

# Bethabara Bells

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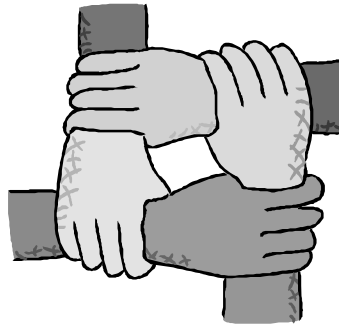
The Latino Ministry Team is happy to report a successful “fall semester” of ESL classes. We had approximately 30 adult students and 25 children who participated in our Wednesday evening programs. Many thanks to all who helped in so many ways.

We will resume ESL classes on Wednesday, January 12, 2005. If you are willing to assist in any way (teaching English, serving snacks, working with children, greeting and directing

people), please let us know.

In addition to English classes, we will also be offering SPANISH classes at the same time. (Choir members have dispensation from Tom to attend from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm!)

Those of us involved in this ministry have experienced amazing blessings. We truly believe we are in the midst of God’s will. We encourage everyone to be a part of this wonderful opportunity to minister to God’s



**ESL Outreach Ministry**

people in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Submitted by:  
Suzie LaVenture*

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- New Members
- November Treasurer’s Report
- Office closed January 17th

## Welcome New Members

On November 28, Bethabara welcomed two families into the congregation.

Gayle Reid, joined us by letter of transfer

from Green Level Baptist Church. Gayle resides at 3150 Minart Drive in Winston Salem, her phone number is 725-2873.

Bonifacio Cano Perez, Elva Lara-Garcia and their children Michele, Melanie, and Maritza were received as well. They reside at 2680 Bethabara Road Apt. 1

in Winston Salem, their phone number is 922-0328



## Schedule of Events for January

### Every Tuesday (unless otherwise notes) -

7 PM—College Age Fellowship (meet at Panera on Miller Street)

### Every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) -

5:45 PM—Wednesday Night Fellowship

6:30 PM—Prayer and Praise Service

6:30 PM—Children’s Choir practice

7 PM—Adult Choir practice

### Every Sunday (unless otherwise noted) -

9 AM—Band practice

9:45 AM—Sunday School

11 AM—Worship Service

4 PM—Harmony Ringers

5 PM—God’s Gang (1-9-04)

5 PM—Bethabara Ringers

### BOARD MEETINGS

*January 9th and 10th  
at 7 PM*

### Special Happenings

- Jan. 9 - Installation Service & “Welcome Luncheon”
- Jan. 12 - ESL classes resume

# January 2005

See “Schedule of Events” listed above for regular list of activities at Bethabara.

*1 Prayer Watch  
Happy New Year!*

<i>2</i> Communion 5:30pm Fellowship	<i>3</i> 12pm AA 7pm - Circle 1	<i>4</i> 10 am - Circle 2	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 12pm AA	<i>7</i> 8pm AA	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> 9am Breakfast 12n Luncheon	<i>10</i> 12pm AA	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> ESL Resumes	<i>13</i> 12pm AA	<i>14</i> 8pm AA	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 12pm AA Church office closed MLK, Jr. Day	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 12pm AA	<i>21</i> 8pm AA	<i>22</i> Men’s Breakfast
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 12pm AA	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 12pm AA	<i>28</i> 8pm AA	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 12pm AA					

# Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary!

Celebrating a birthday this month:

- 2—Jewell Calloway
- 5—Amy Roberts
- 6—Daphne Sams, James Vogel
- 13—Robby Boyles
- 15—Brad Roberts
- 18—Dot Bruce, Mitchell Grant
- 20—Angie Overby
- 21—Marian Yokely
- 22—Alan Burton, Clara Pou, Jennie Littrell

- 23—Mary Boles, David Gupton, Jr., Dean Lambeth, Craig LaVenture

- 25—Margaret Clodfelter
- 29—C. Harrison Clark
- 30—Hannah Lambeth
- 31—Edith Kudelka, Mike Kudelka, Joey Lineback

Celebrating an anniversary this month:

- 2—Dalton & Cheryl Everhart
- 15—Richard & Betty Fox
- 19—Mike & Edith Kudelka
- 31—Billy & Carol Rae Grant



**Happy Days!**



## November Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Anne Kyle*

Beginning Balance:	\$8,451.29
Total Receipts:	\$18,610.21
Total Disbursements:	\$15,989.56
Ending Balance:	\$11,071.94

*The full breakdown of the report is posted on the Bulletin Board outside the church office, or it is available upon request for those who may not be able to get to church.*

*"For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You."  
-Chronicles 29:14*

## Stewardship and Commitment Cards

32 Adult and 2 Youth commitment/stewardship cards have been filled out and returned to the church by our congregation



***Our Lamb Has Conquered***

members. If you have yet to send in your card, please do so. It is most helpful when compiling lists of Stewards for various church ministries, planning our

budget, and determining how many offering envelopes to print. If you do not have a card, please contact the church office and one will be made available for you.

