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Sunday School 9:30am
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- Sarah Davidson, Preschool Director
- Dawn Roberts, Treasurer
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Answer: A (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9.)

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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It's time for
**Bethel Preschool & Daycare's
Annual Silent Auction & Carnival**
Saturday, May 14th ~ 1- 4pm

Come and join us. Kids will enjoy carnival games, crafts, balloon art, bounce house, slide, and so much more. Adults will have a chance to bid on some great items from these businesses shown here, as well as, many of our local businesses and much more. Kona Ice, hotdogs & popcorn also available. So invite your friends, family and neighbors for a day of FUN!!!



We Need You!

We are asking YOU to help with our Silent Auction this year. It has become one of the largest fundraisers for the Preschool/Daycare and of course, the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board for volunteers with our games. I hope you sign up!

Want to help with the Silent Auction but can't Volunteer or you are not able to attend.

Here are a few ways that you can help.

1. We are asking families and church members to create their own theme basket such as: Pet Lovers, Camping Crazy, Death by Chocolate, Gardening, Grilling, Fun in the Sun, Crafty, Game Night, Book Lovers, etc. Involve the whole family is the project and make it fun.
2. Not very crafty or don't have time, well you can donate money to have a basket made in your name to auction off at the Event.

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The End of Me

Have you ever come to the end of yourself? Maybe it was that day when your life changed forever. The day that your house was foreclosed on, you discovered your spouse was leaving you, or you were told you only had months to live. In those moments, all the plans, dreams and ambitions you had for yourself came to a crashing halt. And you discover that all you have left is Jesus.

In The End of Me, Pastor and author Kyle Idleman delves in to what it looks like when Jesus truly becomes all we have. To begin the discussion, Kyle Idleman did an informal survey via social media with just one question. Finish this sentence: Jesus became real when . . .

The hundreds of responses he received, some general (“I had no one else to turn to.”) and some specific (“My husband was killed in a car accident.”), could be wrapped up in this single response: I came to the end of me. Nowhere else in Scripture is this blessed emptiness portrayed more vividly than in Jesus’ Beatitudes, and The End of Me utilizes these passages as a launching pad for the truth that blessings begin, and fulfillment is found, in the least likely place...the end of ourselves.

Surrounded by Jews who prided themselves on measurable righteousness and embedded in a culture of Roman conquest, empiricism, and blustering ego, Jesus made the alarming statement that taking inventory and coming up with zero . . . means were making progress. This message goes against our present-day mindset: We want to be made whole without having been broken.

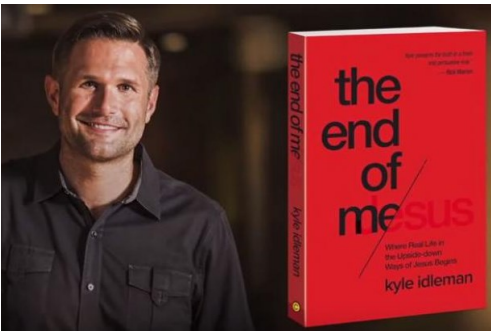
The problem is that we are all broken. However, in Jesus upside-down kingdom, this is the pre-requisite for being comforted, inheriting the earth, and being satisfied, (Matthew 5:3-6).

Kyle’s three-sentence assessment of Western culture regarding pain is stunning: “We do everything we can to stay away from suffering in the first place. But when we do suffer, which is inevitable, we do everything we can to stay away from mourning. Then, when we catch ourselves mourning, we do all in our power to make it go away.”

While we knock ourselves out trying to avoid neediness, the fact remains that, in His earthly ministry, Jesus was in the business of filling empty things: jars of wine at the Wedding in Cana, a misspent life at a well in Samaria, a crowd of growling stomachs in a desert place. What if we were to embrace the truth that our emptiness our weakness, confusion, mourning, discouragement creates the space that God fills with his strength?

The End of Me chronicles the way of the narrow gate that leads to life and helps us see that what appears to be the end, may just be the beginning of something better! So, in the month of May I will be preaching from what I have found in this book, four truths from Jesus that will lead us to the end of ourselves and to the beginning of a newer, deeper life in the Lord: We will be unpacking these four counterintuitive truths: We must be Broken to be Whole, Mourn to be Happy, Authentic to be Accepted and Empty to be Filled. Only when we come to the end of ourselves will we begin to be transformed into the whole, blessed person God made us to be!

