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# The Bethel Flame

...I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...2 Timothy 1:6b

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## THE BETHEL FLAME ON THE WEB

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Answer 1: A (See Luke 19:40)  
Answer 2: B (See Exodus 31:1-11.)



## Latest E-Pistle from Bishop Mike Croyner "Mission Indiana"

Our Extended Cabinet team of 14 District Superintendents, Directors and a couple of spouses has just returned from our trip to Mission Guatemala. That ministry is led by Rev. Tom Heaton, a clergy member of our Indiana Conference who began this mission work just four and a half years ago. Already that ministry has grown into several communities, helping provide health, nutrition and education for some of the poorest people in Guatemala. Our team visited ministry sites, worked hard on a couple of projects and learned from the passion, creativity and energy of Mission Guatemala. Truly Mission Guatemala is helping to transform the world in the name of Christ.

During one of our daily devotional times on our trip, Jennifer Gallagher, our conference treasurer, observed: "We need to be Mission Indiana when we get home." We all agreed. We are not sure what all that means, but we sense this is our role as conference servant leaders:

- We need to see Indiana as a mission field, even to realize that Indiana is a land that is underdeveloped spiritually, as much as Guatemala is an underdeveloped country.
- We want to help every appointed pastor to see his/her appointment as an assignment to a community and not just to a church.
- We hope that every congregation will see itself as a mission station to serve others, and not as a religious club where the members expect to be pampered.
- We are ready, as the Extended Cabinet, to lead the way, to model a new sense of being on a mission for God and to seek nothing less than a transformed Indiana.

Our mission remains the same: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." That mission begins with each of us, and it extends to Mission Indiana.

"Imagine Indiana" helped us to form a new Conference over the past five years, and so "Mission Indiana" may be the next logical step. Indeed our Annual Conference sessions the past two years have already focused upon the themes "Be a World Changer" and "The Outwardly-Focused Church." Our theme this year will be "Sharing Our Story." Many churches and many of our pastors and people have already caught this vision of being a church on a mission, making disciples and transforming the world.

Maybe it is time to release those who don't want to be part of a mission movement – allowing them to go in peace. Maybe it is time to close any church which is not making disciples or reaching its community – and use those assets to start new ministries. Maybe it is time for us to help any pastor who is not "all-in for our mission" to leave with dignity and with support to find another career. Maybe it is time to get serious about our mission and to become Mission Indiana.

I invite you to think and pray about this, to consider whether or not you are "in," and to discuss this in your congregation, cluster, and clergy covenant group. Are you ready to be a part of Mission Indiana?

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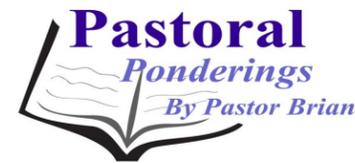
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Special points of interest:

- Chuck E Cheese Night
- Bishop's Youth Rally
- Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
- New Destination Unknown
- Henderson Settlement
- Dallas Holm in concert!!

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## “Here’s My Heart!”



Here at Bethel we have begun a sermon series entitled “gods at war,” based on the book of the same name by Kyle Idleman.

Our small groups are also studying and working their way through “gods at war” in an effort to draw closer to the Lord and root out the idols (gods...with a small “g”) in their lives that vie for a place in their hearts. Speaking of hearts, the message this past Sunday was about the “Battle for Your Heart” and the key verse was Proverbs 4:23, “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

Ever since I began studying and praying over this verse in particular (and maybe since St. Valentine’s Day is coming up as well) I have been thinking about our hearts and a song kept coming to mind. The song is “Here’s My Heart,” written and performed by David W. Huff (with his old group called David and the Giants) and part of the chorus goes like this: “Here’s my heart, here’s my soul, here’s something only You can hold...”

This chorus points us to the truth that our spiritual hearts (our souls) can really only be entrusted to God. When we consider God’s Word we come to an understanding that we need to be open, yet cautious, about who we are willing to “give” our hearts to in a relational sense. As I mentioned in Sunday’s message, our “gods at war” study reminds us that “Our heart defines and determines who we are, how we think, and what we do. Because everything flows from it, our heart is the battleground where the gods go to war.”



