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[www.bethanyweb.org](http://www.bethanyweb.org)**SUNDAY MORNING:**  
9:00 A.M.  
Worship  
Sunday School  
Kids' Church  
(It Rocks)  
  
10:30 A.M.  
Worship  
Crossfire Student  
Ministry Worship  
Sunday School

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## Meet Tim Fair, New Student Minister

As an Indiana native and true outdoorsman, I am excited to be back in Colts country and enjoying the snowy winters. I spent my early years as a preacher's kid in Trafalgar, Indiana for quite some time before my parents moved up to Noblesville, Indiana where my dad is currently serving at Clarksville Christian Church. I played several sports as a kid, a passion of mine that continues as I grow older. I graduated from Indian Creek High School in 2001 and after a year of soul-searching at IUPUI studying education, I decided to pursue ministry at Johnson Bible College. Spending as much time as I could in the mountains of Tennessee, I studied for four years at Johnson, graduating in 2006 with a Bachelor's degree in Bible & Youth Ministry/Preaching. Both my older brother, Ben, and younger sister, Sarah, have studied at JBC. It was also there that I fell in love with my new wife, Courtney, before we married in June of 2007. We continue to share our love for hiking, camping, biking, and anything that gets us out to enjoy God's beautiful world.



**Tim's first Sunday on staff  
will be February 10.**

We are excited about the new ministry that awaits us at Bethany. We believe that God has great plans for us and for His church, and we are humbled to be a small piece of it. I look forward to being a part of Bethany's community and ministries in just a few weeks!

**STAFF:**  
Bob Bell,  
Senior Minister  
David Coplin,  
Worship  
Tim Fair,  
Student Ministries  
Larry Lipps,  
Families and Children  
Larry Marshall,  
Outreach and  
Development  
Kent Stookey,  
Pastoral Care and  
Involvement

## NAME THREE NEW PEOPLE

BOB BELL

Can you do it? If I were to stop you Sunday after service and say, "Name three new people you have met this morning." Could you do it? God continues to bless us with new faces and new families every week. The responsibility for meeting, greeting, and building relationships rests on those of us who have been around for a while, those who are already part of the family. Most of us come in, sit down, speak to the people we know sitting around us (because we all tend to sit in the same spot), and then when the service is over, we speak to a couple of others (whom we know) and smile at a few people we do not know.

Often, when people walk into the doors of a church for the first time, they are looking for something or they have come to a point in their lives when they know they need something. We know that what they are looking for is Jesus. We know that what they need is to see and know God. We also know God often meets that need through His people. A handshake, a short conversation, being noticed and valued often provides a source of strength and encouragement.

We have the "home court advantage." We know lots of people. We are familiar with how things will unfold. We are insiders. We have said Sunday morning is about coming together to express our love for God. This takes place as we gather to worship and as we gather in Sunday School. Our love for God is also expressed in the love we extend to others. Have you, as

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a parent, ever watched your child enter into a new setting or situation? Have you taken them to a new school or a week of camp where they do not know anyone?

You watch and wait, hoping someone will introduce themselves and befriend them. I wonder if God feels that same way as He directs some of His children to Bethany. Does He watch? Does He wait? Is He hoping someone will notice them? Is He hoping someone will introduce themselves or befriend them?

Be proactive. We have a few people who make it their mission every week to meet and greet visitors and some of our newer people. Join them in their efforts. We can either say, "I do not know anybody anymore," or we can say, "I have met three new people this week."

## BIG GAME FOOTBALL PARTY FOR AREA HOMELESS SHELTERS



We're again rolling out the red carpet for those from the Christian Center and Stepping Stones for the Big Game on Feb. 3rd. We need your help! Donations are gratefully accepted beginning today to help cover the cost of the night. We plan to feed 80-100 people their evening meal, plus all of the basic football game staples, too! We also need volunteers to help set up, hang out, serve food, and clean up - you can pick your spot and time, too! If you would like to volunteer and/or donate, envelopes and sign-up sheets are available at the Big Game table in the Atrium. Look for the helium footballs and come over. We'll be there to answer any questions you might have about the night, too.

