’s Trip
- June 15** Normal Meeting – Speaker to be announced

The excitement has continued to grow as attendance has gone from 14 on January 6th to an average of over 24 over the last 4 Wednesdays, with a high of 36. We have been privileged to have three guest speakers, including Bob Blume from Man 4 Man Ministries, Steve Jackson-Bethany’s own Madison County Historian, and Neil Kirby from The Christian Center.

Additional activities including guest speakers and field trips are being planned, including possible trips to Grissom Air Museum, the Indy 500 Racing Museum, Good’s Chocolate and Ice Cream, Red Gold Tomato Plant and others, based on thoughts, suggestions and ideas from YAH (Young at Heart) attendees.

There is excitement, fellowship and fun for all. We look forward to making these meetings so enjoyable that it will become an outreach for those at Bethany and also to neighbors, family and others in the community. We hope these meetings will help prevent getting old by continuing to be Young at Heart.

One other note: Each first Wednesday, attendees are to bring their favorite snack, enough to share with others and leftovers to be taken to various ministries, including Man 4 Man Ministries, The Christian Center, shut-ins or other possible suggestions.

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Children

There seems to be a growing dissatisfaction within our country when it comes to politics and government. Let me say right up front, I am not in the camp of "politics is evil" or "all politicians are crooks." That simply isn't true. There are some very honest, wise, concerned, discerning, men and women of integrity which serve in the political arena. I applaud them and appreciate them. Most are trying to work within a society and system which is difficult at best and some might say "impossible." So, to those who are seeking to serve with integrity, "Thank you!"

What I find interesting is that we are sometimes surprised by what takes place within government and politics. We can trace it all the way back to the book of 1 Samuel. God's plan was for the world to function as a theocracy; God would be the ruler. Early in Genesis (by Chapter 2), we were not interested in living under the authority of someone else. But as God brought the Israelites out of Egypt, as God formed them into a nation, He once again established them as a theocracy. He set up lines of authority to make sure people were cared for and order was maintained (cf. Exodus 18), but God was King. However, as the Israelites entered the Promise Land, they asked

for a king like the other nations.

In 1 Samuel 8, the people said, "Give us a king to lead us." God grants their request, but He did so with a warning. God warned them of what would take place: the king would take the best of their lands, their children, their fields, and their produce. The people were told, "When that day comes, you will cry out for relief from the king you have chosen, and the Lord will not answer you in that day." (1 Samuel 8:18) It didn't take too long before the words came true. They got what they had asked for, both the good and the bad.

Governments serve a purpose. Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:1-17 speak of the role of government to punish those who do wrong and to reward those who do right. In 1 Timothy 2:1-4, we are told to pray for kings and all those in authority that we might live peaceful and quiet lives. For a community, a city, a state, or a nation to try to exist without government would be chaos. But we need to keep in mind that governments which exist under the authority of a woman or man, under the authority of a council of men and women, or under the authority of the collective will of the people, are not God's "Plan A." Every system is flawed. Any system has its weaknesses. Eventually,

even what we believe to be the best possible system will begin to break down. The reason is very simple: whether one person, many people, or all the people are in charge, we are still people.

Christians need to do the best they can under whatever form of government they live, but we must not be surprised when things do not go as we expect, or maybe we need to change our expectations. Pray for those who lead. Utilize whatever means is allowable within your system of government to work for the good of all people. If you are gifted and called to serve in the political arena, do so with integrity. But do not be surprised by what takes place.

Throughout the centuries we have watched as kingdoms, governments, empires, and systems have come and gone, but the Kingdom of God remains. Paul reminds us that "our citizenship is in Heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20). I am an American and grateful for so much this country provides and those who have served and sacrificed. I pray for those who lead, but my hope is in Jesus Christ and His Kingdom which will last forever.



Thoughts on Prayer

Chris Bell

The theme for this year in Student Ministries has been Faith. We have looked at many different aspects of our faith and how each of those plays a role to make up the bigger picture of our Faith in God. We have looked at Faith and how it relates to our families, our schools, and our culture. We have also looked at how our faith affects God, church, love, etc.