Because there is an ongoing battle for our hearts, if we are not careful with them we open ourselves up to hurt, to pain and to the possibility of closing ourselves off to even those who truly love us. We put up walls around our hearts in order to keep from being hurt and it is exhausting living this way (and this is not God’s plan for us)

A better way to live as followers of Jesus Christ is to fully make Him the foundation of our lives by giving our hearts in faith to Him. As we daily invite Jesus to make our hearts His home, we can be assured that we will be victorious in the various battles we face because

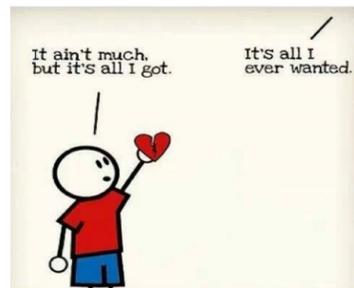
the war has already been won! Once we make that decision to give our souls, our hearts, to Jesus, they are secure in Him based upon the truth of the Word that Jesus gave His very life to secure them...and this is all He has ever wanted!

In closing, (I don’t normally do this, and I won’t divulge the name because there wasn’t one given) I want to share a prayer request I received last Sunday that is a perfect example of saying to God, “Here’s My Heart!”

*“Pastor Brian, I ask if you will pray for my Dad. I love him with all my heart and I want him to come to church with us to be a holy family. I need prayer. God told me he will come, but I would like it if you could pray for him to open up his eyes to see the Love in God!”*

In this honest, heart-felt prayer, we see a love for God (and a father), a faith in God, and a willingness to trust with a heart wide open that the Lord will meet this need. I am praying! I share this so you all will be praying! May God’s will be done in the life of the one who offered this prayer request, in the life of the father (and the rest of the family), and in all who have decided to let Jesus take up permanent residence in their hearts! Let us pray for those who need to make this decision as well and do all we can to be the hands and feet of Jesus to help them have “eyes to see the Love in God!” Amen!

Here’s My Heart! PB



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DALLAS HOLM is a GOSPEL MUSIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE and has garnered a GRAMMY NOMINATION and numerous DOVE AWARDS for SONG OF THE YEAR, SONGWRITER OF THE YEAR, MALE VOCALIST OF THE YEAR, a GOLD RECORD, and these number one songs: *Rise Again, Here We Are, Face To Face, and To The Glory.*



Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the Mitten Tree. Three pairs of mittens, forty-three pairs of gloves, thirty-seven hats, one scarf, and 5 socks were donated to Crossroad Children’s Home. These items are greatly appreciated by the children. Thank you for helping to keep them warm...especially this winter. The United Methodist Women

## JUST FOR FUN!

### Bible Trivia Question

When the Pharisees complained about the noisy crowd praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, what did he say would shout out if the people were silent?



- A. The stones
- B. The trees
- C. The palm branches
- D. The donkey

### +Christian Symbol+ Ashes



On Ash Wednesday, as Lent begins, worshipers’ foreheads are often marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes traditionally come from burning palm branches from

the previous Palm Sunday. In Old Testament days, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. Today, some worshipers wipe off the ashes before leaving church, to symbolize being cleansed from sin by Jesus’ death; others wear the ashes the rest of the day, carrying the cross of Christ into the world. The speaking of Genesis 3:19 often accompanies the placement of ashes: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Check your answers at the bottom of page 12

# BETHEL HAPPENINGS...



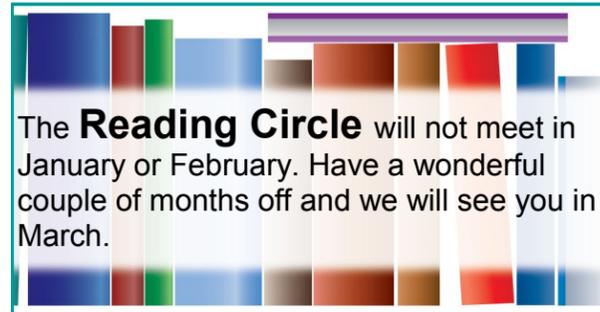
Been There Done That will not meet in January or February. Have a wonderful couple of months off and we will see you in March.



**Eve Circle** will not meet in January or February. Have a wonderful couple of months off and we will see you in March.

## COMING SOON!!

Bethel UMW  
Annual Chicken Noodle Dinner  
More information to follow in our next issue of the Bethel Flame.



The **Reading Circle** will not meet in January or February. Have a wonderful couple of months off and we will see you in March.



## February Meetings

**Thursday, February 12th**  
9:30am Church Staff Meeting  
**Thursday, February 26th**  
7:00 pm Daycare/Preschool Board Meeting  
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

## February Greeters

- Feb 1 Jo Ann Knapp  
Cheryl Nicolet
- Feb 8 Craig & Peg Balliet  
Mandy Odum
- Feb 15 Dick Fruit  
Jenni Swanson & Cindy Johnson
- Feb 22 Beth Champion  
Robb & Diana Bilderback

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, February 3rd at 9am

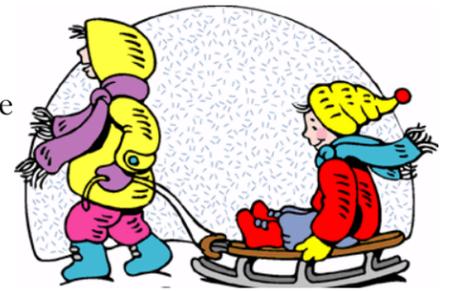
## General Operating Report - Dec.

