



# LIGHT UNTO OUR PATH



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## Pastoral Perspective

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To the Bethel Murdoch Family,  
Easter is here! This is by far the biggest and most important day for Christians in the entire year. It's the time that we remember and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In truth, we do that every Sunday when we worship together, but Easter is extra special, because it recalls the original event in such detail.

Leading up to the celebration, we have Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with Palm Sunday, then a remembrance of the Last Supper and His commandment to us with Maundy Thursday. The next day we recall the painful account of the Crucifixion Story. We then come together for an Easter Sunrise Service and then our big Easter Celebration. It is by far the busiest and most important week of the year. It's an exciting time, but unfortunately, all of that busyness tends to overshadow the true meaning of Easter; just as the true meaning of Christmas is often lost

through all of the events that surround that celebration. Easter is a time of peace, where we acknowledge and celebrate the Resurrection. Jesus Christ Is Risen from the dead. We go from a period of sadness and mourning to a place of comfort and hope. Whatever your plans this year, don't let it detract from that place of peace that comes from such an event. Let it instead bring you to a place of comfort and reassurance.

Easter is about new beginnings. If ever there was a time to renew your faith in Jesus Christ and in the Church, this is the time to do it, starting with a celebration. If your faith has been faltering, if you've been backsliding, or if you have been complacent, now is the time to turn it around. Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Resurrection of your faith along with it. Happy Easter!

In Christ,  
Pastor Frank

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## Holy Week Activities



Following is the schedule for Holy Week at BMPC. We hope you will plan on attending as many of these special services

as possible.

*Thursday April 1st*—Maundy Thursday Service: This informal service begins with a simple meal together in the fellowship hall at 5:30pm followed by a worship service.

*Friday April 2nd*—Good Friday Service in the sanctuary beginning at 7pm.

*Sunday, April 4th*—Easter Sunrise Service--- 7:30am

*Easter Breakfast*---in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the sunrise service (around 8:30am) Remember--you can attend the breakfast whether you come to the 1<sup>st</sup> service or not.

*Easter Service*---Worship Service 10:45 am which will include special music from our choir.

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”*

1 Peter 1:3

## Q&A – You Asked, We Answered

**Q. I got Pastor Frank's letter about his Reserve stuff, but I'm still confused. Could you explain it more?**

A. Pastor Frank has always drilled (military work) two days a month. In the past it was on Friday and Saturday. His new Commanding Officer (Boss), has shifted that to Saturday and Sunday. He is not gone any more or any less, but unfortunately, he does miss worship on that Sunday. He leads the Marines in worship.

**Q. Is that lady preacher coming back every time?**

A. Rev. Kimberly McCoy has been asked to fill in as much as possible. In the event she is unavailable, we will use alternate preachers or some of our in house preachers.

**Q. Do we have to pay her?**

A. Pastor Frank graciously offered to pay her out of his salary, however, the Session voted against that. We called him and support his ministry. Not only that, but every church is required to have funds in their budget to pay guest ministers. The money used to pay Kimberly or others will not affect the budget.

**Q. I like this or that/don't like this or that. Who do I tell?**

A. We have added a suggestion box inside of the Sanctuary. You don't have to include your name but if you think of anything we could improve upon or are doing especially well, please let us know. We will see that it gets to the proper person or committee.

## Looking Back – Looking Ahead

In light of Easter, we often think about our own death and resurrection or the deaths of loved ones. Because of this, Bethel Murdoch will be initiating two new programs that will assist in this endeavor. Be on the look-out for these two programs.

### 1) The Creation of a Permanent Memorial

There are trees and plants and rocks all over the place. We are working on creating one centralized location to honor the memories of our past loved ones who have been a part of this life of this church. Please give us the persons' full name and dates of life for this memorial. For the sake of space, as of now, we will only be going back to the year 2,000. We want to create a nice

lasting memory, which can be added to in the future to honor and remember these fine individuals.

### 2) Funeral Planning Binders

While we often don't like to "go there," we all need to think about our mortality. None of us will live forever. The more we do to plan, the more we will be helping out our loved ones after we are gone during that painful process. Binders are being created to assist in things that will need to be done once we are gone. Everyone should have their own personal binder, located with their will in the event anything should happen. Each one is unique, but should include funeral wishes, letters to loved ones, and important financial information.

