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Monday through Thursday 8am - 3pm 8am-12pm Friday

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Traditional Service 8:30am Sunday School 9:30am 10:30am Contemporary Service

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Brian Campbell, Pastor

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Answer: D (See Luke 19:8.)

Dawn Roberts, Treasurer

**Bob Menefee**, Maintenance Director



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## Attention All Women:

## There's Something New For You

A new bible study for women will be starting Oct. 1 at 7:00pm at Bethel church. We will start off the time together with a worship song and prayer. Then • we will dive into the Beth Jones book "Brave: Living a Fearless Life" From the website for the book: "AREYOU READY TO TAP INTO GOD'S POWER FOR A COURAGEOUS, CONFIDENT AND BRAVE LIFE?" In today's changing world where terror, phobias and high anxiety want to keep us paralyzed, God has a better plan. He wants to empower us to live a fearless life! In Brave, we'll study God's Word to see how being free from the fear of death allows us to really live. We'll learn how living a life to please God, rather than living under the fear of man gives us the liberty to be the people God has called us to be. We'll understand why and how we can trust the Lord when the fears of danger and change try to hinder us from moving forward. God wants us to live a life full of peace and love, courage and faith and in Brave, you will learn how to experience these things in practical ways.

Who will be leading this you might be asking? Diana Bilderback and Julie Cusick Inside this will be your fearless guides.

What about Sunday? The Purple Group will be morphing into Support On Sunday (SOS). It will be fellowship time for anyone who needs to talk to listening ears about difficulties encountered during the week, extra prayer or just conversation. We will be in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:20 am on Sundays.

## UMW Fundraiser



To be held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at Bethel UMC. Cost: \$30.00. Refreshments and punch will be provided. Kim will instruct us on the painting, pictured to the left, and will provide all materials necessary. We can accommodate 24 painters so be sure to sign up each person in your group who will paint. A sign-up sheet is posted on UMW bulletin board.

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Special points of interest:

- Singing God's **Praises**
- Youth Group is Back!!!
- Awana Clubs a 2nd vear success!!
- Popcorn for Sale
- "Driving on Route 66" with Bishop Coyner
- **Bethel's Butterfly** garden is growing.
- A Note from your **Staff Parish**

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As I write this message, final preparations are being made for the second GOP Presidential Debate. Tonight we will watch and listen (those who will be watching and listening) to these candidates attempt to outline their perspectives on important topics in the life of our nation and the world. They will be explaining to us why they are the right one to support in an effort to become President of the United States. There are others in the

Democratic party, the Libertarian party, and possibly more for other parties who are attempting to throw their hat into the ring. As Christians, we really need to know a few things in order to make our decisions about the upcoming election and about life in general as followers of Christ. Jude has a timely Word for us and I believe it is worth hearing and heading. The following Scripture excerpts from the book of Jude are from Eugene Peterson's translation called "The Message" (highlighted or italicized portions are from me).

- 1-2 I, Jude, am a slave to Jesus Christ and brother to James, writing to those loved by God the Father, called and kept safe by Jesus Christ. Relax, everything's going to be all right; rest, everything's coming together; open your hearts, love is on the way!
- 3-4 Dear friends, I've dropped everything to write you about this life of salvation that we have in common. I have to write insisting—begging!—that you fight with everything you have in you for this faith entrusted to us as a gift to guard and cherish. What has happened is that some people have infiltrated our ranks (our Scriptures warned us this would happen), who beneath their pious skin are shameless scoundrels. Their design is to replace the sheer grace of our God with sheer license—which means doing away with Jesus Christ, our one and only Master...
- 17-19 But remember, dear friends, that the apostles of our Master, Jesus Christ, told us this would happen: "In the last days there will be people who don't take these things seriously anymore. They'll treat them like a joke, and make a religion of their own whims and lusts." These are the ones who split churches, thinking only of themselves. There's nothing to them, no sign of the Spirit!
- 20-21 But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!
- 22-23 Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. Go after those who take the wrong way. Be tender with sinners, but not soft on sin. The sin itself stinks to high heaven.
- 24-25 And now to Him who can keep you on your feet, standing tall in His bright presence, fresh and celebrating—to our one God, our only Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Master, be glory, majesty, strength, and rule before all time, and now, and to the end of all time. Yes.