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 9/01/14 Beginning Balance | -27,100.54 |
| INCOME                    | 32,898.64  |
| EXPENSES                  | 27,766.95  |
| 9/30/14 Ending Balance    | -21,968.85 |

# BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

## In-House Preschool Registration

It's the beginning of a new year, and Preschool has begun its in-house pre-registration for 2015-2016 school year. The registration fee is reduced to \$40 per child if you sign up before March 31st. We will open registration to the public starting February 2nd. If you are interested in signing your child up for preschool, registration forms are located by Sarah's office door or online. We would love to have you!!!



## Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser Night!!!



Come and Join us for Chuck E Cheese night on February 19th from 3pm – 9pm. Just mention Bethel Preschool at the counter and 15% of the total made that night will go to the Preschool/Daycare. All students will receive a sticker for 15 free tickets. Look for it to come home in their folders that week. See you there.

## It's Cookie Dough Time!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts February 23rd and runs until March 6th. If you haven't tried these cookies, they are fantastic. Everything in the catalog will be \$12 each. A catalog will be available on the round table starting that first Sunday, February 22nd. Help us raise money to update our facilities!!

## Closing reminders

It's that time of year so please remember to check for any Preschool delays or closings before leaving the house. We post this information on Facebook, channels 21Alive, NBC 33, Wane15, and to your email. You can receive text alerts by visiting [www.21alive.com/enews/textcaster](http://www.21alive.com/enews/textcaster) and setting your text preferences.

Also, Preschool is **CLOSED** on the following date.  
February 20th – No Preschool (Teacher In Service Day)

## Snow Play for Daycare

Please remember appropriate clothes for outdoor play. When it snows and temperature is 25 degrees or above, we will head outside to play. Also, mittens and gloves come in handy when we bring in tubs of snow for the kids to play in.

## Dec. Scrip Report:

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Total Sold | <b>\$20,638.40</b> |
| Parent %   | <b>\$208.99</b>    |
| School     | <b>\$794.66</b>    |



# CHILDREN'S

## Kids News

### Awana Clubs:

- The next Awana event will be the Valentine Fun Day on Wednesday, February 11.
- We received 4 new registrations in January which brings our **clubber headcount to 50**: T&T=7, Sparks=22, Cubbies=21. These new clubbers were brought in by friends so we're very excited that word about Bethel's Awana Clubs is spreading and kids are telling their friends about the fun they're having.

### Sunday School & Kids Kingdom:

- Are you interested in having your K thru 6th grader attend camp this summer? If so, contact Shelby. We are currently trying to get an idea of how many people might be interested.

## Thank you

- Rachel Campbell & Pat Muncie for leading the Squires & Kids Kingdom classes in January.
- Traci King for leading the Knights class in January.

## Other News

- There is a new email address to contact the Children's Ministry Director (see in the Contact Information box). Please update your address books.

## Current Volunteer Needs

### Awana Clubs:

- \* 2 Puggles Leaders (ages 2—3)      Leading involves teaching a Bible lesson, leading games and/or leading a craft or science activity.
- \* 1 Sparks Leader (grades K-2)
- \* 1 T&T Leader (grades 3-6)
- \* 1 Pre-Club Activity Leader      Sit with leader's children playing games and watching videos while leader's setup.

### Sunday School & Kids Kingdom:

- \* Squires and Kids Kingdom volunteers for May (2 needed) and July (1 needed).

If you are interested in being part of Children's Ministries please contact Shelby Naibauer.

## Baby Shower for the Pease Family

Join us for a Baby Shower to welcome Leah Gracelynn Pease to the Bethel Family. Sunday, February 8, 2015 immediately following second service. Lunch buffet of homemade chili, hot dogs, baked potatoes and a toppings bar, will be served along with cupcakes and pink lemonade, followed by silly shower games and a devotional read by Rachel Campbell. All are invited!



We are asking for a free will donation (approximately \$3 per person) to help cover the cost of food. Any money left over will be donated to a Bethel ministry of the Pease's choosing in the baby's name. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board, so we can get an approximate head count for food. Please see Jenni Swanson or Carol Barton for more information.

Brian and Hollie are registered at Target.

