

THE

Bugle

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Bethany Christian Church

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

10:30 A.M.
Worship
Sunday School

WINTER
CARNIVALE

01.22.16



**Volunteers
Needed!**

Contact the church
office if you are inter-
ested in volunteering
your time to help
make this evening a
success, 643.5713

Doors open from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

FREE food, fun, games, & prizes.

Come join us!

**Bring your family,
neighbors & friends
for this fantastic night!**

Donations needed!

We are currently taking donations of individually wrapped candy and cookies for the upcoming carnivale. There will be a labeled collection box at the Connecting Point throughout January.

**Your donations will help make the Winter Carnivale a huge
success for the children of our church and community!**

STAFF:
Bob Bell,
Senior Minister

Chris Bell,
Students

Gabriel Ohmes,
Worship

Tim Fair,
Discipleship

Tisha Schultz,
Children



I Am Second!

If you were at Bethany on Sunday, December 27th, you most likely walked out with a second place ribbon. I know handing out second place ribbons is probably not politically correct. We live in a society where everyone is supposed to get first place ribbons. Getting a second or third place ribbon might damage a person for a lifetime! Hmm, maybe that's what happened to me? It was years before I realized that the ribbon which said "participant" was not the same as "grand champion."

If you left with a second place ribbon on Sunday, the purpose was to remind us that God is first and we are second. Living from that perspective is so much easier and carries far less pressure. When we get the order turned around to where God is here to serve us and we are the ones who are in charge of the world, even if it is our own world, life gets hard. I have found that I do not have the wisdom, power, capacity, know-how, grace, patience, and the list goes on and on to try to run the world. I have also come to learn that God does possess all that is needed and more to take care of all that is both visible and invisible.

God does give us responsibilities. God does allow us to make decisions and places us over areas of responsibility. But even with those, life is better when I try to live under His direction and Lordship, when I seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.

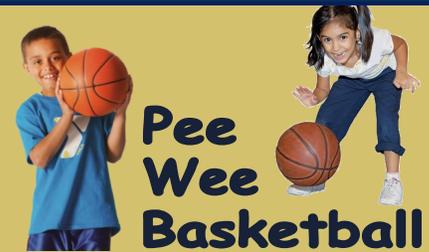
Eugene Peterson pointed out that even though, from our per-

Bob Bell

spective, when we wake up in the morning the day begins, the truth is while we were sleeping, life was still happening. Though for a few hours we dismissed ourselves from the world's activities while sleeping, everything kept going without us. When we wake up, we are joining a day that is already in progress; we are joining what God is already doing. There is something comforting about this reality. God was able to take care of the entire world, even my part of the world, just fine as I was sleeping. God was actually able to handle things without me.

In fact, I realized it is possible, that at times God may look forward to when I finally go to bed so He can work without me messing things up. Most parents know that feeling: though you love for your kids to help, you want them to learn to do things, you want them to grow up, sometimes it would be a whole lot easier to get things done if they were in the other room working a puzzle or reading.

"I am second" is not to undermine the position to which God has created us as stewards of His creation, but to remind us that even in our high position, God is Creator and we are the creation. God is the One who has made us, we have not created God. God is the One who has always been and will always be, we showed up just a few years ago. God is completely wise and just and good, we are being restored and renewed. Learning to be second is a great life to live.



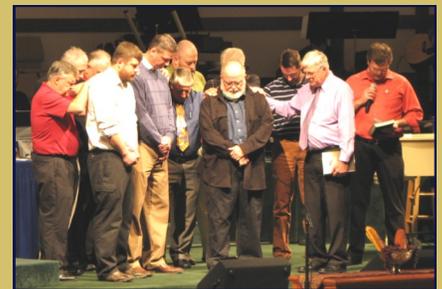
Pee Wee Basketball

- Each Saturday in February, 10:00-11:00 (9:30-11:00 on Feb. 6 only!)
- Ages 3-K
- \$20 includes T-shirt & medallion/trophy
- Sign up by January 31st
- Contact Beth Sperry 317-965-7992

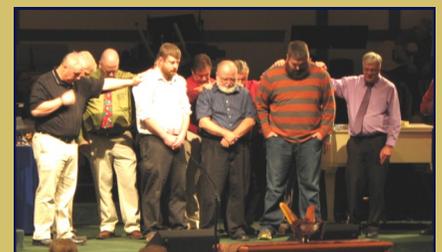


The next L.I.F.E.Line will take place on March 6th!

Ordination Sunday



On December 13th, our four new deacons were ordained in the morning services: Brandon Crawford, Rick Elliott, Aaron Reger and Jason Settlemyer.



WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS: In the event that our church services or events must be cancelled due to winter weather, the information will be listed on TV Channels 6, 8, 13 & 59. You can also check WQME radio (98.7) & www.facebook.com/BCCAnderson.