I invite you all to come and take this journey with me. Blessings! PB



BETHEL PRAYER LIST

Bethel Family

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

Friends of Bethel

Brent Ashby, Rachel	Ryan & Chole McIntyre,	Caz Strzynski
Campbell’s brother	relatives of Betty	Marscell Sloffer,
Ava Bower, child with	Failor	Charlotte Klerner’s
Leukemia	Judy Miller, friend of Ron &	mother
Destiny, Robb & Diana	Phyllis Shappell	Niccole Snowden Willoughby
Bilderback’s niece	Jim Overholt, friend of Bob	friend of Pastor Brian
Helen Goonen, Betty Failor’s	Moore	& Rachel Campbell
sister	Larry Reeder, Top Clean	The President and Cabinet
Pastor Donna Holcomb,	Beth Richardson, friend of	(the government)
friend of Don & Barb	Dave & Pat Muncie	Pray for the schools,
Cross	The Saneta Family	children, teachers etc.
Richard Johnson, Jenny	Wayne Sauers, Linda	
Lemmon’s father	Wheaton’s father	
Mercedeses, Shugert’s	Wayne Smith	
granddaughter	Shappell’s son-in-law	

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
5250 Heritage Parkway, Room 327 Fort Wayne, IN 46835

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

Betty Failor: 2001 Hobson Rd, Room 601-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; 260-446-3899

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

Ronald Jones: 413 Columbia Drive, Apt #19, Columbia City, IN 46725

Marcia Moore: 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765

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

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

Russ Sunday: Coventry Meadows
7843 West Jefferson Blvd, 412-B, Fort Wayne, IN 46804; 260-432-4848

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

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

UMW May Breakfast

Ladies of Bethel, friends and guests

Please join us for our **Spring Breakfast on Saturday, May 7th at 9:00 AM** in the fellowship hall of Bethel. Our theme is **"Every QUILT has a story to tell"** We invite all who would like to join our Show and Tell to bring along a special quilt that you treasure. **Our Speaker will be Sandy Brothers, owner of A Quilt of Many Colors 15026 St. Rd #1, Leo, IN.**

There is a sign up sheet on our UMW bulletin board please let us know how many will be attending and how many quilts or pieces you'll be sharing or call Phyllis Strahm at 489-0918. Looking forward to seeing many of you, along with treasured artwork of quilting

UMW & A Baby's Closet

One of the Social Action projects of Bethel United Methodist Women is **A Baby's Closet**. This project is sponsored by the Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. This is a ministry that helps improve the lives of disadvantaged infants and toddlers by offering their mothers and fathers incentives for responsible parenting. To help this ministry we collect new and very gently used clothing from newborn to size 4T, as well as new or in good condition baby furniture, diapers, and any items necessary for the care of an infant or toddler. **They do not accept car seats.** The collection dates are Sunday, May 1st to Sunday, May 8th. (Mother's Day) There will be a Pack n Play in the Fellowship Hall for you to put in your donations. Thank in advanced for considering your donations to this ministry.



VBS is coming!!!

When: June 12th- June 15th

Time: 6:00-8:00pm

(a light meal will be provided from 5:30-6:00pm)

This year's program will be based on John 3:16; teaching that God has love for everyone in the world! We are excited to explore this important message by learning about the sights, sounds, tastes, and kids from the unique culture of Thailand! Your help is greatly appreciated to make this event a success!! There are many ways to participate: Please stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin board for requested supply donations. Please consider volunteering there are opportunities for everyone participate. The display in fellowship hall has signup sheets and information for ways for you to get involved! VBS is not only special for kids, adults really enjoy it also!

Register Today!

For additional program information and to register your kids please visit our website at **www.bethelchurchfw.com.**



CHILDREN'S

Popcorn For Sale

Popcorn for sale in a variety of flavors! Enjoy as an afternoon snack or buy several for your next gathering. Prices are either \$2.00 or \$4.00 depending on the flavor you choose.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributes time, money, prayer, etc... to any part of Bethel's Children's Ministry. The Children's program would not be what it is without everyone who teaches, serves food, plans events, helps to setup and clean up, prays and donates money or supplies. We have an AWESOME support system and want you to know how much we appreciate all of you.

