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**FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-**

We read in Nehemiah 8:10 that the joy of the Lord is our strength. Two questions arise from this one verse of scripture. Where is our strength and where is our joy? We find that as life goes on, if we place our strength in the things of the world rather than the things of God, we will soon grow weak and weary. Likewise, the things of the world will only bring us a fleeting joy, soon to be gone at the first sign of trouble. True strength then must come from God and that is only obtained by having an active, ongoing relationship that includes prayer, study, and service to others, a simple formula but one that is hard to follow if our eyes are on the world rather than on Christ. If we want to be strong in our life as a believer, than we must make our joy to be in the Lord and all that He is and all that He has for us!

In His Service,

Pastor Mike

James 5:16

## Notes of Thanks

Thank you to Dorothy Spanger, Reda Boberg, and Edna Rinsch for their help assembling the Chimes. News for the October Chimes will be due on Monday, September 22.

Thank you for the kindness shown to my family upon the death of my sister, Mary Lou Mabes. She often spoke about the Women's Guild and truly enjoyed her time with the ladies.

-Ruth Pahmeier

We want to thank Bethel Church members for allowing the ladies to serve our family and friends dinner after our father, Bob Core's, funeral. He always enjoyed visiting with the ones that brought the taped sermons to the house. He would listen to them on Sunday mornings. So thank you all for your friendship and caring during both of their time here.

-Mary Taylor and David Core

Dear Bethel,

Thank you for supporting me and other youth members who went to church camp at Merom. I had a lot of great fun meeting old and new friends! It was another great experience. I can't wait to go back next year.

Thank you,  
Tanner Dike

## Memorials

**Women's Guild:**

**In memory of Mary Lou Mabes**

**Stanley and Shirley Dean**

### **Bethel Prayer Chain**

*“my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Jesus Christ.”-Philippians 4:19*

Mary Deerhake is the contact person for the prayer chain. If you know of someone in need of prayer, please call Mary at 328-6208. The prayer chain is always ready in times of need or joys.

## Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2008:

September/October  
November/December

Mustard Seed  
Faithful Families

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## Sunday School News

Summer is just about over and that means we are looking for an assistant superintendent and a treasurer/librarian. Please pray about this and consider saying YES to Jesus. We know that God is speaking to someone- be still and listen and then step out in faith!

Thank you to all of our teachers! The lessons are so thought-provoking. God's Word is so rich with great examples of how we are to live. He didn't leave us to our own resources- Praise the Lord! He gave us His perfect Word- what a gift! Are you opening your gift **every day** or does your Bible collect dust on the coffee table. Please open and study His Word- it is life-changing!!

If you haven't been coming to Sunday School won't you consider coming and joining us? It is such a joy to join other believers in class! Come check it out- you will be glad you did!

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### JUNIOR/JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are back in school. Summer sure went fast! It is good to see friends and we are thankful for our education. The stories in the Old Testament are fun to study! God has a lesson for each one of us in them. God's Word is truth and it should direct our lives. We must study it to know what He expects from us. Sunday School is a great time to learn about God and His faithfulness. We love Jesus and we want our lives to honor Him and bring Him glory. Please pray for us as we try to be all that Jesus wants us to be!

# Preschool News

## News from Mrs. Chattin:

We are off to a great start at Bethel Christian Preschool this year. We have all our classes full with 56 children in attendance, and we are still getting phone calls to enroll children.

I have 16 in my morning class and 16 in my afternoon class. I am very pleased with both classes and I'm so proud of them.

The first day of school, we learned Mrs. Chattin's rules. I always begin the school year by explaining the do's and don'ts of preschool. It makes my job so much easier and we can do so many fun activities when everyone minds and follows the rules. I'm a firm believer that all children need rules to follow and should be taught manners and respect. I love the "magic words" please and thank you. All of the children have learned to raise their hands but we continue to practice the rule about taking turns and how we must share with all of our new friends.

