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Learning that lasts.

Cover photos: (top) Lucas Morgan asks a question in grade 6 Bible class; (bottom) Bible teacher Gwen Gustafson-Zook helps seventh-grader Pooja Patel with her peace pinwheel that students displayed on International Day of Peace (Sept. 21).

Enrollment-Marketing Study Leads to New Tagline

A year-long enrollment-related marketing study by consultant Richard Harrison Bailey (RHB) has led to a new tagline for Bethany: *Learning that lasts. Faith that lives.*

RHB proposed this new tagline after research among both constituent and local community groups reaffirmed that "Bethany Christian Schools integrates learning and faith in a distinctive community that is both Christ-centered and student focused."

The basis for this summary statement and tagline came from three strengths identified by these internal and external groups: 1) Bethany is committed to recognizing every student's needs and talents, and developing them to their fullest, 2) Bethany provides a safe environment in which young people can grow and be strengthened in their faith, and 3) Bethany is widely recognized for its academic strength.

Learning that lasts.

Seventh and eighth grade *Health* students created a 3,000 square-foot collage of faces on their classroom wall in memory of the many people who have died from health-related after-effects of Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq. Teacher Bryan Kehr says, "Sometimes we feel powerless to have an impact on what is happening, but it is important to at least remember." The wall provides a visual reminder each day.

One student group found that "most of Iraq's 600,000 civilian deaths have been due to the after-effects of war, rather than direct violence" and that many people don't have access to healthcare, clean drinking water, electricity to refrigerate food, or sanitary sewage disposal—resulting in the proliferation and spread of deadly diseases.

Another group discovered similar health hazards for residents of areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and learned, "If this can happen to them, it can happen to us." Which is another reason why it is important to learn, and remember.

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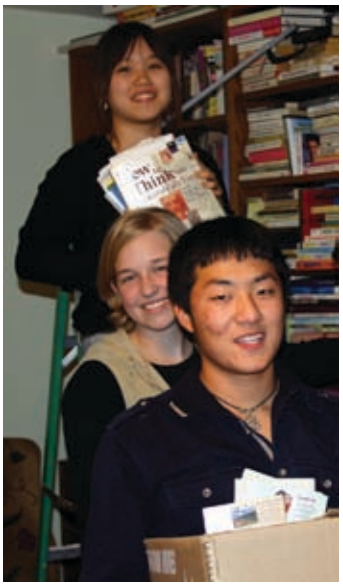


Seventh-grader Ben Hochstetler (above) places a picture on the 3,000 square-foot collage of faces on their classroom wall. The students created the wall in memory of the many people who have died from health-related after-effects of Hurricane Katrina and the war in Iraq.

Faith that lives.

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Spurred by last school year's Spiritual Life Week speaker eLi, students this year have been sponsoring two children through Compassion International: Robert from Tanzania and Michelle from Ecuador. The SBA has placed a jar in the Hungry Bear concession stand for students to consider donating money as they spend on themselves. In November students raised $81.43.



SBA sponsor Brent Reinhardt is excited and proud of the students for taking on this task and for the SBA's willingness to organize it. He says, "Spiritual leadership is as important as the social planning and leadership that they have traditionally provided." Some students have grouped together on their own to support nine additional children.

At left, seniors Susan Ahn and Deanna Cender, junior Changwan Seo, and other members of the school's service group and Key Club move boxes, unpack books, and place them on book shelves for an alumna who needed assistance.



At right, Kirsten Miller, Rachel Lanctot, Mitch Stutzman, Stephanie Hollenberg, and Andrew Buschert sing hymns together on fall senior trip.

