

Bethany Beacon

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Temple Tantrums *By Pastor Eric*

During the last week of his ministry before he was crucified, Jesus entered Jerusalem. According to Mark, after arriving, Jesus went into the Temple to look around. It was late so he left. The next day, he entered the temple and cleared it out. He threw the tables over, knocked over people's chairs, tossed their money into the air and drove everyone out of the Temple courtyard. (See Mark 11:11-17) This is often referred to as Jesus cleansing the temple. I like how one pastor described it... Jesus threw a temple tantrum.

Why did Jesus demonstrate such behavior? Was it because people were using the Temple as a place to sell doves for sacrifices and make

money for their own selfish ambitions? That is a big part. But the biggest reason is the activity in God's house wasn't focused on worshipping God! Jesus got rid of everything that did not glorify the Father.

What is the best way to worship God in our everyday lives? We start by getting rid of all the things that distract us from him. What bad habits do we have that distract us from our relationship with Christ? What about our thought life? Now that spring is here, let's do some spring cleaning and cleanse the temples that are our bodies.

If you find it difficult to remove some things from your life, let Jesus throw a temple tantrum in your life.

He will remove all things that separate you from Him. But get ready, he will toss things around and your life will be changed!

It's not always easy letting someone see our dirty laundry. Letting Christ in means letting him see all of us. But he wants to cleanse you. He's a deep cleaner. There are some stains that only he can remove.

Cleaning is hard work. Yet he is willing to do what it takes and cleanse our hearts for us. Are you willing to do what it takes and let him in?

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

BETHANY VBS

June 20 - 24

9 - 11:45 AM

Ice Cream Social / VBS Closing Program June 24
(6 - 7 PM) in the sanctuary

Ages 3 years - 6th grade

\$5 per child / \$10 per family pre-registration

\$6 per child / \$12 per family during VBS

For volunteer opportunities, call Chris Franklin 815-654-8327.

Donations of cookies (no peanut products, please) and pre-sweetened Kool-aid are appreciated.

Kids Korner

Submitted by Joan Keener

The last 2 months we have been "planting" gardens. Now we need to put some fertilizer in the garden.

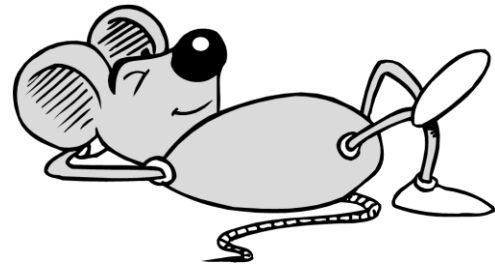
What is a good source of fertilizer? Lightning! And would you believe that lightning flashes through our atmosphere 2,000,000,000 times a year?

Lightening contains nitrogen. When it comes through the atmosphere, it combines with the rain and the nitrogen becomes nitrate. Nitrate acts as a fertilizer for our plants and grass as it enters the ground. Next time you look outside after a storm, you will see that the leaves and grass look a lot greener. This is because they have been washed and fertilized by the rain and lightening!

Here's a quick way to figure out how far away a storm is. Count the seconds between the lightning flash and the thunder. Now divide the number of seconds by five. That's how many miles are between you and the storm

Granny church mouse sez:
Warning: Exposure to the Son
may prevent burning.

Deacon church mouse sez:
Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when
Noah built the ark!



A Bible Matching Game

Submitted by Joan Keener

When my latest grandchild was to be born, I prayed privately to the Lord that it would be a peaceful child. When she was born, her parents gave her the middle name of "Shalom" which means peace.

And they never knew what my prayer request had been!

There are many Bible names which have a special meaning. For example, Barnabas was a person that encouraged people - and his name means encourager.

I have made a list of names on the left side and the right side is a list of meanings. You can think of the Bible stories that you have heard and this will help you to draw a line from the name in the left column and to the meaning on the name in the right column.

| Name | Meaning |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Abraham | 1. Earth-man |
| 2. Adam | 2. Encourager |
| 3. Barnabas | 3. Father of a multitude |
| 4. Emmanuel | 4. God is with us |
| 5. Eve | 5. Grace |
| 6. Grace | 6. Laughter |
| 7. Isaac | 7. Life |
| 8. Jacob | 8. Rock |
| 9. Martha | 9. Lady ruler of the house |
| 10. Peter | 10. Subplanter |
| 11. Thomas | 11. Twin |

Note: Answers will be posted in next month's Beacon ☺

MoMints – Moderator Minutes from May

Retreat

We had a retreat that focused on our mission and vision. We discussed change and transformation, the challenges to bringing intentional change and began to develop a mission statement. After we have a mission statement we will begin to focus on a vision for Bethany.

Budget and Stewardship was proud to announce we plan on paying down a significant portion of the capital improvement fund thanks to the generous giving of the Bethany community. They are also investigating additional ways people can give to the church. They met with Personnel to discuss better financial practices and how that may impact job descriptions.

