

THE

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SUNDAY MORNING:  
9:00 A.M.  
Worship  
Sunday School  
Kids' Church  
(It Rocks)

10:30 A.M.  
Worship  
Crossfire Student  
Ministry Worship  
Sunday School  
Life Groups 3rd-5th

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**It's Back!**  
**Friday April 25th!**  
**'A Hard Habit to Break'**

Against our better judgment, and even though we'll all be sorry when its over, we've decided to dust off the top hats, prepare our resumes, and roll out Friday Night Live 2008! As always, an entertaining night of hilarity, comedy, and people you would never expect doing things you, well, would never expect! Laughter is guaranteed - bring your oxygen tanks!

*In order to accommodate the masses of folks who will start camping out now to get in to FNL, a few things you need to know:*

- TWO SHOWS! First is 6:00-7:45; Second show from 8:15-10:00
- Limited number of tickets available; once they're gone, well, you know the rest...
- Tickets can be reserved in the Atrium or at the church office during the week - be prepared to sign up for Show #1 or Show #2.
- Tickets are \$2 each - This helps w/miscellaneous costs (wacky costumes, music, etc), and helps to ensure that we use all of our limited seating so that everyone can enjoy the show.
- Concession stand will be available with *FREE* popcorn & pop...and just to make it feel like a legitimate night of entertainment, we'll have a box of M&M's for 8 bucks!
- We will accept donations after the program to cover any remaining costs; remainder will go toward JH/HS students participating in Mexico and other summer camps & trips.
- Tickets will be available starting Wednesday, April 2nd in the church office, and Sunday the 6th in the Atrium!!

## APRIL IS NAME TAG MONTH!

Throughout the month, we're encouraging everyone to wear a name tag while you're here for the morning. Great way to get to know one another! Look for the name tag display at each of the major entrances every Sunday in April (name tags not necessary for kids in children's departments).

*Bethany Christian Church*

# THANKS

BY BOB BELL

It is an amazing thing to watch and equally exciting to hear about! Unfortunately, those who are actually doing it seldom hear about it. Even though we try to pass on words of appreciation, it is often difficult to make the connection. And for every situation we hear about or witness, I am confident there are countless others that no one sees. So where do we start?

I was in the office this week when someone came in and told about a family they had invited to Bethany. The family had come to the opposite service (first instead of second or second instead of first). But when they talked with them the next day, their friends talked about how friendly and caring everyone had been in helping them find their way and all the right rooms for their children. So to all those involved in First Step Ministries (Greeters, Welcome Center, First Step Meals, the I-Team), as well as, all those who just make it a point to greet people and introduce themselves, a BIG THANKS!

In visiting Marleston and Clarice Doan, Clarice spoke with great appreciation of the Care Ministry Team, the Still Growing Class, LifeGroups, the student ministries, and countless others who have prepared meals, cut grass, worked in their yard, painted garages, cleaned their house, stayed with them around the clock, and been the "church." Clarice told of the impact this has had on others who have witnessed the church in action.

I watched one Sunday morning as a couple came to the front to pray. Within just a few seconds, they were surrounded by those I recognized as part of their LifeGroup and/or their Sunday School class. All I could think was, "This is the way it is supposed to work."

Though I usually try to direct people toward the kitchen and those who really serve in this ministry, I can not begin to name the number of people who are

overwhelmed by the kindness of the Bereavement Dinner Team. To date, this year, we have served over 150 friends and families of those who have suffered the loss of someone dear to their hearts. A BIG THANKS to the ladies (and gentlemen) who plan, prepare, cook, serve, and clean up.

I have had an opportunity around the table at several Sunday lunches to ask my grandgirls about what they learned in Sunday School. (The bulletin always includes the focus of the lesson for each week, so it helps me ask informed questions.) I am always amazed at what they remember. Okay, sometimes David turns into Daniel and an occasional fact gets a little sideways, but usually they are pretty close. When they can bring out the lion puppet they made from a paper sack and tell me about David...I mean Daniel, I am pretty impressed. A BIG THANKS to all those who teach and interact with our children and students.