Thankful to Attend Bethany

Some sixth graders share their thoughts about being at Bethany:



Bethany has been a great place. I've made new friends, tried new things, and learned new things. I like the teachers here because they are Christian and I can trust them. I have made a lot of trustworthy friends here. —Maddie Birky, College Mennonite



I like the sports program, how everyone is treated equally and gets playing time if they are working hard. I like how everyone gets the chance to learn about Jesus and learn about science, math, social studies, and so many more. I am soooo glad I came to Bethany. —Lucas Morgan, Trinity United Methodist



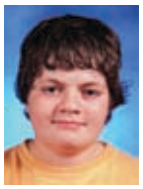
You can trust people and don't have to lock your lockers. I really like the varying classes and the different field trips. I am going to go to Bethany through all of middle school! —Julian Phillips-Kanagy, College Mennonite



It is easier to focus on Jesus than it is in the public schools because we pray about our concerns and look out for each other. It does't matter if you're having a bad day, because with Bethany Christian Middle School every day is good. —Anna Bailey, St. Mark's United Methodist



I like the way classes are smaller. The teachers can help you. You can trust everyone and know that everyone can be your friend. —Melinda Sherer, Berkey Avenue Mennonite



The thing I like most about Bethany is the great Christian environment. Bethany gives students more choice and freedom. —Ryan Minter, Waterford Mennonite



Bethany has been with my family for many many years and I am thankful for that. Soccer has been the best so far because I got to play at a higher level and got to know lots of friends. —Tyrel Baldridge, First Mennonite, Middlebury

Campus News

Bodiker Hall of Fame Inductee

Athletic Director Dan Bodiker was inducted into the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame at its annual banquet on November 4.

Dan has been at Bethany for 43 of the school's 53 years and has been the face of Bethany athletics for many people. He started the schools' interscholastic athletic programs in basketball, baseball, and soccer.



For most of his 33-year coaching career he coached year-round. When he resigned from coaching following the 1997 boys soccer season, he had coached an unofficial county record of 1,676 games, compiling a 918-719-39 record.

Though Dan was inducted for his on-the-field accomplishments, his commitment to Bethany and its students off-the-field is noteworthy as well. When Dan graduated from college, he hoped to be a coach or a minister and says that coming to Bethany allowed him to do both. He says, "I have been fortunate to teach and coach at a school where winning is not the most important thing—a school where building character and relationships are so important."

Dan is the fourth inductee from Bethany. Other inductees are his son Scott Bodiker ('88), Jill (Troyer '89) Miller, and Linda "Pert" (Miller '68, F'72-79, 80-81) Shetler.

Calendar

January

29 MS Spiritual Life Week begins

February

11 MSC Orchestra Festival concert at Sauder Concert Hall, 3 p.m.

23-25 HS Musical: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (ticket sales begin Feb. 5)

March

5-9 HS Spiritual Life Week

16 Fun Fest (see p. 5)

20 Spring Arts performance, 7 p.m.

April

2-6 Spring Break (offices closed)

13-16 MSC Choir Festival, Leamington, Ont.

20 Fish Fry, 4:30-8:00 p.m.

23-27 Interterm/Senior Trip

27-28 MS Drama



Bethany won the 2006 Goshen boys soccer sectional—the program's first. The Indiana Soccer Coaches Assocation selected first-year coach Hank Willems ('89) as district 2 private school coach of the year and senior defender Martin Brubaker to the all-district team. Brubaker and fellow seniors Aaron Shenk, Seth Grimes, and Kurt Neufeld received Academic All-State awards. Junior Kari Heusinkveld was selected to the district 2 girls second team.

Fun Fest and Fall Festival

Fall Festival, held Oct. 14, and the upcoming Fun Fest on Friday, March 16, raise funds for tuition assistance. More than $300,000 in tuition assistance has been granted to Bethany families this year.

BETHANY FUN FEST
March 16, 2007

Fun Fest activities will include live and silent auctions, a chicken barbeque, a carnival for youth and children, and a bake sale. Auction items will be published in an auction catalog, which will be printed prior to Fun Fest—a pdf version will be available online at www.bethanycs.net by late February.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this fundraising event as a donor or buyer. Contact the office to donate auction items, baked goods, money to cover expenses, and to volunteer help.