## Henderson Settlement Update

Each and every week, many of you bring in your Campbell's UPC labels as well as General Mills Box Tops. You drop them off and know that they go to the Henderson settlement and that they will use them to help reach their goal. But did you know that the settlement began in 1925 and it all started with a court trial. To find out the full history and how you can further help the settlement visit [www.hendersonsettlement.com/aboutus\\_history.php](http://www.hendersonsettlement.com/aboutus_history.php)

Recently a large envelope was sent out filled with lots of Campbell UPC codes for Henderson Settlement to help them reach their goal. They have banked 1,587,814 points and only need 50,000 more toward their goal of over 1,600,000 for a new van and other educational items that are needed. The van is needed for transportation in their ministries with transporting senior citizens, speaking trips, tours, and youth ministries after school program.

The envelope also included lots of General Mills Boxtops that the school next door to the settlement will use to purchase needed items.

Please keep the following labels coming: Pepperidge Farm Breads (fresh or frozen), croutons, rolls & stuffing, cereals, campbells soup, broth and beans, gravies, Dannon items, Glad items, SpaghettiOs pasta, Wolfgang soup, Emerald nuts, Pepperidge Goldfish, Pop Secret items and BIC items.

Thank You for all the labels you are saving for Henderson. Sarah Menefee



# BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

## A Look Into What's Coming In February For Sunday School



### Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Barb Cross

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others,  
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

These lessons help us to remember the truth that God is in control. He owns everyone and everything. We are merely stewards of our Master. Please join us as we allow God to transform our weaknesses into strengths by His amazing grace and unconditional love. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

### Unit 3 Stewardship for Life

|             |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|
| February 1  | Feasting and Fasting  | Daniel 1:5, 8-17; Matthew 6:16-18; 9:9-17 |
|             | Purpose: To explore the discipline of fasting and its benefits.   |   |
| February 8  | Serving Neighbors, Serving God                                    | Luke 10:25-34                             |
|             | Purpose: To realize the identity of my neighbor.                  |   |
| February 15 | Serving the Least   | Matthew 25:31-46                          |
|             | Purpose: To answer God's call to live a life of intentional love. |   |
| February 22 | Clothed and Ready   | Ephesians 6:10-20                         |
|             | Purpose: To receive the call and strength to withstand evil.      |   |

The class will also be sharing in a mission project during Lent by joining with **Heifer International** as we “**Give Up to Give Back**” -- the 40 Days that will change the lives of hungry families...and also our own. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Materials will be handed out in class on Sunday, February 15, as we unite together to help end hunger and poverty during the season of Lent.

### Seekers of the Covenant (Room S5)- Leader- Jeff Cusick

Join us as we study Adam Hamilton's Revival. Which chronicles Adam Hamilton's journey to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion.

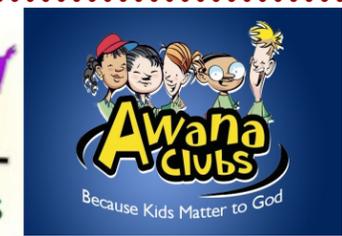
### Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Koinonia Class has a strong Bible study orientation. We took an interlude from our study of Matthew for the “Not a Fan” videos and in February, will be wrapping up our lively discussions of the last section of the book. Then we are contemplating extending our interlude to start the book Gods at War.

### The Purple Group (Fellowship Hall) Leader-Shared leadership between members

The Purple Group is off and running! What is the Purple Group? It's the newest Sunday School class! We meet each week in fellowship hall from 9:30-10:20. We are working through "The Purple Book-Biblical Foundations for Building Strong Disciples" So far, we've looked at Sin and Salvation, with corresponding sections of the bible to read and summarize. Feel free to join us if you don't currently have a class. Bring your bible, questions and be ready for a lively discussion.

# MINISTRIES



## Wednesdays at Bethel

**Awana Clubs**                      **5:00—7:00 PM**  
Runs from Sep 3, 2014 - May 20, 2015  
**Ages:** 2 yrs - Grade 6

## Sundays at Bethel

### Sunday School 9:30—10:30 AM

Squires of the Son      Ages 2 - Grade 2  
**Location:** Crib Room beside the kitchen.  
**This Month's Crew:** Les & Lin Walters

Knights in Christ      Grades 3 - 6  
**Location:** Music Room beside the stage.  
**This Month's Crew:** Nicole Burt

### Children's Church 10:30—11:30 AM

Kids Kingdom              Ages 2 - Grade 6  
**Location:** The castle in Fellowship Hall  
**This Month's Kingdom Crew:** Les & Lin Walters

## We Collect Cans!

Children's Ministry collects pop cans for cash! Collection bins are located near the pop machine by the kitchen and inside the fence just outside the kitchen door.