## Recital

Mt. Tabor UMC presents an organ recital by Mr. Jonathan Poe at 3pm on Sunday, January 9, 2005. Reception to follow in church fellowship hall; concert is open to the public without charge. For more info: 765-5561

1. **NEW YEAR'S DAY** Tell God His blessings of last year of which you are most grateful. Then tell Him what you especially want His help for in this New Year.
2. **FIRST SUNDAY OF 2005** "Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.
3. First Moravian confirmation in Honduras (1932). There are more than 80 Moravian churches there. Pray for the pastors of both the Traditional and the Renewed churches are meeting this month to find God's way
4. Let's pray for Jonathon Boetcher and his sister Andrea, health workers in Liberia, in the capital Monrovia and various villages. Pray God will give Jonathon and Andrea good health.
5. On this date in 1992 New Hope Moravian Church was begun in south Miami by a group of loving folks!
6. **EPIPHANY** is a missionary theme showing Jesus today to people who do not know that He can forgive their sins and give them salvation.
7. Today again let's pray for our beloved Moravian churches everywhere to "reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature". See Ephesians chapter 4 again.
8. Praise God for His work being done in Congo by Tanzanian Moravians (there are now more than 9,000 Moravians in the Congo; pray for their protection from war, AIDS, etc.). Find Congo on your map.
9. **THE LORD'S DAY** "O worship the King all glorious above". It's all about Him.
10. Ask God to guide our World Mission Board in planning to help win souls for Christ in Nepal in partnership with British Moravians.
11. Remember Judy Harke in prayer; she coordinates BWM efforts in Tanzania, Honduras, Guyana and other areas to combat AIDS.
12. First convert was baptized in Antigua in 1757. Today pray for Moravians in Antigua and Eastern West Indies Islands and PEC president, Br. Glenvil Gregory.
13. BWM has commissioned Br. Mark Ebert to work with Br. Livingston Thompson of Jamaica for hurricane relief. Pray for them. It's an ongoing work because of damage to peoples' homes and schools and about 25 badly damaged Moravian churches. Volunteers needed.
14. Give thanks to God for the new booklet being distributed in Tanzania "Uuogope Ukimiwi Kimbilia Kwa Yesu" (Fear HIV/AIDS-Run to Jesus). People there have been reluctant to talk about AIDS.
15. Pray for the 4.4 million people living in Moldova, a former Soviet state, the poorest nation in Europe. Samaritan's Purse helps an orphanage there. Franklin Graham to preach in Chisinau, Moldova July 8 to 10.

16. **SUNDAY** Pray for Michael and Brenda Brent (Friedland) helping people accept Christ as their Savior and training leaders in the town of Split in Croatia.
17. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Dear God, guide us “until we all reach unity in the faith...to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” Ephesians 4:13. Pray for Jorgen Boytler and Svend Soe and other leaders in Christiansfeld, Denmark and their missionary work in Albania, starting churches.
18. Pray for Provincial Elders; they meet today. Pray for the Moravian school at Star Mountain near Ramallah, and Rauda Marouf Khourya and other workers among handicapped children.
19. Today let’s pray for pastors and leaders of Moravian missions in north India; Brn.Thsespal Kundan, Elijah Gergen, Dechen Chamgha, Thomas Rungwei, Kagauchung Naga, Nagendra Pradhan and Samson Thangpa.
20. Pray for Walter Bishop, Christy Parsons Clore, Rebecca Craver, Judy Knopf, Hank Jackson, Russell May, Suzanne Parker, Tracy Robinson, Suzanne Parker and Tim Sapp becoming ordained Moravian ministers or earning advanced degrees.
21. Konnoak Hills anniversary (1951). Pastor John D. Rights said “We want to be a beacon of light and show Christ’s love in our neighborhood.” Ask God to give them many opportunities.
22. Today let’s pray for Salemtowne Moravian Retirement community and director Joe Lydon and people who live, and work and volunteer there. That God guide and bless them.
23. **SUNDAY** Pray for the Moravian mission work on British island of Tortola; a fellowship exists there now. Give them a passion to talk about Jesus.
24. Pray for the work of the *Moravian-Episcopal Dialogue Team* and the *Christian Churches Together in the USA Team* and our *conversations with Reformed denominations*. Pray God show them His wisdom.
25. Often pray for the leaders of business and industry, especially those working in many countries so that both rich and poor will be benefited.
26. Almighty God, protect us from people who weaken our faith in Thee and Thy word. Give us faith to believe your Word.
27. In addition to Elders and Trustees, many churches have missions, Christian Education and other committees. Pray for persons on these groups.
28. New Eden’s birthday (1923). New Eden has been joined by Immanuel, Pastor is Br. Bob Peak. Also West Palm Beach Church (1966) anniversary pastor is tri-lingual Ofreciano Julius. Pray God will use them all.
29. German Moravians are trying to help strengthen believers and spread the Gospel in Estonia and Latvia on the Baltic Sea. May God fill them with the Holy Spirit.
30. Pray for the President and Vice President and other officials of your country by name.
31. Prayer Day for Retired Ministers. Pray for Sunnyside Ministry director Roma Combs and Assistant Director Anne Marie Stott and the approximately 60 volunteers that come every week and approximately 45 volunteers that also help. Miracles have happened at Sunnyside. Pray for people who come for help.