FALL festival

The Saturday morning Fall Festival, which included a pancake-and-sausage breakfast, 5K run/walk, closest-to-the-pin golf contest, rock/climb slide, caricature artist, and chili cook-off raised more than $9,700.

Bethany thanks the faculty, parents, and students who volunteered in planning for and working at the festival.



Rick Eigsti ('07), Hannah Roth ('07), and Ky Hoade ('09) volunteer at Fall Festival's chili cook-off.

Births

Brad Lehman ('82) and Gloria Rhodes, Harrisonburg, Va., son Cormac Arthur, Sept. 29.

Tim ('84) and Malinda **Eash**, Bristol, Ind., son Shawn Thomas, Nov. 28. **Ted Eash (S'98-05)** is a grandfather.

Greg ('86) and Camille Nygaard **Stauffer**, Broomfield, Colo., daughter Olivia, July 9, 2005. **Loren Stauffer ('56)** is a grandfather.

Scott Schmucker ('87) and Lisa Gunden, The Woodlands, Tex., son Luka Drew, Nov. 11.

Chris ('88) and Miriam Huebert **Stauffer**, Canton, Kan., son Russet Sawyer, Sept. 14.

Becci (Zook '89) and Scott **McDowell**, Elkhart, Ind., daughter Avery Rose, Nov. 17. **John Zook (F'78-97)** is a grandfather.

Kevin ('91) and Shelly **Newcomer**, Wakarusa, Ind., daughter Kinsey Marie, Oct. 24. **Rollin Newcomer ('61)** is a grandfather.

Dallas ('92) and Carla **Barkman**, Goshen, daughter Alysson Elizabeth, Oct.1. **Joanna Barkman (S'70-71, 87-93)** is a grandmother.

Amy Kauffman ('92) and Cornelius Dufallo, New York, N.Y., daughter Leah Joy, Aug. 22. **Deb (Bontrager '70) Kauffman** is a grandmother.

Karl Yoder ('92) and Lynn Lasley, St. Ignace, Mich., son Carson Lawrence, Aug. 11.

Dawn (Myers '94) and Ryan **Warkentin**, Winnipeg, Man., daughter Cassia Rose, Feb. 14, 2006. Grandparents are **Dennis ('65)** and **Anita (Hershberger '65) Myers**.

Glen ('94) and Chrissy **Kauffmann**, Goshen, son Conner Curtis, Sept. 30.

Eric ('94) and Angela **Miller**, Goshen, daughter Emily Grace, Sept. 25.

Jeff ('94) and **Beth (Kanagy '95) Miller**, Millersburg, Ind., daughter Mara Elizabeth, Nov. 27. Grandparents are **Virginia (Miller '64) Miller** and **Willie (F'89-98)** and **Charlene (F '89-93, '94-97) Kanagy**.

Terah (Yoder '95) and John **Goerzen,** Hesston, Kan., son Jacob Simon, Sept. 25. **Warren Yoder ('71)** is a grandfather.

Todd ('95) and Betsey Carman **Yoder**, Greeley, Colo., daughter Grace Elizabeth, Aug. 16—also their ninth wedding anniversary! Grandparents are **Delvon ('66)** and **Shirley (Sawatzky '67) Yoder**.

Alumni News

Internet Searches Support Bethany

Bethany is a registered organization with Goodsearch.com., an Internet search engine that donates $.01 to an organization each time someone searches the Internet through www.goodsearch.com and designates a registered organization. To designate Bethany on your computer, go to www.goodsearch.com, **type in Bethany Christian Schools under "Who do you GoodSearch for?"** and then click verify to activate.

Melody (Gerber '96) and Rob Wilson, Three Rivers, Mich., daughter Kara Joy, June 2.

Kevin ('96) and **Wendy (Yoder '97) Nice**, Goshen, daughter Cassia Kate, Nov. 13. Grandparents include **Wes ('68)** and **Ruthie (S'88-) Yoder** and **Marilyn Nice (S'92-)**.

Matt ('02) and Valerie **Getz**, Elkhart, Ind., son Austin Dean, Oct. 30.

