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The Outreach

The March 2010 Newsletter of Bethel Baptist Church



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

Lent Season Begins

Beginning in February and forty days into Easter in April, we will observe the season of reflection, renewal, and reverence for what Christ did as our example of redeeming love.

If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in memory, or in honor, of someone, please fill out an order form and place it, along with your payment, in the offering plates. The cost is \$10.75 per plant, and the deadline for orders is March 15.



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 14. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Pastor Powell

A Tribute

As of this writing, I am still processing my grief during the four funerals I conducted in three weeks - prior to the snow storm of 2010. John Mann, Mildred Starke, and Steve Braune all left their marks of precious memories with many of us. However, the last one was Heather McGinnis, with whom I am still processing feelings that leave me in a heap of brokenness. Most funeral services are conducted with a certain expectation that helps us "move on" with our grief. By all means, I hope the funeral for Heather healed the heart as well.

But "the sting of death", as the Apostle Paul refers, has given many of us a pause to be uncomfortable with our usual patterns of amiable words and actions. We may not have the reasons to the resounding questions of "Why?" surrounding her death answered anytime soon. I'm not sure, as Bobbie Reed so beautifully stated in her eulogy, that they will help us at this point anyway. But what I must deal with, and you, too, if you knew Heather or any young person whose life ended earlier than expected, is that we are caught off-guard by one who accomplished so much and had so much to live for after a lifetime battle of a personal physical handicap.

The Bible tells us that as Christians we are to weep with those who weep. For me, the last couple of weeks we were away due to snow has given this buildup of grief a chance to resolve and heal. As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the hope that we have. The flood of funeral memories this past year presses upon us that we have a future resurrection in which we will hear the words of our Savior, "Well, done, faithful servant". I believe in my heart, that anyone with a call to faith, even as Heather took ministry classes at the close of her life, would say to us that we need to keep on making the most of what we have. She demonstrated that in life, and I hope we will honor her by keeping the faith we have alive in our hearts.

See you on Sunday, Ed



Youth!

Woooo... soon Spring will be here! Thank goodness! Maybe we can appreciate it even more this year after such a white winter! The High School Youth will be heading back to Eagle Eyrie on Friday, March 5. We would like to meet at church at 3pm, please let me know ASAP if that does not give you enough time following school. But if we can leave by that time we will be able to eat dinner there. Otherwise, we will have to stop on the way. We will be spending the weekend with other high schoolers from around the state and we will have lots of time for fun, fellowship, worship and Bible Study! If you have not yet paid your balance of \$100, it is due at this time! We plan to return by 4pm on Sunday.

The Middle Schoolers will be heading to Graves Mountain Lodge on Friday, March 26. We plan to meet at church at 5pm. If you are able to get your family to the church for pictures before that time, please make arrangements with the pictorial directory folks at this time. We will wait for you to get your pictures before we head out. Everyone needs to bring money for dinner on the way there Friday. We will return on Sunday afternoon, the 28th by 4pm. We will have a fun weekend of fellowship, friends, Bible Study and discussion time! If you already paid for the Middle School retreat in the fall, you are still good. If you have not, your payment of \$100 is due now!

Here's to Spring! Eli

MISSION NEWS

MARCH IS PRISON MINISTRY MONTH

“Pen Pals” – through this ground-breaking program, homeless dogs and their inmate care givers area being given second chances and the opportunity for a new life. Se are collecting the following items:

Training Treats

Wellness	Halo liv a Little
Charlee Bears	Newman’s Own
Old Mother Hubbard	Bill Joc
Crazy Dog Train Me Training Rewards	
Iams Puppy Biscuits	Pupperoni
Meaty Bones – medium size	



Toys for medium to large dogs

Kongs	JW Bad Cuz	any rubber toys
Any Nylabones	any squeak toys	any plush toys



Bedding for medium to large dogs

Any kennel mats, throws, blankets

Miscellaneous

Dog biscuits, store certificates, coupons for any of the above items

Communion Set needed at the Women’s Correctional facility #13 (where Karen Powell works). A collection will be taken during March to purchase this set.

Kairos Cookies – A baking party will be held on Saturday, March 20, at 9 a.m. in the POH. Everyone is invited. Please bring flour, chocolate chips, peanut butter, sugar.

If you want to make cookies at home, pick up an information sheet. Put each dozen cookies in a zip closed plastic bag and bring to church in March.

Professional Clothing will be collected for men and women. We will partner with the Boaz and Ruth ministry to provide clothing and training for newly released inmates. Clothing is needed by the end of March.

HONORARIUM

Donations have been made to the Building Fund in memory of John Mann, and to the Parish Nurse Ministry in memory of Mildred Starke.

