

# The Shepherd's Bethel Chronicle

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**December through January was a mild and very pleasant beginning to winter.**

Pictured below are missionaries Ben Principe, Trent Granger, and Mike Barber helping us sort and fix bikes for next season and split wood for the winter. These men have been involved in several projects this winter as we remodeled Schaumburg House and reorganized all the garages and two shops.



Christmas from Grandpa was a new bow and target and personal instructions. All my grandbabies did real good, their great grandma Marge Weiss was an instructor in archery way back in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. I hunt mostly with bow and arrow, finding the challenge and difficulty very rewarding.



Isabelle the oldest of Laura's is pictured helping paint the top of a table in Grandma's shop. All three girls painted scenery to brighten up her work table. Grandma then covered it with a layer of clear urethane so it can be preserved. Being a parent is a wonderful blessing from the Lord, being a grandparent completes the experience.

## January 2026 fish fry

It took Dave and I until late fall to catch enough fish for the fry at SBBM. Both our schedules were busy with other ministry related work, so we didn't have enough fillets till mid-December. This was the best turnout ever though, with 92 people sharing in the food and fellowship.



Bill Benner prepared his world famous hush puppies and slaw, while I did the fish, beans & ham, green beans, and fried potatoes. Susie did the rolls and corn bread and we had chocolate cake and carrot cake for dessert. Yum, Yum! Laura helped with clean-up And our pastor spoke at the close.



**Being richly blessed, we desire to share in our blessings!**

1Ti 6:17-18 "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate."

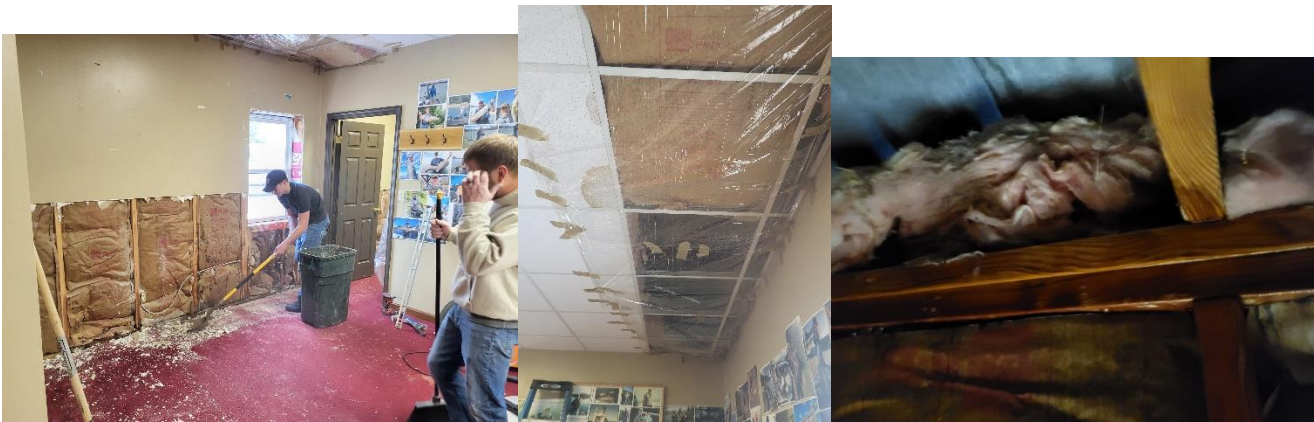
## Finally winter set in.

Certainly our nation as a whole has experienced one of the most challenging winters in recent history. The mid central USA had up to two feet of snow in one storm, and over a month below freezing. SBBM had 14 inches fall in two days and this was followed by ice and freezing temps for several weeks. Like everyone else, our heating bills were extremely high and the cold made outside work difficult.



## The ice dam that formed on the office roof caused flooding inside.

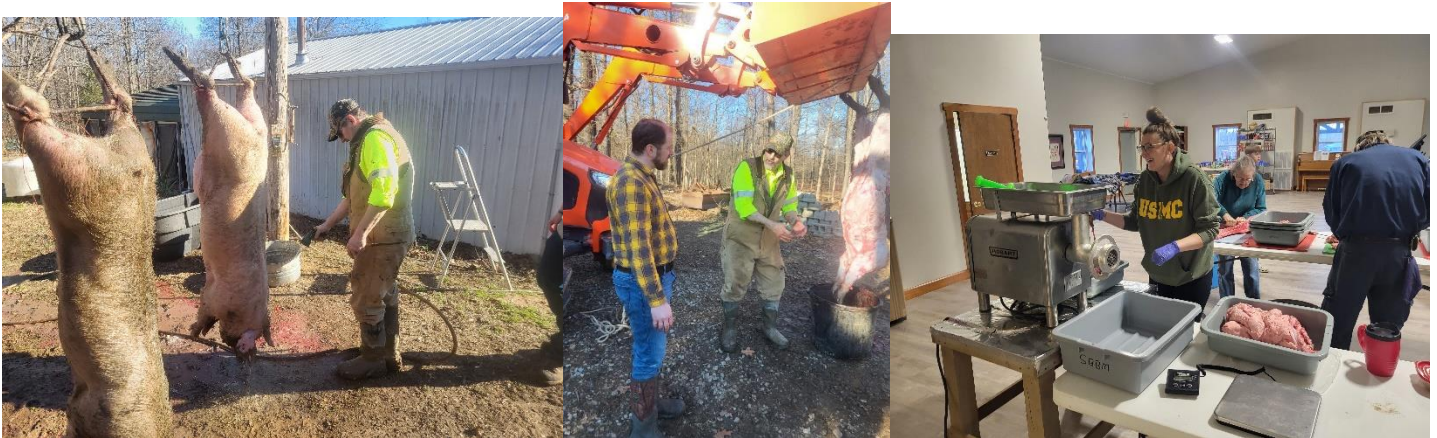
Pictured is Ryan and Drew helping me cut out and clean up the soaked drywall. The damage ran through the office, dish storage pantry, and into the kitchen. Over 50 feet of dry-wall and ceiling tiles will have to be replaced. Praise the Lord for insurance, **although I got a letter of cancellation after the approval to cover the damages.** Any church work teams that would like to get involved in the spring or early summer, would be appreciated. I'll have to replace the office carpet with Pergo flooring also.



## The well filtration system is in its final stage of preparation.

We have two more companies giving us bids for the filtration system and hope to move forward by May. The Lord has sent in \$20,000.00 and we are trusting that by May we will be prepared to purchase and install this water purification system. Thanks to all who have so generously participated in this project. It will be wonderful to return to homes with pure enough water that the guest won't have to buy it in bottles to drink.

February allowed us weather suitable to butcher and process hogs for the upcoming year. We have been doing this for many years now and have a wonderful crew of experienced church folk helping out. Steve is pictured at the beginning of the process and next to him is missionary Ben Principe receiving instruction on how to skin the animal. (Our new tractor got broke in helping out also.) Danny Moody donated a couple of hogs for Shepherd's Bethel and James Wayne donated 8 hogs for distribution to church families and needy folk in our community. We processed 14 hogs in 4.5 hours, a personal best for our group. This will supply fresh pork to our missionary families and work teams all this next year. God always provides!



Susie's next yard sale will be in June 2026. If you would like to donate items for sale we would very much appreciate it. All moneys will go for project needs on the mission. She also needs canning jars for the upcoming summer, if you are not using them any longer. *Love in Christ Jesus,  
Michael & Susan Weiss*