



Bartlett Chapel Chat

JULY 2009 Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Change!

Change is tough for all of us. I remember how scared and anxious Jean and I were a year ago. What if you didn't like us? Would we be able to lead a larger congregation?

We now face more change as a community of God. We are saddened by the resignation of Kevin as our Director of Youth Ministry. Kevin, Erin and Avery have become cherished and valued parts of our family. Kevin has faithfully led our young people for seven years. He will be greatly missed, but we pray for his family as they try to listen to God for their next path in hearing God's call.

At the same time we pray for our new Directory of Youth Ministry that God will bring to our church. Our young people are a precious part of our church family and we know this ministry is vital to the life of our congregation.

Yes, change is tough, but through change God brings new life and hope for a eternal future.

Pastor Don

Kevin, Erin, and Avery say, "Good-Bye"

One of the hardest things to do as you listen to God's will for your life is to act on faith. Seven years ago, Erin and I listened to God as He directed us to Bartlett Chapel for my first youth ministry position. We stepped out on faith and trusted God that this was where He wanted us to be. We trusted. God delivered.

God gave us a wonderful caring church community we will never forget. I can't begin to express how much everyone at Bartlett Chapel has meant to my family. The welcome we received from day 1... the sincere compassion in the midst of painful experiences... the shared joy at the birth of Avery... the endless supply of prayers, cards, and

encouragement! Needless to say, our faith step to Bartlett Chapel was validated by an outpouring of blessings in so many ways.

As we look to the future we can't help but think how great it would be to spend seven more years with Bartlett Chapel, but we sense God directing us into something new. If I was writing an autobiography of our family I would title the upcoming chapter, "Destination Unknown" because at the moment there is no ministry position in mind, nor is there a specific church we feel called to. We feel like God is calling us to be a part of a variety of church styles and cultures as He shows us the next step. As before, we are trusting God with the hope that He will deliver the much needed wisdom as He always has.

My hope is that in some small way God has used us at Bartlett Chapel to draw people closer to Him... that His light was seen through us.

Sunday, August 9th will be our last day at Bartlett Chapel, but the impact of love and happy memories will be forever impressed on our hearts and minds. From the depths of our souls we want to thank everyone at Bartlett Chapel for sharing these past seven years with us.

Love,
Kevin, Erin, and Avery

CELEBRATION FOR KEVIN, ERIN, AND AVERY

We are planning a church wide celebration for Kevin, Erin, and Avery Bratcher on Sunday August 9. Please mark your calendars! More details will be available in the next few weeks. Also, we are collecting photos for a video presentation. Please place any special photos of Kevin, Erin, Avery, or youth activities in the basket in the Narthex by Sunday July 19th. Please include your name so the photo's can be returned to you. Thanks.

Question of the Month: **WHAT is the PRACTICAL MEANING of BELIEF in the TRINITY?**

The core teachings of the Christian faith make a difference in how a Christian lives. What difference does belief in the Trinity make during the week.

It helps to remember that this central confession of the triune God came into focus when the early church considered this question: Should Jesus Christ be worshiped? In other words, is Jesus Christ also God? The answer was "Yes," and the church started the belief that all three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit—are equal in power and in glory. The Father is not better than the Son and the Holy Spirit is not less than the Son.

The Trinity models relational living for us. The Trinity lives as three persons in community (yet one God). Christians who understand that God's very being is lived in community are called themselves to live in community. Learning to live in community is part of what the church appropriates from the doctrine of God in three persons.

FOOD COLLECTION

We will again be collecting nonperishable food items, paper products, and toiletries for the Shared Blessings Food Pantry at the Danville United Methodist Church. Grocery sacks will be given out following each church service on **Sunday, June 28** for you to use for your donation and will be collected on **Sunday, July 5th**. If you don't get a grocery sack, bring your donation in your own bag. All donations will be greatly appreciated by the food pantry which is very low on stock at this time.

INDIANAPOLIS WEST DISTRICT NEWS

Rev. Bert Kite will be installed as the Indianapolis West District new District Superintendant on **July 26, 2009 at 5:00 pm** at Avon United Methodist Church. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

WELCOME

We extend a "special welcome" to Rev. Dennis Dodson, his wife Dorothy and son Derek to our family of God at Bartlett Chapel. Dennis comes to us as a Pastor of Visitation and we pray God's blessing to Dennis and his family as they fellowship and minister among us.

YOUTH CAR WASH

The Youth Attack Pac will sponsor a 'Car Wash' on **Saturday, July 11** from **1:00-3:00 pm** at the Avon Chick-fil-A. Donations will be appreciated. The proceeds from this event will help defray expenses of our upcoming Mission trip in August. You are invited to come and let us wash your car!!

