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John Trotter

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Kevin Hammelman

FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to pray without ceasing (NASB). What exactly is the apostle speaking about and how should the believer today approach this particular verse?

I believe Paul would have us approach this verse from the standpoint of realizing that both good things and bad things happen in the life of the believer and that the believer must keep centered in life and the way to stay centered is through a life of prayer.

While we understand that it is easier to pray in good times when things are going our way, it is even more beneficial to learn the power of prayer when the things of life are against us. This ability to pray when the storms of life gather is a sign of the mature believer. Thus, Paul would have us to understand that whatever life presents, the ability to pray without ceasing will carry us through whatever life throws at us. We, as believers, need to understand that praying without ceasing may be our only means of survival when the storms of life come against us.

In closing, I challenge you to enter into a life of prayer as you never have before. No matter where you stand in your prayer life, treat today as a new day and begin to pray without ceasing!

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16



Notes of Thanks

Thank you to Ken and Drew Wilson for their help assembling the Chimes. News for the March Chimes will be due on Monday, Feb. 16.

What a wonderful church family God has blessed us with. Thanks to all for your many cards, prayers, food, etc. during mom's stay in the hospital and after her death. Thanks Pastor Mike for your many visits and your kind words at her service. A big thanks to the Guild for the delicious meal after the funeral service. Everyone has been so thoughtful and your words and actions of comfort will never be forgotten.

-The Family of Neva Hagemeyer

Thank you for contributing to the Lighthouse. We very much appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Ryan Mattingley

Dear Friends of North Knox Social Ministries,
We want to express to you our thanks for the things that you do for our organization. We certainly do appreciate your thoughtfulness as we reach out to needy people in the North Knox area. The needs of this community continues to grow.

Best Wishes,
NKSM

Bethel Prayer Chain

*"My help comes from the Lord, who
made the heaven and the earth."*-Psalm 121:2

Please call Mary Deerhake at 328-6208 with any prayer requests that you wish to have put on the prayer chain.

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Gordon Dunkerly
Joe and Judith Vasquez



Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2008:

March/April	Junior Youth Group
May/June	Evangelism Committee
July/August	Kid's Club
September/October	Worship Committee
November/December	Senior High Youth Group

Sunday School

As we plan for the month of February we think about Valentine's Day, and our thoughts are on love. But sometimes our idea of meaning of love isn't in line with the classic description given to us by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. The love that flows from God is the lifeblood of the church. It should affect our every action, our every word, and our every spiritual gift. God gives His love to each of us – free of charge. His love is a deep and abiding love – a self-sacrificing love; a love that looks out for the other person first. And all that He asks for us to do is to share His love with others.

Love is Kind : Kind love is gentle and mild, always ready to show compassion, especially to those in need.

Love Never Gives Up : God never gives up on any of us – He is constant and faithful. And so should our love be.

Love Never Loses Faith : Love is willing to think the best of others, and it gives the benefit of the doubt.

Love is Always Hopeful : Love looks forward, not backward. Love seeks growth and maturity, knowing that God is working in each of us.

Love Endures Through Every Circumstance : Love is the foundation of an active and steadfast faith.

Love is the distinctive mark of a Christian. It is a self-sacrificial love, the type of love Christ showed us when He died for our sins on the cross. It is a self-sacrificial love which is patient and kind. And it's a faithful love which always hopes for the best and trusts God for the results.

I would like to invite everyone to Sunday School services here at Bethel – where God's Love is just waiting for you to receive it.

“Three things will last forever – Faith, Hope, and Love – and the greatest of these is LOVE”



-Seeking More of Him, and less of me
John Trotter, S.S. Supt.

Christian Partners

Our Christmas Sunday school class party was December 20 at McKinley's Orchard. The food was delicious and we had a very good crowd. There was good fellowship and a lot of good laughter. We voted to give Christmas cheer to several worthy causes.

We had an election and the following led the ticket for 2009:

President-Charles Johanningsmeier
Vice-President-Linda Kixmiller
Secretary-Evaline Johanningsmeier
Asst. Secretary-Marilyn Johanningsmeier
Treasurer-Joyce Kixmiller
Asst. Treasurer-Maridell Sargent

We want to thank those who served as officers for 2008.

We were sorry to learn that Herb Grabbe had a slight mishap on the way home from the party. He hit a patch of ice and slid in a ditch but is reported to be okay.

We have received a letter from Marge Putnam with a check enclosed for our class. It is always nice to hear from Marge and hear how she is doing in Florida.

We also received the following letter from someone who had been a member many years ago. It certainly shows how honest people are.

Dear Maridell,
There is something that has really been worrying me. When we were in the Sunday school class years ago and I was the secretary/treasurer, I believe we had a balance of \$3.83. I certainly hope that was returned to the class, but I don't know. I would so appreciate it if you would add this \$20 to the Sunday school class treasury now that you are a member.
I'm thankful for your friendship through the years.