Notecards For Sale

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

Financial Report

Popcorn Sales
March = \$3.00
Annual Total = \$126.00
Notecard Sales
March = \$24.00
Annual Total = \$24.00
Awana Coin Collection
March = \$37.96
Annual Total = \$188.51
Pictures with the Bunnies
March = \$50.37

Family Sunday

Don't miss hearing the kids sing during the Jubilee Sunday service on Sunday, May 29!

Kid News

We Need You and Your Talents! - Are you a choreographer or do you enjoy making up dances? Are you an actor/actress or enjoy directing plays or skits? Do you have some other talent that can be applied to Children's Ministry? We'd like to help the kids explore more of their talents including art, dancing and acting. If you are interested in working with the kids in any of these capacities, please contact Shelby Naibauer.

Awana Clubs on Break—Awana Clubs will be taking a break for the summer after May 25. Have a fun and safe summer.

Vacation Bible School—Our VBS theme this year is Thailand Trek. VBS will be from Sunday, June 12—Wednesday, June 15. Registration begins io May 1. See the Bethel website for more information.

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



Bethel UMC's Next Dine to Donate

Please join us on Monday, May 23rd at Granite City Food & Brewery located at 3809 Coldwater Rd. Fort Wayne IN 46805, just in front of Target. This event runs ALL DAY (11am –Close). 10% of your bill will be donated to Bethel, not including tax or gratuity. In order for us to receive this donation **you must present a flyer with your payment.** Flyers are available at the Welcome Center an in the church office. Help Bethel raise some money and enjoy some good food at the same time!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Bethel fundraiser at Applebee's. With your help we raised \$102.10, which means that \$1000 was spent by Bethel family and friends. We are so grateful for you and look forward to the next Dine to Donate coming in May. ~Bethel UMC

Thank you to Pastor Brian for his many visits and to all who included me in your prayers and sent such nice cards during recovery from my surgery in February. I have recovered now and feel so blessed the outcome was good. ~Nina Wedge

BETHEL HAPPENINGS...

May Meetings

Thursday, May 12th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting

Tuesday, May 17th

6:00pm Staff Parish Meeting

7:00pm Ad Council Meeting

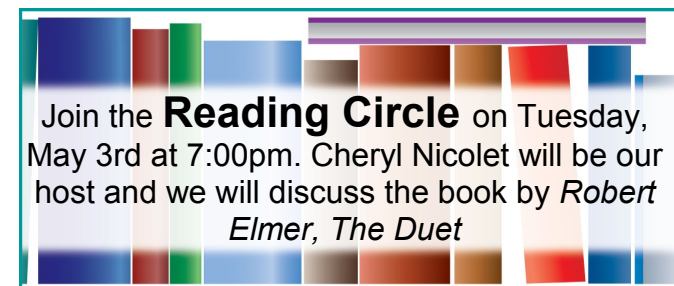
Thursday, May 26th

7:30pm Trustee Meeting

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on **Saturday, May 7th at 9am.**



Eve Circle will be held on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00pm at Bethel. Our host will be Carol Brown. Please bring a sack lunch. Refreshments provided.



Join the **Reading Circle** on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00pm. Cheryl Nicolet will be our host and we will discuss the book by *Robert Elmer, The Duet*

General Operating Report - March

3/01/16 Beginning Balance	-11,300.62
INCOME	17,285.93
EXPENSES	26,142.61
3/31/16 Ending Balance	-20,157.30

May Greeters

May 1	Jim Crawford
	Traci King & kids
May 8	Vic & Elaine Wheeler
	TBD
May 15	Max & Donna Wakeland
	Cheryl Nicolet
May 22	Max & Donna Wakeland
	TBD
May 29	One Service ~ Carol Brown

Faith on Friday



If you are in need of a little gal pal time please join the Faith on Friday circle. This group is open to women of any age looking for spiritual uplifting and time to share experiences of faith, family, fun. At the Faith on Friday meeting we will spend time sharing in a devotional and then sharing in fun.

