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Answer: D (See Genesis 28:10-19.)



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# COME AND GET IT! Join us for the

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Special points of interest:

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- **New Destination** Unknown
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- The Kramers
- How BIG is your God?
- **Happy Birthday** Davcare!
- **BOGO Book Fair**
- Fill some Easter Eggs

# Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> after 2<sup>nd</sup> service from 11:30am ~ 1:00pm

Dine In – Free Will Offering or Take Out - \$4 per pint & \$8 per quart Menu: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dessert and

All proceeds go to Missions

Coffee or Lemonade

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Page 2 **The Bethel Flame** 



As I am writing this March installment of Pastoral Ponderings, I am still basking in the presence of the Lord and the moving of the Holy Spirit. What a blessing it is when God shows up in such incredible ways! In spite of serious cold weather, those of us who could make it to church enjoyed worshipping the Lord together, sharing in an awesome spaghetti luncheon, put on by the youth (in

which they raised over \$1000 for their summer mission trip thanks to our fantastic church family and friends!), and then later that evening, gathered together to share in a time of praise and worship with Gospel Music Legend (my description, not his), Dallas Holm!

I can't think of a better way to help lead us into our upcoming Lenten journey than spending time together listening with our hearts words of truth from the Lord. Since many of you could not be with us, I wanted to share the anointed words from one of the songs Dallas Holm wrote (and sang that night) that can really enable us to better focus on God's message of love for us and the entire world. The song is entitled, "He Knew Me Then"; I know it blesses me and I hope it blesses you as well.

He knew me then, He knows me now,

And He died for me.

He loved me then, and He loves me now,

Oh, how can it be?

He saw my face; He knew the place that

I would be today.

He knew me then, He knows me now,

And He loves me.

Some people say, that He died one day,

But that was long ago.

Well, I'm sure that He was a very good man,

But me He did not know.

Listen, my friend, what I say is true-

That He knew me and He knew you.

He knew you then, He knows you now,

And He loves you.

He knew you then, He knows you now

And He died for you.

He loved you then and He loves you now-

Oh, I know it's true.

He saw your face; He knew the place

That you would be today.

He knew you then, He knows you now,

And He loves you.

He knew us then

He knows us now,

### And He loves us still somehow!

Amen! Thanks be to God! May we all allow this reality to sink deep into our spirits and help renew and refresh us during this Lenten season. God knows us, God loves us, and Jesus humbled Himself to come and give Himself to us through His life, death, and resurrection that we might have new life, eternal life, and relationship with our God forever and ever!

Blessings for the Journey! In Christ's Love, PB

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## JUST FOR FUN! Cont.

## **Churches are like Potlucks**

Many congregations enjoy gathering for potluck dinners — meals largely unplanned, when people bring food to share. Usually, the main dishes, salads and desserts balance out. The fun is the variety mixing together on a plate and the surprise factor of what's contributed.

Churches and communities — even families — are potlucks of a sort, too. When groups assemble, each person contributes something unique and sometimes unexpected. When all is mixed together, the whole is truly greater than the sum of the parts. A beautiful balance often results: One is a good singer, the other writes well; some are strong leaders, others dependable team members; some are traditional, others innovative. Together, it's delicious!

Potlucks are sometimes called covered-dish dinners. But don't keep your gifts "covered"! Share them because you're a valued part of the whole.

## **March Winds**



Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves. Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring

of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances. —Jane Truax

### **Bible Trivia Question**



As Jacob used a rock for a pillow — later to become a pillar honoring God — which of the following did he experience in a dream?

- A. Angels going up and down on a ladder between earth and heaven.
- blessing to all nations.
- C. God's assurance: "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."
- D. All of the above.

Check your answers at the bottom of page 16

## +Christian Symbol+ Rooster



The rooster is reminiscent of Peter's threefold denial of Jesus on the night of Jesus' trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV); thus; it may represent faithlessness in general, especially in the face of danger. Because of

the rooster's early-morning call, it's also symbolic B. The Lord promising that Jacob's family would be a of watchfulness: "Therefore keep watch," said Jesus, illustrating the return of the Son of Man, "because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn" (Mark 13:35, NIV).

