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FROM THE PASTORS STUDY-

As the New Year approaches, it is perhaps a good time to renew our zeal for the Lord. With that thought in mind, Bethel will be having a revival in March. The dates selected are March 5-7. Each evening will begin at 7:00 pm and will feature special music and a message. The speaker for the revival will be Craig Cook. Craig lives in Jasper, Indiana with his wife and two children. I believe you will find Craig a man after God's own heart and the messages he will bring will be both challenging and inspiring. I ask that as soon as you read this article that you be in prayer for this special time for our church. With these unsure times we find our nation in, we need to be in close communication with our Savior as never before. We need to be thinking and praying of friends, family members, and neighbors that we can extend an invitation to for this special event.

Please do not look upon this occasion as just another event in the church's calendar, but rather as a prime opportunity to introduce Him to those in our proximity who have never heard the saving message of Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
Pastor Mike
James 5:16



Notes of Thanks

Thank you to Reda Boberg, Lill Clinkenbeard, and Edna Rinsch for their help assembling the Chimes. News for the February Chimes will be due on Monday, January 19.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the ladies of Bethel Women's Guild for the delicious plate of cookies.

Your thoughtfulness and remembrance during this holiday season is greatly appreciated.

May you all have a Blessed and Joyous New Year.

In Christian Love,
Louise Rinsch

Dear Bethel youth and church members,

Thank you so much for joining Sozo's work in Afghanistan! The spaghetti dinner helped put food in many families homes that otherwise would have went without. Myself, Sozo, and the people at Barek Aub are grateful.

-Blessings,
Ashley

Bethel Prayer Chain

“My help comes from the Lord, who made the heaven and the earth.”-

Psalm 121:2

Please call Dorothy Spanger (328-2363) with any prayer requests you may have during Dec. 23-Jan. 1. Mary Deerhake will be on vacation. Thank you.

Memorials

Memorial Fund:

In memory of Gordon Dunkerly

Gladys Brocksmith



Cemetery Fund:

In memory of Lucille Brewster

Joan Long

Basement Bulletin Board Schedule for 2008:

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

Annual Congregational Meeting

Bethel's annual meeting has been set for Sunday, January 28. A luncheon will be served after morning worship followed by the meeting.

Please have all end-of-the-year financial papers turned into the office by Monday, January 5.

Sunday School

The year “2009” is upon us. And when all the celebrations are over and the glitter is gone it is so easy to become preoccupied and maybe even somewhat nervous about what this New Year has in store for us. But we need not look any further than the Book of Deuteronomy to find God’s encouragement and His promise for each of us in this coming year. In the 31st Chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses gives his final message to the Israelites; he tells them to be strong, courageous, and mindful of God’s presence as they crossed the Jordan and entered the Promised Land – “He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

God may have something “new” for each of us in 2009; maybe all the details haven’t been quite worked out yet. But let’s remember: the Lord repeatedly led people into “new territories” throughout the Bible, and not once did He fail to show them the way. God is the same today as He was then, and as He will be tomorrow. He will show us the way. Our part is to seek His guidance and His wisdom – and above all else His will. We are called to be strong and of good courage, because He will never leave us nor forsake us. Let’s let Jesus be our Guardian and our Guide throughout this year.

Sunday School is a GREAT place to “seek” and “find” more of Him! I would like to invite everyone to come on out to Bethel every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM for Sunday School as we open our hearts, minds, and lives to His will.

This is the Year that the Lord has made! We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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



Preschool News

Notes from Mrs. Durall:

I hope every one had a very Merry Christmas! I am so proud of all of my preschoolers. I thought they did a wonderful job singing at our Christmas program. (Okay, minus my BIG mistake of leaving the CD in the portable player and not double and triple checking.)

I made gingerbread people with Hershey kisses attached and the children were suppose to eat one a day and count down to Jesus' Big Birthday. Many children told me daily how many more days until Jesus celebrates His Birthday. I think some enjoyed counting and doing patterns just as much as they enjoyed eating the candy.

We have taken time off from learning letters. However we have been very busy learning about baby Jesus and the reindeer that guide Santa's Sleigh. We looked at "What God Wants for Christmas". We learned about all the important people in the nativity. We had to hunt for a box and then read a story about each person. Box number seven was a big surprise as the children found a mirror hidden inside. Some had a hard time understanding why they saw themselves in the box. We finally learned that God wants each of us for Christmas. And that is the best thing we we can give Him.

We enjoyed painting -- yes with our hands and FEET-- to make a reindeer. I always get a great giggle when the paint touches the feet because some of the kids don't have a clue what to expect. One little boy told me his mom would be so so so mad because I was making him get dirty. I reassured him it would wash off. He told me I would have to just tell his mom the whole story. And I am almost sure when he got home and told his mom that he also tried to get me in trouble.

We got to go shopping one day for a perfect surprise for our moms and dads. Before we went to the elf store, we talked about how secrets are a good thing this time of year and how it is okay to keep them to our selves. Most of the kids came back and announced what they had bought. When I tried to tell them SHHH--it's a secret, one little girl looked at me and said nobody in here will tell. I wasn't convinced. The next day we made ornaments for our parents. One little boy tried to tell me he wanted to make something different. I told him we didn't have the supplies or time. He said I needed to be good and maybe Santa would bring me both. I sure hope so. These kids are so funny and adorable.

