



BARTLETT CHAPEL CHAT

APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Keyboard ...

FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

My Friends at Bartlett Chapel,

Just in case you have not heard, it was announced on March 16th (Palm Sunday) that effective July 1, 2008 Dee and David and I will be moving to Knightstown to pastor the church there.

This was a very difficult decision for us, and we did not make it lightly. We love this church, the people of Bartlett Chapel, and we will miss you dearly. But we feel that God is calling us to serve elsewhere.

We have shared God's work together for ten years and have accomplished a lot together. Let us celebrate some of the things we have done together.

- Raised our building fund,
- Built our new Sanctuary,
- Reshaped the way many of our ministry teams function,
- Added many new ministry teams,
- Saw the beginning of ministries such as the card making club, the "cut-ups," youth mission trips, Bartlett Women's Society, Men's Work Group,
- Built a strong small group ministry,
- Began the Sidewalk Servants,
- Redesigned the way our greeters and welcome hosts serve our newcomers,
- Established a new "higher expectation" training class for new members,
- Changed the way we do our Stewardship Campaign, resulting in drastically higher percentage of members pledging to God's work,
- Built our Softball Diamond,
- Transformed our former Sanctuary to the Multi-purpose Room,
- Added the Teddy Bear Sunday, and Shoe Box Ministry programs,
- Created our Contemporary worship Service,
- Began the Praise Team,
- Expanded our JAM and Children's Church,
- Started the Children's Bells,

- Welcomed Kevin Bratcher (and Erin & Avery) to our staff, growing our youth program from under 10 to about 40 youth,
- Hired Leisa Wagner as Custodian,
- Began our Community Festival and Christmas Carnivals,
- Sent about a quarter of a million dollars to local and international missions projects,
- Joined the 21st century with communications technology, including web site, email, fax, multi line phones, computer network and others,
- Began mass mailings to our community, inviting people to our special services,
- Made newsletters and bulletins more "user friendly" and more effective,
- Developed our worship video projection system,
- Celebrated the 40 Days of Purpose and 40 Days of Community,
- Celebrated numerous weddings, baptisms, and special holiday worship services, and grieved the passing of many of our faithful members,
- Celebrated numerous innovative VBS programs,
- Opened our facilities to many community groups,
- Received 152 new members into our family, many of whom are now leaders in the church,
- Saw God's miraculous answer to prayer as little David Nathaniel joined our family.

It has been a blessing working together with you for the past 10 years. God has truly been with us.

But now we have one more major task together. We must plan for a smooth and loving transition of leadership. When Donald and Jean Cline arrive in July, Bartlett Chapel must be ready to receive them with open arms, and hands ready to serve with them. Let us begin by praying for them...

I'll see you in church!

Ken

PREVENT A STROKE IN AS LITTLE AS 10 MINUTES!

Life Line Screening will be performing a day of preventative health screenings at **Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 1st, 2008.**

The tests offered include a state of the art ultrasound screening of the carotid arteries in the neck (most strokes are linked to plaque build-up in these arteries), another ultrasound screening of the abdominal aortic aneurysm (ruptured AAA's have a 85-94% mortality rate and present little or no signs), a third test which screens for plaque build-up in the arteries of the legs (a strong indicator of coronary heart disease) and a fourth bone density test which screens for signs of osteoporosis.

“Why not just go to my doctor for these tests?” you may ask. The answer, although surprising, is that your physician typically cannot order these tests without clear evidence of symptoms. Ironically, most people who suffer a stroke or abdominal aneurysm never show any signs that a major medical catastrophe is about to occur.

*These painless, non-invasive tests take about 10 minutes each and are offered for just \$45 each (all four for \$129). **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER** by calling 1-800-324-1851*

SPECIAL THANKS

A BIG THANK YOU to Molly Hensley, Joanna Sell, Brenda Smith and Jamie Burns for planning a delightful Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the church and community. Approximately 45 children enjoyed a puppet show, games and fun filled egg hunt. We would also like to thank all who generously donated candy and helped fill the eggs as well as help during the activities on Saturday. Without you the children would not have had such a great time. God bless you as you continue to serve him with your gifts of time, talent and money.

NOTE FROM MISSION TEAM

The Mission Team would like to thank all who participated by filling out a faith promise pledge card. Each and every pledge will be well used. At this writing we have exceeded our goal of \$34,600 with pledges of \$34,709. We are very grateful to all who helped achieve our commitments. Bless you all!

The Mission Team

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

COM will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 pm** at the church. Any questions please contact Chairperson Sarah Maisto.

CAREBEARS



Care Bears will meet on **Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm** at the church and new members are always welcome to join us. If you have questions, please contact the coordinators of the Care Bears, Rex or Kay McClain at 745-2375.

CARD WORKSHOP

In March the Card Making Workshop will meet **Tuesday, April 1st and April 15th 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.

BARTLETT WOMEN'S SOCIETY

Bartlett Women's Society will meet on **April 10th at 11:00** at the Courthouse Grounds in Danville for lunch and our monthly meeting.