The list could go on and on, including those who work, serve, prepare and minister as part of the Blessings Ministry, Men's Ministries, Women's Ministries, Keenagers, childcare, Impact Worship Choir, vocalists, Drama Team, sound and tech, the band, handbells, servers, Sign Language Team, Bereavement Support, Divorce Care, Baptism Team, Missions Team, cleaning crew, buildings & grounds crew, van drivers, Community Outreach Team, preparing meals at the Christian Center, volunteering at Operation Love, Nursery School, working with Pee-Wee Basketball, elders, deacons, LifeGroup leaders, ministry consultants, and Student Ministries. I really should not start the list, because there are always those that I inadvertently leave out. But to all those who serve...A BIG THANKS!

If you have not yet found a spot to serve, please visit Service Central in the Atrium before, after or between services. Jesus said the way we find life is by giving ours away. Thanks to those who are generous with life.



Around 23 of Bethany's Keenagers took a trip to the Gaither Studio in beautiful Alexandria. They toured one of the studios and the awards room. Of course they got to shop before and after the tours at the Gaither Gift Shop. After the Gaither studio they had a home cooked meal at the Lighthouse Café, also in Alexandria. A good time was had by all. If you would like more information about the Keenagers, please call the church office and ask for Kent.

KEENAGERS



## Maundy Thursday Communion Service

"The communion service Thursday was wonderful! An experience I am glad I had the opportunity to enjoy. I hope it is a repeat next year because I would like to bring others to share in the loving experience. Thanks to all that helped in putting it together." -Anonymous

The Maundy Thursday Service consisted of seven different stations placed around the church. The stations consisted of 30 Pieces of Silver, Baby Lamb, Foot Washing, Communion, Crown of Thorns, The Cross, and Meditation Area. Groups consisting of all ages went through the service together. One of the stations, The Cross, instructed you to write a thank you note to our Lord and Savior and then nail it to the cross (pictured to left).

## LifeGroup Service Projects

LifeGroups are teaming together to show God's love for others through service projects. One example is serving and preparing a meal for the Christian Center downtown Anderson (pictured below). Another Life Group took on a kitchen project (painting mostly) for Beauty for Ashes in Alexandria. Life Groups are also coming together to uplift one another through baby showers (pictured to right), birthdays, funerals, hospital visits and on and on. If you are not involved in a Life Group and would like to be a part of one, please visit the web to sign up or call the church office.



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**BETHANY CHRISTIAN NURSERY SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE/ART SHOW**



Come, meet the teachers, have a look around and have your questions answered on Wednesday, April 23 from 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. in the Friendship Room. For more information, call the church office, 643.5713.

**MEXICO TRIP JULY 3RD-11TH**

It's finally on the calendar! We're planning a family trip to Juarez this summer, open to both adults & students (all JH-HS students participating must have a parent along on the trip). Join us for a VERY IMPORTANT information meeting on Sunday, April 6th @ 4:30 in the Friendship Room. The meeting will last approx. 45 minutes and will lay out the preliminary itinerary, costs, and other information. You do NOT have to commit at this meeting to go on the trip—meeting is for general information. Plan to join us on the 6th, bring your questions, and pray about joining us for another adventure south of the border. Start praying now for the family who will be the recipients of the house we're going to build.

**FEBRUARY STATISTICS:**

February Offering Received..... \$61,107.41  
Average Offering per week..... \$15,276.85  
Percent of Monthly Budget..... 93%

**YEAR-TO-DATE**

Budgeted offering needed..... \$130,992.96  
Actual y-t-d offering received ..... \$117,663.70  
Budgeted weekly average offering needed..... \$16,346.15  
Actual weekly average offering per week..... \$14,707.96  
Deficit to budget (year-to-date)..... (\$13,329.26)  
Percent of budget (year-to-date)..... 90%

**2008 FAITH PROMISE GIVING UPDATE**

Total funds sent to C.M.F for support of the		
Kineman Family:	February	YTD
From Individuals:	\$2,072.00	\$6,444.00
From Missions:	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
Total:	\$3172.00	\$8,644.00

**2008 IMAGINE #2 GIVING UPDATE**

February 2008.....	\$5,406.00
Total given in 2008.....	\$10,928.75
Total campaign gifts.....	\$81,316.40

*If you are interested in giving and would like envelopes, please contact the church office. We also can set up automatic withdrawal and bill pay.*