Communications is starting a new online blog to create the opportunity for online meetings.

Congregational Life is planning a church picnic for the next church event and contacting members who have not attended for a length of time.

Worship Committee is investigating stained glass effect on the Education Center entry windows, a guest/information center, and painting the cry room.

Motions Passed:

- Funeral request approved for Friday, May 13
- Worship committee may hire painter to add mural to cry room

Your Moderator,
Pastor Eric

No Deacon Report

Wednesday Night Prayers

Please remember to drop by the church every Wednesday at 5:30 pm to prayer for our church, staff, congregation and future ministries. We meet for 15 minutes every Wednesday night at 5:30 pm in the Library. Pastor Eric

Wear your favorite patriotic colors to worship service on Sunday, July 3rd!



Buildings & Grounds/Trustee Report

Submitted by Wallace Zipperer

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEMBERS ATTENDANCE: WALLACE ZIPPERER & SANDY HEWITT

BUILDING & GROUNDS MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: BRUCE WYATT & CHERYL OLSON

NOTE: MEETING WAS HELD BY PHONE

ITEMS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT

CHURCH INSURANCE
 BABY CHANGING STATION
 ELEVATOR STATE CONVEYANCE NUMBER
 COST OF CUSTODIAN SUPPLY'S FOR APRIL
 COST OF OTHER ITEMS FOR APRIL
 LAWN MOWER & LAWN VAC.
 GET DOOR NUMBERS RIGHT IN LOWER ED. WING

PLANNED & IN PROGRESS :

REPAIR SHELF IN THE OUT SIDE SHED
 REPLACE NEIGHBOR'S FENCE CONNER POST'S
 COVER STRONGHOLD DRAWING IN STORAGE CLASSROOM WITH PLEXI-GLASS
 BABY CHANGING STATION IN NARTHEX REST ROOM
 REPAIR NARTHEX CEILING TILES
 REPAIR LEAK IN BOILER ROOM WALL (EAST-SIDE)
 REPAIR SANCTUARY WINDOW SILLS (SOUTH-SIDE)
 REPAIR CHAIR LIFT NARTHEX DOOR (PART OF THE DOOR SYSTEM IS FIXED)
 REPAIR JESUS SIGN LIGHTS
 MOUNT STATE CONVEYANCE NUMBER TO ELEVATOR
 GET ELEVATOR ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTED
 GET READY FOR CLEANING DAY AT CHURCH
 UPDATE PER MAR SECURITY CALL LIST & GET NEW CODES

COMPLETED IN 2011

CHANGE OUT VALVE IN MEN TOILET (FEB)
 REPAIR STRIKE PLATE ON DOOR FRAME OF A/C CLOSET DOOR (FEB)
 REMOVE WOOD FROM STORAGE ROOM (LOWER LEVEL BACK ROOM)
 SENT ELEVATOR REGISTER FORMS IN TO STATE OF IL. (FEB) & (MARCH)
 ADJUSTED NARTHEX DOORS SO THEY WOULD CLOSE (FEB)
 PICKED UP NEW NARTHEX CEILING TILES (APRIL)
 TOOK LAWN MOWER & LAWN VAC. TO FOUR SEASON FOR SERVICE'S (APRIL)

EXPENSES:

| MONTH | TRUSTEE | CUSTODIAN | BUILDING & GROUNDS |
|----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|
| JANUARY | \$0.00 | \$61.36 | \$375.99 |
| FEBRUARY | \$0.00 | \$38.34 | \$854.43 |
| MARCH | \$0.00 | \$124.46 | \$135.90 |
| APRIL | \$0.00 | \$131.91 | \$402.12 |

THIS IS TO ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM PLEASE CONTACT.

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WE CAN USE YOUR HELP; MAY GOD BLESS US ALL.

Women's Association Update

Thank you again, Women of Bethany, for a wonderful Mother Daughter Tea. We are already getting suggestions on how we can make the next one even better. We appreciate all of your input. Since the MD Tea just took place on May 14th, I don't have full details available, so let me give you the short version. We had a wonderful, upbeat group of 77 women and girls who enjoyed a luncheon with tea sandwiches, silver dollar sandwiches and a variety of salads and fruit bowls provided by the Women's Association circles. Thank you all for your contributions. Amanda McCormick and Amanda Komisky stepped up and got involved with the dessert cart. Just like

the fanciest of restaurants, we had a dessert cart packed with éclairs, mini brownies and crème puffs personally delivered to your table. Thank you girls, you are appreciated and your contributions did not go unnoticed. Following lunch we were entertained by Charmel and Jerry Jacobs with a nice combination of singing and inspiration. Jerry even added his rendition of Louie Armstrong to close one song. The usual door prizes ended the afternoon. This event was the 'sunshine' portion of a rainy day. Thank you Chris Franklin and Kim Metcalf for setting up the kid's room. It seems Ella Franklin contributed many of her own toys for the event and Airianna Mohr was the

activities director (ha). Thank you, Ella and Airianna. As more details become available, we will keep you informed. Thanks to all who stepped up to assist in this undertaking but I would to personally thank Kathy Metcalf and Marilyn Buske for running the kitchen and keeping things going smoothly. This event could not have happened without you. Thank you all again. The fellowship of friends cannot be overstated or over appreciated, especially during these uncertain times in this country and abroad. In His Service,
Marlys Marsh, Special Events.