TRUSTEES

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00 pm.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

The **Men's Breakfast** will be meeting this month on **Saturday, April 12th at 7:00 AM at the Golden Eagle Restaurant in Danville.** All men are invited & welcome to join us for breakfast (ordered from the menu), fellowship, short devotional and a brief business meeting. We meet the third Saturday of each month and new faces are always welcome. Any questions please contact Dave Griffith at 745-4972.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW will be having a Joint Circle Meeting on **Sunday, April 13th at 2:00 pm** at the church. All ladies are welcome to attend the meeting.

UMW POWDERED MILK REPORT

Here's an updated report for the donations of powdered milk to Sierra Leon for the Kissy Nutrition program. To date 3,362 boxes of milk & \$10,000 for shipping have come from the South Indiana United Methodist Women. Praise God! Remember: This is an ongoing project so powdered milk donations will be appreciated.

MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

April 20th is the deadline for the May Newsletter items. Your promptness in getting articles in on time is appreciated.

PROJECT LINUS

Come tie a blanket for **Project Linus on Tuesday, April 8th at 1:00 pm.** All you need are scissors and fleece fabric. Each blanket takes two pieces of fleece. For a small size blanket you need 1 yard each. For a medium size you need 1 ½ yards each, and for a large size you need 2 yards each. The Knitting workshop will be May 13 at 1:00 pm. Please come and learn or work on your own pattern. Pattern for baby blanket takes 15 ozs of yarn and 101/2 size needle. Come, have fun and join us for either or both workshops. Questions call Cindi @ 272-2262

LAY SPEAKERS SCHOOL

The Indianapolis East and West District Lay Speakers/Servants School is scheduled for April 12, 2008 at Center United Methodist Church, 5445 Bluff Road, Indianapolis, IN (317-784-1101). The deadline for pre-packet info is April 7th. Anyone interested please see the blue form on the bulletin board in the Narthex for registration info.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS

There are two Volunteer Training Sessions scheduled at Sheltering Wings as follows:

April 19

April 26

Both on Saturdays, 9am-1pm, at our outreach offices in Danville - 105B Commerce Drive.

If anyone would like to attend either session please contact Amy Willis at awillis@shelteringwings.org.

LADIES TEA PARTY SUNDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 20, 2008 2:00 P.M.

It's Tea Party time, Ladies! Mark your calendar now for this special afternoon.

Laura Bowerbank will be our guest speaker using this word as the theme - - P-U-S-H. Please plan now to be there and see how she interrupts P-U-S-H! It will be an interesting message for all ages.

Bring a friend - Valet parking will be available. Any questions, call Kay McClain at 745-2375.

MISSION TEAM NEWS

Make plans to attend a Missions Forum on Saturday, May 3 from 9 am to 12 noon. As a new Team leader, I would like to involve you the congregation to share any ideas you might have about missions. Are you interested in participating in a adult mission trip? Do you want to become involved on local volunteer missions? Is there a mission you want to suggest we support? These are just a few ideas and I am sure you have more. These would be issues for 2009-2010 and would be presented this fall for consideration to the Mission Team. I look forward to seeing you there

Julie Cumbie,
Mission Team Leader

FROM THE TRUSTEES

Please do not tape anything to the glass doors of the church. The adhesive is difficult to remove. Paper notices taped to the doors can be a distraction for people entering and leaving the building and could result in people running into the glass door. Also, paper taped to the doors and walls distracts from the appearance of our church. Please use the bulletin boards for notices. Jim Sell, Chair. Trustees

DIRECTORY CHANGES

New Address

Gale Stevenson
597 Pearl Street
Whiteland, IN 46184

BARTLETT HISTORY REMEMBER WHEN?

45 YEARS AGO

April 7-14, 1963- We had a revival with Rev. Wayne Patton as the Evangelist. Rev. Underwood and his wife led the singing. Mrs. Walter (Thelma) Shew was the Evangelism chairperson.

30 YEARS AGO

April 9-16, 1978- Rev. Edward Bennett from Mattoon, IL and a former minister at Bartlett was the Evangelist at a revival at Bartlett.

25 YEARS AGO

April 17, 1983- The UMYF had a kite flying contest.

April 22, 1983- The theme for the Mother-Daughter banquet was HATS. Ladies and girls were encouraged to wear a hat for the evening with a contest for the prettiest, most unusual or creative hat. Mrs. Rosemary Manifold, a retired minister's wife, demonstrated and talked about her many hats.

20 YEARS AGO

April 16-17, 1988- Duffy Robbins, Professor of Youth Ministry and a co-worker with nationally known Tony Campolo spoke to the youth and adults at Bartlett.

15 YEARS AGO

April 18, 1993- Born to Keith and Kim Knight, a boy, Nickolas Donley Knight. His grandparents are Wilfred and Ruth Ann Franklin.

1 YEAR AGO

April 1, 2007- We celebrated Jesus' Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem with a procession of the Palms by our children.

April 6, 2007- Amer Olson from Jews for Jesus, shared a presentation of "Christ in the Passover".

