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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus, thus writes Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. We sometimes ask ourselves, in everything? I believe that what Paul is telling us here is the fact that as believers we need to look at *everything* that has happened in our lives, not just what is happening now. He would have us to look at the big picture, so to speak. This Thanksgiving season now is the time to collect our thoughts and realize the blessings we have received as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now is the time to forget the gloom and doom spread by the world and instead concentrate on God's goodness and mercy.

In His Service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16



Notes of Thanks

Thank you to Betty Tilly and Joyce Kixmiller for their help assembling the Chimes. News for the January Chimes will be due on Monday, December 22.



Bethel Prayer Chain

“Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.”-Phillip Brooks

If you know of someone who could use prayer for any reason, call Mary Deerhake (328-6208) and prayers for that person will go out across the congregation. Anyone who would like to be a link in our prayer chain-please call 328-6208 for this, also.

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Gordon Dunkerly

Clara Strange

Doris Brocksmith

Angela Harker

Good Neighbors Class

Wanita Dunkerly

Bob and Vera Jones

Tina Petts

In memory of Arnold Volle

Good Neighbors Class

Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2008:

January/February

March/April

May/June

July/August

September/October

November/December

Music Liaison Committee

Junior Youth Group

Evangelism Committee

Kid's Club

Worship Committee

Senior High Youth Group



Shut-Ins



Freelandville Community Home
P.O. Box 288
Freelandville, IN 47535
Gladys Brocksmith
Ernest Bubenzer

Ralph Buescher
Ruth Sager

Gibson General Hospital
1808 Sherman Drive
Princeton, IN 47670
Roy Grabbe

Lodge of the Wabash
723 Ramsey Road
Vincennes, IN 47591
Harold Wagner

Crestview Nursing Home
3801 Old Bruceville Road
Vincennes, IN 47591
Helen Smith

KCARC
2525 N. 6th Street
Vincennes, IN 47591
Gary Hammelman

Miller's Merry Manor
505 W. Wolfe St., #A
Sullivan, IN 47882
Gertrude Catt



Those living on their own or away:

Anna Mae Koenig-8291 N. Pieper Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Margaret Koenig-12601 E. Max Koenig Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Hyla Richter-6771 E. Freelandville Road, Oaktown, IN 47561
Ruth and John Richter-1715 W. State Road 58, Carlisle, IN 47838
Louise Rinsch-12430 N. State Road 159, Edwardsport, IN 47528
Helen and Wendell Stoelting-12679 E. Stoelting Road, Edwardsport, IN 47528
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Helen Hankins-P.O. Box 205, Freelandville, IN 47535
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If any names are missing from this list, please call the church office at (812) 328-2358 so that we may add them to the list.

Sunday School

It is so easy to get caught up in the Christmas “rush”, and when we allow that to happen sometimes we don’t spend any time thinking about why we are celebrating Christmas at all. Gift giving and receiving has become a big part of Christmas. But why don’t we slow down for a moment and think about the “Christmas Gifts” which **God** has given to each of us:

God’s Gift of Purpose – When we follow God’s guidance, we know we are where God wants us to be, whether we’re moving or staying in one place. Our prayers change from “God, what do you want me to do next?” to “God, what do you want me to do while I’m right here?” Direction from God is not just for our next “big” move – He has a Purpose in placing us where we are right now.

God’s Gift of Strength – We cannot fulfill our Purpose in life in our own strength, we all need God’s power. Even the strongest people get tired at times, but God’s power and strength never diminish. He is never too tired or too busy to help and listen. During those times when life seems to be crashing down on us and we feel that we can’t go another step, let’s remember that we can call upon God to renew our strength.

God’s Gift of Joy – God wants to give each of us His gift of Joy; a Joy that is not just a fleeting emotion but a lasting way of life. God’s joy is far deeper than happiness; we can feel God’s joy in spite of our deepest troubles. Happiness is temporary because it is based on earthly circumstances, but God’s Joy is lasting because it is based on His presence within us.

God’s Gift of Salvation – Salvation is something we can never accomplish on our own; God has given us the greatest Gift which has ever been given – His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus came to earth to save us because we can’t save ourselves from sin and its consequences. No matter how good we are, we can’t eliminate the sinful nature present in all of us. Only Jesus can do that. Jesus didn’t come to help us save ourselves: He came to be our Savior from the power and penalty of sin.

