

The Bethany Beacon

August 2019

Birthdays

04	Susan Hottle	23	Art Collins Jr.
06	Darlene Turner	24	Odessa Mills
11	C.J. Cranor	28	Janet Bagby
13	Hudson Leach	28	Jackie Marden
14	Mike Yancey	28	James Norman
15	Chris Knighton	30	Landry Hayden
17	Grady Hitt	30	Karen Guldenschuh
20	David Felts, III	30	Shanna Winfree
20	Debbie Tate	30	Keeton Bailey
21	Jonah Turner	30	Ronnie Brickey

Anniversaries

8	John & Dorothy Norman
12	Kyle & Kendal Hayden
19	Warren & Mary Payne
27	Wilson & Brenda Perry

Services

Sunday Worship Services

8:15 Traditional & 10:30 Contemporary

Sunday School

9:30 AM (classes for all ages)

*Wednesday Classes

7:00 pm

*First Wednesday of the month

6:30 PM (Fellowship Dinner)

Monthly Fellowship Dinner

Join us Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM in the Multipurpose Building. Families with 3 or more are asked to bring two dishes and families fewer than 3 are asked to bring one dish. Everyone is asked to bring a beverage.

Staff

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Elders

David Grubbs * Mike Yancey

Deacons

Andrew Brust * Brice Marden

Kyle McGinnis * Aaron Robinson



Ants

One hot and humid August afternoon when I was around 11 years old I was very bored. I sat on a grassy bank with nothing to do. (This was a time before cell phones and video games had been invented.) My best friends were on vacation or not home, so what was there to occupy my time? Looking down at my feet, I noticed movement in the grass. It was a bunch of very busy little black ants. I watched them carry huge loads (at least to them) on their backs as they scurried in a straight line to the hole that apparently was their home.

After a moment, I decided to play with the ants. I put a stick down right in their path. The first ant hardly hesitated when it climbed right up and over the stick and led the others on to their destination. I decided to try a large gravel rock from our driveway to deter the creatures. After I plunked it down right in the ants' way, they did the same thing – just crawled right over the top, down the other side and went on their way. Well now, I thought, I need a really big challenge for these guys. So I took a little twig and waited until some ants climbed aboard and then I picked up the twig and took it about 3 feet away from the path the ants were on. When I set it down, the ants climbed down off the twig, took about half a second and set out again in a straight line for their "holey home". It seemed I could not keep the ants from carrying out their mission.

I wonder about us. Have you ever had a rock land right in your road? Something like hearing a doctor say, "...cancer", or a boss say, "I'm sorry, but..." or a teen son or daughter call in the middle of the night and say, "Mom, I'm at the hospital..."? Has anything ever grabbed your attention to the point that it pulled you away from faithfully following the Lord? Do you even remember how you got started in the wrong direction?

It will happen to all of us, so we should be like the ants and head back in a straight line to the Father. We shouldn't let anything stop us. He wants to hear our prayers. He wants to speak to us through his Word. He wants to hear our worship. He wants to comfort us and go beside us and give us strength and hope. And the very best thing is that if we follow, He will lead us to the "Holy Home" He has waiting for us!

James 1:12

Blessed (*Happy*) is the man who perseveres under trial because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

Headed For Home,

Wayne & Marilyn Anderson

Family Exploration: "What's In the Bible?" - Sat, August 3 from 10 - 4.

A one of a kind family ministry experience that will bring families closer together as they journey through the Bible - from Genesis to Revelation.

Elementary-aged children will experience an exciting rotational model VBS and walk away knowing the BIG story of the Bible - God's Great Rescue Plan! - and what it means to live as a Christian. Parents will walk away with a new understanding of the Bible, how to lead their families through the tricky parts of the Bible, and how to engage their family in God's redemptive mission in the world.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Family Exploration: "What's in the Bible?" 10 - 4
4 Elders Mtg 3:30 PM Deacons & Ministry 5:30 PM	5	6 Seniors Bible Study 10 AM	7 Fellowship Dinner 6:30 PM Craig Turner	8	9	10
11 Sunday School Promotion in the sanctuary (9:30 AM)	12	13 Seniors Bible Study 10 AM	14 PCS 1st day of school Classes 7 PM	15	16	17
18 Dennis Free preaching both worship services and Sunday School Missions Team Meeting 5 PM	19	20 Seniors Bible Study 10 AM	21 Classes 7 PM	22	23	24
25 Widows/er Meal 6 PM	26 Ladies Mission Circle Progressive Dinner 6:30 PM	27 Seniors Bible Study 10 AM	28 Classes 7 PM	29	30 BCC Talent Show 7 PM Contact Phil Robinson with questions!	31



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Apple Butter is being made in September to benefit Central India Christian Mission in memory of Ray Murphy. If you would like to order apple butter please call the church office.