VBS REGISTRATION

Get ready to go to "the edge"! Camp E.D.G.E. – Experience + Discover God Everywhere. VBS dates are Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bartlett Chapel church. Registration has begun and can be done at the table in the Narthex or forms can be downloaded online and turned in to the church office. Download at: <http://www.bartlettchapel.com/VBS.html>.

If your child will be bringing a friend, please get their pre-registration in along with your child's so we can try to keep them together.

CDs of the VBS music may be purchased ahead of time at the registration table for \$5.00.

VBS UPDATE

At this time we still need about 8 or 9 Counselors (someone to help a group of children get from one area to another, answer their questions, and be a friend for the night). You will be paired with another Counselor. We also would like a few more prayer warriors who will be called if we have specific prayer needs during VBS. If you can help in these areas, sign the sheet outside the office. Lists of craft and snack needs are also on that table and the containers for your donations are under that table.

The next **VBS staff meeting for EVERONE** will be **July 8, 2009** at the church. Counselors will meet at 6:30 p.m. for instructions and the full staff will meet at 7:30 p.m. Those who have not seen the Child Protection DVD or filled out the paperwork MUST do so by July 6th. **Any questions contact your team leader or Ruth Franklin.**

VBS SNACK LIST

Items needed. Please list number of items donated, this will help keep track of items still needed. Check list on table by office. 2 boxes Graham crackers, 2 bags miniature marshmallows, 1 can choc. Frosting, 4 lg bags Corn Chips, 1 sm bag Skittles, 1 lg bag Mini Pretzels, 1 lg Bag or 2 lg boxes Honey Nut Cherries. 20 boxes of Blue Jello & 90 Oatmeal cookies.

Needed: Artificial Christmas Trees – All Sizes – Green or White

If you have an artificial Christmas tree that you're willing to loan the church to help decorate for Camp E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School, please bring it to the church on Saturday or Sunday, July 11th & 12th

Because most people are familiar with the assembly of their own tree, we are asking you to remove it from the box, set it up with the branches in place, label it with your name & phone number, and then take the box home with you. The trees will be used to create a wooded camping setting around the church for VBS. We need all sizes and all we can get. No tree will be turned away.

Then, on Saturday, July 18th, please return with your box, dismantle your tree, and take it home for storage until December!

Thank you for helping our VBS decorating committee assemble and disassemble the "forest"! If you have any questions, call Kim Price at 272-3245.

KNOWN MEETINGS THIS MONTH

Pastor Parish Relations Committee

The PPRC will meet on **Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 pm**
6:30pm July 8 VBS counselors **7:30** full staff



Care Bears

Care Bears will meet on Tuesday, **July 14 at 1:00 PM**. New members are always welcome to join the Care Bears. Any questions please contact Kay McClain at 745-2375.

Trustees

The Church Trustees will meet on **Tuesday, July 14, at 7:00 pm**. All members of this team are urged to attend. Any questions please contact Jim Sell, Chairman at 745-5947.

Bartlett Women's Society

BWS will meet on **Thursday, July 9th at 10:00 AM** at Bartlett Chapel. Meeting will be a "carry in brunch".
150th Anniversary Planning – meets **July 28, 7:00 pm**

CARD WORKSHOP

The Card Making Workshop will meet on Tuesday, **July 7th and 21st at 1:00 pm**. At the church. If you are interested in making greeting cards you are invited and welcome to attend. Any questions please call Janie Schaeffer at 271-8183.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY CHANGES

Troy & Jenni Griffith – 6168 Pine Bluff Dr. Avon
46123 - Phone: 742-7077

Charles & Marjorie Spiegel – 8616 W. 10th St. Unit
101, Indianapolis 46234

SENIOR LUNCHEON

All seniors are invited to the monthly Senior Luncheon on Wednesday, **July 15th at 11:30 am** at Dave's Pizza on the west edge of Danville. Any 'Senior' available during the day at lunchtime is cordially invited to join us for lunch and fellowship. Please contact Bobby Crawford 272-0169 if you have any questions.

JOY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This program is designed to help the people attending Bartlett Chapel to get to know one another. The idea is simple, we put groups of 5 or 6 adults together for three months, and ask them to do something together once a month. At the end of the three months we regroup and do it again! You may join at any time or if you feel you want a break you can have your name taken out for awhile, both ways by contacting Jim Murray (745-6603).

AUGUST 2009 NEWS DEADLINE

July 19th is the deadline for the **August Newsletter** items. Please email to: bev_griffith@yahoo.com or turn them in at the office.