Yes, indeed! None of this is a surprise to the Lord; God is still in control and we have nothing to fear or worry about if we abide in Him! Let us seek Him and His wisdom to make the choices which will lead to life for all people and the very Spirit of God will lead us into the future in this life and in the life to come! Amen! Blessings Always, PB

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## BETHEL PRAYER LIST

## **Bethel Family**

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

Russ Sunday
Donna Wakeland
Gayle Westfall
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

Bishop Coyner

District Superintendent,
David Neckers
Pastor Brian & Rachel
Campbell and family
Kid's Kingdom
Awana Clubs

#### 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 Richard Johnson, Jenny Lemmon's father Steve Loomis, friend of Dave Muncie Mercedees, Shugert's granddaughter

Ryan & Chole McIntyre, relatives of Betty Failor Judy Miller, friend of Ron & Phyllis Shappell Jim Overholt, friend of Bob Moore Beth Richardson, friend of Dave & Pat Muncie The Saneta Family Jeff Shappell, Ron & Phyllis Shappell's Son Dona Sell, Margaret Detamore's sister-in-law Wayne Sauers, Linda Wheaton's father

Wayne Smith
Shappell's son-in-law
Caz Strzynski
Marscell Sloffer,
Charlotte Klerner's
mother
Niccole Snowden Willoughby
friend of Pastor Brian
& Rachel Campbell
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:

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

Maggie Eiffert: 7211 Red Haw Drive, Fort Wayne IN, 46825; 260-755-1522

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

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

Phyllis Itt: Kingston Care Center

1010 W. Washington Center Rd, Room 411, Fort Wayne, IN 46825; 260-487-9814

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

Marge Leininger: 3385 US Highway 33; Churubusco, IN 46723; 260-489-4822

Marcia Moore: 14409 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765

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

Rose Sadler: Hickory Creek Healthcare

1433 S. Main Street, Kendallville, IN 46755; 260-347-3612

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

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

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## New way of giving now available

The ACH payment system has now been implemented here at Bethel. What this means is you can now give to Bethel through debiting your bank account. If you are familiar with this system through your bill paying, it is the same process. If you decide to give your offering using this option, there are forms in the Narthex that you can fill out. This debiting will continue until you decide to cancel it. This is not replacing anything; it's simply just another way for you to give. If you have questions or need help with the forms see Dave Hord or Dawn Roberts.

## Singing God's Praises

Thirteen people had a joyful time singing God's praises at the first choir rehearsal on September 10<sup>th</sup>. There is always room for more who would like to praise God in song. We meet every Thursday evening, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the music room off of Fellowship Hall. Come whenever you can. We will be singing in both worship services on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, World Communion Sunday. Looking forward to singing and sharing the STORY with you. Barb Cross and Jan Roberts



## Academy of Lay Ministries ~ Fall 2015

Two people from Bethel, **Katie Robinson** and **Kathy Smith**, have responded to God's call to grow spiritually; in faith, knowledge, leadership, caring, and communication at the Academy of Lay Ministries. Katie is participating in the Basic Class and Kathy is a student in the Evangelism Class. Share a blessing together with them by asking about this spiritual growth experience. All are invited to the Commitment Service on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., at Covenant UMC, 10001 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.



Thank you to all of the congregation for the multiple years that you have donated glasses to help those that have none. All the glasses go to the volunteers and service to humanity who make mission trips to Cuba and Central America. We have contributed as a congregation well over 1000

pairs of glasses to help others. Speaking for all of them, we all thank you.  $\sim$  Jim Long

Thank you to all who expressed sympathy in the passing of my dad. I appreciated every kind word, hug, card, and especially your prayers.  $\sim$ God bless you and yours. Cheryl Nicolet



Youth Group is Back!!! Thanks to Michael & Nicole Burt for stepping up as the leaders of our youth team! Youth meet every other Sunday (October 11th and 25th this month) from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. On October 3rd our youth will be participating in the Northeast District-wide "This Is The Day" mission program, doing a hands-on missions project aiding our shut-ins. Our youth (parents and anyone interested in youth) need to keep any eye out for the Bethel Youth Ministry page in the Flame or contact Michael & Nicole for any questions.