Marriages

Rita (Hooley '64) Troyer and David Lewis, Middlebury, Ind., Jan. 7, 2006.

Don Mishler ('72) and Nina Newburn, Goshen, Sept. 3.

Ryan Stauffer ('92) and Caitlin Doherty, Denver, Colo., Aug. 26, in Portland, Ore.

Isaac Wengerd ('92) and Anne Williams, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 17.

Bradley Hunsberger ('94) and Leah Good, Shipshewana, Ind., Sept. 30.

Tammy (Sawatzky '94) and Reynold **Friesen**, Winnipeg, Man., son Caleb Paul, Sept. 23.

Derek Wentorf ('96) and Heidi Birky, Seattle, Wash., Sept. 3 in Bloomington, Ill.

Rafael Barahona ('97) and **Elisabeth Krabill ('00)**, Elkhart, Ind., Oct. 14.

Amy Leatherman ('01) and Jesse Berkey, Nov. 24 at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

A. J. Kauffman (ng'03) and Sarah Owen, Goshen, Nov. 25.

Danielle Anderson ('04) and Travis Faulkner, Mishawaka, Ind., Nov. 25.

Jennifer Klaassen ('04) and Kris Troyer, Goshen, Oct. 14.

Notes

Edith (Slabaugh '64) Shanholt co-authored a quilting book, *Shipshewana Blessings*, based on a quilt made for the town that combines Potawotami and Amish elements. See www.alltheseblessings.com.

Eldon Miller ('65), Lansdale, Pa., has been teaching Spanish at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School for 33 years. During a sabbatical last year, he worked with MAMA Project, a Mennonite-related health and nutrition organization in Honduras.

Jeannette (Miller '71) Teall, Plymouth, Ind., is director of group sales at Swan Lake Resort and Conference Center. She has been married 35 years to Russ, who teaches and coaches at Plymouth High School. They have two sons: Brian (26) and Eric (23).

John Arthur Lowe ('75), Valley Village, Calif., has worked as a background artist in film and TV projects, including Beerfest, The Great Buck Howard, Georgia Rome, Never Divided Again, Grey's Anatomy, Big Love, and Big Day.



The class of '56 met for its 50-year reunion September 9 at Das Essenhaus for brunch and dinner with a tour of Bethany in between: (front) Charlene Borntrager Stutzman, Joyce Yoder Frantz, teachers Lester Culp and Royal Bauer; (row 2) Phyllis Eigsti Troyer, Clifford Frey, Shelba Eby Lenaburg, Mildred Bontrager Wideman, Erma Kauffman Swartzendruber, Theresa Ventura Hernandez, Marie Gingerich Miller; (row 3) Loren Stauffer, Marion Yoder, Ruby Slabach Hochstedler, Sylvia Steiner Miller, Phyllis Kauffman Kurtz, Ada Troyer Hooley, Eva Hershberger Stutzman, Melvin Stutzman; (row 4) Marvin Miller, Rhondal Wireman, Glen Hochstedler, Lloyd Hartman, Harold Cross, Marian Weaver Troyer.

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Bruce Campbell-Janz ('84), Lancaster, Pa., is co-director for Africa programs with Mennonite Central Committee.

Joanna Friesen Parks ('94), Wichita, Kan., works as a parent educator with Maize Parents as Teachers.

Lisa Koop ('95), Chicago, Ill, received Goshen College's Decade of Servant Leadership Award. After graduating from college, she served two years with Mennonite Voluntary Service as a paralegal in an immigration-assistance program, which led her to study immigration law and her current vocation as an attorney for National Immigrant Justice Center.

Melissa Fisher Fast ('96) was licensed for pastoral ministry at Sunnyside Mennonite Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Cory Livengood ('97), Goshen, plays guitar and mandolin, drives a Chevy S10, and is "still looking for the gal."

Brad Hoffman ('98), Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, is an international student coordinator at a Spanish language school.

Justin Yoder ('98) and **Tom Stahly ('01)** opened Indie Bike in Indianapolis, Ind., selling bike accessories and clothing, mostly via www.indiebike.com.



