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Answer to Bible Trivia: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)
Answer to puzzle: "You, LORD, are my lamp; the LORD turns my darkness into light." 2 Samuel 22:29,
IVN



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

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“Will Jesus Be Seen in 2017?”

I’m not sure if you are even aware, but once again many predictions have been popping up about the return of Christ in 2017 (some have it as early as February!). Many sources theorize that surely THIS must be the year that we see Jesus. After all, look at the mess we have made of things in our world! We all see what this last election cycle has brought on our nation and has revealed about the division in the hearts and minds of so many. Just look around and it doesn’t take long to be witness to the heartbreaking reality of injustice, poverty, inhumanity, pain, fear, unrest, war and rumors of wars, and so much more we see destroying the human race and the very fabric our existence today!

Happy New Year, huh?! We MUST be seeing Jesus anytime now, right???

Well, I’m not sure about God’s timing on the issue of Jesus coming back. I mean, if Jesus Himself said He didn’t know while He was here with us, I don’t guess I have to worry myself about that matter. What I can say is there is most definitely a way that we can know beyond a shadow of doubt that Jesus can, and will, be seen in 2017, and I’m not even referring to His second coming. I hope you already know how this can be as well...

WE CAN BE THE HANDS, FEET, AND VERY HEART OF JESUS BY ALLOWING HIM, THROUGH THE POWER OF THE PRECIOUS HOLY SPIRIT, TO LIVE IN AND THROUGH US!!!

In the gathering area of our sanctuary I have placed a plaque that most of you should be familiar with now, since I believe I place a copy as an insert in our bulletin awhile back. I know that members of our SPRC and Administrative Council should be very familiar since we have shared it in our meetings. In case you have missed it, it says (with Scripture references to back each statement up) ...

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If we truly want Jesus to be seen in 2017, the aforementioned is a wonderful start. I say start because in order to truly allow Jesus to be seen by those who do not yet know Him, we apply this same principle to EVERYONE else we meet! It is this kind of love, care, and respect that Jesus modeled for us that will see lives transformed and Jesus WILL be seen in 2017 and beyond!

God’s Blessings to All for a Wonderful 2017 and May Jesus Be Seen Here at BUMC, In Our Community, and Throughout Our World! Joy To The World, The Lord Has Come!!! PB

BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

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|----------------------------|--|---|
| 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 | |
| Russ Sunday | | |

Friends of Bethel

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| 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: Heritage of Fort Wayne

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Elizabeth Richards: Care of their son, Tom Richards

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**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 January For Sunday School



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

What better beginning to another new year God has given us than to praise the Lord!

To praise God for the creative power of God's Word, to worship God for God's beauty and justice, to find our security in the God who provides for our needs, to celebrate God's goodness as Creator and Lord of all, and to join the chorus of creation in hallelujah to the Lord! "Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." (Psalm 115:1, NIV) So when you hear songs of praise coming out of Room S6, be sure to peek in and check us out!

Unit 2

Praise From and for God's Creation

January 1	Praising God the Creator	Psalm 22:1-9
January 8	All Creation Overflows With Praise	Psalm 96
January 15	Praise God the Provider	Psalms 64; 67:6-7
January 22	Praise God the Creator	Psalm 104
January 29	All Creation Praises God	Psalm 148

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

The Seekers Sunday school class has most recently been studying The Redemption of Scrooge. This is a study about Charles Dickens' great story, A Christmas Carol, and how Jesus teachings can be found in this great, classic story. The study focuses on the sad character of Ebenezer Scrooge and the parallels between his redemption and our repentance through acceptance of Jesus Christ. If you are not currently participating in an adult Sunday School class, please join us for this study and other exciting studies planned for 2017.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

No information submitted.

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

From sun-gazing.com I quote: "At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought, but what we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but our character; and not our success, but our significance. Live a life that matters. Live a life of Love." In this class we are learning to live a life that matters, a life of God's kind of love. We are learning to walk in obedience and repentance to God. We are turning from the pursuit of self and turning towards the pursuit of Christ. We are discussing the obstacles of repentance. That God must give us a new heart and lead us to repentance through His lovingkindness. Scripture tells us: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." (Ezekiel 36:27-28.) We always welcome more friends at the table!

BETHEL AWANA CLUBS

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



A Successful Fundraiser

Our Matching Fundraiser was a complete success! We raised the full \$1000 (which was our goal). Thank you to all who donated to Awana and especially to our anonymous matching donor. Your willingness to give helps ensure our children can continue to learn about and grow in the love of Jesus Christ.



Notecards For Sale

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



Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- Wednesday, January 4—NO AWANA CLUBS
- Wednesday, January 25—Theme Night—Wacky Wednesday

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, February 22—Theme Night—Favorite Color

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JUST FOR FUN!