## Daniel McKeehan



Congratulations to Danny McKeehan, son of Kelvin and Nancy McKeehan, on being selected as the one and only Academic All-American by ESPN. Danny is a

Senior at Thomas More College and a Graduate of Little Miami High School. He was selected for this high academic honor due to his outstanding 4.0 GPA in Economics and Finance and his tremendous abilities leading the basketball team. He will graduate this Spring and we look for many more great things to come.

## Egg Hunt



The annual BMPC Egg Hunt has been scheduled for Sat. April 3rd at 1:00pm. Plastic eggs are available in the fellowship hall to be filled for the children. Please return these by Friday, April 2nd. Please take as many or as few as you wish. We ask that only wrapped candy or coins (paper money if you feel generous) be placed inside. Thanks!

## Letters of Thanks

BMPC Church Family,

Many thanks to the church members that provided the wonderful lunch for our relatives and friends. Mom loved her church affiliation and we thank you all for the many prayers and support given to Mom, especially during her last month.

The flowers from the church was beautifully arranged and very appreciated. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you.

*Ron & Pat Baker*

BMPC Church Family,

Thank you so much for the flowers and also for all the cards of comfort that were sent to me.

Thank you for all your prayers.

*Ellen Biggs*

*"The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."*

*Psalms 18:2*

## Basement Ladies

### La Comedia Dinner Theatre

Those of you that signed up to attend "The Church Basement Ladies" at the La Comedia Dinner Theatre on May 23rd will need to give Sue Fields, \$40 by April 15th. I made reservations for 22 people, and I have 18 signed up. If there is still anyone that would like to attend, please let me know. (899-3536 or sfields1950@yahoo

*Sue*

## Campton Trip

We won't be going until after Easter and hopefully we'll be able to take two vehicles down this time. Thanks to all who have dropped off clothing and household items that we can take to help fill their Thrift Store. I hope the winter wasn't too harsh for the folks in Appalachia and that we will be able to once again bring a little hope and comfort to them. Remember, since jobs are scarce in this area (as they are everywhere) there are many crafters living there and they make use of things we consider worthless. Thanks for your generosity and love for others. *Anne*

## Prayer Group

Prayer Group has suspended their weekly gathering temporarily through Easter/Lenten season. Please watch for more updates in the near future. *Sally*

## Sunday School

Our two Sunday School classes are still meeting every Sunday and doing well. Pastor Frank and Pastor Rick Warren have given us much to ponder and consider regarding new ways we can look at problems that have us baffled and feeling hopeless. The video of the 6 lessons will be available for borrowing for any one who missed all or some of the lessons. Makes you stop and think and be grateful for all our blessings. Ask Frank about it.

The 3-6 year olds are learning lots of new things under the able teachings of Kris Howell and Debbie Johnston. They make a great team and the youngsters enjoy their lessons and sharing each week. Check out both classes some Sunday at 9:45. The classes will run through the end of May and then will take a summer break until the first part of September. Find out how you can help. *Anne*

## VBS 2010

Counting our Blessings and Sharing with others around the World is slowly coming together. We've got some enthusiastic folks on board and gathering ideas to make the lessons and crafts a great time. The food committee has pretty much gotten their menu together and the decorating committee is unstoppable with their plans to help us learn and feel at home in the countries we will visit. Remember, if you have been there and have any ideas or items that will enhance our efforts please let us know. The 5 countries we will be sharing with will be China, Kenya, Germany, Chile and the USA. More help and ideas are needed. Don't be left out. You can still help and be part of the fun. See Anne Fritz or Carol Dick. *Anne*

## Relay for Life

The mission committee will once again be putting together a Bethel Murdoch team to participate in our fifth annual Relay for Life! Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and helps raise awareness and funds for cancer. It will begin Saturday, May 15 at 12pm and end Sunday, May 16 at 7am at the Lebanon fairgrounds. You do not have to be there the entire time, we will have a sign up sheet with half hour increments for walking. There's plenty of food, beverages, activities, and fellowship so it's a great time to bring the whole family out while supporting a great cause. The overall theme this year is "Board Games", and team campsite theme will be "Life". We have won "Best Campsite" for 3 out of the 4 years, so expect another great campsite this year. We will again have a Sunday morning sunrise service at 5:30am and Pastor Frank will be doing the service! Please watch for an information table in the fellowship hall for ways you can participate and if you are interested on being part of the core planning/fundraising team

please see Stephanie Rupnik. We also have a team website where you can make donations, buy luminaries, or sign-up to be on our team. Last year we raised a little over \$2,500! Also, if you are a cancer survivor there is a special luncheon and ceremony for you that we would love for you to attend. You will need to pre-register for this. You can visit [www.relayforlife.org/lebanon](http://www.relayforlife.org/lebanon) for more info, make a donation, or purchase luminaries. Please join us for this great event! *Stephanie*

