

THE

Bugle

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A Publication of
Bethany Christian Church

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Anderson, IN 46012
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SUNDAY MORNING:
9:00 A.M.
Worship
Sunday School
Kids Church

10:30 A.M.
Worship
Sunday School

Deep Sea Discovery

Age 4 by
Aug. 1st -
going into
6th grade

Vacation Bible School
JULY 10-14

Sun - Thurs | 6 - 8:30pm



**Registration begins
June 5th!**

**Volunteers
still needed!**

Please contact the church office,
643-5713, or Tisha Schultz if you
would like to help with VBS.



STAFF:
Bob Bell,
Senior Minister

Chris Bell,
Students

Gabriel Ohmes,
Worship

Tim Fair,
Discipleship

Tisha Schultz,
Children



It's a bi-annual event. Every year Bethany has a wonderful Pee Wee Basketball program. Every year the ministers are allowed the privilege of giving a short devotion to a wonderful group of kids who can't wait for refreshments. Refreshments immediately follow the devotion, so we have a built-in 3-minute window of eager anticipation and a little leverage as well. Every other year, I pull out my big ears.

The big ears are a set of plastic ears which are several sizes larger than my own. I begin by asking the kids what they think is the most important when playing basketball: run fast, jump high, dribble well, shoot straight, being tall, etc. After we have talked through many possibilities, I will say, "Do you know what I think is most important for playing basketball?" In my mind I am seeing all the kids spell-bound, leaning forward eagerly waiting for what I will say next. (Actually, many of them have already turned around to see if the cookies are coming.) That's

when I pull the big ears out of my pocket and put them on my head.

Big ears! To be really good at basketball you need big ears so you can hear everything your coach says. I go on to talk about the value of big ears—listening well at home to their parents and at school to their teachers. I will quote James 1:19, that everyone should be slow to speak and quick to listen. And just about the time their attention span is wearing thin, I will say, "Cookies!" and everybody's happy.

I got to thinking about the big ears this week. I had an opportunity to be in conversation with several people the past several days. With each one, I left amazed at who they are and what they are doing and how they are seeking to know and follow Jesus. I wish I could name them. I could. I know their names. But I haven't asked their permission, and they would probably decline the offer. But as I think about what they said, it occurs to me that I need to practice the big ears more often.

There are people all around us everyday who have stories to tell. There are people sitting around our tables or in our homes or next door from whom we can learn and whom we can enjoy if we take time to put on our big ears and listen. People are amazing. To see how God is at work in people and how God has created people is amazing. Every now and then, we need to stop and find someone to sit with and simply ask them to tell us their story or ask them to tell us how they are doing and not take "fine" for an answer.

Older people have such rich stories to tell. Little kids have such rich stories to tell. Everyone between the ages of "older people" and "little kids" have rich stories to tell. Put on the big ears and let's learn to listen. Maybe I will work on a bumper sticker to replace the old "Stop and smell the roses." The new bumper sticker will say, "Slow down and put on your big ears."

Positive Beginnings

It can be far too easy for us to minimize what takes place every Sunday morning with our youngest church attendees. Sometimes we think of nursery volunteers as childcare workers. However, more ministry goes on in our nursery area than you might see at first glance. I recently read an article in Children's Ministry magazine describing "3 Must Haves for a Great Baby Ministry." The article asked the question "What is your earliest memory?"

My earliest memory consists of playing at my great aunt Amelia's house. Her son, Bill, struggled with some physical disabilities that didn't allow him to walk; however, he loved to play hide-and-seek with us kids. He would hide behind corners and startle me as I searched, and then we would both laugh as I ran off to allow him to hide again. I can clearly remember the layout of her house and all the good hiding places. These

games happened when I was three and four years old. At some point within that time frame, I started remembering things long term.

So, what is the point of ministering to infants who won't remember these lessons long term? The article



mentioned how in your earliest memory you already had skills in place that you still use today. Prior to my earliest memory, I had already learned to walk and run, to search for people as a game, and to not be scared when I was alone. These are

skills I learned long before I could remember.

Ministry to babies is similar. These babies will never specifically remember skills practiced, songs sung, or stories read; however, our volunteers are building a foundation.

They are aiding in developmental milestones like sitting and crawling as well as encouraging communication and emotional stability through talking, reading, smiling and singing. Furthermore, when the volunteers talk, read, and sing about Jesus, they are demonstrating God's love and naming the Creator.

Thank you to the volunteers who minister to our babies. I appreciate the foundations you are laying in their lives and the love you are demonstrating in the Garden. "For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14b NIV).

Tisha Schultz

Mark Your Calendars!

Bethany Kids and Student Ministry
June 5th PROMOTION SUNDAY
info at bccanderson.org/promotionsunday
ALSO L.I.F.E.Line (Family Worship)
9am in the Discovery Zone

Graduation Sunday
June 5th



Mounds Park Church
PICNIC
You're Invited
June 5th @ 4:30

INDOOR MOVIE NIGHT
JUN 10TH 6:35 PM



PROJECT 765
JUNE 16TH 8 AM - 9 PM COST \$10
7-12TH GRADE
SIGN UP AT INFO ZONE
PROJECT (765)

*PROJECT 765 IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AREA YOUTH MINISTRIES FOCUSED ON BRINGING HOPE TO THE CITY OF ANDERSON.



End of Year Parties



7th - 12th



Resolve 5th & 6th

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SUMMER IN THE SON 2016
9-12 GRADE STUDENTS
JUNE 26 - JULY 1
\$200 REGISTRATION
(UNTIL JUNE 17)
SIGN-UPS AT INFOZONE



Care Ministry Birthdays

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

Joan Fernung - 6/21/32
Community Northview, Rm. 113
1235 Cross St.
Anderson, IN 46012

New Decisions

Joseph Culp - 4/24/16

Births

Edan Mason McKay - 4/30/16
Parents: Hannah Bartlett & Hunter McKay; Grandparents: Dan & Laura Bartlett; Aunt: Stephanie Bartlett

Deaths

Charlie Miller - 5/4/16
Grandfather of Shelly Houser

Lois Ann Vestal - 5/4/16
Mother of Larry (Emily) Weaver

William Lindley - 5/7/16
Father of David (Brenda) Lindley

Karter Ashton Johnson & Kolton Alan Johnson - 5/11/16
Twin sons of Randy Johnson & Katie Bergen; Grandsons of Bruce & Nancy Johnson, Tracy Rogers, Jeff & Linda Haler

Ardella West - 5/13/16
Mother of Dale & Charles (Lisa) Adams; Grandmother of Michael Adams

Statistics as of April 2016:

GENERAL BUDGET

- April Offerings \$67,388
- Year-to-date budget needs \$272,654
- Year-to-date actual giving \$250,903
- Amount under YTD \$21,751
- Budgeted weekly income \$16,038
- Average weekly income \$14,759

FAITH PROMISE

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

- April offerings \$2,117
- YTD offerings \$10,771

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Year-to-date 537 (as of 4/24/16)

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