April 15, 2007- New members from the Youth Confirmation Class were Mariah Busz, Emilee Creech, Brittany Dabio, Ally Gatmaitan, Lindsay Gatmaitan, Gillian Howard, Ben Knight, Kevin Knight, Ellie Price, Brianna Selch, Kelsie Selch, Branden Short, and Breanna Short.

April 22, 2007- Jeff and Lori Griffith became members of Bartlett Chapel.

April 29, 2007- Josh and Lynn Hill became members of Bartlett Chapel. Their son Colton was baptized. Kenneth William Vandagriff, son of Gary and Kim Vandagriff, was also baptized on this day.

Rex McClain, Bartlett Historian

MISSION TRIP

The Mission Trip this summer will again be to Henderson Settlement from July 6th -12th. Just to remind/inform you that half of the cost (\$46.25 for teens and \$92.50 for everyone else) is due no later than April 20th. As soon as you know you are interested or going please e-mail and get your money to me ASAP. If you have any other questions, comments, or concerns please let me know. Thanks for your continued prayers and support of those in need.

Kevin

KNOWN APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1	Nicole Randolph Failing
2	Virginia Martin
4	Jeff Hibschan, Mallory Arnot
5	Mark Mattingly, Brian Whitesell
6	Joe Thurmond, Dale Chriscinske
7	Ellie Price
8	Mary Luhman,
9	Dianne Kennedy
10	Saundra Kennison
11	Garrett Vandagriff
12	Wilfred Franklin, Jenni Griffith, Marvin Taylor
13	Kristin Arnone
14	Nancy Munn, Lisa Smith
15	Todd Griffith, Alec Arnone
16	Nick Knight
18	Doug Orebaugh
19	Lyndon Shields
20	Kim Vandagriff, Branden Short
21	Ava Smith
23	Katlyn Nix
24	Jeff Griffith
25	Bryan Barber
26	Linda Carr
27	Amber Mahon
28	Jenny Randolph, Wendy Yancey, Jeremy Sherman

KNOWN APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 5	Joe & Connie Dugan
8	Larry & Jamie Burns
9	Bob and Earlene Niemeyer
11	Herb & Dottie Jenkins
15	Fred & Barb Owens
21	Mark & Mona Freiburger
28	Raymond and Faith Patterson
28	Gary & Barbara Thompson

THANK YOU'S

To My Bartlett Friends,

Yes, I am now 90 years old and glad to be able to say "Thank You, Lord".

I just want to say 'Thank you' to all of you who remembered me on my 90th in prayer or with a card. I certainly have enjoyed having the cards read to me.

I'm so blessed. Thanks to you all.

Blessings,
Laurabel Pruitt

Dear Bartlett Chapel Church,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls and cards I have received throughout my illness and recovery. It has meant a lot to Frank and me that you have thought about us.

Thanks again for all your support. May God bless you for your kindnesses.

Judy & Frank Kikendall

Dear Bartlett Family,

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, and telephone calls during my recent health problems.

I thank God every day for my brothers & sisters in Christ. I love you all!

Dave Bostic

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to our ministry in December. We are so encouraged by your faithfulness to our work here in Ecuador. God is good and we are seeing the churches grow and have a passion for outreach. We have some new missionary families and offering them orientation as they get settled here – we have many years of experience for that!

Kathern and our girls were here for Christmas. We had a lot of fun and many memorable times. Blessings to all of you as you wave the banner of Christ.

Love,
Tom & Susan Stiles

PLEASE NOTE

Dear Bartlett Friends,

As May approaches, I am becoming more excited about my mission trip to Spain. I have my passport, plans are being made, the plane tickets are bought, and I'm even beginning to communicate with some of the members of the church. I can't believe that I'm leaving in about a month! I wanted to let everyone know what was going on and thank you for your prayer and support throughout the whole process. If you would still like to receive e-mail updates, or support us, we could still use the help. My school address is:

1990 Student Center, IWU
Marion, IN 46953

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail or call. Thanks once again for all your love and support.

Blessings,

Stephanie Trauschke

Stephanie.trauschke@student.indwes.edu

317-435-5797

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

You are invited to join us for the Meals served on Wednesday evenings 5:45-6:30 pm prior to JAM. The menus planned for the month of April are as follows:

April 2nd – NO MEAL Spring Break

April 9th Menu:- Margason's Small Group to Plan & Serve. Watch for Menu in Chat.

April 16th Menu: Meatloaf
Scalloped Potatoes
Slaw or Applesauce
Rolls
Cookies

April 23rd Menu: Pizza Burgers
Chips
Corn or Applesauce
Dirt Pudding
Drinks

April 30th Menu: Baked Spaghetti
Tossed Salad
Bread Sticks/Nacho Cheese
Dessert
Drinks

May 7th will be the last Wednesday night for meals served and the JAM program until fall. Watch the Chat for that menu. Thanks for your support of the meals with your attendance and generous donations.

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Bartlett Chapel
APRIL Newsletter

Pastor: Ken Wells
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

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