We have loved the cooler weather in August and the children love to go outside for recess. We certainly appreciate how Mr. Jim (Strange) keeps our play area mowed, weedeated and raked. It looks wonderful! Thanks, Jim.

We have been learning new songs for our Grandparent's Day on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The children are already excited about bringing Grandma and Grandpa to lunch. That is a fun day for everyone.

I want to welcome all of our wonderful volunteers back to preschool this year. We could not do what we do with 56 children without their valuable help. Thanks to all of you. I'm especially thrilled to have Beth Anderson back helping me this year. She is wonderful with the children and they love her. Beth is a kid at heart and relates well to all the preschoolers. Welcome back, Beth.

Thanks to everyone who helps support Bethel Christian Preschool in so many ways. We continue to grow and couldn't do what we do without lots of helping hands. Thank you!



God bless,  
Linda Chattin

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

We are off to a great start on Tuesdays and Thursdays in preschool. We only had a few tears and a few "I want my mommy." Many parents were more emotional leaving their children than the preschoolers were themselves. I have 12 morning students and 12 afternoon students. Some are very quite and shy while others are very energetic and very talkative. I wore capris and a matching shirt the second day of school and one little boy studied me for a long period of time and finally asked me why I had my "comfy clothes" on. I wasn't sure where that conversation was going. I answered that I love my comfy clothes, but asked him what he thought I should wear. He said he didn't know. Later that same session, the children were sitting at the table and I stood behind that same little boy (I sure wasn't thinking). He felt my legs and quickly asked if I ever shaved those things (FYI--I had just completed that task earlier in the morning). I basically laughed right through the rest of the day.

We have already started learning new songs for our special day when grandparents come on September 4. "Head and Shoulders" was one we practiced that goes faster as the song goes on. After the music stopped, one little girl replied, "I can sing it faster than that". She started rumbling something that nobody could understand, but everybody got a good giggle. *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine* (Prov 17:22).

We are learning that God gives us a special name and He knows each one of us. Although there is nobody in class with the same name, several start out or end alike, and with a little luck we will all recognize our own name soon.

We got to enjoy the great playground the first week. Thanks to God for cooling the temperatures down a few degrees for the start of school.



Thanks to all of the volunteers for the school year. You are truly special in our daily routine. I know there are many returning and several new ones. We appreciate all you do:-)

*Behold children are a gift of the Lord* (Psalm 127:3). I am so excited about this school year and watching the children grow physically and spiritually.

God Bless,  
Mrs. Durall

## A Child Questions Baptism



Our three-year-old daughter, Rena, sat with us during the baptismal service last Sunday night, which was a new experience for her. She exclaimed in surprise, "Why did he push that guy in the water? Why, Dad, why?" My wife tried to explain briefly and quietly, but Rena just wouldn't be satisfied.

Later that night we tried to provide an answer that a child's mind could comprehend. We talked about sin and told Rena that when people decide to live for Jesus and "do good" they want everyone to know. We then explained that water symbolizes Jesus' washing people from sin; when they come out "clean," they are going to try to be "good." A moment later, we realized we'd have to work on our explanation a bit. Rena had immediately responded, "Why didn't Pastor Larry just spank him?"

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## First Annual Freelandville Festival

The Freelandville Improvement Club is planning an Autumn Fest for Saturday, October 4th.

The fire department will have a pancake breakfast at the community center beginning at 6:30 am. At 7:00 am begins our flea market and craft booths located behind Roger King's Electronics Shop. There will be a soup and sandwich lunch served around noon in the community center.

Our parade will begin at 2:00 pm with lineup at the ballpark. Paul Walters is in charge of the parade. Parade entry forms can be picked up at the Widner Mutual Insurance office and will be advertised in local newspapers. The parade will end at the ballpark where games for the kids will be organized.

Beginning at 5:00 pm there will be BBQ and a weiner roast at the ballpark. Ending the evening, from 7:30 to 9:00 there will be music and a special "History of Freelandville" presented by Ray Hall.