## Donations

Check out this website to see what we need for Children's Ministry.:  
<http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/childrens-ministry-age-3---grade-6.html>  
(scroll to the bottom of the page).

## Contact Information

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# BETHEL YOUTH MINISTRY

## All 4 Him



On Sunday night, January 11 the third annual *All 4 Him* youth praise and worship concert was held. It was a good time to worship with others in our community. Despite the snowy conditions outside, youth from Eagle's Quest in Columbia City, Taylor Chapel UMC, Covenant UMC, and Pathway in Fort Wayne attended. We are so grateful to Mike Lee and his band for

leading us in a refreshing time of worship. Mike's twin brother Chris spoke to the youth about their identity in Christ. They were challenged to remember that if they are in Christ they are coheirs with Him. We enjoyed *All 4 Him* and are looking forward to it next year! So mark your calendars now for ***All 4 Him* January 10, 2016 at 5:45 pm!!**



## Bishop's Youth Rally



Have you signed up for Go, the Bishop's Youth Rally on March 14? If not, contact Melinda or Andrew ASAP so we can get you registered. The cost is \$40 which includes the conference, lunch, and transportation. This rally will be an all day event. We will leave the church at 6:30 am so we can get there by 8:30 am when it starts. Here is the day's schedule! It looks like it will be a great day! Don't miss out on this opportunity to worship with youth from all over Indiana.

### SCHEDULE:

- 8-9:00 AM Registration
- 9:00 AM Main Stage Session 1 w/ Mark Oestreicher, Hannah Foust & Vessel Worship
- 11:00 AM High School/Middle School Workshops & Connect Activities
- 12:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM High School/Middle School Workshops & Connect Activities
- Youth Leader Workshop with Mark Oestreicher
- 2:00 PM High School/Middle School Workshops & Connect Activities
- 3:00 PM Q&A w/ Bishop Mike
- 4:00 PM Worship w/ Bishop Mike & Vessel Worship

Pictures and Schedule taken from <http://inumconnect.org/events/go/>



# BETHEL YOUTH MINISTRY

## Sunday School

If someone were to ask you why you are a Christian, what answer would you give them? If they wanted to know how to become a Christian, what would you say? We are in the midst of answering these questions in a series called, "*Sharing Your Faith Without Fear*". Come to Sunday School at **9:30 am** in the Bethel Loft and learn how to boldly lead someone to Jesus.

## Upcoming Youth Events

### Spaghetti Dinner ~

All are invited to stay after church on February 15 for a Love Feast. The Bethel Youth will serve you a spaghetti dinner including salad, bread sticks and a dessert at 11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a fundraiser for the mission's trip the youth will take the third week of June to SonRise Camp in Anderson, IN. There will be containers set out to collect donations.

### SonRise Camp ~

February 8 at 5 pm in the Bethel Loft there will be a informational meeting for parents and youth about this year's mission trip to SonRise Camp in Anderson, Indiana. We are planning to go to the camp from June 22 to 27. Here is a little more information taken from their website: "SonRise summer camp is a five-day, four-night Bible program for youth, adult volunteers and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Volunteer orientation begins on Monday morning. Camp participants with intellectual and developmental disabilities arrive Tuesday morning. Camps conclude at 11 a.m. on Saturday." (<http://bethesdalutherancommunities.org/>) The cost of the camp is \$150. We will plan fundraisers to help pay for this trip. Hannah Schneiderman, Senior Religious Life Intern for Bethesda Lutheran Communities will be with us on Sunday night, February 8 to provide more information and answer any questions you may have.

### Destination Unknown ~

When: Sunday, March 1

Cost: \$15

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Where to Meet: In the Loft after Sunday School

What to bring: A packed lunch and snacks

What to wear: Warm clothes, gloves, boots, hat, scarf

## Youth Calendar

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Day</b> | <b>Time</b>    | <b>Event</b>                                      |
|-------------|------------|----------------|---|
| Feb. 1      | Sun.       | 5-7pm          | Youth Group                                       |
| Feb. 8      | Sun.       | 5-7pm          | Deadline to register for the Bishop's Youth Rally |
| Feb. 15     | Sun.       | 11:45am-2pm    | SonRise Misson's Trip Meeting                     |
| Feb. 22     | Sun.       | 5-7pm          | Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Misson's Trip     |
| Mar. 1      | Sun.       | 10:30am-3:30pm | Youth Group                                       |
|             |            |                | Destination Unknown #4                            |

For more information about upcoming events contact:

Melinda and Andrew Bird, Youth Directors

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