## Mission Update Haiti

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to Haiti in the relief efforts after the earthquake. The clothing, cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc. that you donated filled the entire back of our van with the back seat folded down into the floor! The people at Matthew 25 Ministries were very grateful. We also sent a check for \$1,250 to the PCUSA.

## Repair Affair

### May 8, 2010

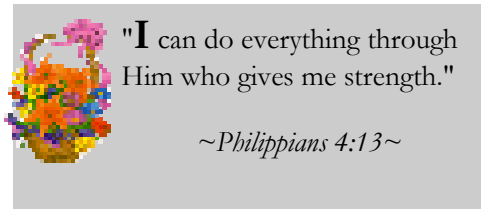
Repair affair is People Working Cooperatively's annual spring volunteer event, providing home repairs and modifications that enable low-income, elderly and disabled residents to remain safely in their homes. This will be an all day event on Saturday, May 8 in Cincinnati. This is a great opportunity for any of you who want to participate in a mission trip but can't because of time/financial constraints. The home repairs range from the simple – fixing handrails and installing grab bars; to the more extensive – home modifications for the disabled, ramps, drywall, etc. We would like to get a team together and will have a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. We will also need a team leader, so if you are a handy person please consider this great opportunity to make a difference in our community.

Our Ruth Baker was a recipient of these services and she was very happy with the work they did on her house. She encouraged us to volunteer for this great cause. *Stephanie*

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

The members of Bethel Murdoch Church would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary on your special day!

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 2  | Ethan Carl Rolke     |    |                         |
| 3  | Paul Fritz           |    |                         |
| 4  | David Biggs          | 17 | Lesla & Jeremy Banks    |
| 7  | Ron Bivens           | 17 | Kaitlyn Elizabeth Rolke |
| 9  | Jim & Carol Cobb     | 21 | Howard & Sandy Hale     |
| 10 | Lauren Howell        | 23 | Abigail Grace Fields    |
| 12 | Joey Hassert         | 24 | Aiden Julian Arbogast   |
| 16 | Brian & Tara Szekely | 27 | Gary Biggs              |
|    |                      | 28 | Skip & Pat Keiser       |



"I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

~Philippians 4:13~

from falling. A few minutes later while still on our way to breakfast a sudden gust of wind came up and nearly pushed Josh over. He wobbled and wiggled and managed to stay on his feet. At breakfast I pointed out that every day was an adventure and the real world training was almost as dangerous as the knockdown practice used to teach him to fall earlier in the week. The staff had taken turns sneaking up behind him and pushing him over onto a mat several times. He had learned both how to fall and how to recover and prevent falling when bumped. Now all they need to do is come up with a slick surface training.

If all goes well Josh will be playing wheelchair basketball with the team from the Center for the Intrepid where he receives his care. They play in tournaments and locally, after his first introduction to the game several players from the actual team asked him to join. He shoots fairly well and is not afraid to mix it up with the other players. I pity the maintenance person for the team chairs. He has passed the initial driving test for modified vehicle and needs only the road test to get a drivers license in order to pick up his truck from California in April when his teammates return from Afghanistan. He intends on meeting them at the debarkation standing on his own and cheering them home. Due to his surgical follow-up appointment not being until the first week of April, I will be staying at least until then, just in case another surgery is necessary. The handicap access van we have been loaned does not have hand controls so Josh will be without transportation between the time I leave and his unit returns stateside. He has an amazing outlook and more drive than almost any other wounded person we have encountered. He has begun making more contacts around here his own age and even has some Army friends who have offered transportation for basketball and other activities. This coming Sunday will mark 5 months since the incident and he is further along than some service members here wounded over a year ago.

\*You may send cards of encouragement to: BAMC Marine PAT Office

Cpl Joshua Sweeney  
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Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234

## A Story of Courage & Determination



A letter from Josh's stepfather.

