



## THE BETHLEHEM STAR

### Enjoying Life In Jesus | based on *Philippians 4:4*

I'm calling it all off. I'm calling off all learning, fun, and hard work. I'm calling off all silliness and, and, and I'm calling off food! Yeah, no food! No travel, no toys, no trees, no weather, no health, no talent, no nothing!

What kind of life would that be? It sounds like death, not life. That's right, life would be nothing if it were empty and void of all these things and their meaning. But Jesus has given our lives all these things and filled them with meaning. Paul knew that, so he said to the Philippians: *"Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!"* Do what? *Rejoice!* When? *Always!* What if life gets going, and the going gets rough? *Again, I say, 'Rejoice!'*

Everything that makes me happy \*makes me happier\* in Jesus. That's bigger than happiness; it's joy. In addition, everything that makes me sad still has room for true joy in Jesus. That is important to remember when life gets sober and serious, and when other people get uptight and downright dirty; we still have Jesus, and we still have unimaginable blessings.

*Pastor Bode*

The Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool's school year is off to a great start. We have been amazed at the marvelous creation the Lord has blessed us with and enjoyed exploring our five senses. The first annual Back to School Blast on Saturday, September 8 was oodles of fun – we especially enjoyed tasting the different cookies entered in the Cookie Contest and playing in the "big room."

Looking to clear up some space in your closets and garages? Please consider donating toys and dress-up clothes your children (or grandchildren...nieces...nephews...) have outgrown. We also appreciate donations of spare craft materials (yarn, ribbon, pony beads, seasonal craft materials, etc.).

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool ministry.

*Mrs. Campbell*

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## The Bethlehem Star Caption Corner

*Lots to read ...*

*... lots to build ...*

*... am I seeing double ...*

*... am I seeing double??*

*"Happy the people the Lord has  
chosen to be his own."  
(paraphrase of Psalm 33:12)*

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### **Voters' Highlights:**

- > Voters will meet October 28 after church;
- > Letters have gone out to candidates for next year's council;
- > Plans are in the works for Advent and Christmas seasons, including a ladies' Advent by Candlelight (looking at Dec. 2);
- > Outreach committee is working on potential world missions projects;
- > Outreach is also working on community postcards for Christmas;
- > Our area Reformation festival service will be held November 4 at 4:00 p.m., with a dinner to follow.