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Answer to Bible Trivia: A (See Jeremiah 18:1-10)  
Answer to puzzle: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV



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

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COME AND GET IT!

Join us for the

UMW ANNUAL CHICKEN  
NOODLE LUNCHEON

at

Bethel United Methodist Church  
8405 Lima Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46818

Sunday, February 26th  
following church service at 11:15am

Dine In – Free Will Offering or  
Take Out - \$4 per pint & \$8 per quart

Menu: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Dessert and Coffee or Lemonade

All proceeds go to local & world missions

We hope to see you there!

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Special points of  
interest:

- “God’s Not Dead;  
He’s Surely Alive!”  
Can I Get a  
Witness?
- Observations  
Welcome
- Summer Camp
- Journey to  
Jerusalem
- It’s Cookie Dough  
Time
- Ash Wednesday
- Soup Supper

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“God’s Not Dead; He’s Surely Alive!”  
Can I Get a Witness?

I often wear a silicone wristband that declares, “**God’s Not Dead**” and most likely you have seen, or at least heard about, the two movies based on this statement of faith. The reason I bring this up is because many people have noticed my wristband and some have even felt obliged to comment. I have heard things like “I hope so!” and “I’m not so sure!” which have led to opportunities for discussion and witnessing about the hope we have in Jesus.

Witnessing to others about the Lord is one of our most important callings, so much so that on my wristband there is also an accompanying Scripture reference, *Matthew 10:32-33*. This Scripture proclaims both Jesus’ blessing and warning, “*Whoever acknowledges Me before others, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven. But whoever disowns Me before others, I will disown before My Father in heaven.*”

These are strong words from the Lord reflecting the importance of our witness to the life-transforming grace and love of God that all believers, followers of The Way, disciples of Jesus Christ are called to share...with EVERYONE! After all, how will “they” know if we don’t tell them, or better yet, show them by our love and example?

Now I know many who are concerned about how they go about sharing their faith, they don’t know what to say. Jesus addresses that very concern when He tells His disciples in Matthew 10:19-20, “...*do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.*”

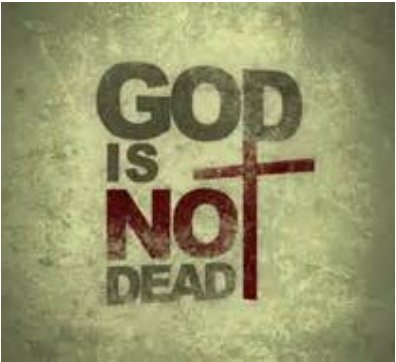
Wearing a silicone wrist band, a Christian tee shirt, or some other form of “witness wear” is a small beginning, possibly a conversation starter, but we need to be willing to go further, to talk, to actually allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into opportunities to share our faith. We just need to be honest with where we are in our walk with Christ and make sure we have a faith to share. We can’t *profess* something we aren’t sure we *possess*. The question becomes, “***Is Christ really alive in me?***”

The reason I pose this question is due to another comment I heard about the statement, “God’s Not Dead.” It came from one who said he “*couldn’t tell if this statement was true or not based on some of the “Christians” he knew!*” I have to admit there was a time in my life as an early follower of Jesus that he could have been describing me, but thanks be to God for His faithfulness! I *know* God has given me new life through Jesus Christ because the Holy Spirit witnesses to my spirit that Jesus is alive in me! We all can have this assurance because Jesus gave His life willingly to show us, to tell us of God’s amazing grace and love, to give us victory over sin, death and hell by overcoming the grave and rising to new life!

Now let me ask you, if you have been led by the Spirit to receive this gift of grace and have the assurance to know that indeed, ***God Is Not Dead, He Is Surely Alive***, then isn’t that something worth sharing?! Ask yourself, “Am I living in a way that witnesses to the truth that Jesus is alive and living in me?”