We wish everyone a very blessed 2009!!

Preschool News

News from Mrs. Chattin:

Burrrr! We have certainly had snow, ice, and frigid weather this winter. We've even had preschool cancelled and delayed at times. The children and I will certainly be ready for spring. I've already been asked when I will take them outside for recess. I told them it won't be anytime soon, and certainly not when it is 4 degrees below zero.

I certainly was proud of my little ones at the Preschool Christmas program! They sang, danced, and acted like perfect little ladies and gentlemen. They all looked so cute in their fancy clothes. The children could hardly wait to dress in costumes and sing "Away in a Manger". The little girl I had chosen to be Mary was so excited! She could not wait until our program. The night of our program, she developed stage fright and then came the tears. She told me, "Mrs. Chattin, I'm so scared. I can't do it." I talked to her, wiped her tears, and put her in her chair on stage. The show went on and she did a fine job. I convinced her she HAD to take care of baby Jesus. Another little girl shed a few tears because she decided at the last moment she didn't want to be a sheep, but an angel instead. Once again I talked, wiped tears and she went on stage in her sheep costume. I'm always so relieved after the Christmas program is behind me. The children learned 7 new songs and had lots of fun singing them. My husband counted 427 in attendance. It's no wonder Mary was scared!!

We certainly had fun at our Christmas parties. We even had Santa appear in our room and all the children enjoyed sitting on his lap and talking to him. One of my boys climbed up on his lap and looked at Santa and said, "Santa-My mommy calls you a lot on the telephone." Neither Santa or myself could keep from laughing. Santa asked the children if they would like to see his sleigh. We all went outside to see a golf cart that was made into a sleigh. It was bright red with flashing white lights. Needless to say, all my little ones wanted their picture taken with Santa in his sleigh. After pictures, we all watched as Santa drove out of sight. What a fun day!

We are now on letter Mm and just finished number 10. We are working hard on perfecting our names so we will be ready for Kindergarten Round-Up. We also continue to read lots of good books and learn about Jesus and recite Bible verses. We learned everyone should keep their tongue from evil. That is a favorite Bible verse of the

preschoolers. One little boy told everyone we should not do or say bad things but instead just focus on God. He kept saying, "Just focus on God. You need to focus." He informed me he had learned that at Sunday school.

I love the imagination of a preschooler. One day during playtime at school, a little girl announced to me that I was due for a makeover. I couldn't agree more! I had to sit in front of a mirror on a little chair and many of my preschoolers enjoyed fluffing my hair, pretending to apply make-up, and even used a doll bottle to pretend they were coloring my hair. (I might not need to go to Marilyn Koenig ever again.) I looked like a real sight when they were done with me, but the giggling and laughter was well worth it. Even some of my boys got involved.



I want to thank Bonnie Organ for the wonderful book she gave to our preschool in memory of Helen Buckthal and Diane Buckthal. Also, a special thanks to Doris Brocksmith for buying us a new devotional book to use in the classroom. The one I had was 10 years old and falling apart, as I try to do a devotion everyday.

I had lots of Christmas and Thanksgiving pictures displayed on our picture board at school. Please feel free to come and take a look. I love the Thanksgiving pictures where everyone is dressed like a Pilgrim or an Indian. One little girl still talks about the Pilgrims coming over on a ship called the cauliflower! That is close to the Mayflower.

We have already started working on our Graduation program that will be held on May 8th at 7pm. We also have our gifts ready to make for our Mother's Day Tea in May. We keep so busy!

God Bless,
Mrs. Chattin

Garbling the Lord's Prayer

My Sunday school class of youngsters had some problems repeating the Lord's Prayer, but they didn't lack in imagination. One child prayed, "Our Father, who art in heaven, how'd you know my name?"

-C. L. Null, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Christian Reader, "Kids of the Kingdom."

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

January has been a really short month for me at preschool. My morning class has been cancelled due to weather 2 times. Mrs Chatten has taught for me twice and the one day I was with the class was our postponed Christmas party where the party moms took care of the day. I have seen my afternoon class 3 times. I miss them all and hopefully I will get back in the swing of things soon and the weather will cooperate.

I want to thank Linda for filling in for me during my grandmother's illness and passing. I have always believed family is right up there on the top of the list. I am very grateful for the extra time I got to spend with grandma in the hospital and didn't have to worry about preschool for those few days.

I also want to thank all the volunteers who offered many words of kindness and countless hugs when I needed them. You are all very special to me. Thanks, also, to all the preschoolers and their parents for their hugs and offering to help whenever needed.

The Bible says (Hebrews 10:25) "let us cheer each other up with words of hope" and you have all done that for me. I am very thankful.



North Knox Social Ministries

During November and December, our expenditures were down somewhat, maybe because we were closed more.