This month the group will be enjoying a Share and Snack evening. We encourage all ladies to Share a favorite dish. Please bring a dessert, appetizer, salad, etc that the rest of the group can snack on! This is a great opportunity to share those dishes that are

always a hit at the party and everyone can enjoy some new and tasty ideas. We hope to see you there!! Faith on Friday will meet May 20th at 7:00.

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

God said, "Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3 TNIV) We are calling and asking God to reveal His purpose in our lives. As we study together from The Purple Book by Rice Broocks and Steve Murrell, our goal is to realize that the Truth of Jesus and His Gospel bears weight on every aspect of our lives. Please join us for a great time of sharing, fellowship, and fun!

Chapter 1 ~ Sin & Salvation ~ The Original Story, The Results of Sin, God's Solution for Sin: Jesus' Death and Resurrection, Receiving God's Gift: A New Heart, and Grace Through Faith.

Chapter 2 ~ Lordship & Obedience ~ Jesus Is Lord, The Narrow Door, Lordship and Relationships, Can You Pass the Test?

Voices of Praise

It has been a wonderful, blessed year of singing praises to the Lord. Thank you to all for keeping the flame burning brightly at Bethel and giving glory to God. Heartfelt thanks to Jan Roberts for sharing her beautiful piano playing and musical talents. Our last Sunday to sing, before taking a summer break for the months of June, July, and August, will be on the Day of Pentecost, May 15th. Then choir rehearsals will begin again on Thursday, August 25th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. I am looking for people to do special music this summer. Please let me know if you or someone you know would like to share. And lastly, let us give thanks to God for empowering us through His Holy Spirit to serve Him and His people. Singing and sharing the STORY with love, Barb Cross

Bethel UMC Golf Outing

When ~ Saturday, June 25, 2016 **Where** ~ Foster Park Golf Course
Time ~ 8am shotgun start **Cost** ~ \$45 per person includes Lunch

Scramble Format!

Sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall or call us at 260-489-3651, email us at bethelchurch@myfrontiermail.com with a 4 man/woman team and we will do it for you. Please contact Sarah Davidson with any questions.



MINISTRIES



Awana Awards Night

Wednesday, May 25 from 5:15—6:30 PM at Bethel UMC

Awana Awards night will be held on Wednesday, May 25 from 5:15—6:30 PM in the Sanctuary! All are welcome to attend.



Sunday School

Squires of the Son

Ages 2—Grade 2
Location: Crib Room

Crews:

Katie Robinson
Pat Muncie
Jenni Swanson
Hollie Pease
Christie Serre

Knights in Christ

Grades 3—6
Location: Music Room
Crew:
Traci King

Children's Church

Kids Kingdom

Ages 2—Grade 6
Location: The Castle
Crews:

Katie Robinson
Pat Muncie
Jenni Swanson
Hollie Pease
Christie Serre

Wednesdays

Awana Clubs

Ages 3 yrs—Grade 6
Sep 2, 2015—May 25, 2016
4:45—6:45 PM

Vacation Bible School

Coming in June

We are super excited for an amazing week experiencing the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of a unique culture at Thailand Trek VBS, where kids discover how much God loves the world. Thailand Trek VBS is a whole new environment for your kids that is filled with incredible Bible-learning adventures, cultural experiences, games, unique treats and cool faith building songs that will help encourage faith to grow and develop in their lives. We will help kids discover how to see evidence of God's love in everyday life all across the world. It is our prayer at Thailand Trek VBS, God's Love will come to life like never before, changing hearts, touching lives and drawing kids and adults closer to Christ!!

BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

In May we will complete our lessons on faith for the spring quarter 2016. Our closing prayer is: “Lord God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have taught us how to live, how to forgive, and how to make amends when we have wronged another. Grant us the strength, the determination, and the commitment to live in these ways that you have demonstrated; we pray in your Son’s holy name.” Amen.

