

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

STAFF:
Bob Bell,
Senior Minister

Chris Bell,
Students

Steve Fair,
Senior Adults

Tim Fair,
Families/Community

Gabriel Ohmes,
Worship

Tisha Schultz,
Children

Faith Promise is an opportunity for you to make a one-year commitment to support the Kinemans through prayer and finances. The financial commitments are made over and above our giving to the church. The gifts can be given weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually. Commitment cards will be available on October 30th. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we partner with the Kinemans to change the world!



Faith Promise

Larry & Debbie Kineman

Nov. 6th

What are we up to?

Church Planting has been our primary focus in the UK. Our original and continuing intention was twofold: 1) Start churches that would multiply and start other churches; 2) Team up with British nationals in starting churches. Those goals are being realized. Presently I am working with Ryan Muliette to strengthen the Community Church at Warndon.

Training National Leaders is key to multiplying new churches. I am privileged to mentor several church pastors, church planters, church leaders, and evangelists. Training young church leaders is not only an important part of what I do, it is very enjoyable.

Gospel Encounters take place through the outreach of GLOW (God's Light On Worcester). On the streets of Worcester we encounter clubbers (18-30 years old) some of which are interested in a spiritual conversation. These encounters give us a wonderful opportunity to speak of Jesus and show his love in various acts of kindness such as giving free water bottles, free flip flops, and sick bags. GLOW gives us a concentrated opportunity to share the Gospel but we have other opportunities through Discovery Bible Studies and encounter conversations.

Teaching English at the GLOBE Café connects us with foreigners who are living in Worcester. There is a population of 3,000 Polish living here. Debbie is one of the key teachers in this outreach. The English classes open the door to invite students to worship or Bible studies or evangelistic events. In the summer, over 100 folks participate in the week of outreach.

Supporting churches that have been started. I am privileged to be asked to return to churches, to provide "preaching" or "teaching" or "guidance to the leadership" on important issues.

Providing hospitality. We benefit from visits of friends, family, and partners in the Gospel who come for a few days or a few weeks. Generally we are mutually encouraged. Once visitors see the ministry, it encourages them to pray and often to increase their financial support. In the last few months we have hosted folks from the Czech Republic, Indiana (4), Pennsylvania (2), and Arizona (1). And we welcome visitors from the UK - (4).

Bookends

Bob Bell

These are not 'Bible,' but I kind of liked them. In one sense, though they both speak of friendship, they give us different ends of the same spectrum. On one end is "Friends pick us up when we fall down. And if they can't pick us up, they lie down and listen for a while." That's a great thought! I think it works. I think it reflects a Biblical perspective. Sometimes all we can do is be present with someone. We cannot fix the problem. We do not have the answer to the question. We cannot erase the mistake. Sometimes we can help them up and walk along beside them. Sometimes we have to confront, challenge or spur them on. However, there are other times when all we can do is "lie down and listen for a while."

So, that is one side of the spectrum, one of the two bookends. On the other end is "You and I are friends. Always remember that if you fall, I will pick you up . . . after I finish laughing." When I saw this one, I had to laugh at the reality of what was being said. There are times and certain friends who know us well enough that when we fall, they can only help us up after the laughter subsides. In fact, there are some friends we have, who know us well enough, that when we say something or do something that everyone else would be afraid to confront us about, they'll just laugh at us. We need those friends too. We need the friends who will be present and listen, we need the friends who laugh at us (and with us).

Fill in the blank: "The twelve individuals who followed Jesus are called Jesus' _____." Did you answer disciples? Did you answer apostles? Did you answer

friends? All three would be correct. In John 15, Jesus refers to these individuals as His friends. Does this also apply to us? Jesus says, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15:12-15)

We are Jesus' friends. That's an amazing truth. In regard to the opening two statements, I think we can picture Jesus being present with us, lying beside us when we have no strength to get up, and listening. But what about the second statement, "I will pick you up . . . after I finish laughing." This does not seem as Jesus-like and being present and listening. However, if I am sitting at my desk, straight in front of me on the north wall is a picture. It is a picture of Jesus. It is a sketch of Jesus laughing; head back laughing. There are times when I am frustrated, upset, or things haven't gone well, when I, without thinking, look up and see the picture of Jesus laughing and I have to smile. When I see the picture, I am reminded that sometimes what I believe is such a big deal might not be all that significant. Maybe there are times I just need to laugh at myself and lighten up. I realize the picture on my wall is just a sketch. I cannot put a book, chapter, and verse with the drawing of Jesus, but I think there are times it might reflect the friendship Jesus extends to us.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 1st
(Tuesday)
Leaving the church at 9:30!