Creation KALEIDOSCOPE

Make this fun craft to remember what our heavenly Creator made.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Tall chip can with lid
- Hammer and nail
- Acrylic paint; paintbrush
- Water, glitter, white glue
- Colored tissue paper
- Stronger craft glue (not hot glue)
- Star stickers or sequins
- Two 4" x 5" pieces of clear Con-Contact paper
- Scissors; pencil; permanent marker

What you do:

1. In bottom center of can, hammer a hole with a nail. Paint outside of can. Let dry.
2. Add glitter and a little water to white glue. With a clean paintbrush, glue tissue paper to bottom outside of lid.
3. Add stars to sticky side of Con-Contact paper. Place a matching piece on top, sticky sides together.
4. Put craft glue along edge of can opening. Glue Con-Contact paper square over opening. Let dry.
5. Place lid on can, over Con-Contact paper. Turn lid to get kaleidoscope effect.
6. With marker, write "In the beginning ..." on can.

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

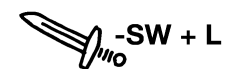


LET THERE BE LIGHT

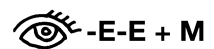
In a world of darkness, God guides us so we can walk in his ways.

Directions: Write the name of each picture, subtracting and adding letters as indicated. Then fill in the blanks to complete 2 Samuel 22:29, NIV.

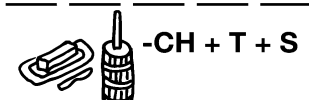
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2 SAMUEL 22:29, NIV

JUST FOR FUN!

GUIDING LIGHT

Make this flashlight to remember that God, our light, always shows us the way.



What you need:

- Flashlight with handle strap
- Yarn (6 to 8 inches)
- Colorful pony beads
- Stickers (including foam letters)
- Batteries

What you do:

1. Tie the yarn through the flashlight's handle strap so two equal lengths hang down.
2. String the pony beads onto the two yarn lengths, and secure the ends with knots.
3. Decorate the flashlight with stickers. Use letters to spell "God is light."
4. Keep the flashlight by your bedside as a reminder of God's guidance. Use the flashlight to read a Bible verse before bed each night!

Christian Symbol ~ Three Chests



Sometimes called "three arks," this image represents the gifts the Magi brought to the child Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). Because Scripture lists three gifts, the legend arose that there were three wise men. But the biblical account doesn't say how many travelers visited the Holy Family.

Lessons from a snowman



- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous

Bible Trivia Question:

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above

Check your answers at the bottom of page 12



BETHEL CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Christmas Program

Thank you to all the kids who performed in the Christmas Program this year! You did a great job making a joyful noise for the Lord and spreading the joy of Christmas to those in our church!!



January Sunday School

January 1st – all 8:45 Sunday School classes will be combined with the adult Sunday school as we will be hearing a special message from the Byrd family regarding this missionary work they have been doing in the Caribbean. We are excited to hear and reconnect with them!! The remainder of January Sunday School will be on normal schedule.

Sunday School Leaders

A new Sunday School calendar is being planned now. If you are interested in helping in the nursery, teaching a Sunday school class or have changes for next year please see Traci King know as soon as possible.

Sunday School Join Us!!

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

Kids Kingdom:
~during worship service
~combined age class

Jan. Birthdays

1/7 Keller Odum
1/9 Hannah Pease
1/12 Grayson Harris
1/13 Hannah Burt
1/16 JJ Swanson
1/18 Zera Utnage
1/23 Leah Pease



BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

Preschool Early Registration

Starting January 4th, early registration will begin for in-house parents and church members. 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.

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:

Christmas Break (No School) Dec 21 – Jan 3
Back to school: January 4th

**Keep a look out, we will be doing another Movie Night soon!



MASON JAR
nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.

What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.

Nov. Scrip Report:	
Total Sold	\$6730.00
Parent %	\$72.39
School %	\$206.10

THANK YOU's

God has blessed me with recovering health and a second chance in life. While I still have another surgery looming in the future, I want to **thank everyone** for all the cards, visits, and prayers. The endless support and encouragement helped to make a long process endurable. Bless all of you, Jackie Itt

Thank you to all who donated items, volunteered your time, and especially those who let us wrap your Christmas gifts for our recent fundraiser. We thoroughly enjoyed wrapping all of your precious packages and hope that you will think of us next year as well. **We raised a total of \$155 to be donated towards the paving of the Bethel church parking lot in the spring.** Once again, thank you and Happy New Year from the Bethel Church Staff.

Office Holiday Closings

The Church & Daycare offices will be CLOSED in observance of the New Year's on Monday, January 2nd. Preschool will be CLOSED from December 21st through January 3rd.

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

The Men's Prayer Breakfast group will be Saturday, January 7th at 9am. See you there!

Faith on Friday will be held on January 20th at 7pm. See you there!

Church Meetings

Tuesday, January 17th

6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

Thursday, January 12th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Thursday, January 26th

7:00pm Trustee Meeting

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

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

January Greeters	
Jan 1	Phyllis Strahm
Jan 8	Josh & Mandy Odum
Jan 15	Mike & Shelby Naibauer
Jan 22	Cheryl Nicolet
Jan 29	Phyllis Strahm

General Operating Report - Nov.	
11/01/16 Beginning Balance	-20,614.15
INCOME	16,549.23
EXPENSES	20,369.58
11/30/16 Ending Balance	-24,434.50