2nd Annual Bartlett Chapel Cornhole Tourney

Tournament will be **Sunday, August 2 at 5:00PM**. We will be serving hotdogs, chips, lemonade, etc. at 5:00 and the tournament should start around 5:30. Cornhole consist of a team of 2 players. So pick your teammate and look for signup sheets on the table outside of the office. If you don't have a partner, no worries, we will match you up with a good one. Any questions, please call Kathy Selch at 317-403-6184. Donations are accepted with all proceeds going to the Bartlett Chapel Community Festival which will be held on Saturday, August 29 from 12:00-6:00 PM

SKITTLES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON GOING PROJECT OF DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

The S.K.I.T.T.L.E.S. high school Sunday School class is continuing to help Project Homeless. You may put your food and clothing donations in the collection box located next to the elevator. For any monetary donations, make checks payable to Project Homeless. Any support is appreciated. Thanks!

NAME THE FISH

Pastor Don has his aquarium in his office filled and the fish(7) need names. Drop your suggestions in the 'Fishy' suggestion box at the Welcome Center!

Thank You !!!! Worship Service Volunteers

Week end and week out, congregation volunteers help shoulder the various necessary church tasks: like nursery attendants, Godly Play and Spy Kids' instructors, children messengers, inside greeters and outside sidewalk servants, ushers, acolytes, welcome center hosts, visitation team members, sound/computer technicians/operators, and fellowship refreshment providers and the communion worship servers plus our song leader and praise team members and pianists and organ players and the youth for passing out the red books during our first service and the many other jobs performed in our Sunday worship experiences.

If you haven't thanked God recently for these servants' and their willingness to serve, like me, and I believe we need to thank them personally for their dedication and active support of our congregation and church worship programs. I recently tried to put together my first July list of volunteers for inside greeters and I thought, when was the last time I expressed gratitude and for the responsibilities and work provided by so many in our church. Thank You!!!

Bob Niemeyer

IN THE BARTLETT SPOTLIGHT

Bob and Earlene Niemeyer have been members of Bartlett Chapel since June 26, 1992.

Bob was raised in the Plainfield Methodist Church. Earlene was raised in the St. John's United Church of Christ which was originally in the Fountain Square area of Indianapolis.

Bob and Earlene first attended Bartlett after Bob spoke here asking for support for "Underground Evangelism" which sent Bibles into the communist countries.

Bob was born in the Methodist Hospital, while Earlene was born in St. Vincent Hospital, both in Indianapolis.

Bob was raised on a small farm on Stafford Road in Plainfield. This land later was the site for the then Plainfield Senior-Junior High School.

While in high school, Bob played a clarinet in the band and he also showed hogs and Jersey cattle in 4-H.

After graduating from Plainfield High School in 1956, Bob earned a B.S. Degree from Butler University. His major was in Education: History, English and Psychology. Bob then taught the 5th grade at Mooresville Public Schools for one year. He also taught briefly in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Bob spent 28 years in the Life Insurance Industry as a Chartered Life Underwriter. He later sold fasteners

and maintenance products in central Indiana for 5 ½ years then, working at Sears 5 ½ years before retiring.

Earlene graduated from Beech Grove High School in 1958. In high school, Earlene was editor of the year book, sang in the choir and was a member of the Classic Clubs.

Earlene met Bob on her first day at Butler University in the school's bookstore. At Butler, Earlene was the secretary for the band director, her Uncle Charles Henzie, who was the Butler Band director for many years.

Bob and Earlene were married in the St. Johns United Church of Christ in April, 1960. They will be celebrating 50 years of marriage in 2010.

Bob and Earlene have two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren. Before the children were born, Earlene worked at Indianapolis Power and Light. Later she substituted in the Hendricks County Schools for seven years. Earlene was a 4-H leader for 10 years and was on the Hendricks County Fair Board and the Hendricks County Extension Board. She has been a member of the Mental Health Association for 15 years. Earlene was the Activities Director and Special Services Director at the Danville Rehab Center for several years, then went to the Roland Retirement Clubs as the Missions/Marketing Director – from there, Retirement. Her hobbies are flower gardening, cooking, crafts, travel and camping.

Bob's hobbies are vegetable gardening, woodworking, reading, walking, travel and camping. Bob currently is a volunteer at McCloud Nature Park in Hendricks County.

Earlene stated that they are grateful to God that they have been able to do all the things in life that they have done, and they have never observed another church reaching out as much as Bartlett Chapel does.