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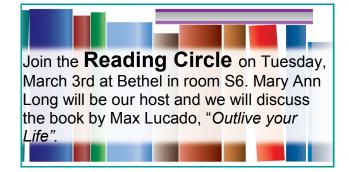
## BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

### **COMING SOON!!**

Bethel UMW Fish Fry. More information to follow in our next issue of the Bethel Flame.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 7th at 9am



### **March Greeters**

March 1 Bob Moore

Traci King

March 8 Jim Crawford

Terry & Jeanne Burt

March 15 Sara Menefee

Mandy Odum

March 22 Carol Brown

Robb & Diana Bilderback

March 29 ~ One Service ~ Bob Moore



Eve Circle will meet on Thurs., March 19th at 12:30pm. Kathy Smith will be our host. Please bring your brown bag lunch. We

certainly hope that you can join us.



### Thursday, March 12th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, March 17th

6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting

6:30pm Preschool Staff Meeting

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

### Thursday, March 26th

7:00pm Trustee Meeting

## **General Operating Report - Jan.**

1/01/15 Beginning Balance -21,968.85

INCOME 30,165.14

EXPENSES 34,676.04

1/30/15 Ending Balance -26,479.75

# JUST FOR FUN!

## **Indulge for Lent?**

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in Guideposts magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk offers these ideas:

- -Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- -Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- -Pray for the "little things," coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- -Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- -Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you "sacrifice" the tendency to wallow in worry.

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## Bishop Mike Coyner's Latest E-Pistle

## "An Invitation to Fast During Lent"

Recently our superintendent in the North Central District, Michelle Cobb, shared with me her plan to invite the pastors and laity of her district to join in fasting during the season of Lent. I want to extend her invitation to our entire Indiana Conference. Fasting is an important tradition which we have often overlooked and seldom used, but it has been an important spiritual practice for centuries, and for John Wesley and the early Methodists in particular. Here is Michelle's invitation, which I extend for all of us:

A Lenten Invitation

On Wednesday, February 18, 2015, Christians from around the world will gather to participate in Ash Wednesday services. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, a 40 day period when Christians enter into a time of self-denial in preparation for Easter. As we approach the Lenten Season, I'm extending an invitation to you, clergy and laity, to join me in a Lenten Season fast. We would practice the John Wesley fast. This fast begins Thursday evenings following the evening meal and ends on Friday afternoon. We would begin this weekly fast on Thursday, February 19, 2015 and end on April 2, 2015.

Fasting is one of the spiritual disciplines that Jesus implied that His disciples would practice (Matthew 6:16-18; 9:14,15) and a discipline that John Wesley identified as a "means of grace." John Wesley defined "means of grace" as "outward signs, words, or actions, ordained of God, and appointed for this end, to be the ordinary channels whereby he might convey to men, prevenient, justifying, or sanctifying grace".

According to author Steve Harper, Wesley believed that fasting contributed to one's spiritual growth. John Wesley stressed the connection between fasting and prayer.

I have two reasons for inviting you to share in the John Wesley fast with me. First, the fast presents an opportunity for us to return to a practice which is to help strengthen us spiritually. Second, the fast presents an opportunity for us to prayerfully seek from God ways that we can become more outwardly focused as individuals, as a District and as a Conference. Laity and Clergy, your participation in this time of fasting is designed to complement any Lenten study or activity that you and/or your congregation might possibly undertake during this Season.

Note: Remember to always consult your physician before you begin any fast.

I am adding my invitation to that of Michelle. I plan to participate in the Lenten fast, and I invite you to join me. As with any spiritual practice, we only get from a practice that spirit which we put into the practice. So if you can't fast with joy and anticipation of God working in your life, then don't do it. But if you are open to an adventure which could deepen your sense of "hunger" for the presence of God, then please join us.

No matter what, make the upcoming season of Lent a time of spiritual focus and preparation for a joyous Easter.

