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**SUNDAY MORNING:**  
**9:00 A.M.**  
Worship  
Sunday School

**10:30 A.M.**  
Worship  
Sunday School  
Kids' Church  
(It Rocks)

## WINTER CARNIVALE

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### BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Come join us for a night of free fun, great games, music, prizes and food!**

**Friday, January 29, 2010**

**Doors open from 6:00 – 8:30pm**

**Bring your family, your neighbors and friends for this fantastic free night!** Our annual Winter Carnivale is an evening filled with game booths, an inflatable obstacle course, a special game area for the little ones and dinner consisting of pizza or a coney dog. Best of all, it is completely FREE! This is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors to a night of fun. This year, we will be using our Life Groups and Sunday School classes to staff our booths. Sign-up in your Sunday School class or Life Group. If you don't have a Life Group or Sunday School class, we still need your help! Please contact Larry Lipps or call the church office, 643-5713. It takes everyone's help to pull off this fantastic evening. See you Friday, January 29th!

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Are you part of the 50+ generation looking for something different?

This year Johnson Bible College will launch a new summer adult program designed for baby boomers called Trivium. Bethany would

like to encourage you to review this program and consider if Trivium is right for you. At JBC's Trivium week, June 14—18, you have the choice of three paths: Service, Recreation, and Learning.

Each path offers a focused experience that meets your specific needs along with enjoyment of JBC's campus, fellowship with others, and endless possibilities for excursions in the nearby Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

For more information you can browse [www.jbc.edu/trivium](http://www.jbc.edu/trivium), as well as contact Kent Stookey at the church office 643-5713.

Several weeks ago we asked the question: What are you chasing? What occupies our time and attention? What do you dream about? What do you want? If given the opportunity, what would you do with your life? And, finally, once you catch it, what are you going to do with it? Is what you are chasing worth the effort?

In his book *A Million Miles in a Thousand Years*, Donald Miller begins by writing, *"If you watched a movie about a guy who wanted a Volvo and worked for years to get it, you wouldn't cry at the end when he drove off the lot, testing the windshield wipers. You wouldn't tell your friends you saw a beautiful movie or go home and put a record on to think about the story you'd seen. The truth is, you wouldn't remember that movie a week later, except you'd feel robbed and want your money back. Nobody cries at the end of a movie about a guy who wants a Volvo. But we spend years living those stories, and expect our lives to be meaningful. The truth is, if what we choose to do with our lives won't make a story meaningful, it won't make a life meaningful either."* (p. xiii)

As Cindy and I were given the opportunity to visit Israel (Thank you!), one of the realities that caught my attention is how unspectacular Jesus' life was. Did I say that? Let me explain. Jesus spent the majority of His life in a very small area, a ten mile circle. This circle contained a few small villages, most of which could fit in Bethany's south parking lot. There were annual trips to Jerusalem, but Jerusalem was only 70 miles south, about the distance between here and Fort Wayne. Okay, there were the miracles; those were pretty spectacular. He did tend to draw a crowd with His teaching; that was pretty spectacular. But the heart of what made Jesus' life meaningful was that He walked among us. Jesus interacted with people, served people, loved people, helped people, and gave His life for people. It seems the common denomina-

tor in that is "people."

I think there is a lesson to be learned here. As we enter into a new year, may we recognize that what makes a life meaningful is not the size of our bank account, the number of possessions we accumulate, the speed of our phones or computers, or the location of our home, but how we, in response to God, interact with people. "If you watched a movie about a guy who wanted a Volvo and worked for years to get it, you wouldn't cry at the end." You would not look at his life and say, "That's what I want to do. That's the life I want to live." However, the opposite is true as we look at the life of Jesus.

In Philippians 2:1-11, Paul writes: *"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

That's a life worth living! That is an example worth following!



Bethany Christian Church will once again be hosting a blood drive here at the church. This special event will take place on Monday, February 1, 2010 in the Friendship Room from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We feel this is important, especially since we no longer have an Indiana Blood Center here in Anderson. Also, for your convenience this year, you have the opportunity to schedule your own appointment at [www.donorpoint.org](http://www.donorpoint.org). Watch your church bulletin for more details as the date nears.



**D**ecember 13 was a spectacular day full of worship at Bethany. The worship service consisted of specials by the Bethany Impact Choir, Highland Starliters, Highland Singers, and the Praise Ringers. The service concluded with a Finale of “Sing Glad Tidings” consisting of all four musical groups on the stage at once. The musical entertainment did not stop there. Later that evening Bethany was blessed with a performance by the Impact Kids Choir and adult cast of “Don’t Cast Away Christmas—The Gift Exchange” where we witnessed familiar friends discover the ultimate gift from God. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make Bethany sing on December 13.



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# Station 12

Mark your calendars, set your alarm — Station 12 has moved to January 10th at 5:00 pm! Don't forget to stay and enjoy food and fellowship at the After 12 meal following Station 12!

After 12



# Keenagers

The Keenagers will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 10 am in the church library. We will be setting up our schedule of trips and meetings for 2010. All are welcome to come and share ideas for the year.

# 90 Day Test Drive

Come to the Welcome Center and pick up a listing of 52 test drive opportunities for serving others here at Bethany and in the community. God has created each and everyone of us with special gifts, talents, and abilities to share. Please take one and prayerfully consider getting involved in one of these low-pressure, but rewarding activities.

### NOVEMBER STATISTICS:

November Offering Received.....	\$70,284.38
Average Offering per week.....	\$14,056.88
Percent of Monthly Budget.....	86%

### YEAR-TO-DATE:

Budgeted offering needed.....	\$850,000.00
Actual y-t-d offering received.....	\$682,190.10
Budgeted weekly average offering needed.....	\$16,346.15
Actual weekly average offering per week.....	\$14,212.29
Deficit to budget (year-to-date).....	(\$102,293.90)
Percent of budget (year-to-date).....	87%

### 2009 FAITH PROMISE GIVING UPDATE

Total funds sent to C.M.F for support of the Kineman Family:

	November	YTD
From Individuals:	\$2,264.00	\$26,370.00
From Missions:	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	<u>\$12,100.00</u>
Total:	\$3,364.00	\$38,470.00

### 2009 IMAGINE #2 GIVING UPDATE

November 2009.....	\$5,872.40
Total given in 2009.....	\$64,275.81
Total campaign gifts.....	\$220,039.63

*If you are interested in giving and would like envelopes, please contact the church office at 643.5713. We can also set up automatic withdrawal and bill pay.*