In March, we are looking at how prayer affects our faith. This past Sunday's lesson was looking at just the first two verses of what has been deemed as "The Lord's Prayer" found in Matthew 6:9-13. *"This then is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

These words are spoken directly by Jesus. This is how Jesus tells us we should pray. What I loved about this lesson is that, in breaking down this

whole prayer, we see that the first things Jesus tells us to pray are all directed toward God. He does not start out by telling us to ask for things for or about ourselves, but that we should start by acknowledging who God is and recognizing His holiness and goodness. Jesus says that we should start by asking for God's will to be done, not our own. We should pray for God's kingdom to be known, not our own. In midst of a time of uncertainty within our country and maybe even our own lives, this is a reminder that our prayers need to be focused on God and who He is.

As we have been going through the series on Genesis in the main services on Sunday mornings, we have been reminded of how good God is and how good His ways are. May we not only hear that, but may we acknowledge that and thank God for being who He is. May we live out of that spot and may it change who we are and how we love.

NEW TO BETHANY?
LET'S HAVE LUNCH

APRIL 3RD, NOON
FELLOWSHIP HALL

MORE INFO ONLINE AND AT CONNECTING POINT

If you are fairly new to Bethany, we would love to extend an invitation to you and your family to join us for the "New Faces" Luncheon on **Sunday, April 3rd**, immediately following the 10:30 worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will provide lunch and have some time to get to know each other a little better. The meal will begin at approximately 12:00, and we should wrap up by 1:00 -1:15. It will help to know how many will be attending, so we can plan accordingly. You can sign up at **Connecting Point**, www.bccanderson.org, or call the church office, 643-5713. We are looking forward to meeting you and your family and getting to know you.

Other Upcoming Events

April 8-10 - Sr. High Retreat

April 17 - Resolve Family Game Night

April 25 - Blood Drive



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Care Ministry Birthdays

Please remember the birthdays of our shut-ins with cards and visits.

Shirley Dean - 4/15/39

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New Decisions

Larry Clem - 2/28/16

Georgia Riddle - 3/6/16

Emma Sperry - 3/27/16

Births

Wyatt Bart Allen Jessie - 3/15/16

Parents: Michael & Tracie Jessie

Deaths

Donna McCracken - 2/27/16

Mother of Roger (Michelle) Drennon

Ralph R. Holsinger - 2/28/16

Father of Marla (Kevin) Austin;
Grandfather of Evan & Neil Austin

Richard McCord - 3/2/16

Brother-in-law of Bill (Jackie) Smith

Frankie L. Nixon - 3/9/16

Mother of Craig (Jodi) Nixon;
Grandmother of Sydney & Noah Nixon

Jamalee Creason Breeding - 3/10/16

Great-aunt of Norman Delph II

Mildred Ray - 3/16/16

Avon Klopfenstine - 3/27/16

Father of Brenda (John) Ballard;
Grandfather of Katie Leas & Kyle Ballard

Statistics as of February 2016:

GENERAL BUDGET

- February Offerings \$62,116
- Year-to-date budget needs \$144,346
- Year-to-date actual giving \$121,620
- Amount under YTD \$22,726
- Budgeted weekly income \$16,038
- Average weekly income \$13,513

FAITH PROMISE

Funds sent to C.M.F. for support of the Kineman Family (Individuals/classes)

- February offerings \$3,019.00
- YTD offerings \$6,519.05

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Year-to-date 504 (as of 2/28/16)

Please contact the church office (765-643-5713) if you would like to request giving envelopes or set up your gifts for automatic withdrawal.

Need to confirm attendance on or by April 14!



Confirm by getting \$50 registration to the church or Dallas Canfield. The cost is \$250/each if sharing a room or \$280/each for a private room. The cost increases by \$10 if registration is made after April 15.

Travel will be provided by church vans. Please call Dallas Canfield if you have questions at (765) 620-7990. This will be a great week of fun, fellowship, spiritual teaching from Tommy Oaks, and great food. One professional evening of entertainment and food is included. Please give this your urgent attention as final travel plans need to be made.

Tommy & John Thomas Oaks