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# CHILDREN'S

## Thank you

- Les & Lin Walters for leading the Squires & Kids Kingdom classes in February.
- Nicole Burt for leading the Knights class in February.
- Everyone who helped during the Valentine Fun Day at Awana.



## **Tokens-n-Tickets Fundraiser Night**

Support Children's Ministry by enjoying a night out at Tokens-n-Tickets. Tokens-n-Tickets sells food, has a Treat Factory and of course, lots of games. We will receive 10% of the proceeds on anything you purchase which will be split between Sunday School & Kids Kingdom, Awana and VBS. When you arrive, simply tell the cashier that you are there for the Bethel Children's Ministry Fundraiser or give her a voucher (which will be provided for each child) and they will keep track of your purchases.

Thursday, March 12 \*\*\* 5-7PM \*\*\* 5820 Coldwater Rd.

## **Kids News**

### **Awana Clubs:**

 Spring Break for FWCS and NACS is March 30—April 3. Awana will not meet on Wednesday, April 1.

### **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.

### **Vacation Bible School:**

• The date's been set. Bethel's 2015 VBS will be held from Sunday, June 14—Thursday, June 18. See more details on the next page.

### Other:

• A CD Sale is coming in May! **Now's the time to go through your old music CD's and books on CD and donate them.** Donation boxes can be found around the church marked "Children's Ministry CD Donations".

Shelby Naibauer 416-0752 bethelkidsmin@frontier.com http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/ Volume 48, Issue 3 Page 13

## BETHEL PRAYER LIST

## **Bethel Family**

Donna Belcher
Andrew & Melinda Bird
and family
Carol Borches
Bob Dorsey
Maggie Eiffert
Diana Halter
Opal Herrberg
Ann Kramer
Marge Leininger
Pastor Jerry & Liz Machgan
Mike & Arline Miller
Marcia Moore
Ray Owen

Kathy Smith
Virginia Staley
Joy Stuckey
Russ Sunday
Linda Wheaton
Those of our congregation
who are job-hunting
Families in crisis – financial,
health, marriage
Bethel Staff & Volunteers
Bethel Church
Bethel Preschool & Bethel

Daycare

tion Kid's Kingdon ating Awana Clubs ancial, e eers

Bishop Coyner
District Superintendent,
Dave Michel
Pastor Brian & Rachel
Campbell and family
Kid's Kingdom

### Friends of Bethel

Dennis Arnold, Juanita Arnold's son Ava Bower, child with Leukemia Destiny, Robb & Diana Bilderback's niece Steve Getty, friend of Pat Muncie Helen Goonen, Betty Failor's sister Terri Gruver, friend of Dave Hord Richard Johnson, Jenny Lemmon's father Cal Marker, Lin Walters' brother-in-law Mercedees, Shugert's

granddaughter

Ryan & Chole McIntyre,
relatives of Betty
Failor
Judy Miller, friend of Ron &
Phyllis Shappell
Edward Morken, friend of
Steve Klerner
Jim Overholt, friend of Bob
Moore
Beth Richardson, friend of
Dave & Pat Muncie
Chris Shankelton, Linda
Wheaton's cousin
Wayne Smith
Shappell's son-in-law
Caz Strzynski

Ryan & Chole McIntyre,
relatives of Betty
Failor

Judy Miller, friend of Ron & The President and Cabinet
Phyllis Shappell
Edward Morken, friend of
Steve Klerner

Marscell Sloffer,
Charlotte Klerner's
mother

The President and Cabinet
(the government)
Pray for the schools,
children, teachers etc.

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.