I am praying for all of us that we will be open to the Holy Spirit’s leading and we will not keep the light of God’s love under a bushel of our own making, but allow the Good News to permeate our hearts until it overflows in an evident, joy-filled praise we will just have to share! And when you do, remember Jesus’ words from *Acts 1:8*, “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*”

***God’s Not Dead, He’s Surely Alive...Can I Get A Witness?! PB***



***BETHEL PRAYER LIST***

**Bethel Family**

Carol Borches	Don Wadkins	Bishop Julius Trimble and family
Peg Cussen	Donna Wakeland	District Superintendent, David Neckers and family
Bob Dorsey	Linn Walters	Pastor Brian & Rachel Campbell and family
Diana Halter	Gayle Westfall	Kid’s Kingdom
Opal Herrberg	Linda Wheaton	Awana Clubs
Pastor Jerry & Liz Machgan	Those of our congregation who are job-hunting	
Bonnie Jean Merriman	Families in crisis – financial, health, marriage	
Arline Miller	Bethel Staff & Volunteers	
Marcia Moore	Bethel Church	
Ray Owen	Bethel Preschool & Bethel Daycare	
Joy Stukey		
Russ Sunday		

**Friends of Bethel**

Brent Ashby, Rachel Campbell’s brother	Judy Miller, friend of Ron & Phyllis Shappell	Marscell Sloffer, Charlotte Klerner’s mother
Linda Bir, friend of Bob & Jean Shugert	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob Moore	The President and Cabinet (the government)
Ava Bower, child with Leukemia	Koree Neuenschwander, Shugert’s Great-granddaughter	Pray for the schools, children, teachers etc.
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s sister	Larry Reeder, Top Clean	
Julie Harper, friend of Sarah Menefee.	Beth Richardson, friend of Dave & Pat Muncie	
Richard Johnson, Jenny Lemmon’s father	The Saneta Family	
Ryan & Chole McIntyre, relatives of Betty Failor	Wayne Sauers, Linda Wheaton’s father	
	Caz Strzynski	

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE OF CHANGES THAT NEED TO BE MADE TO THESE LISTS. WE THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH TO PRAY FOR THEM.**

## Remember those of our church who are in healthcare, shut-in or in assisted living:

Juanita Arnold

Edna Doty

Betty Failor

Opal Herrberg

Irene Johnstonbaugh

Ronald Jones

Marcia Moore

Elizabeth Richards

Rooney Stewart

Russ Sunday

**PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW OF ANY CHANGES THAT  
NEED TO BE MADE SUCH AS ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER.**

## **BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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



### **Christian Home Builders-(Room S6)- Leader-Don Cross**

February 2017 lessons focus on much of Paul's letter to the Galatians. Paul's writing will help us to live as a unified community, free in Christ to be holy and to serve as Jesus' witnesses in the world. The purposes of the lessons are to affirm that our new life in Christ transcends all other divisions, to resist the temptation to trust human traditions more than God's gift of freedom through Christ, to practice true freedom by serving others in love, and to manifest the fruit of the Spirit as our faithful response to God and our witness to others. Our final question to ponder: "What things can we do to help ourselves and others in the household of faith to persevere?" We need your input to help answer it, so come on in!

#### **Unit 3**

#### **The Birthing of a New Community**

February 5	Re-created to Live in Harmony	Psalm 33:1-9
February 12	New Birth Brings Freedom	Galatians 4
February 19	Freedom in Christ	Galatians 5:1-17
February 26	Christ Creates Holy Living	Galatians 5:18--6:10

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

Keep an eye out for us to begin a new study named *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. We're all searching. Sometimes the search is easy: simply type a question and the answer pops up. But sometimes our questions are complicated, and the answers are difficult to see and harder to articulate. How do we discover and examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life? Adam Hamilton believes that some powerful answers are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs.

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

In February, the Koinonia Class will be studying the book of Nehemiah. We will be discussing what to do in a desperate situation: how to be in God's will, how to motivate people, how to thwart enemies, and get the job done!

### **Friends and Followers - (Fellowship Hall) Leader-Barb Cross**

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:31-32, NIV) As we continue to discuss repentance and what genuine repentance means, we thank Pastor Brian for teaching the class on Sunday, January 8. We have learned that genuine repentance feels intensely the wrong of our sins. We bear full responsibility for what we have done and take action to correct our sins even when it is personally hard to do so. As we pray together, share stories, listen to the words and music of Christian songs, and study the LORD'S inspired words from various translations, everything is changing in our lives. We are growing in Christian love as "Friends and Followers" of Jesus Christ! Join us for all are welcomed at the table!



# BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

Sep 7, 2016 - May 24, 2017 5:00 - 7:00 PM



## Observations Welcome

Have you ever considered being a teacher for one of the Awana classes but aren't quite sure about what it takes? Now is a great time to sit in on a couple of classes to observe what happens during a typical club night. Classes begin at 5:45 and end at 6:45. There are 3 groups you can observe. Cubbies are preschoolers ages 3-5 years, Sparks are in grades K-2, and Truth-in-Training (T&T) are in grades 3-6. Drop in any Wednesday when you have a free night and let us know you'd like to observe a class. And please feel free to bring a friend or teenager who might also be interested.

