

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

November 2013

Ben's Pen

Do you remember that 12th grade English teacher? What did she say? Your high school coach, do you remember all those plays he talked about? How about your favorite preacher? What was his best sermon? Politicians make a lot of promises. Which ones do you remember the most? What was your mom's favorite recipe? Did you ever taste it? When your spouse said "I do" did they leave for another event without you? Everything we say is basically worthless, if our actions do not demonstrate their meaning. That teacher, coach, preacher, politician, parent or spouse conveyed their meaning with their actions, not their verbiage. Our faith is not about words. Our thankfulness is not about traditions or words; rather it is fleshed out in our actions. What are we as Christians and Christ's church doing for a hurting, scared, lost world? That is how the world knows us.

In Christ's Love,

Ben

Our annual Fall Festival is November 3rd at 4:00 p.m. Our theme this year is "A Country Fair." We will have games, fellowship and food. There will be hobo stew and hotdogs and a variety of other items to eat. We will also have a silent auction. There will be cakes, pies, homemade canned goods and other items for auction (in fact, we need some contributions of those items). We will also have a pie eating and pie throwing contests. The pie throwing will target three well known church folks. The way the system will work is that if we reach one contribution level (\$100) one will be the target. The second level (\$150) will get a pie tossed at another target. Then, if we have \$250 contributed there will be a third church personality as the target. All the monies raised from the auction, the extra stew, and the pies will go towards our new church sign. Come join the fellowship, food and fun.

WMU: Our Undie Sunday kicked off our collection of underwear for youngsters. There is a dire need of underwear for children up to size 14. The collection site is in the Education Building.

- Our WMU will lead out a collection of food for Thanksgiving for 4 needy families in our area. Keep your ears open for the details in coming days.
- Our annual Christmas stockings and the needs list will be available from the WMU this month.

Our annual church wide Thanksgiving dinner will be on Saturday, November 23th. We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. for a time of singing and prayer. We will then move to the Fellowship Hall for dinner. Make your reservations by Sunday, November 17th.

Do you have any new or gently used shoes you are not wearing anymore? Our Children's Missions will begin collecting these shoes in January 2014. These shoes will be donated to Soles4Souls next spring, but you can start setting them aside now. You will not see much publicity at Bethany until next year, but your unwanted good shoes of all sizes are needed in poverty stricken areas around our world. If you have any questions check out www.giveshoes.org or talk to Ben or Susan Thomas.

The December *Highlights* article deadline is November 19th.

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