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

Jane Coak: Kingston Nursing Home

1010 W. Washington Ctr. Room 111, Fort Wayne 46825

Arlene Domer: Golden Years Homestead

8300 Maysville Road, Apt 2019, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Edna Doty: 2033 S. Lone Pine Rd, Columbia City, IN 46725

Maggie Eiffert: 7211 Red Haw Drive, Fort Wayne IN, 46825; 260-755-5789

Betty Failor: 4012 Captiva Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; 260-485-0205

Opal Herrberg: 1821 Gilmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46818

Marge Leininger: 1514 Orlando Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825; 260-489-4822

Marcia Moore: 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765

Ray & Elizabeth Richards: Care of their son, Tom Richards 16203 Thunderbird Road, Huntertown, IN 46748

Rose Sadler: 1717 Maplecrest Drive, Apt 142, Fort Wayne, IN 46815; 260-748-6604

Virginia Staley: 445 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne IN, 46825; 260-637-1635

Rooney Stewart: P.O. Box 5194, Fort Wayne, IN 46895-5194

Russ Sunday: Arbor Glen Retirement Community

5202 Saint Joe Road, Apt# 203, Fort Wayne, IN 46835; 260-489-7620

Erna Troth: 7833 W. Jefferson Blvd., Apt 107, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

John W. Wearly: 2601 Covington Commons Drive, #51, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; 260-436-0791

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

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# 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: Hollie Pease & Christie Serre

**Knights in Christ** Grades 3 - 6

**Location**: Music Room beside the stage.

This Month's Crew: Traci King

### 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: Hollie Pease &

**Christie Serre** 

**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** 

Did you know we have a wish list for supplies? Check out the Children's Ministry website to see if there's anything we need that you want to get rid of. Click on the Children & Youth menu and choose Children's Ministry (scroll to the bottom of the page).

## **Vacation Bible School at Bethel**

### Weird Animals VBS

Sunday, June 14 - Thursday, June 18

We are already collecting supplies!!! **Supplies needed include Tissue Paper, Pool Noodles and Cardboard Boxes.** To see more supplies that are needed check out the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board and the Bethel website: bethelchurchfw.com/vbs.html.



## Volunteers

Interested in working with Bethel's Children's Ministry? Check out our website to see more details.

bethelchurchfw.com/ volunteeropportunities.html

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## BETHEL YOUTH MINISTRY

# Spaghetti Dinner Success

Thank you to all who supported the youth spaghetti mission trip fundraiser. A special thank you to Zianos for their yummy breadsticks! We, the youth, are so blessed by your generosity. The total donations we received was \$1010.63. These funds will make it possible for students to volunteer at SonRise Camp in Anderson, Indiana. At the camp the youth will work with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from June 22 to 27. Thanks for assisting us in getting close to our goal of \$1800!





# Sunday School

How do you spend your time and money? What is important in your life? Come uncover the idols you have in your life and explore what it means to live a life completely devoted to Christ. We are currently studying *gods at war* by Kyle Idelman. Bethel Youth Sunday school is held in the Bethel Loft from 9:30 am to 10:20 am. See you there!

# Coffee House Night

On January 25, we had our second coffee house night. Robb Bilderback shared his grace story with us. We were challenged to surrender our lives to God. Thanks Robb for sharing with us how God has worked in your life!! Our next coffee house night will be April 26 from 5-7pm. Invite your friends!!



# SonRise Camp Deadlines

- Volunteer Application is due by March 22.
- Half the payment is due by April 26.
- Total payment is due May 31.



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## BETHEL UMW NEWS

## **UMW General Meeting**

The UMW will have their General Meeting Thursday, March 5 at 7pm. Our speaker will be author PeggySue Wells, advocate to stop human trafficking. PeggySue is author of two-dozen titles including USA Today and Wall Street Journal bestseller, *The Slave Across the Street*. PeggySue Wells shares how to recognize human trafficking, and what we can do to prevent it. Slavery was abolished once before, and even though it looks different today, we can stop it again. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend to learn about this tragic problem (yes, there is human trafficking in Northeast Indiana).



## **UMW Spring Retreat**

The Bethel United Methodist Women have the opportunity to attend the Spring Retreat for UMW of Indiana on April 17-18 starting at 7 PM Friday, until 2:30 PM Saturday, at Don Hall's Guest House. Cost for commuter attendance is \$25 which includes lunch on Saturday. Deadline to sign up is April 5. Please see the UMW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for a registration form. Carol Barton plans to attend and would love to see those who can participate also attend. Pastor Corinne Boruff-Stucker will be the keynote speaker; her topic will be how to "Shake Our Sillies Out" and listen to what God has for us! This will be a time to refresh your spirit in Jesus Christ and have fellowship with other United Methodist Women throughout Indiana.