## Supply Wishlist

- Glue sticks
- Religious Stickers
- Several Hanging File Folders (Red, Green, Blue)
- 15 Mini Composition Books (size = about 2" x 4")

## Notecards For Sale

Notecards designed by Bethel's own kids are available in packages of 8 cards for \$6.00.



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416-0752

## Upcoming Events

### FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, February 22—Theme Night—Favorite Color

### MARCH

- Wednesday, March 1—No Clubs—Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday, March 22—Theme Night—Wear a Hat/Crazy Hair
- Wednesday March 29—Family Fun Night

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<http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/>

# JUST FOR FUN!

After you complete the puzzle below you can check you answer at the bottom of page 12.  
Have fun!

## Fancy Flakes

Make a snowflake as unique and as special as you are in God's eyes.

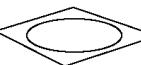
### What you need:

- paper (plain white or glittery wrapping paper)
- round plate or saucer (about the size you want your snowflake)
- pencil, crayon or marker
- scissors
- glitter
- glue stick
- hole punch
- ribbon or yarn



### What you need to do:

1. Draw a circle on a piece of paper by tracing around the plate or saucer.
2. Cut out the circle.
3. Fold the paper in half three times. (If the paper is thick, fold it just twice.)
4. Use your scissors to carefully cut out shapes from the folded paper.
5. Unfold your paper.
6. On one side, write some things that are special about you.
7. Decorate the other side using the glue stick and glitter.
8. When the glitter is dry, punch a hole in the snowflake.
9. Put ribbon or yarn through the hole, and tie it to make a hanger.



## Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

**Directions:** Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12<sup>th</sup> letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.

(1) You really like ice cream! \_\_\_\_\_

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. \_\_\_\_\_

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. \_\_\_\_\_

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. \_\_\_\_\_

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. \_\_\_\_\_

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. \_\_\_\_\_

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. \_\_\_\_\_



"Honor \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_."

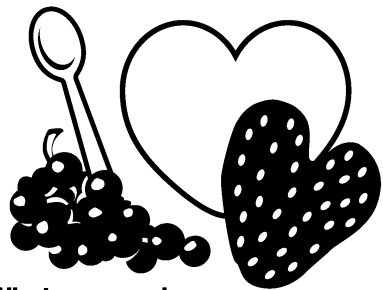


Matthew 19:19, NIV

## JUST FOR FUN!

### Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.



#### What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

#### What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!

### Christian Symbol ~ "Ecce Agnus Dei"



Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).

### Bible Trivia Question:



In Jeremiah 18, God told Jeremiah to go down to the potter's house. Jeremiah obeyed. The potter was forming a vessel of clay on his wheel, but he accidentally ruined it. He reformed the clay into a lump and started over. He worked the clay again until he had a vessel that seemed good to him.

Jeremiah, the Lord's prophet, discerned that God was using the occasion as a lesson regarding individuals and nations. What was the lesson?

- A. God can do individuals and nations great good if they yield themselves to God's will.
- B. God doesn't really care in the long run whether people obey him or not.
- C. God's judgment doesn't really matter.
- D. If things don't work out well the first time, you can always try again.

Check your answers at the bottom of page 12

## BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Summer Camp – Impact Outdoor Ministries

Summer camp is coming quick and we need to know whose going! There are three camps only 45 minutes from Fort Wayne. Choose from Camp Lakewood (elementary students), Epworth Forest CC (high schoolers), or Camp Adventure (middle schoolers). There are several different weeks you can sign up for in June and July. For more information or to register, go to [beacamper.com](http://beacamper.com). If you would like a paper registration packet, call 1-888-628-2818. Nicole and Traci will have further information about Bethel coordinating camps and monetary assistance for our kids in 2017. Reviewing this information and sharing with your kids is a great way to start the conversation about trying a new way to experience and learn about God. To receive the early bird discount you must sign up by April 17, 2017.

### Journey to Jerusalem

On January 29th the Children's Sunday school and youth started a new series called Journey to Jerusalem. This is an amazing series by GROUP and provides a great resource to educate all our kids on the bible stories leading up to Easter. We encourage all parents to consider bringing their kids to Sunday School and Kids Kingdom so they will get the full benefit of the lessons and enjoy in all the fun! The material is structured such that there will be a bible story lesson as well as games and crafts that coordinate with the discussion each week. Any questions please contact Traci King, Nicole Burt, or Rachel Campbell.