## Remembering and Assisting the Victims

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On a clear, sunny afternoon in North Carolina it is hard to comprehend the magnitude of suffering and devastation in the Indian Ocean region. It seem that the death toll escalates hourly by thousands.

I would remind you that our Moravian Book of Worship includes Intercessions in Time of Crisis (page 117), which is appropriate for personal devotions as well as public worship.

For most of us the most appropriate responses are those of intercessory prayer and generous contributions through Church World Service or any of a number of other relief agencies. Again in this tragedy, as in so many, the children suffer inordinately. And so perhaps another response is to ask whether we are

doing enough to protect and nurture vulnerable children, both at home and abroad.

We have learned a lot about tsunamis, their cause, and ways of minimizing their destruction. We've learned that warning and notification system is in place for the Pacific Rim, but not for the high-risk countries affected last week. Poverty is so extensive in those nations, other priorities cry out so loudly, that no warning system has been put in place. And so again we are reminded how wealthy and privileged we are compared to much of the world. The Master we follow lived in simplicity and poverty, and those who prophesied his coming often rebuked the wealthy. To what response does Jesus call us in this

context, the One who called the little children to Himself and who told his disciples, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God"?

God of mercy, God of comfort, be with your children we pray.

Your brother in Christ, Bob Sawyer



**Lending a Helping Hand**

*"Give all who suffer the love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things"*



God of mercy, God of comfort, we come before you in this time of difficulty, mindful of human frailty and need, confused and struggling to find meaning in the face of suffering. We are grateful that even as we share in the joy of Christ Jesus, we can also share abundantly in comfort in the midst of suffering.

*Excerpt from The Moravian Book of Worship*

# Church World Service—*UPDATE*

Contact: Joe Moran, Carolinas Regional Director  
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Phone: 888-297-2767

December 29, 2004  
Durham, NC

**\*\*EDITORS:** SEE END OF RELEASE FOR "HOW YOU CAN HELP" LISTINGS INFORMATION.\*\*

## **RESPONSE UPDATE**

As part of its regional response to the earthquake and tsunamis, Church World Service (CWS) today announced that it is sending initial emergency material assistance shipments with a value of more than \$900,000.

Specifics:

**500 family shelter kits** from its regional warehouse in Pakistan to Sri Lanka. Each shelter kit contains a family tent, a ground sheet and a plastic tarp.

**75 Emergency Medicine boxes** to Sri Lanka, which will provide basic medicines and antibiotics to 75,000 persons for a period of three months.

**9,000 CWS "Gift of the Heart" Health kits** to Sri Lanka.

**5,000 light-weight CWS Blankets** and **35,000 CWS "Gift of the Heart" Health Kits** to Indonesia for distribution in Aceh province.

CWS is also undertaking the regional deployment of rapid response support and emergency material airlifts of additional shelter and hygiene materials.

Specifics on CWS assistance to other affected countries will be forthcoming.

**\*\*\*EDITORS:** IN YOUR LISTINGS OF CHARITIES RAISING FUNDS FOR DISASTER VICTIMS OF THE SOUTH ASIA TSUNAMI, PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

Contributions to support CWS recovery efforts in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and India may be sent to:

Church World Service  
P.O. Box 968  
Elkhart, IN 46515

Credit card contributions may be made by calling (800) 297-1516 or online at [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org)



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### Kid's Korner: *Escape to Egypt Matthew 2:13,14 (NIV)*

Joseph and Mary gave the new baby a special name. An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream to tell him what to name the baby. Read Matthew 1:20 and fill in the blanks below to see what the angel said.

"She (Mary) will give birth to a \_ \_ \_ , and you are to give him the name \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ , because he will \_ \_ \_ \_ his people from their \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ."

Not everyone was glad about the birth of Jesus. When king Herod heard about it he tried to have Jesus killed. The angel of the Lord appeared again to Joseph in a dream, this time to warn him.

Read Matthew 2:13 to see what he told Joseph and fill in the blanks below.

"Take the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and his mother and escape to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ...for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is going to search for the child to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ him."

**Help them find their way in the maze**