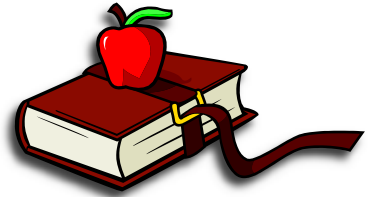
A gift was received for Bethel’s General Fund in honor of Bill and Laura Tanner’s 60th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy is extended to the following:

James and Ryan McGinnis and family at the death of their daughter/twin sister, Heather, Tweedle Richardson at the death of her aunt by marriage, Katherine McCall, and to Debby Patteson at the death of her uncle, David Hodges.
May the Lord comfort and bless all who mourn.

Library News



WOW! December, January, February were full of SNOW. I would like to be through with it. However, spring is not here yet.

Our library boards have just been put up for February, and it looks like they may be down in the blink of an eye. For March we may do the classics. I cannot think of any group of children we have who did not read a classic book. So let's see what fun the library staff can do with that.

If you are a reader, count yourself lucky. Reading takes you to many places. Books can educate, take you to new places, or you can just forget what is around you. Spring is around the corner. The days are staying light longer. So let's hope we can put the 4-letter word away.

Barbara Bell - Media/Library Director

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

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|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 1 | Abbey Brooks | | |
| | Ed Wooldridge | | |
| 3 | Amy Beltz | | |
| | Marsha Bolt | | |
| | Nancy Humphreys | | |
| | Kaitlin Powell | | |
| | Wendy Rogers | | |
| 6 | Pat Beltz | | |
| | Christine Cullen | | |
| | Jeanne Yeager | | |
| 7 | Jean Redmond | | |
| 8 | Donna Brooks | | |
| 9 | Debbie Weir | | |
| 10 | Coleman Goodman | | |
| | Faith Ann McNeel | | |
| | Jennie Sadler | | |
| 11 | Ryan Bell | 21 | Cynthia Wight |
| | Bill Tanner | 22 | Steve Dragnich |
| 14 | Lois Geissinger | | Margaret Watkins Tate |
| | Howard Humphreys | 23 | Peggy Watkins |
| | Mark Justis | 24 | Doug Acree |
| | Scott Tooley | 26 | Barbara Hale |
| 15 | Wally Cordle | | Hazel Thomas |
| 17 | Wendy Watkins Theriot | 29 | Carrie Adkins Pollay |
| 18 | Jim Bradley | | Bobby Moseley |
| | Laura Hughes | | Debbie Passmore |
| | Karen Powell | | Kenny Passmore |
| 20 | Robert Brooks | 30 | William Redmond |
| | Kimberly Cody | | |
| | Colin Patteson | | |



Wednesday Night Dinners

Wednesday night dinners begin at 6:00 pm in the People of Hope Center. This month's menus are:

March 3 – Turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, white rice, mixed vegetables, cranberry sauce, and dessert.

March 10 – Salmon cakes, stewed tomatoes, succotash, spoon bread, and dessert

March 17 – Corned beef brisket, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, assorted breads, and dessert.

March 24 – Soup, salad, baked potato bar, and dessert.

March 31 – Cancelled (Dinner to be Maundy Thursday, April 1)

Please make reservations, or cancel, through the church office by 12:30 p.m. on Monday.

Our schedule of helpers for March is:

Childcare

March 7 - Chauncey, Patteson

March 14 – Bolt, Brown

March 21 – Hardy, Moseley

March 28 – Camden

Thanks to all of our volunteers. Your service is extremely appreciated. Please be there 15 minutes before the service begins to receive the children.

Gratitude

Thank you from Shirley Lewis for all you did for her family during the illness and death of her mother. Ed's visits to her have blessed her for years; she felt she was a member of Bethel. "Thank you for every prayer for me, for visits, for cards, the flowers were so beautiful, and the reception after the service was outstanding. You all mean the world to me and I can only say I pray God's blessings on each one."

Malin Carlson sends thanks for the prayers and gifts and phone calls during her surgery and recovery. "It is so good to have such a supportive church family."

Eli thanks you for your incredible generosity throughout the holidays and her recent birthday. She cannot thank you enough for your kindnesses that continue in so many ways throughout the entire year. "I am truly blessed to be a part of the ministries of Bethel Church and this wonderful church family."

The family of Heather McGinnis acknowledges with grateful appreciation the beautiful basket of flowers. "Heather's Bethel friends have always given loving support, especially when medical problems made hospital stays necessary." They are thankful for your caring friendship.

Anne J. Smith thanks her Bethel friends for the thoughtful expressions of sympathy she received at Heather's sudden passing.

In quoting my brother Thomas, "Heather was quite a girl". She was a gift to us, and her family is appreciative of your support during her short life.

VHS 2010 is on the way to Bethel!

JULY 12-16, 9am-12 noon

*** The first informational meeting will
be soon

Sign up in the Church Office.

JOIN THE FUN!
Be A Volunteer
Call Lisa Hardy,
379—1237
Or Becky Kaiser,
794-8590