As we receive **God’s Christmas Gifts** this season, let’s remember to send Him our “Thank You” cards. And what better way to thank God for our gifts than to gather with His people and praise and worship Him. I would like extend to everyone a special invitation to Sunday School services here at Bethel. We are told that God will meet with His people in a powerful way when we worship Him together. Sunday School is great time for us to rejoice in God’s gifts, and it’s a time for us to renew our strength for life’s daily struggles.



-Seeking More of Him, and less of me

John Trotter, S.S. Supt.

Christian Partners

We say “thank you” to our teachers.

We continue our prayers for Patty Emmel and Bob Jones. We miss you.

Also, we hear Marvin Deerhake had a little mishap cutting wood. I guess some fingers came in contact with the “Log Splitter”. Oh, my!

Our congratulations to Carolyn and Gene Williams on the birth of great-granddaughters, Marlee Gene and Milee Ray.



Senior High Youth Group



The high school youth have had a busy beginning. We have had prayer breakfasts, meetings, gone to a corn maze and helped at Social Ministries. Thanks to all those that have prepared food for us . We are trying to focus on missions. Our annual mitten tree will begin on November 23. You will be able to leave hats, mittens and gloves in Bethel Hall. All hats, mittens and gloves will be donated to Social Ministries. You may not only get things for kids but we're sure that some adults are in need as well. Our next meeting will be on Nov. 30 with a very busy day planned. The Youth will be decorating doors at the Community Home, shopping for a family and then return to the church for a gift wrapping party. Our next Prayer Breakfast will be on December 21.

Sunday School Christmas Program

This year's Sunday school Christmas program will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 7pm.

Program practices will be on Sunday, Dec. 7 from 3:30-5 pm, Sunday, Dec. 14 from 4-5 pm and Saturday, Dec. 20 from 4-5 pm. All children are invited to participate in the program.



Preschool News

News from Mrs. Chattin:

We are super busy at preschool right now. We just never slow down and go from one big project to another. My 32 preschoolers are full of energy everyday, but I must admit this time of year takes a toll on me. I'm now wishing every day had 48 hours in it, instead of 24.

I want to begin by thanking Beth and volunteers for helping with my classes when my son, Brian, got married at Bethel on October 11th. The last time I took off was in October of 2003 so Jim and I could attend the World Series. As you can tell, I really don't like to leave the children, but Brian and Amy's wedding was a big family affair. We had wedding guests from Utah, California, New Mexico and many states in between. I received several comments about our beautiful country church here at Bethel.

Thanks to Earl Linneweber for bringing pumpkins for each of the children to take home. Also, thanks to Bill and Darlene Resler for growing and delivering two gigantic pumpkins to our school. The preschoolers have enjoyed sitting on the big pumpkins.

We are busy getting ready for our Thanksgiving feast. We are learning about the First Thanksgiving and the Pilgrims and Indians. On November 26th, we will all dress up like a Pilgrim or Indian and enjoy a big turkey dinner together. One little boy insists that we have deviled eggs, so we will, plus turkey, green beans, homemade bread, pumpkin pie plus much more. We have painted our headbands and decorated them with sparkly stars. We've cut out lots of feathers and we are working on our moccasins. The children are excited about having their faces painted.

Our big Christmas program will be on December 5th at 7 pm. We invite everyone to attend as the children are working on several songs and dances to entertain everyone. I am so proud of how hard they are working on their songs and how loud they are singing. They are so excited about wearing costumes and have told me what they want to be. Being a donkey was very popular this year.



As busy as we've been, we have managed to learn and make numbers from 0-8 and we are now on letter H.

During F week, we enjoyed having a real big fire truck arrive and having several nice firemen teach us about fire safety. It was a cold, windy day so the firemen promised they would return before school ends so everyone can squirt water. The preschoolers also received fire helmets and a bag of goodies.

Thanks to Sara Kixmiller and the Elks for giving us coloring books and stickers to use for a simple lesson on saying NO to drugs.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas!

-God Bless,Linda Chattin

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

I am having a hard time believing I am writing Decemeber news already.