Date: Monday, March 22, 2010, 2:48 PM

I just saw Josh on his way back to PT this afternoon and he


was excited to tell me he walked today without his canes using his mid-length legs. He is currently configured to stand 5 foot 4 (he says 5) inches tall and has been walking assisted at this height for a week. He continues to progress quickly and is driving himself way ahead of schedule. In the last two weeks he has done assorted activities including skeet shooting, fly tying, wheelchair polo, and wheelchair basketball. His hands and arms are stronger and more dexterous every day. He has begun moving everything into the barracks in preparation for going solo once more. He has arranged to have his pickup truck in California configured so he can drive it when not using his wheelchair. It will not accommodate the wheelchair assist package, but he is determined to walk as often as possible and rely on a second vehicle down the

road for days he needs the chair. So far he has walked close to a mile at a time and although he gripes about going slow, he has actually gotten faster each time he has gone out. He did get a Wii console and balance board to help with his legs, and of course has begun obtaining accessories for recreational purposes as well. He got one of the rifle adapters to go with the games and now is mastering "Buck Hunting", after that he plans on getting the "Big Game Hunter" and other games. Last week Josh showed how well he deals with things, when he suffered a blowout while practicing curbs. While he was going up and down the curbs he had complained that the legs were too loose. During his third attempt to step up the curb his left leg fell off. Josh eased himself to the ground with help from the instructor, rolled over, laughed and announced: "I told you it was too loose". The instructor asked me to bring over the wheelchair but Josh insisted on strapping the leg back in place and finishing the practice.

On the way to the Warrior Family Support Center for breakfast on Saturday, Josh had another round of adventures. It had been raining earlier in the morning and Josh was so focused on the legs not slipping he placed his cane poorly and it slipped. He did his own little wiggle dance and managed to keep

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Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

				<b>1</b> <i>YAH Lunch-eon 12:00pm</i>  <i>Maundy Thurs. 5:30pm</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Good Friday Service 7:00pm</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Egg Hunt 1:00pm</i> 
<b>4</b> <i>Easter Sunrise 7:30am Breakfast 8:30am Worship 10:45am</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Angel Food Order Deadline</i>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Worship 10:45am</i>	<b>12</b> <i>VBS Meeting 7:00pm</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>Angel Food Pick-up</i>
<b>18</b> <i>Worship 10:45am</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Session 6:30pm</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>Worship 10:45am</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Committee Night 7:00pm</i>	<b>30</b>	

Please check the bulletin inserts and office calendar for additional information on committee meeting etc. this month.

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*Our Mission Statement:*

*Bring People to Jesus,*  
*Educate them in God's truth.*  
*Teach them to love God and each other,*  
*Heal the brokenhearted*  
*Enjoy God and each other, and*  
*Live worshipful lives*

## Trivia Quiz: Easter Facts

How much do you know about the history and traditions behind the original religious observance? Test yourself with these seven questions.

Question 1: What is burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday?

- A: Palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday
- B: Cedar wood
- C: Slips of paper on which prayers have been written
- D: Scraps of fabric

Question 2: According to the Bible, who helped Jesus carry the cross?

- A: Simon of Cyrene
- B: Simon the Zealot
- C: Joseph of Arimathea
- D: Saul of Tarsus

Question 3: What does Palm Sunday celebrate?

- A: The arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem
- B: The link between the Eastern and Western Easter celebrations

C: The commemoration of the Last Supper

D: The council of Nice dictating that Easter must fall on a Sunday

Question 4: As Jesus rode into Jerusalem (on Palm Sunday), what did He say would cry out if His disciples didn't?

- A: The stones
- B: The angels
- C: The earth
- D: The animals

Question 5: What color was the cloak Jesus wore on the way to the cross?

- A: Green
- B: Black
- C: White
- D: Purple

Question 6: Who rolled away the stone from the front of Jesus' grave?

- A: Joseph of Arimathea
- B: A gardener

C: An angel  
D: A soldier

Question 6: What is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday?

- A: The Ascension
- B: Pentecost
- C: All Souls' Day
- D: The Assumption

Question 7: Where was Jesus crucified?

- A: The Mount of Olives
- B: Golgotha
- C: Jerusalem
- D: The Hinnom Valley