### Are you called to be a Prayer Warrior?

Our kids are in need of your Prayer! Every day our kids are faced with tough challenges, decisions, emotional struggles and temptations that are meant to distract them from developing a relationship with God. In 2017, we are asked those that have it in their hearts to be Prayer Warriors for our kids. Prayer Warriors offer prayer, individual support and provide witness to the ways in which God has blessed their lives to a child in our children's ministry. (both children & youth). We hope this will provide opportunity to strengthen our church as a church family and the relationships in our church as we all grow together in God's love.

Thank you for your commitment to prayer for our kids. If your child missed the painting activity on January 22nd and you would like to have your child participate in this project please see Traci King. Every child and person can benefit from prayer and we want all kids to have an opportunity to participate!



### Sunday School Join Us!!

Sunday School:  
~8:45am - 9:45am

Kids Kingdom:  
~during 10am  
worship service  
~combined age class

### Coming Soon!

Are you interested in helping in children's ministry or learning about opportunities to get to know the children of our church. Our annual children's ministry meeting is being planned now! Keep an eye out in the bulletins for updates regarding date and time

### Feb. Birthdays

Jeremiah Burt 2-13




BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Preschool Registration

Registration will open to the public on February 1st. The registration fee is \$40 until March 31st. All Day classes fill up fast so please get your registrations in as soon as possible.



Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser Night!!!

 15% DONATION SALES  
Chuck E Cheese fundraiser night is Feb 16<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 9pm. The school will receive 15% of what is spent there that night by saying you are with Bethel Preschool. The money raised will go towards the purchase of some new outside toys and to replace existing ones. We would love your support, and hope to see you there.

It’s Cookie Dough Time

Cookie Dough Fundraiser starts February 27th and runs until March 11th. If you haven’t tried these cookies, they are fantastic. Everything in the catalog will be \$13 each. A catalog will be available on the Welcome Center starting that first Sunday, February 26th. Help us raise money to update our facilities!!

It’s Cold Outside

Don’t forget to send your children in warm clothes. Hats, gloves, etc... Cold weather is unfortunately here to stay. We do go outside if it is above 20 degrees.  
Also with cold weather comes school delays and closings. Please be sure to check the news in the morning. I will also send emails, texts, and post on Facebook.

Here is a list of upcoming events:

Chuck E Cheese Night:	Feb 16th
Cookie Dough Fundraiser	Feb 27th - Mar. 10th
Book Fair:	Mar 6th – 10th
Parent/Teacher Conf.:	(No School) Mar 9th & 10th

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. We also send text alerts through Remind 101, please see your child’s teacher for a code if you would like to receive these messages.

Dec. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$15,881.00
Parent %	\$232.95
School %	\$704.64

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...



Join us for our Ash Wednesday service  
Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm

Annual Soup Supper to be held  
prior to Ash Wednesday service



Wednesday, March 1 at 6pm will be our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper. If you plan to attend, please sign up on sheet provided on the Church Bulletin. Include your name, number in your group attending and the kind of soup you will be bringing.

Northeast District Lay Servant Ministries

Location ~ Fort Wayne Calvary UMC: 6301 Winchester Road Fort Wayne, IN 46819  
Academy Host ~ Rev. Harold Jones  
Dates and Times ~ March 5th through April 2nd - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Commitment Service ~ 4:00 p.m. April 2nd  
Brochures available at the Welcoming Center.

UMW May Tea

The biannual UMW tea party will be on May 6th at 10:00am. Mark your calendars. It will be a a fun event.

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast group will be Saturday, February 11th at 9am. See you there!



Thursday, February 9th  
9:30am Church Staff Meeting  
Thursday, February 23rd  
7:00pm Trustee Meeting

February Greeters	
Feb 5	Brian Campbell
Feb 12	Randy & Gayle Westfall
Feb 19	Cheryl Nicolet
Feb 26	Dave & Pat Muncie



Eve Circle will hold a short meeting of all women who are members on Sunday, Feb. 5th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. We need to select a new chair-person. Please come and volunteer or help make a suggestion.



Reading Circle will be on break through the cold months. We will resume in March. See you then!

General Operating Report - Dec.

12/01/16 Beginning Balance	-24,434.50
INCOME	36,867.01
EXPENSES	32,528.10
12/31/16 Ending Balance	-20,095.59