*PLEASE MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS AND  
COME OUT TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!!*

## Hands and Feet of Jesus

The Hands and Feet of Jesus has been in existence for a little over a year. We have been busy delivering meals to a variety of women of our community for a variety of different reasons. The one thing in common with all is how thankful they have been for the meal and for the thought. Someone to lend a hand and show that they care.

After a year, we would like to update our volunteer list. There will be sheets in Bethel Hall to sign up if you wish to remain on the list. Please do sign-up again for the coming year.

We would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to make and deliver meals over the past year. They were all very much appreciated. We even have recipients of meals now on our list and delivering meals. Some have taken meals more than once but everyone has taken at least once.

As always we have to know of the need in order to fill the need. So if you know of someone in need of our service, please call Chris Horst at 328-6233. Sometimes I might know of someone in the hospital but not when they get home.

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### **Historical Committee**

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The Historical Committee is working very diligently on the 2009 calendar which will feature current and past traditions of Bethel.

As always, new members are always welcome to participate in helping to preserve the fascinating history of Bethel.

We hope to have both the Baptism book and the calendar available for sale in November. Be sure to pick up plenty. They make great gifts!!

## **September Specials**

There's lots happening in September here at Bethel. The Bethel choir will be resuming, grandparents will come to spend the day with their grandkids at preschool for a day and a few other exciting events will happen as well.

### **Sunday, September 14**

Bethel church welcomes back Pastor Jolly Moody as our guest speaker for the day. We look forward to visiting with him again and hearing his message for that day.

### **Sunday, September 21**

#### **Worship in the Grove**

Come and listen to the morning's worship service outside at the grove across the street from the church. Stay after the morning's message for the church's annual picnic where you can enjoy delicious food and fellowship with each other. Afterwards, an auction will be held for the purpose of meeting and exceeding our mission giving. Any items donated for the auction would be greatly appreciated. Our auctioneer will be Randy Hammelman, who does a fabulous job. It should be a fun time for everyone.

### **Sunday, September 28**

#### **Harvest Home**

This is a day to celebrate the bountiful harvest that God has given us. The Women's Guild does a wonderful job decorating the sanctuary with produce and flowers from this year's crops. They have asked John Manning, a soldier who is home from Iraq, to be the guest speaker for that day. Be sure to come and hear what he has to share.

Ladies from the Women's Guild will start decorating on Saturday, September 27 and can use any and all kinds of vegetables, fruit, flowers, handmade articles, jelly and canned items, grains, etc. Almost everything has a place. All donated items are returned!



## **Women's Guild**

Bethel Women's Guild will meet Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 pm. Doris Brocksmith is program leader and I have the extra feature. Hostesses are Marge Linneweber and Gertrude Hagemeyer.

Women's Guild and Harvest Home Sunday will be on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> instead of the 21<sup>st</sup>. The speaker will be John Manning.

The Guild quilters have 3 quilts to sell. They are in the guild room or check with Gertrude Hagemeyer.

We will be decorating on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> for Harvest Home and can use any and all kinds of vegetables, fruit, flowers, handmade articles, jelly and canned items, grains, etc. Almost everything has a place. All donated items are returned!

-Helen Harbin

## **Mission Committee**

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who gave donations for the Mission 600. It was a great success and helped a lot of people.

The committee is currently working on putting together preschool prayer packets which will be made available to anyone wishing to be a prayer partner for a preschooler for the year. The packets will once again be available for the low price of \$10 and will include a birthday card, Christmas card and Easter card along with some information about your preschooler. A Christmas and Easter gift will also be handed out to the children as a gift from their prayer partner. The program has been a great blessing the last couple of years. Please consider participating in this worthwhile program. You'll be blessed immensely.

**Parish Records:**

**Death:**

Mary Jane Linneweber, age 75, passed away on Friday, August 1. The funeral was held on Tuesday, August 5 at Wampler-Shaw funeral home with burial in Bethel Cemetery.