Time is really going too fast. The end of October we were busy with our trip to the Nursing Home for our fall party. The kids did a great job singing. It was good to see many of the residents, including my former neighbor, Barbara, with smiles on their face. Thanks to all of the staff at the nursing home for having us.

In November, we started learning about Pilgrims and Indians and giving thanks for our many blessings. Some of the children are very thankful for chocolate milk and their pets. While others weren't sure what they were thankful for. One little boy told me there was nothing to be thankful for on that particular day because his toys were put away because mom was cleaning. I told him to be thankful for just having toys that he could play with tomorrow. He told me "probably not" and walked away shaking his head. Sometimes I have to giggle without showing them much emotions.

In the middle of trying to talk about Thanksgiving, we have also been working hard on songs for our Christmas program which is December 5 at 7:00 pm. Come and join us and hear our version of the exciting timecelebrating Jesus' birth. We are excited to learn about Jesus-the best gift of all.

We learned that a pretend mouse can be bigger than an elephant. The kids have great imaginations that stretch far beyond mine since I would rather not even think of the little critters. We talk about many of Jesus' miracles and how he fed many, many people with only 2 loaves and 5 fish. Sometimes we play silly little games to go along with our stories. One such game was pass the basket of smiles just like Jesus passed the food along. We decided smiles are really contagious and are a lot prettier then frowns.

We learned about the Giant named Goliath (you should hear some of my kid's pronouncation of that word). We figured we should always be brave just like David and take God with us to stand next to our giants. We discussed how our heart belongs to Jesus and why we should never shut Him out of our hearts. Lacing was a challenge that day for some of our little hands, but we did it with God's help. I asked the preschoolers to all wear hats so are heads would be protected just like God protects each of us. However, most of the hats were off and laying on the floor before play time was even finished. When I want them to do something, they do the opposite. Go Figure.



Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Season! Jesus is the word and the world!

-Beth Durall

My Thanksgiving Dinner

(as told by some of Mrs. Chattin's preschoolers)

I will go to the corn field behind my house and shoot a 100-pound turkey with a BB gun. I'll rip the feathers off and put it in a bowl and put salt and pepper on it. I will put it in the oven until it goes "ding"-probably 20 minutes. I will invite Mommy, Daddy, Tori, my cousins and grandparents and Mrs. Chattin. I will fix green beans and noodles, too. I will have vanilla ice cream for dessert and chocolate milk to drink. I will use old paper plates and red and white napkins on the table. Mommy will pray before we eat.

-Gage French

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Daddy will shoot a 10-pound turkey down by the river. I will carry it in my arms and put it in Dad's truck. I will put it in the bathtub and use Dad's bar soap to get it clean. I'll use Dad's razor and shave off all the feathers. I will cook it in a huge pan in the microwave for 10 days. I will have mashed potatoes, carrots, and a cherry cake with a cherry on top. We will have fruit punch to drink. I will pray and thank God for Grandma and my brother, Bubby.

-Maryssa Lamb

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I will go to Wal-mart and buy a 60-pound turkey for \$20. I'll put it in a black pan and brush it with mayonaisse. I will cook it in the oven for 70 days. I will have corn, peas, and mashed potatoes. I'll make turkey sugar cookies, too. I will invite Mommy, Daddy, Hannah, Papaw & Mamaw, Pap & Maw Maw, Uncle Aaron, Uncle Brian, Aunt Amy and Great Pappy Moo. I will say "God is Great, God is Good" and we will eat. I will use turkey plates and napkins on the table. I will put green flowers in a coffee can on the table so it looks pretty. I'll fix green Kool-aid to drink. Green is my favorite color.

-Jacob Knoy

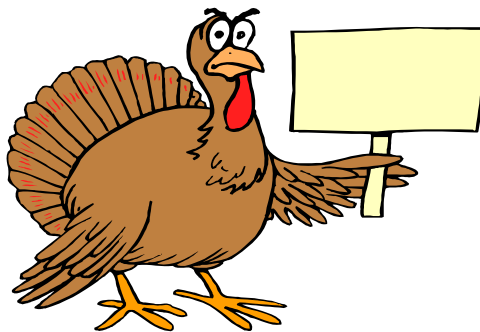
I will go out in my woods and shoot a 75-pound turkey and drag it home with a rope. I will cut off its feathers with a sharp pointed thing and roast it on a really hot fire for 100 days. Mommy usually uses hot barbeque sauce on her meat, so I will put some sauce on my turkey, too. I will also fix roasted French fries, celery, bacon and tomato salad. I will fix strawberry pie and banana cake. I will use a golden turkey tablecloth on the table. I'll use golden turkey napkins, too. My Aunt Elizabeth will pray and thank God for all the things we have. She will even pray for Mrs. Chattin. I will fix fancy light blue punch to drink.