THE GIFT OF FAITH

Unit 3	Fullness of Faith	Scripture	Purpose:
May 1	Increased Faith	Luke 17:1-10	To rest content in the fact that faith serves attentively rather than demands attention. Key Verse: “Watch yourselves! If your brother or sister sins, warn them to stop. If they change their hearts and lives, forgive them. (Luke 17:3)
May 8	Grateful Faith	Luke 17:11-19	To learn to live a life of gratitude to God. Key Verse: “One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. (Luke 17:15)
May 15	Humble Faith	Luke 18:9-14	To value the genuine humility that marks life in the Spirit. Key Verse: “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn’t even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, ‘God, show mercy to me, a sinner.’ (Luke 18:13)
May 22	Childlike Faith	Mark 10:16; Luke 18:15-17	To appreciate and practice childlike faith and belief. Key Verse: “I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.” (Luke 18:17)
May 29	Joyous Faith	Luke 19:1-10	To discover that following Jesus instills in us the desire to make amends. Key Verse: “The Human One came to seek and save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

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

The Seekers class recently started a new study of the Gospel of John. The Gospel of John is a very interesting study due to its many differences from the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This is a 6 week DVD series hosted by Pastor Adam Hamilton. Each week, we hear a short lecture and then discuss how John's Gospel applies to our Christian lives. Pastor Hamilton's discussions are always interesting and informative and lead to lively class discussion. Our class has just begun this series and will continue through the Easter season. We always welcome new participants, and if this interests you, please don’t hesitate to join us. Our Sunday school class is as much about fellowship as it is learning. We hope to see you soon.

Koinonia (Room S7) Leader-Shared leadership between members

Having finished our special Christmas study in April (It provoked a little more discussion than we anticipated!), the Koinonia class in May will continue our study of Heroes, Rogues, and the Rest by J. Ellsworth Kalas, a fascinating book of selected biographies which tell the story of the Bible. Even more fascinating is that the truths that we learn from studying these ancient biographies are so relevant to our contemporary Christian lives!

BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

BETHEL DAYCARE MINISTRY

Summer Care for Elementary Age Children: (Kindergarten -5th Grade) Bethel Daycare Ministry provides daycare for elementary age students during the summer months. If you or someone you know is in need of a summer program for their elementary child, please let us know. We ask that students that participate in our Summer Care Program complete an enrollment form and turn in a \$45 activity fee (fieldtrips & supplies fee) as soon as possible as space is limited.

Please contact: Kelli Moody, Director ~ betheldaycarekids@gmail.com
260-489-3650



Two BIG Events!!!

It’s the end of the school year for Preschool!! Two of our Big Events are coming up. Silent Auction/Carnival will be on May 14th from 1pm – 4pm. We will have wristbands on sale for \$10. This will include all the games, bounce house, slide, one hot dog, one bag of popcorn, and one water. The band will allow children to play their favorite games as many times as they like. We will also have a balloon artist and of course great items up for auction. This is our BIGGEST Fundraiser of the Year so please mark your calendars! If you would like to promote your own business or are just feeling crafty, donation baskets are welcome. Volunteers are also welcome! For questions, please contact Sarah at the Preschool.

Our other BIG event is GRADUATION. Parents of children moving on to Kindergarten next year should mark their calendars for May 26th @ 6:30pm. It’s our last hoorah of the year. We hope to see you there! (There will be front row seat to Graduation up for bidding at our Silent Auction!)

Upcoming Events

Lollipop Day	Apr 28 & 29
Petsmart Field Trip for T/Th All Day Class	Apr 21
Petsmart Field Trip for MWF All Day Class	Apr 22
Wetlands Field Trip for MWF All Day Class	May 4
Silent Auction	May 14 @ 1pm-4pm
Solamon Farms Field Trip for T/Th AM Class	May 17
Wetlands Field Trip for T/Th All Day Class	May 19
Solamon Field Trip for MWF AM Class	May 20
Last Day MWF Classes	May 25
Last Day T/Th Classes	May 26
Graduation	May 26 @ 6:30pm

Now Hiring!

Come join our team. Bethel Preschool is looking to add to our Bethel Preschool Staff. If you love teaching and are looking for a part time position, please contact Sarah at 260-489-3651 or bethelpreschool@frontier.com.

Mar. Scrip Report:

Total Sold	\$4930.00
Parent %	\$48.58
School %	\$144.73