We got to have a party in my afternoon class. However, my morning class was canceled due to the bad weather. I have heard several times there were some upset kids at home. I have tried to reassure that we would party and celebrate our first day back. One mom even told me that was okay, but it still seemed like a long time to wait. I agreed.

-I wish all of you a great and blessed New Year.
Beth Durall

Some children were lined up in the cafeteria at a Christian Elementary School for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. A teacher made a note and posted it on the apple tray. "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note. "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little boy who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The boy replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from his drawing, the boy replied, "They will in a minute."



-stories from the internet

North Knox Social Ministries

The Social Ministries thanks everyone who gave cash or items for kids or adults for Christmas.

The next meeting will be Monday, January 19 at 7:00 pm at the Bicknell Christian Church.

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee has been busy with many ideas. We thank Linda Kixmiller for having a Christmas arrangement in the historical case in the sanctuary. If you did not see it yet, please take time. All the Bethel Christmas decorations have really been beautiful. All the Christmas programs: Preschool, Choir's Cantata, and the Sunday school were wonderful.

Our 2009 calendars and the Baptism Book are for sale after church in the Good Neighbors Classroom, in the office during the week, and at Dorothy Spanger's home in Freelandville. Calendars are \$10 each and if you wish for us to send you a copy, postage is \$1.90. Also, envelopes are available for anyone who would like to send a calendar. The Baptism Book is for sale for \$20 each, and is available in all the same places as the 2009 Calendars. The years in the Baptism Book are 1852-2008 and it lists 3,513 baptisms.

We plan to arrange the two historical cases in Bethel Hall in another room. The work of the Historical Committee takes time when arranging items. We thank you for your interest and thank each member for their work!

-God's blessings for you on Jesus' birthday!

SPECIAL NOTE:

In the Baptism book, please add the following names:

<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Parents</u>	<u>Date of Birth/ Date Baptized</u>	<u>Godparents</u>
Levi Owen	Keith Telligman	July 23, 2008/	Michael Toney
	Brandy nee: Auberry Telligman	Dec. 21, 2008	Brandy Toney Emily Telligman Jessica Kent

Parish Records:



Births:

Taylor Mae Hammelman, daughter of Jerry Lee and Kate Hammelman, was born on Saturday, December 20. Bethel grandparents are Kevin and Linda Hammelman. Great-grandparents are Patty Bobe and Charles and Evaline Johanningsmeier.

Baptism:

Levi Owen Telligman, son of Keith and Erica Telligman, was baptized on Sunday, December 21 with Pastor Mike DeCoursey officiating. Godparents are Michael and Brandy Toney, Emily Telligman, and Jessica Kent.

Attendance:

Nov.	23	171
	30	142
Dec.	7	112
	14	137
	21	172

Ushers:

Kevin and Linda Hammelman
Jan. 18-the youth



Nursery Notes:

Jan.	4	Cally Miller
	11	Brenda Maddox
	18	Beth Durall
	25	Bonnie Organ

Greeters:

Dec. 28 and Jan. 4
Bruce and Terri Miller
Jan. 11 and 18
John and Marilyn Koenig
Jan. 25 and Feb. 1
Clint and Beth Durall

Children's Church:

Jan.	4	Ramona Hammelman/Kelci Anderson/Chris Horst
	11	JoAnne Brocksmith/Barron Brocksmith/Bonnie Organ
	18	Lenora McCrary/Emily Telligman/Chris Horst
	25	Cally Miller/Austin Miller/Nancy Tilly

Happy January Birthday to:

Jan.	19	Gertrude Hagemeyer-(Happy 85 th birthday)
	23	Roy Grabbe-(Happy 91 st birthday)
	31	Marge Finke-(Happy 89 th birthday)



Church Council Meeting December 8, 2008

Pastor's report-Pastor Mike finished teaching his Bible study program. He visited Lighthouse Recovery Center, helped with the church's Homecoming event, has begun working on Revival event for next spring, and taught a couple lessons for the Good Neighbors class as well as routine duties. He received 24 requests for counseling and made 13 visits.

Secretary's report-One change was made. Four, not three, members were selected to pick members to be nominated for the church council. Rest of the report was approved.

Treasurer's report-Finances are looking much better than the beginning of the year and are in the black with enough funds to cover bills and missions. The last of the mission payments were discussed and will be disbursed soon.

Deacon's report-Accepted

Elders' report-

A. Revival-Craig Cook will be the guest speaker. Dates for the revival will be March 5, 6, & 7 at 7 pm. Other details are being finalized.

B. Youth pastor-The Elder's would like to look into setting up a youth ministry program with a youth pastor.

C. Young Adults class (ages 18-30)-members of the Faithful Families Sunday school will be asked if they would consider teaching this class.

New Business:

Chapel-Plans for the chapel were discussed.

Ministry appointments-Charlie Nettles will look over ministries for 2009.

Committees:

The Cemetery and Building and Grounds committees will be combined into one committee.

The Worship ministry will be working with Pastor Mike for plans for Lent next spring. They will also look into getting new altar cloths through the Special Gifts committee.

A reminder was made that all air conditioners need to be removed from windows. Also, thanks were given to Michael Toney and Brandon Spanger for the work they did in tearing down the old barn behind the church office.

Upcoming events:

Annual meeting-Sunday, January 25 after worship service

January 2009

***Bethel
Chimes***

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