Meet the Metcalf Family

Submitted by Art & Kathy Metcalf

Art and I met while we both worked at Camcar in Rockford. We met at an inter-shop bowling league.

We were married at Broadway Methodist church by Art's friend who was a Pentecostal minister. We were very lucky to have many friends and family from all over the United States there on our special day.

We were blessed with the births of Christine and Kimberly while still living in Rockford. We then moved to what was then North Park in 1976 and were blessed with the birth of Art in 1977.

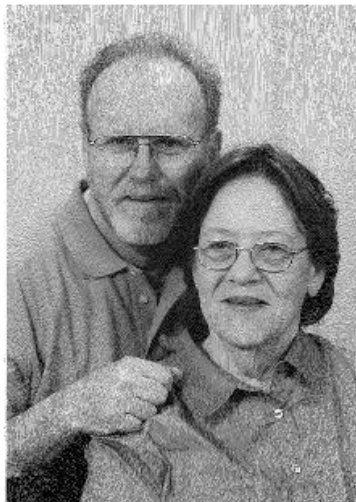
Art's sister Marlys invited us to come to church with her in 1976. This was the beginning of our lives at Bethany. All three of our children grew up and were confirmed and joined Bethany. Christine and I were baptized on the same day. Art and I joined the church as did all the children as they were baptized and confirmed.

Christine was married at Bethany to Andy Franklin adding more blessing to our lives and Bethany. We have two grandchildren, Logan and Eloise, and have the second best jobs of our lives being with them. The first best

job, of course, was caring for our three children.

Art and I are both retired now and wonder how we ever had time to work. Kimberly, Christine and Andy are very active at church. Our son Art lives in Chicago. Art works at Atwood golf course, and we are lucky to have Ella and Logan with us on school days. I enjoy making quilts when I have time.

Art and I enjoy our family and our Bethany family very much. I also have my Circle friends who mean so much to me, and we still see our Camcar family very often as well.



Mission Update

Submitted by Ginny Falnes

JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH....is for Bethany Adult Missions. This year our adults will serve locally, helping Habitat for Humanity as they build yet another home. Though the starting time has not been announced yet, any and all of us who have a few hours to give on a Saturday will be greatly appreciated. It isn't necessary to know how to use tools. There are many other types of jobs including cleanup that are a great deal of help. Watch our Sunday bulletin for further information.

YOUTH MISSION

We can be so proud of our youth! Even with their busy schedules, they are still working hard to earn their way to Denver! Melissa, our Youth Director, said they have ALMOST reached their goal, but with our current gas prices, they have had to increase the amount needed!

They have one last fundraiser!
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Where: Applebee's on Riverside Blvd

When: June 12

LET'S BE THERE FOR THEM!

June Calendar

| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
|---|---|------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|--|
| | | | 1 5:30pm: Bethany Night of Prayer 6:30pm: Praise team 7:30pm: Chancel Choir | 2 | 3 | 4 9:00am: Church clean-up day |
| 5 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:45am: Chime Choir | 6 6:30pm: Trustees 6:30pm: Worship committee | 7 | 8 5:30pm: Bethany Night of Prayer 6:30pm: Financial Peace University 6:30pm: Praise team 7:30pm: Chancel Choir | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration with Communion 11:45am: Chime Choir | 13 7pm: Session | 14 | 15 Beacon Articles Due! 5:30pm: Bethany Night of Prayer 6:30pm: Financial Peace University 6:30pm: Praise team 7:30pm: Chancel Choir | 16 9am: BYKOTA circle | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Father's Day! 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:45am: Chime Choir | 20 7pm: Deacons Meeting | 21 | 22 5:30pm: Bethany Night of Prayer 6:30pm: Financial Peace University 6:30pm: Praise team 7:30pm: Chancel Choir | 23 | 24 | 25 Youth Mission Trip starts – Denver CO |
| 26 9:00am: Sunday School 10:15am: Worship Celebration 11:45am: Chime Choir | 27 7pm: Christian Ed | 28 | 29 5:30pm: Bethany Night of Prayer 6:30pm: Praise team 7:30pm: Chancel Choir | 30 6pm Parents Prayer group | | |



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