## Biannual Woman's May Tea Party

Please mark a BIG circle around Saturday, May 16th at 2pm on your calendar for the UMW's Biannual Woman's May Tea Party. More details to come in the next issue of The Bethel Flame.

## **Henderson Settlement Update**

The Henderson Settlement shipped another 20,000 points in January to complete their count of 1,600,000 points toward a minivan. The remaining points have been banked to put towards another van, electronics, software for children programs, recreation equipment and other office supplies. Keep up the good work of turning in box tops and Sarah Menefee will continue to collect and send them in about once every three months. THANKYOU EVERYONE!!!

## Help Fill Some Easter Eggs



Bethel's Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to fill Easter Eggs. We will put 12 eggs in each bag that can be filled with whatever **kid-friendly** items you'd like. Candy should be individually wrapped and all toys should be appropriate for kids as young as 2 years of age. If you are interested, please pick up a bag of Easter Eggs from Brandi in the church office during regular business hours or contact Shelby Naibauer to set up a time outside of regular business hours. Eggs should be returned to the office by March 29. Thank you in advance for your help.

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## BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

## Bethel Daycare Ministry Is Turning 26!

Please join us for our 26th Annual Birthday Program on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30pm in the Bethel sanctuary. The Daycare will sing songs, watch a picture slide show and have refreshments immediately following. We would love for you to come and see us perform!

## Preschool Registration Has Begun

It's the beginning of a new year, and Preschool has begun its preregistration for 2015-2016 school year. The registration fee is reduced to \$40 per child if you sign up before March 31st. 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!!!

## Preschool BOGO Book Fair!

March 9th-13th is our Buy One Get One FREE Book Fair!!! Spring Break is coming up fast so start building your reading list and visit the book fair. We accept credit cards, cash and checks made out to Bethel Preschool. When calculating your purchase the most expensive books will be the ones you pay for and the least amount will be free. See you at the fair!

## Cookie Dough Orders & Forms

Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends March 6th. If you haven't tried these cookies, they are fantastic. If you'd like to place an order, please see Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director, in her office. Everything in the catalog is \$12 each. Parents, please turn in your child's order form and all monies due by Friday, March 7th.

## Thank You

The Preschool would like to thank Kathy Smith for the hats she gave to the preschool. It was great that she was thinking of us. We definitely appreciate it!

## Upcoming Dates and Reminders

Parent/Teacher conferences March 12 & 13 (No School)

Spring Break is March 30 – April 3rd (No School)

Yo Yo Fundraiser night will be held in April.

Silent Auction/Carnival – May 2nd

If you are interested in donating a themed basket to put up for auction, please contact Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director.



## 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, NBC33, Wane15, and to your email. You can receive text alerts by visiting www.21alive.com/enews/textcaster and setting your text preferences.

## Jan. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$6,135.00
Parent %	\$67.37
School %	\$227.49

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## BETHEL YOUTH MINISTRY

## Destination Unknown

When: Sunday, March 1st Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

Where to Meet: In the loft, after Sunday School Cost: \$15

What to bring: A packed lunch and snacks

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





## Bishop's Youth Rally March 14, 2015

We will leave the church at 6:30 am and return by 8:30 pm. Please bring money for dinner as we will stop by a fast food restaurant on the way home. If you have any other questions, please contact Melinda Bird.

## **The Amazing Resurrection Race**

The youth will race around Ft. Wayne solving challenges and completing tasks to reflect on the meaning of Easter. This event will start at the church at 4pm on Sunday, March 29 and finish at 7pm. We are looking for volunteers to pass out clues, host a task, and drive teams of youth. If you are interested in helping please contact Melinda or Andrew Bird.