-Emma Miller

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My daddy will shoot a 15-pound turkey with a bow and arrow and pull off its feathers. We have deer and coyote that hang out in our yard, so we will eat them, too. I will cut the turkey, deer, and coyote into small pieces and cook in the microwave for 15 minutes. I'll fix mashed, fried and sweet potatoes. Mommy will fix a green salad. I'll buy pink and blue cupcakes with sprinkles at Wal-mart. I'll use Halloween napkins with bats on them. Everyone will pray and thank God for the yummy coyote and all the other stuff.

-Savannah Worland



I'll buy a tiny 40-pound turkey at Wal-mart. I'll cook it in the oven for 150 hours. I'll have peas, macaroni and cheese and ham. I'll fix 3 pumpkin pies and I'll buy some Oreo cookies. I'll use heart plates and napkins on the table. Grandma Shug will pray and ask God for Papaw to feel better and she will pray for everyone to be good and happy at Preschool.

-Caden Miller

BETHEL 'S ANNUAL

Christmas Decorating Party



Everyone is invited to come and hang out at Bethel on Monday, December 1 at 6pm and help with decorating the church in preparation for Christmas. It will be a fun evening and a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Hope to see you there.

North Knox Social Ministries

North Knox is once again collecting items to distribute to families for Christmas. Following is a list of suggested items to give. Items need to be turned in by December 14. Thanks so much for all of your giving.

- Toboggans and gloves
- Dolls and doll clothes
- Items for teen-age girls
- Coloring books (no crayons needed)
- Reading books
- Games
- Basketballs, Soccer balls, Footballs
- Puzzles for 2-3 years of age
- Baby items:
 - Lotion
 - Powder
 - Shampoo
 - Baby Wipes
 - Squeeze toys
 - Rattles
 - Bottles

For men: socks, hankies, gloves
For women: socks, gloves, bath towels, wash cloths,
kitchen towels, dish cloths

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee has put the finishing touches on the 2009 calendar and hopes to have it available in time for Christmas. We truly appreciate all the work that has gone into the preparation of it!

Women's Guild

Bethel Women will meet for their Christmas Celebration meeting on December 3 with a carry-in dinner at 12 noon. A short business meeting will follow including the distribution of our Christmas Missions for this year. Doris Richter, Naomia Pepmeier, Gertrude Hagemeyer and Mary Deerhake are the committee for our Christmas program.



Cookies for our Cookie Plates should be there by 9:30 am that morning. We will have around 35 plates this year.

There will be no meeting in January.

Mission Committee

Thanks to the generous people of Bethel, 67 shoeboxes were collected for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We appreciate all the time and effort that was spent in preparing these boxes and we pray that 67 children somewhere in this world will have a special surprise because you cared and shared.



We plan to have a Sunday school lunch soon after the first of the year in order to meet our Preschool Prayer Partners. We thank you all for choosing to participate in this program and we hope that you will be able to join us.

Parish Records:

Births:

Twin girls, Milee Ray and Marlee Gene, were born to Clay and Brandy Williams on Thursday, November 6. Bethel grandparents are Bill and Tammy Williams, and Cecil and Kim Meeks. Great-grandparents are Gene and Carolyn Williams, Bill and Karen Clinkenbeard, and Roy Langdon. The girls were welcomed home by big brothers, Case and Lane.

Marriage:

Brad Hislip and Julie Wingard were united in marriage on Saturday, November 8 in Greenfield, Indiana.

Baptism:

Trenten Gene Richards, son of Travis and Tiffany (Dike) Richards was baptized on Sunday, November 9 with Pastor Mike DeCoursey officiating. Godparents are Scott and Tanner Dike.