Cookies & Canvas



What Generosity Looks Like in Kids Church

People often say you learn more from the kids you are trying to teach than they learn from you. Maybe this isn't always true but it has been for me lately. Our latest LIFEline lesson focused on living generously like Jesus and, as we prepared for the service, I began to realize this is a lesson many of the kids and their families at Bethany already know. I believe they know this because I see them live it all year long.

Throughout the year, kids bring an offering to Kids Church that is put toward a mission or missionary we have chosen to support in some way. For approximately two months, we learn about the people or organization we are supporting as well as pray for the work they are doing. Sometimes we even get to meet them!

In 2015, the kids purchased an extra large soup pot & ladle for Jill Shaw to feed hungry surfers in New Zealand. They raised money to help the Bells provide milk for orphaned or abandoned babies in Kenya. They also bought needed medical supplies for Freedom International in the Dominican Republic.

Closer to home, the kids donated money to help offset costs for the student mission trip to AICM in Arizona. They provided several kids being placed in the homes of Safe Families of Madison County with bags of items

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to make them feel more at ease in unfamiliar surroundings. Just last month, they purchased needed items for Dove Harbor here in town such as bedding, trash bags, and laundry soap.

The kids did not only serve others with monetary giving, they also gave of their time. They packed 71 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They wrote books about themselves and sent them to the second grade class at Freedom in the DR. They decorated Easter and Christmas gifts for the Care Ministry to deliver to the shut-ins. When we had extra gifts, several families delivered them to other church members we thought could benefit from some Christmas cheer. These kids gave and gave and gave! They gave so much I am sure I forgot some things. And for those of us with the benefit of watching each Sunday, they did so with glad and sincere hearts.

Plus, I'm just talking about one group of kids in one room of our church on Sundays only! Can you imagine what is happening outside of those walls on other days of the week?! Some of the youngest here at Bethany are spreading God's love in big ways. They understand generosity belongs in His Kingdom. I pray I learn to live more generously as well.

Resolve Bowling

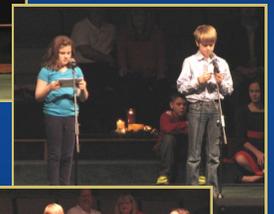


5th & 6th

Care Ministry Project



Christmas at Bethany



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Care Ministry Birthdays

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

Alice Unger - 1/7/32

Alexandria Care Center, Rm. 210
1912 S. Park Ave.
Alexandria, IN 46001 724-4478

Ruth Seal - 1/12/22

Bethany Pointe, Rm. 222
1707 Bethany Rd.
Anderson, IN 46012 643-1250

Phyllis Wise - 1/14/29

903 Clyde St.
P.O. Box 12
Frankton, IN 46044 754-7318

Gordon Bulen - 1/15/36

3539 Village Dr.
Anderson, IN 46011 620-1898

Margaret Taylor - 1/31/29

C/O Jon Taylor
364 Williamsburg Dr.
Avon Lake, OH 44012

New Decisions

Isaac Smith - 11/29/15

Barbara Baugh - 12/6/15

Kathy Hobbs - 12/6/15

Rhonda Simpson - 12/6/15

Matt DeVault - 12/27/15

Nelly DeVault - 12/27/15

Benjamin DeVault - 12/27/15

Elizabeth DeVault - 12/27/15

Births

Leia Violet Jugg - 11/24/15

Parents: Tyler & Jennifer Jugg

Mason Kenneth Fewel - 12/16/15

Mother: Antoinette Paquette

Ethan Wayne Highsmith - 12/28/15

Parents: Anthony & Kara Highsmith

Deaths

Evelyn Pitcock - 11/23/15

Mother of Linda (Max) Wortman;
Step-mother of Brenda (Gary) Flowers

James F. Collins - 11/29/15

Father of Ron (Becky) Collins

Clifton Meeker - 11/30/15

Ronald M. Jarvis - 12/2/15

Father of Todd (Sarah) Jarvis
Grandfather of Ethan & Ella Jarvis

Fern McLean - 12/5/15

Aunt of Helen Flowers, Phyllis Harless
& Nancy Rushton

Richard Allen Hiles - 12/10/15

Husband of Jessica Hiles; Father of Rayghn & Jaxton Hiles; Son of Richard W. (Debra) Hiles; Son-in-law of Susie (Mark) Bodkin; Grandson of Marvella Hiles & Nancy McIntyre; Brother of Jamie (Paul) Halstead

Frieda Jones - 12/23/15

Wife of Fred (deceased)
Mother of Juanita (Barry) O'Neal, Andrew (Gina) Jones & Ann (Charles) Welborn

Statistics as of November 2015:

GENERAL BUDGET

- November Offerings \$72,540
- Year-to-date budget needs \$763,579
- Year-to-date actual giving \$727,958
- Amount under YTD \$35,621
- Budgeted weekly income \$15,907
- Average weekly income \$15,166

FAITH PROMISE

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

- November offerings \$3,084.00
- YTD offerings \$30,377.50

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Year-to-date 537 (as of 11/29/15)

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