# Baby Dedication Sunday, February 17

Our next Parent/Baby Dedication is scheduled for Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in both of the morning services. Letters with more information are available at the Garden or through the church office. You might be asking, "Why is this event so important?"

This dedication is a public declaration of commitment by parents to fulfill God's calling to bring up our children to know, love, and serve God. It is a dedication of both parent and child. This is the most important stewardship parents have.

As parents, we constantly influence our children by what we do and by what we do not do. This influence includes leading, educating, and modeling. We are to care as much for their spiritual development as for their physical, mental, and emotional development. We admit that we are not perfect, and we rely on God's grace and strength to help us raise our children.

We are charged to pass on God's values to our children so that by the time they become accountable to God they will have been trained up in the way they should go. Moses charged parents with these words: "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." This involves creating an atmosphere of car-

ing, security, respect, encouragement, forgiveness, and support.

The church is based upon the model of the home, where God is the Father and we are brothers and sisters. And as the church we, too, are to create an atmosphere of love, encouragement, forgiveness, and support.

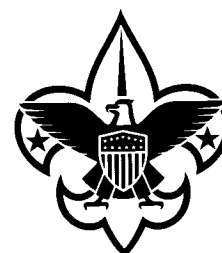
As a church family, we are committed to quality children's ministry, cooperating with parents as partners in spiritual training. We have Baby Dedications to demonstrate to the parents involved that we, the church, stand with them as they raise their children to follow Christ.

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## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is Boy Scout Sunday. Members of our Bethany-sponsored Troop 240 will be around

the building and serving in various ways during the morning. We are proud of our troop and their leaders. Take a minute to get acquainted with the boys and their leaders.



## DAN THURSTON TO PREACH FEBRUARY 10

DAN AND JANET THURSTON (CHINA)

The Thurston's main focus of ministry in China has been evangelistic and teaching efforts, leadership training, and the provision of all forms of Christian literature. From 1993 to 2004, CNM coworkers/funded teams had baptized over 1800 persons during ministry trips into nine different provinces; some of these young Christians being involved in starting new house church meeting points. Over 900 baptisms were reported in 2005. Among others, three DongXiang Muslims were baptized in 2007. Very preliminary planning is underway for a long-range future project—outreach to an Unreached People Group on the Northwest China/Russian Far East border.

Danny has many "narrow escape" stories to tell of how God has allowed Christian literature and Bibles to pass through checkpoints: x-ray machines not working properly, particular sections of luggage not being checked, and attendants finding the material but allowing it to pass through. In all ministry a major concern continues to be securing contacts from being discovered and persecuted, activities which the central government began intensifying in 1995.

Dan will be here on Sunday, February 10 to share with us about his mission work as we focus on evangelism of the world.

### DECEMBER STATISTICS:

December Offering Received.....	\$100,035.02
Average Offering per week.....	\$20,007.00
Percent of Monthly Budget.....	114%

#### YEAR-TO-DATE

Budgeted offering needed.....	\$899,438.00
Actual y-t-d offering received .....	\$844,263.44
Budgeted weekly average offering needed.....	\$17,297.00
Actual weekly average offering per week.....	\$16,235.84
Deficit to budget (year-to-date).....	(\$60,490.06)
Percent of budget (year-to-date).....	93%

#### 2007 FAITH PROMISE GIVING UPDATE

Total funds sent to C.M.F for support of the		
Kineman Family:	December	YTD
From Individuals:	\$4,797.00	\$28,776.00
From Missions:	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$13,200.00</u>
Total:	\$5,897.00	\$41,976.00

#### 2007 IMAGINE #1 GIVING UPDATE

Total given in 2007.....	\$59,979.10
Total campaign gifts.....	\$524,482.53

#### 2007 IMAGINE #2 GIVING UPDATE

December, 2007.....	\$17,390.50
Total given in 2007.....	\$60,782.65
Total campaign gifts.....	\$70,387.65