Attendance:

Oct.	25	133
Nov.	2	178
	9	161
	16	132



Ushers:

Charlie and Janet Buescher

Nursery Notes:

Dec.	7	Stacy Page
	14	Kelci Anderson
	21	Andrea Miller
	28	Amy Albrecht

Greeters:

November 30 and Dec. 7-
Tim and Tonya Miller
Dec. 14 and 21
Herman and Nancy Tilly
Dec. 28 and Jan. 4
Bruce and Terri Miller

Children's Church:

Dec.	7	Cally Miller/Tracey Kahre/Chris Horst
	14	Brenda Maddox/Patrick Sargent/Bonnie Organ
	21	Ramona Hammelman/Kelci Anderson/Chris Horst
	28	Micah Bowman/Austin Miller/Nancy Tilly

Happy December Birthday to:

Dec.	3	Ruth Brocksmith-(Happy 85 th birthday)
	20	Jean Perry-(Happy 83 rd birthday)

Church Council Meeting

November 10, 2008

Pastor's report-During the month of October, Pastor Mike, along with his regular duties, officiated at a wedding, conducted two funerals and an infant baptism. He has been working on Homecoming Sunday activities and has held two Sunday night Bible studies. He had 24 requests for counseling and made 16 visits.



Secretary's report-Approved as written

Treasurer's report-Accepted as written. Mission payments were disbursed.

Deacon's report-Accepted

Elder's report-Plans for a revival at Bethel in early March were discussed. Also, it was reported that the Bible study is going well with three more lessons left.



Old Business:

Vestibule-The painting is done in the vestibule and decorating plans were discussed.

New Business:

Yearbook-The council decided not to put an ad in the North Knox High School yearbook.

Nominating Committee-Three members were selected to pick members to be nominated for positions on the church council board for 2009.

Ministries:

Preschool-Debbie Telligman reported that the preschool will be having their Christmas program on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 pm.

Building and Grounds-The shelter house has been winterized. Salt to be used for sidewalks this winter has been picked up. Grower's Co-op has been contacted to fill up gas tank and condition it for winter. New locks were put on the church office door due to vandalism. Graves came and prepared the boiler for winter. The council thanked Dale Tiek for the new rail in the choir loft.

Coming Events:

Homecoming Service & Luncheon-Sunday, November 23 @ 10 am

First Advent Sunday/Holy Communion-Sunday, Nov. 30 @ 10 am

Preschool Christmas program-Friday, Dec. 5 @ 7 pm

FCH Service-Sunday, December 7 @ 2 pm

Next meeting-Monday, December 8, 2008 @ 7 pm

"The Best Gifts This Season"

To a Friend: Loyalty

To an Enemy : Forgiveness

To your Boss : Service

To your Child : A good example

To your Father : Honor

To your Mother : Gratitude and Devotion

To your Spouse : Love and Faithfulness

To Yourself: Respect

To All Men : Charity

To God : Your Life!!

December 2008

Bethel
Chimes

 Merry
Christmas

Bethel Family's Military Members

Major Shane Turner

son-in-law of John &
Marilyn Koenig
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Camden, DE 19934

Spc. Arnold, Scott

nephew of Garland &
Lisa Richter
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FLB Sycamore, COB Speicher
APO AE 09393

E2 Inman, Andrew

nephew of Wendy Wilson
LCpl Andrew Inman
3/8 H & S co. Rep. Pit.
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grandson of Laverne &
Betty Tilly
A Co., 3-7 INF
Unit #40625
FOB ISKAN
APO AE 09312

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son of Mike Hooper
Charlie Co. 4th BSTD
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Karen Hooper
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FLB Sycamore
COB Speicher Iraq
APO AE 09393





C is for the Christ Child and the child in all of us.

H is for the Heart of God, in Whom we place our trust.

R is for our Redeemer, Who is finished with His chore.

I is for Isaiah, who had told it all before.

S is for the Shepherd lowly shepherds came to see.

T is for Three wise men, who were wise beyond degree.

M is for a Manger, a simple manger where He lay.

A is for bright Angels who were standing by that day.

S is for the Star that shone and still shines out today!

-by Joan Clifton Costner



*We at Bethel wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
May you and your family be blessed this holiday season as you
reflect on the true meaning of this special time of the year.*

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