## Youth Calendar

<u>Date</u>	Day	Time	Event	Other Info
Mar. 1	Sun.	10:30am-3:30pm	Destination Unknown #4	Cost: \$15
Mar. 8	Sun.	5-7pm	Youth Group	Snacks: Adam Utnage
Mar. 14	Sat.	6:30 am -8 pm	"Go" Bishop's Youth Rally	Cost \$ 40
Mar. 15	Sun.	5-7 pm	No Youth Group	
Mar. 22	Sun.	5-7 pm	Youth Group	Snacks: Derek W.
Mar. 29	Sun.	4-7 pm	The Amazing Resurrectio	n Race

## Mark your calendar for these upcoming June events:

<u>Date</u>	Day	Event
June 7	Sun	Last Youth Group for the Summer
June 9-11	TueThur.	REVIVE- "SHINE" 2015
June 14-18	SunThur.	Bethel's VBS
June 22-27	MonSat.	Mission Trip 2015 to SonRise Camp

For more information about upcoming events contact:

Melinda and Andrew Bird, Youth Directors

Home Phone: 260-220-3893 Email: bethelyouth@frontier.com

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## BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

These lessons will equip us to go and do God's work, because it is impossible to be self-centered and hardhearted once the Holy Spirit comes into our lives. Let us claim and receive this powerful journey since Jesus is with us. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The Spirit Comes

Unit 1	The Pledge of God's Pre	sence	Purpose
March 1	The Lamb of God	John 1:29-34	To discover the role of the Holy Spirit
			in Jesus' baptism and in ours.
March 8	Jesus Promises an Advocate	John 14:15-26	To identify ways the Spirit is present
			in our lives.
March 15	The Spirit of Truth	John 16:4b-15	To claim the power of the Holy Spirit
			as a guide for our lives.
March 22	Receive the Holy Spirit	John 20:19-23;	To understand that Christ gives the Holy
		Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4	Spirit as power for forgiveness.
March 29	The One Who Comes	Mark 11:1-11	To join the Palm Sunday crowd in
			celebrating Jesus as Lord.

### Seekers of the Covenant (Room S5)- Leader- Jeff Cusick No information submitted.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members No information submitted.

The Purple Group (Fellowship Hall) Leader-Shared leadership between members No information submitted



# Coming Soon!!!

Sunday, March 29 10:30am One Combined Palm Sunday Service Pitch-In to Follow

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## BETHEL ADULT MINISTRY

# Life Groups-Supporting and Sharing Life Together Get connected! Join a small group.

Contact: Rachel Campbell 812/374-6564



# How Big is Your God?

"Is God big enough to heal your marriage or heal your child? Is He bigger than a positive MRI or negative evaluation? Is He bigger than your secret sin or secret dream?"

Don't miss out on our last small group session offered this school year; it's a New York Times best seller entitled *The Circle Maker* by Mark Batterson. The study focuses on prayer. Mark believes that, "God honors bold prayers and bold prayers honor God." If you desire to go deeper in your prayer life and relationship with God, this study will definitely help. Let's believe Jesus when He tells us we can have peace in the midst of a storm and faith in the midst of the unknown. Let's believe God when he says he has an incredible plan for our lives! Let's set aside times of prayer and intercession and see what God will do.

If you are interested in joining others in this short four week study, please contact Rachel Campbell (Christian Education Coordinator) at 812/374-6564 or bethelchristed@frontier.com.

Meeting dates and times are as follows:

Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00p.m. on April 12th and 19th, May 3rd and 17th. Once again, this is the last small group offered until September.

NOTICE: Please pray about becoming a Life Group Facilitator for the 2015-2016 school year. You will receive six training sessions, connection to a prayer team, and the awesome opportunity to do life with others. The training will involve facilitators reading and sharing thoughts and ideas about the book, Small Groups with Purpose, How to Create Healthy Communities. The book is written by the small group pastor from Saddle Back church where Rick Warren (Purpose Driven Life) is Pastor. The six sessions will be held during the months of July and August. Please contact Rachel Campbell if interested.