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## CHILDREN'S

## **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. (See page 5)

## **Donations**

Did you know we have a wishlist 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).

## **Volunteers**

Interested in working with Bethel's Children's Ministry? Check out our website to see more details. bethelchurchfw.com/ volunteeropportunities.html

## Thank you

- Christie Serre & Hollie Pease and Kristi Miller & Mandy Odum for leading the Squires & Kids Kingdom classes in September.
- Traci King for leading the Knights class in September.
- All those who attended Tokens –n– Tickets night.

A special thank you to all who support Children's Ministry. From serving dinner, to leading, to donating money and so much more. We couldn't have a successful Children's program without you.

Train a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not turn from it. -Proverbs 22:6

## Awana Clubs a Huge Success!!!

Last month we started our 2nd year of Awana clubs! We had a great first night of clubs and a great start to another year learning about Jesus. Currently we have 42 kids registered and 3 who are waiting to join.

We are looking for 2 more leaders to teach a second Cubbies class. Cubbies are preschoolers ages 3-5. Lesson plans are easy to follow and include a Bible lesson, games and crafts/activities. Contact Shelby for more information.

**Shelby Naibauer** 416-0752

bethelkidsmin@frontier.com http://www.bethelchurchfw.com/ Volume 48, Issue 10



## A Note From Your Staff Parish

Though October is traditionally known as a time to show your appreciation to your Appreciation Pastor and his wife, I think it is also a good time to recognize, pray for and thank the entire Bethel staff. They work for the glory of God taking care of the many needs within our church. Throughout the year, those that have served you include:

Office Manager – Brandi Williams

Day Care Director – Kelli Moody

Custodian (Day Care) – Bob Harris

Treasurer – Dawn Roberts

Pastor – Brian Campbell

Children's Ministry/Awana Director - Shelby Naibauer

Pre-School Director – Sarah Davidson

Maintenance Director – Bob Menefee

Nursery Child Care – Linn Walters (with assistance from Les Walters and Traci King)

Please consider letting these people know how blessed we are because of their efforts by praying for them and their families, by offering a gift or sending a card.

Thank you and God Bless! Cheryl Nicolet, Staff Parish Chairperson

## BETHEL HAPPENINGS...



## Tuesday, October

7:00pm Finance Meeting

## Thursday, October 8th

9:30am Church Staff Meeting 6:00pm Preschool Staff Meeting

### Thursday, October 22nd

7:00pm Trustee Meeting

### **October Greeters**

Randy & Gayle Westfall Oct 4

Traci King

Dallas & Pat Raypole Oct 11

**TBD** 

**Beth Champion** Oct 18

TBD

**Carol Brown** Oct 25

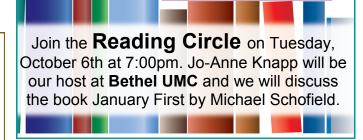
**TBD** 

Please contact Brandi in the church office if your able to help greet for 2nd service.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, October 3rd at 9am.



Eve Circle will meet on Thurs.. October 15th at 12:30pm at the home of Sarah Menefee.



## **General Operating Report - Aug.**

8/01/15 Beginning Balance INCOME **EXPENSES** 

8/31/15 Ending Balance

34.705.80 26,807.29

-24,007.98

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## BETHEL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



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

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7, NIV)

All are welcome to join us as we thank God for guiding us by the Holy Spirit and enabling us as a Christian Community to come alive. The four lessons in this unit continue to follow the development of the early church as Jesus' followers proclaimed the source of true power, preached and taught faithfully about Jesus, earned the right to be heard, took risks for the sake of the gospel, and trusted God's Spirit to lead and empower them. May we be courageous disciples for Jesus Christ.

### THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COMES ALIVE

Unit 2	Giving Bold Testi	mony	Purpose
October 4	The Spirit Is Not for Sale	Acts 8:9-24	To embrace the power of the Holy Spirit.
October 11	Saul Earns Credibility	Acts 9:19-31	To affirm the radical, transforming power
			of God to change lives.
October 18	Peter Takes a Risk	Acts 10:24-38	To be willing to do what is right, despite
			the risk.
October 25	Trusting the Spirit	Acts 11:1-18	To confirm that God's call to salvation is
			to all people.

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

The Seekers class just finished Adam Hamilton's Christian study called Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics. This study gave us great insight into how different people look at today's controversial issues. We recently started a new book called The Ten Commandments from the Backside. This book was written by J. Ellsworth Kalas and is a fresh look at The Ten Commandments. In the coming weeks, we will look at each commandment, discuss its history and talk about its application in today's world. If you are interested in how The Ten Commandments continue to be the foundation of our Christian beliefs and continue to enrich our faith and understanding, please join us after 2nd service. We usually start around 9:45.

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

In October, the Koinonia Class will continue their study of "Heroes, Rogues, and the Rest," a study of the Bible through its personalities, by J. Ellsworth Kalas. The topics that we will discuss are "Abraham & Sarah: Pioneers of Promise," "Jacob and His Kin: The Uses of Dysfunction," "Moses: Freedom to Obey," and "Samuel: The Purposes of Government." The nuggets of truth that we glean from these ancient biographies help us live Christian lives in our contemporary world

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## MINISTRIES





#### **Kid News**

#### Can Collection HELP—

- When dropping off your cans, please do not throw loose cans or bags of cans over the fence. They should be stacked neatly in the containers provided so the path to the gas meters are not blocked.
- We are also looking for 1-2 more people to help take the cans we collect to the recycling center. Cans need to be delivered to the recycling center every 2-4 weeks. A 4-person team means each individual only needs to deliver cans every 2 months or every 4 months. If you are able to help, please contact Shelby for details.

<u>Christmas Card Sales</u>— Christmas card sales will begin soon. Packs of 12 cards will be sold for \$10. You will have the option of choosing your own designs or purchasing a pre-packaged set. Look for more details on the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board and the Children's Ministry section of the Bethel website.

<u>Knights Sunday School</u>— We are looking for 1-2 volunteers to help teach the Knights Sunday School class. If you are interested please contact Shelby.

## **Popcorn Sales**

Popcorn will be available for sale in the office during business hours or on Wednesday nights during Awana Clubs. Popcorn can also be ordered by phone or email and delivery can be scheduled. All proceeds go towards the Bethel Children's Ministry.

<u>\$2.00 Flavors</u> <u>\$4.00 Flavors</u>

Butter Caramel

Sea Salt Slim Cheddar S'mores Corn

White Cheddar Butter Toffee Almond

Cornfusion Chocolate Drizzle Caramel

Kettle Corn

## **Sunday School**

#### Squires of the Son

Ages 2—Grade 2 Location: Crib Room

#### Crews:

Katie Robinson Ian Cusick Kathryn Burt Joshua Burt

#### **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 Ian Cusick Kathryn Burt Joshua Burt

## Wednesdays

#### **Awana Clubs**

Ages 2 yrs—Grade 6

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# Bishop Mike Coyner's E-Pistle

## "Driving on Route 66"

Yesterday was my birthday, and I am now 66 years old. When my son, Steve, wished me Happy Birthday, I responded by saying, "Yes, 66 really sounds old." To which he replied, "It doesn't just sound old, it is old." And so my birthday went. We had a nice gathering of family, some nice gifts and cake and such. In the middle of it all, my two month old grandchild Alec pooped all over me. He even smiled and cooed while doing it, as if he knew his diaper was loose on the side. We all laughed, and it was a good celebration of being 66.



I can remember when age 65 was kind of a "magical" age to imagine and think about. 65 was when most people would retire. 65 was "old" (at least it seemed like it when I was my son's age). 65 was Social Security and Medicare (of course now for my age group, 66 is the new 65 for Social Security). 65 was when I imagined I would retire. The first pin number I ever chose for an ATM machine had 65 in it – just so I could remember it.