We helped 321 families with 1,059 persons with food. From the Trabant Fund, we paid for 2 prescriptions at Family pharmacy, 3 dental bills, and 2 glasses from Dr. Dale.

Since August, we paid 8 water bills, 12 Duke Energy bills and 1 rent bill. We couldn't help 1 family during this time.

Altogether we had 309 previous clients 18 new ones.

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Historical Committee

We appreciate all those who have bought the 2009 Calendar and the new Baptismal Records book. For those who purchased the Baptism book, please add the following name. The print is small enough so that you can just cut out the information below and glue it directly in the book. This would go under the year 1958. Cecilia had been baptized the same day as her confirmation.

Cecilia Kay	Lawrence (Grandfather) &	Sept. 29, 1944 (Birth)
Kirchoff	Esther (Grandmother) Kirchoff	Mar. 30, 1958 (Baptism)

The committee began making plans for the 2010 Calendar at their last meeting. Many ideas were discussed for the calendar and the committee welcomes any ideas that the congregation may have, as well.

The committee thanks Linda Kixmiller for the arrangement she had placed in the historical case. Please take time to check the case out in February. We will display valentines that were given by the Preschool children.



Women's Guild

The February meeting of the Bethel Women's Guild will be a Memorial Celebration on February 4th at 1:30 pm. Life Issues Committee is in charge of the program. Mary Deerhake is chairman. The extra feature will be given by Helen Harbin. Hostesses are Doris Brocksmith and Mary Deerhake. There will be a short business meeting.

-Helen Harbin

Parish Records:

Births: Kambric Richter Rode, daughter of Jeff and Tracee Rode, was born on Wednesday, January 14. Bethel grandparents are Terry and Gayle Perkins and great-grandfather is Jack Perkins. Kambric will be welcomed home by big sister, Kaelyn.

Baptisms:

Russell Jay Harbin, son of the late Josh Harbin and the late Allison Rinsch, was baptized on Sunday, January 18 with Pastor Mike DeCoursey officiating. Godparents are Matthew Rinsch and Kim Johns.

Jessica Nichole Terry, son of Brock Terry and Kris Collins, was baptized on Sunday, January 25 with Pastor Mike officiating. Godparents are Anne Katherine and David Sipes.

Death:

Neva Hagemeyer, age 79, passed away on Friday, January 16. The funeral service was held at Bethel Church on Tuesday, January 20 with burial in Bethel cemetery.

Attendance:

Dec.	28	138
Jan.	4	137
	11	140
	18	166

Greeters:

Jan. 25 and Feb. 1

Clint and Beth Durall

Feb. 8 and 15

Kevin and Linda Hammelman

Feb. 22 and March 1

Laverne and Betty Tilly

Nursery Notes:

Feb. 1 Kelci Anderson
8 Brenda Maddox
15 Bonnie Organ
22 Debbie Telligman

Children's Church:

Feb 1 Micah Bowman/Patrick Sargent/Chris Horst
8 Brenda Maddox/Tracey Kahre/Bonnie Organ
15 JoAnne Brocksmith/Barron Brocksmith/Chris Horst
22 Ramona Hammelman/Emily Telligman/Nancy Tilly

Happy February Birthday to:

Feb. 4 Wayne Dunkerly-(Happy 81st birthday)
21 Ray Hall-(Happy 86th birthday)
28 Wilma Chester-(Happy 89th birthday)



**Church council meeting
January 12, 2009**

Pastor's report-For the month of December, Pastor Mike conducted a Christmas morning service, attended a Sunday school Christmas program, taught a Good Neighbors class, and performed 2 baptisms along with his regular duties. In January, he began attending a college seminary class. He made 24 visits in the last month.

Secretary's report-accepted as written.

Treasurer's report-accepted.

Deacon's report-Bethel made an income of approximately \$6,000 from the cemetery trust fund for 2008. Some figurines were taken from the church's outside nativity. Replacement pieces will be ordered.

Elder's report-Advertisement for the revival will be decided at the February meeting. The Worship committee will look into child care for the event. The Worship committee is also looking into getting new altar cloths. Plans and estimates for the chapel that is to be built will be given to Building and Grounds.

New Business:

Mine blasting-The council has requested that DNR place a seismograph at the church to measure the vibrations that have been increasing at the church due to the mine blasts.

Old Business:

Pest control-The council approved hiring Action Pest Control to do routine pest control for the church and custodian's home.

Strate Acres-It was decided to place this on the agenda for the annual meeting so a decision could be made on whether to continue farming the land or selling it.

Youth Pastor-The decision on whether to go ahead and look into getting a youth pastor will be placed on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Preschool-A request was made to place a lock on a closet under the stairway near the preschool. The request was approved.

February 2009

***Bethel
Chimes***

Bethel Family's Military Members

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