The class of '66 met for its 40-year reunion Sept. 16-17 and presented class sponsor Lester Culp a cake for his 88th birthday: (front) Lois Johns Kaufmann, Elsie Miller Horner, Ray Yoder, Ginny Davidhizar Birky, Rose Kulp Shirk, Verda Weaver, Sharon Slabach Bender; (middle) Cheryl Fogleman Mundel, Phyllis Hoover Scanlon, Bev Milne Hershberger, Vera Metzler Leinbach, Georgia Miller Davis, Lena Troyer Delagrange, Rachel Yoder Cook, Pat Kauffman Yoder; (back) Carlylle Kuhns, Myra Nafziger Oswald, Sharon Summer Axline, John Birkey, Henry Miller, Carl Graber, Dee Helmuth Birkey, Leon Miller, Ruth Beachy Wartell, Dennis Stichter, Ruth Mishler Basinger, Roberta Davidhizar Rexroth, Bob Troyer, Jeanne Shrock Riegsecker, Marty Yoder Miller, Delvon Yoder, Curtis Grieser.



The class of '71 met for its 35-year reunion on Sept. 23 at Bethany Christian Schools: (front) Jim Buller, Jane Stoltzfus Buller, Pam Dintamin, Larry Gingrich, Becky Bontrager Horst, Jean Stoltzfus Martin; (row 2) Merv Bontrager, LuAnn Miller Baker, Merrill Gingerich, Lola Albrecht Gingerich, Judy Weaver King, Warren Yoder; (row 3) Byard Yoder, Verl Weaver, Dennis Yoder, Nancy Baker, Nedra Beck Gnagey, David Lehman; (back) Lance Yoder, Cheryl Schrock Dolson, Fern Sommers Delagrange, Gary Martin, Pat Mierau Martin.

Alumni Enter Service

Krista Bergey ('02), Baltimore, Md., is serving as an early childhood teacher and parenting instructor with Mennonite Voluntary Service.

Greg Koop ('02), Tucson, Ariz., is serving as a program organizer with BorderLinks through Mennonite Voluntary Service.

Andrea Kraybill ('06), Choele Choel, Argentina, is serving with Reaching and Discipling, a program affiliated with Mennonite Mission Network.

Kaila Swartley ('06) is serving with Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Philippi, W.V.

From the

Assistant Principal

Hank Willems



A good place to grow? When I arrived at Bethany Christian High School in fall of 1984, I'm sure many people remember my mouth as being much bigger than I, at 5'2". I spent a lot of time hoping that this message of Bethany's "being a good place to grow" would be literally true for me. I eventually managed to reach my goal of six feet tall (well, more like 5'11.5"), but the significance of my height faded as I came to realize that my growth was far more apparent in my faith, my knowledge, my relationships, and my self-understanding. A good place to grow? Absolutely! Some might say that this growth could have naturally occurred anywhere. Yes, I would have (nearly) reached six feet, but I can say irrefutably that many of the more important components would have remained closer to 5'2".

Some seventeen years later, I find myself back at Bethany in the role of assistant principal. When classmates first hear of my new position, most respond with, "you are *what*?" I take this sort of response as a compliment and use it to demonstrate what Bethany did and is doing for me. Now Bethany uses a new expression to describe the transformation students experience here: "Learning that lasts. Faith that lives." This new tagline is everything the old one was, but it also embodies the vast number of experiences we've all had since our days as a *Brave* or *Bruin*. My knowledge continues to grow and my faith continues to develop because of my experiences at Bethany (both good and bad), friendships that endure, and energy others invested in me as a person rather than just a student.

Not everyone has the wonderful opportunity to come back to Bethany as an employee, but we can all continue to be active in the Bethany community. I feel blessed to be here again, and I value the opportunity to give back just a little to the place that gave me so much more than I ever knew. Bethany has always been a great place to grow and today it enables a new generation of young people to experience *learning that lasts, faith that lives*.

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