

BCL News

Submitted by Joan Bell

The Sept. 11 meeting of BCL was the Great Salad Supper at Oakland Christian Church! Over 125 ladies attended. With much planning and volunteer work from all of the ladies of the congregation, it was a large success. Salads, salads and more salads people were so kind to bring, which was optional and not requested. The generosity of these ladies was overwhelming. A comment was heard, "Did you ever see so many cars parked around the city square?"

The tables were beautifully decorated with themes of all kinds from plastic dinnerware to Noritake China, crystal stemware, grandma's hand-embroidered table cloths and napkins, and favors for the guests! The items for the silent auction were all donated by church members, and it was very successful. There was everything from antique items to divinity candy! Money from this

was used to pay our speaker, and the remainder will be donated to our missions.

Jamie Nash did a great presentation of the program, "Keep Your Focus," and closed with a beautiful song.

A big thank you to our BCL president, Sue Campbell, for her hours of planning and organizing this event; to Cherie DeYoung for coming up with the idea and her guidance in this project; to the men and others taking care of the auction; and our great janitor, Marilyn! We also want to thank all the ladies who participated in any way and to those who attended. Without them, it would not have been successful.

The Oct. 9 meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the home of Sue Campbell in Isabel.

Roll call will be answered with a fact about Samuel from I Samuel, chapters 1-7.

Ladies Aid News

Submitted by Ruby Smith

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Betty Messinger on Sept. 17, with eight members present.

Bobbie Miller presided in the absence of Dolores Dague, who is recuperating from ankle surgery. Dolores is doing great at Oaks Manor.

Prayer requests included Martine, the girl we sponsor in Haiti; Caleb Crouch and Jared Southworth, who will be leaving for Afghanistan in the near future; and Nancy Huffman.

Bobbie thanked Betty for being our hostess.

Roll call was answered naming your favorite teacher.

Susan Bacon will be starting a new Bible study (*Tuesday, Sept. 23*). The Salad Supper was a great success with 131 attending.

Bobbie again read from "90 Minutes in Heaven." Mildred Babbs read "Life after Retirement" from "Prayers for Later Years," and "Help, Hope, Happiness," from "Bumps Are What You Climb On."

We closed repeating Psalm 19:14. Betty served delicious refreshments, which we all enjoyed while visiting.

The Oct. 15 meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Eloise Powers.

Missions Moment – CPC Baby Bottle Blessings

Baby Bottle Blessings is a fundraiser for Crisis Pregnancy Center of Eastern Illinois that many churches participate in once a year. Please take one of the bottles in the back of the sanctuary and fill with your spare change for the next few weeks. You will be helping CPC save a baby's life and change a mother's future. Bottles will be collected on Oct. 26 by Amy Ledbetter, or you may leave them in the sound room any time before then. Thank you!



Bible Studies Combine for 5th Wed. Devotion and Fellowship

The Fellowship and Small Group Bible Studies will meet the fifth Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m., in the fellowship hall for a devotion, fellowship, food and fun. If you're considering joining a weekly Bible study, come and join us!

Bible Studies
5th Wednesday
Get-Together
Oct. 29



Flu & Pneumonia Shots Offered at Senior Center – Oct. 14

The Coles County Health Department will be offering flu and pneumonia shots at the Oakland Senior Center on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The cost for flu shots for adults is \$30, and for the pneumonia shot, \$40.



Medicare and Medicaid will be accepted. Please bring your card with you.

The cost for children up to 18 for the flu shot is \$10. No child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

Forms are available at both entrances, or you may download a form from www.co.coles.il.us/cchd/flu_pneumonia.htm.

Facts and Figures

Submitted by George Edwards, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report – August 2008

Balance 7-31-08	\$26,661.04
Deposits	+ 12,042.00
Interest	+ 10.68
Expenses	- 26,863.55
Balance 8-31-08	\$11,850.17

September 2008 Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sun. Sch.</u>
9/7	184	63
9/14	162	87
9/21	187	89
9/28	167	88
Average	175	81