Mary Lou Mabes, age 73, passed away on Wednesday, August 6. The funeral was held on Saturday, August 9 at McClure-Utt funeral home with in Westphalia, IN.

**Attendance:**

July	27	122
Aug.	3	150
	10	156
	17	123

**Ushers:**

Sept.	Tim and Tonya Miller
Sept. 21	Youth

**Nursery Notes:**

Sept.	7	Lana Dike
	14	Kelci Anderson
	21	Brenda Maddox
	28	Ramona Hambleman

**Greeters:**

**September 7 and 14-**  
Doris Brocksmith & Janet Tilly

**September 21 and 28-**  
Scott and Lana Dike

**October 5 and 12-**  
Laverne and Betty Tilly

**Children's Church:**

Sept.	7	Micah Bowman/Tracey Kahre/Chris Horst
	14	Brenda Maddox/Kelci Anderson/Bonnie Organ
	21	JoAnne Brocksmith/Emily Telligman/Chris Horst
	28	Cally Miller/Patrick Sargent/Nancy Tilly

**Happy September Birthday to:**

Sept.	8	Marjorie Putnam-(Happy 85 <sup>th</sup> birthday)
	28	Alvin Shuckman-(Happy 86 <sup>th</sup> birthday)

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# Church Council Meeting

## August 11, 2008

**Pastor's report**-This last month Pastor Mike assisted 19 members and made 11 visits. He conducted an adult baptism, attended an elder's meeting and a couple of Emmaus formations and took a well-deserved vacation in Key West.

**Secretary's report**-Approved as written

**Treasurer's report**-At the end of May, the church was running \$3,100 per month short; at the end of July it was down to \$1,953 per month short. The year-to-date balance for the treasurer's report at the end of July is negative \$8,399.54. The trust fund was also discussed and it was decided to move ahead with transferring the funds to the trustees.

**Elder's report**-A Sunday night prayer service for those involved with school went well and was very well-attended. The elders are looking into starting a prayer study possibly beginning in November on Sunday evenings at 7pm. Also, the church picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 21 and will feature an auction to help raise money for missions unless picnic committee has other plans. Lastly, they discussed looking into different retreats that will be coming up to let members know about or possibly hosting a retreat here.

### **Old Business:**

**Carpet**-The preschool/nursery carpets have been done and the sanctuary will be done this week.

**Chairs**-\$108 was received for the metal chairs from the shelter house that were taken to the scrap yard.

### **New Business:**

**Work day**-A work day for this fall has been set for Saturday, September 6 with a rain-date of Saturday, September 20. The focus will be on the outside of the church and the deacons will come up with an agenda.

**Air conditioning**-The thermostat in the basement was looked at and repaired.

**Vestibule**-A decision was made to paint the vestibule.

**Sound System**-A blown fuse was replaced in the basement's sound system. Also, some rust was found on some of the screws of the system so the area's it located in will be checked for possible water problems.

### **Ministries:**

**Preschool**-The M/W/F classes are full and there are a couple of openings for the T/Th classes.

**Building and Grounds**-The sealing of the tower went very well and the help was very much appreciated. The grounds are looking wonderful. Also, wiring had to be replaced in the custodian's home due to deterioration.

**Historical Committee**-Some concerns were given to the church council by the Historical Committee about the relocation of the historical display cases and after much discussion, the council voted to stay with the changes made.

The next council meeting is set for Monday, September 8.

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*We are all called upon to do small things with great love.*

- Mother Teresa

*Only a life lived for others is the life worthwhile.*

- Albert Einstein

*The best portion of a good man's life is his little nameless, unencumbered acts of kindness and of love.*

- Wordsworth

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

-Matthew 25:35,40

**September 2008**

***Bethel  
Chimes***

**Bethel Church  
Freelandville, Indiana**

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