young at heart
Trip to **Second Helpings**

FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL
November 5th, 4:30pm
Chili Cookoff | Food Drive | Family Activities
Info, Sign-ups and Drop-offs at Connecting Point

Women's Overnighter
November 11-12

More info & sign-ups at Connecting Point

Come and enjoy this evening of worship, fun, food, & fellowship!
Dinner & breakfast provided.
Cost of event: \$5.00

nov 13th | 6-7:30p | youth attic

refuge. psalm 62:7
worship event

all are welcome



Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoeboxes and the Good News of God's love. You may leave your wrapped, filled shoeboxes at the display in the Atrium between November 6 and 20. Packing guides are available at the Operation Christmas Child display in the Atrium. For those who might prefer to donate cash toward postage for some of our elementary or Jr. High Sunday School classes' boxes, call either the church office or Bonnie Carpenter (730-5164). Questions? Call Bonnie.

Our Most Used Children's Area

Tisha Schultz

While looking at our church calendar one day, I realized the Ark children's area had children inside of it six out of seven days a week (and sometimes more than once a day)! I was honestly shocked. Most of the children's areas are typically only used once or twice a week. So what's different about the Ark?

On Monday and Wednesday mornings, Rev Strength offers childcare while men and women come together to strengthen their bodies and learn to be healthy and whole. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday mornings, Rev Fit offers childcare so parents have a place for their kids to go while they MOVE and learn more about how their bodies are tools to serve the Lord and love others. Where do the kids go while

their parents are working out in the gym? They go to the Ark! What do the kids do? They interact and play with each other. They learn to share and be considerate of others. They smile and laugh and sometimes cry (we all have bad days). They learn that church is a safe place and can be a fun place too.

There are other events throughout the year when kids are in the Ark as well. While parents are in choir rehearsals, certain Bible studies, and other meetings, kids play in the Ark. In July, volunteers drop their young children, not yet old enough for VBS, off in the Ark while they serve in various areas.

And, of course, there are Sundays. In the Ark, kids who have learned to walk go to class in the toddler room

until they are 2½ years old. Then they move to the other side of the Ark in our preschool class until they are ready for Pre-K (the year before kindergarten). On an average Sunday morning, we have over 20 kids in the Ark area playing together, listening to a Bible story, coloring, making a craft, and eating a snack. All of them being loved by approximately nine different volunteers serving and living as an example of Jesus to the kids that morning.

I'm thankful for each and every person who welcomes kids into the Ark for whatever reason they are there that day. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me..." (Matthew 19:14). May we always let them come as well!



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Spaghetti Fund Raiser

A heart felt THANK YOU to all who made donations (service, food & financial - \$3,007 profit) toward the student's Dominican mission trip! You are appreciated!



Daylight Saving Time Ends Nov. 6th at 2:00 a.m.

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday night, November 5th!



The church office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Nov. 24th & 25th



Care Ministry Birthdays

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

Francis Branigan - 11/20/26
2312 E. 7th St.
Anderson, IN 46012 642-0634

Births

Luke Davis - 10/10/16
Parents: Ben & Ashley Davis

Deaths

Jean Mathews - 9/27/16
Mother of Terry (Doug) Long

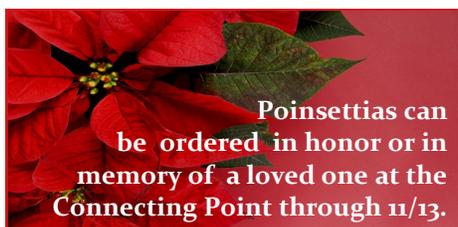
Robert Hall, Sr. - 10/9/16
Brother-in-law of Jody Fernung,
Donna Allen, Linda (Mainord) Orman

Myrtle Fredrick - 10/14/16
Grandmother of Bethany (Todd) Rielage

Roger L. Crail - 10/15/16
Father of Layla (Gary) Barcus;
Grandfather of Ethan & Ryan Barcus

New Decisions

Derrick/Mikaela Shipley - 10/2/16
Chuck/Melissa Siegel - 10/23/16



Poinsettias can be ordered in honor or in memory of a loved one at the Connecting Point through 11/13.

Statistics as of September 2016:

GENERAL BUDGET

- September Offerings \$58,482
- Year-to-date budget needs \$625,500
- Year-to-date actual giving \$577,740
- Amount under YTD \$47,759
- Budgeted weekly income \$16,038
- Average weekly income \$14,814

FAITH PROMISE

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

- September offerings \$2,623
- YTD offerings \$22,938

AVG WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- Year-to-date 534 (as of 9/25/16)

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