Here at Bartlett, Bob has been or still is, a member of the Evangelism Team, Witnessing Committee, Church and Society Team, Men's Service Group, and the Inside Greeters Co-coordinator. Earlene is an active member of the UMW and is currently their Secretary. She also helps with the Godly Play and babysits in the Nursery.

Both, Bob and Earlene, sing in the Chancel Choir, are members of the Christian Builders' Sunday School Class and are members of the Franklin's small group Bible study.

Bob and Earlene, we are happy to have you in the Bartlett Family, and Thanks for all you do for the church.

*Rex McClain,
Church Historian*

**BARTLETT HISTORY
DID YOU KNOW THAT?**

Daryl and Anna Miller's son Dr. Dale Miller, was a United Methodist minister in Michigan?

Daryl Miller was a high school science teacher for 41 years? (Dept. Head at Ben Davis High School for 33 years!)

One of our most senior members is Myrna Redenbarger. In 1978, Myrna decided to go to college, but first she had to get a diploma, which she did by correspondence at Avon High School. The principal at Avon invited her to receive her diploma with the class of 1980. This she did in cap and gown and was the last one to receive her diploma to a standing ovation. She went on to receive an Associate Degree from Indiana University in 1994.

Rod Sieck was a belly gunner on a B24 bomber during World War II?

After high school, Ruthanna Burdsall joined the U.S. Army (WACS). She studied the Persian language, serving as an interpreter/translator for the National Security Agency.

Dorothy Brooks was the daughter of the late Rev. Dale Turner of Illinois and Rev. Turner conducted several revivals at Bartlett Chapel?

Before her marriage to Lyle, Kay Clark lived in a boarding house with 17 other girls that was run by a widow lady in Indianapolis?

Harvie and Thelma Stevenson met at the restaurant where she served him a bottle of Nehi orange drink in March, 1951?

Winnie Hamilton taught high school English in West Virginia for 2 years?

Anna Miller used to play her marimba at the beginning of worship at Bartlett Chapel ?

BARTLETT HISTORY- REMEMBER WHEN?

45 Years Ago

July 17, 18,1964 - The annual Bartlett Fish Fry was held at the Danville Armory.

July 1964 - MYF (youth) sponsors were Dave and Bev Griffith and Bud and Kathryn Thompson. Dale Miller was the MYF President. The MYF welcomed newborn Todd Griffith with a blue bed-room lamp.

10 Years Ago

July 17, 1999 - Loretta Sherman, daughter of Warren and Leanna Sherman, was married at Bartlett Chapel to Daniel Kahn.

July, 1999 - The Youth Group would like to thank Fred Owens for donating pizzas for their events.

1 Year Ago

July 6, 2008 - Pastor Don Cline preached his first sermons at Bartlett Chapel. His wife, Jean, gave the children's sermons. They come to Bartlett from Poseyville, IN.

Rex McClain, Church Historian

THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful memory that you have set up in Roland's name by buying music for the Children's Bell Group. He loved children and so it is a perfect memoriam.

*In Christian Love,
Bruce Hiday, Vicki & Mike Hart*

KNOWN JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Levi Hoover, Sydney Foreman, Stephanie Piefer
2	Della Kersey, Karen Herman
3	Linda Withner
4	Missy Bell
5	Brittany Dabio, Jennie Smith
6	Anna Miller
7	Matt Spicer
8	Emilee Creech, Louise Thompson
9	Nickolas Kilburn
13	Melanie Foreman
14	Sarah Burns, Larry Elliott
15	Pat Bostic, Jan Kidder
17	Jeremie Johnson
18	Sarah Gottlieb
19	Jessica Cumbie, Stephanie Trauschke
21	Cecil Brooks, Grace Reed
22	Avery Bratcher
23	Eva Pope, Michelle Kersey
24	Joe Dugan, Suzanne Lachmayer
25	Theresa Hoover
26	Herb Jenkins, Jeff Murray, Cindi Margason, Sam Orebaugh
27	Kay McClain
31	Sharon Barber

KNOWN JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1	Larry & Rhoda Elliott, Ken & Marge Woods
3	Jerry & Connie Sparks
6	Jeff & Diane Busz
7	Sam & Kathy Selch
15	Merrill & Jo Dailey
16	Dave & Pat Bostic
23	Steve & Peggy See
27	Jerry & Margaret Brooks, Kevin & Erin Bratcher
28	Ernie & Eva Pope
30	Evan & Sarah Altman

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Director of Youth Ministry: Kevin Bratcher
Ministers: All Members of our Church!

Traditional Worship.....8:45 AM
Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM
Contemporary Worship... 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship.....6:45 PM

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