66 is not an age which conjures any such kind of special interest. 66 reminds me more of the old TV show called "Route 66" named after that U.S. highway which stretches across the country. Some people still make it a point to drive on Route 66 for nostalgia. So I guess the best thing I can do with the number 66 is to think of this year as a new route for my life, another chapter, another aspect of living and traveling through time.

This year is also the year that I am heading toward my retirement. As bishops we retire on September 1<sup>st</sup> and on a 4-year cycle called a quadrennium. When I was elected a bishop in 1996 at age 46, I knew I would be serving for 20 years (sounds like a prison term when I say it that way), and would retire at age 66 and then turn 67 a few days later. The General Conference raised our mandatory retirement age so I technically could serve until 2020, but I believe that retiring in 2016 fulfills my original commitment and makes more sense for me personally. So, "Route 66" is my year of traveling toward retirement. My daughter, Laura, even gave me a "retirement countdown clock" for my birthday – so I can set it for September 1, 2016, and watch the months, days, minutes, and seconds count down. Or, I can simply use it as a desk clock to tell time.

Time is funny thing. Some days I can't believe I am this age, and I think of myself as being about 35 (until I look in a mirror and see myself). Other days the years are heavy, and I feel the aches and pains and memories of 66 years. Time is relative according to science, and that has certainly been my experience. Some days and some meetings drag along like eternity, and some events and some years go by very quickly.

The Biblical view of "time" is different. Time is not just "chronos" (the Greek word from which comes chronology), time is also "Kairos" which is all about "the right time." Jesus used "time" in the latter sense. He declared, "The time is now, the kingdom of God is near, repent and believe the Gospel." He understood himself to be sent into the world at the "right time."

During my years of life I often have been compulsive about chronology, but I have also looked for the "right time" (Kairos) to see God at work. I expect my driving on "Route 66" this year to be more about Kairos than Chronology. A count-down clock cannot measure the importance of any particular moment; only a sense of God's presence and Kingdom can do that. And so ... the journey continues, and the opportunities to encounter God's will are endless. I am grateful for each moment and each birthday, but I look for a longer and deeper understanding of time.

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## BETHEL DAYCARE & PRESCHOOL

### Preschool News

Preschool has BEGUN!!! We have lots of new parents as well as past parents this year. We have a total of 63 students this year.

The 2016 Calendar order form is now on the church bulletin board. Calendars are \$6 and must be prepaid. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah at 260-489-3651 or bethelpreschool@frontier.com

Candle Fundraiser will be Oct 21 - Nov 6. An order form will be on the round table for anyone who would like to purchase some candles.

#### **Dates of Interest:**

#### October:

Field Trip M/W/F Am Class Huntertown Garden	ns Oct 7
Field Trip M/W/F All Day Class Kurtz Pumpkin Fart	m Oct 23
Field Trip T/Th All Day Class Kurtz Pumpkin Fari	m Oct 22
Fall Break (No School)	Oct 16
Picture Day	Oct 19 & 20
Candle Fundraiser begins	Oct 21 - Nov 6

#### **November:**

Book Fair	Nov 2-6
Parent/Teacher Conference (No School)	Nov 5 & 6
Field Trip T/TH Am Class	Nov 12
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 25 - 27

## Bethel Daycare News

God has graced Bethel Daycare with a butterfly garden! Now that our milkweed has grown, we are seeing monarchs! Due to the monarch population at Bethel we have caterpillars. Some of our classes have

brought a few caterpillars inside to experience the life cycle of a monarch first hand.





#### MSCHOLASTIC

### Online Ordering!!

If you would like to buy books for children PreK - 8th grade, but don't know where to get the best price. Shop online at Scholastic.com/ readingclub! They have tons of books for the same or better price than the regular stores. If you type in the school code **JT4DQ** and select Ms. Davidson's class, the books will be shipped to the church for FREE! Don't be shy, ORDER!!

## Aug. Scrip Report:

Total Sold **\$4085.00** 

Parent % \$39.56

School % \$143.93